



Diocesan Bulletin

Feb. 14, 2021 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 *In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Theology on Tap: For young adults 19 to 35 is now online, with the next session on **Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14** with guest Andrea Schmidt from the L'Arche community. All are welcome! Find the Theology on Tap session on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT> or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/hAcZLSgDX3o>

Ash Wednesday during COVID-19 - Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, ashes will be distributed by sprinkling on the heads of the faithful this year, rather than by tracing a cross upon the forehead, as directed by Bishop Mark Hagemoen under the guidance of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. COVID-19 restrictions in effect until Feb. 19, 2021 in the province of Saskatchewan permit only 30 persons to gather in-person for worship services, with appropriate distancing and other measures in place (the faithful are asked to contact their local parishes regarding schedules, registration, and other details). Live-streaming of Mass by a number of priests in the diocese continues, including on Ash Wednesday, with the videos of Mass posted online at <https://saskatoonmass.com> *Note:* **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17** Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen will be live-streamed at 12:15 p.m., available online at <https://saskatoonmass.com> and on the diocesan YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/saskatoondiocese

Now online - Transitions program for those going through the painful experience of separation or divorce:

If you've been divorced or are separated and you are feeling disheartened and abandoned, know that you are not alone and there is help on this journey. It is hoped that by offering this program online, more people will be able to participate in this peer ministry program, facilitated by those who have already experienced divorce or separation and have found some healing. The evenings address issues experienced during the healing process, including: the process of divorce; grieving the death of a relationship; self image/self esteem; dealing with stress; anger; guilt and blame; loneliness; letting go; forgiveness and boundaries. The next 10-week program will begin **Wednesday, Feb. 17** offered weekly via Zoom from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To register, please contact Sharon at (306) 374-1425 or: spowell@rcdos.ca (registrants will be sent a link/password for the Zoom session.)

Faithful climate conversations online - "For the Love of Creation" invites faith communities across Canada to come together to reflect, listen, share, and advocate for climate justice, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 23**, via Zoom, presented by KAIROS Regina. Register online at <https://bit.ly/370ekSr>

Synod for the Amazon: One Year Later New Paths for the Church in Latin America and Canada

Begin your Lenten reflection by participating in an online webinar which will centre on the themes of the Amazon Synod, ecological justice and Indigenous rights, at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 16**. This Zoom webinar features speakers Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Mauricio Lopez Oropeza and Sr. Mariangel Marco Teja. Cost: \$20 (free for students and unwaged). Register online at:

<https://qh.retreatportal.com/events/f?p=EVENTS:1>
or leave a message at (306) 242-1916. For more information, e-mail diocesan Coordinator of Justice and Peace Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca.

COVID-19 Vigil online: You are invited to light a candle in the darkness through prayer at 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 11** (the one-year mark of the World Health Organization declaring a pandemic). "Together in Remembrance, Together in Hope Virtual Vigil Marking One Year of COVID in Saskatchewan" is available either via Zoom or live-streamed on YouTube: <https://www.covidvigil.ca>. You are not alone in your loss. You are not alone in your hope! This event is being organized by a community of people of diverse cultures, world views, beliefs and faiths in Saskatchewan. For more information, e-mail Blake Sittler, Executive Director of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan at blake@chassk.ca

"Esto Vir! Be a Man In The Image Of St. Joseph"

Into The Breach III men's spiritual enrichment conference will be presented online this year, from 8:30 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, March 13**, (hosted by the Knights of Columbus Denis Mahoney Council 8215, Saskatoon) with this year's speaker, Fr. Stefano Penna. No cost. Find more information and registration at <https://www.rootedconference.ca>

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all married couples as they live their vocation of love. May those living out the sacrament of marriage always witness to the eternal love of God and grow ever closer to each other. We pray also for those with troubled or broken marriages. Loving God, may all come to know healing and forgiveness through Your endless love.

Message Board



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Share Lent online events: This year, the theme of the Development and Peace Share Lent program is *Share Love, Share Lent*. Webinars will be presented online each week:

1. First week of Lent: “The mission of Development and Peace and Catholic Social Teaching” at 12 p.m. **Saturday Feb. 20** - To mark the World Day of Social Justice, take part in a conversation between Bishop Goudreault of the diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, Father Jean Patrick Ngoyi, director of the Commission for Justice, Development and Peace (JDPC), a long-time Nigerian partner of Development and Peace, and Gabrielle Dupuis, youth member and chair of the Anglophone Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council. Discover how the mission of Development and Peace is directly inspired by the Social Teaching of the Church. The one-hour webinar will be recorded. Sign up for Feb. 20 at <http://bit.ly/2MKDeP6>

2. Second week of Lent: “Humanitarian intervention - realities on the ground” at 10 a.m. **Saturday, Feb. 27** - Join Rebecca Rathbone, animator for South-West Ontario, Dominique Godbout, international programs officer and Abdullah Fuad, representative of Development and Peace's partner Caritas Bangladesh as they discuss the Rohingya refugee crisis and the way Caritas has been working to alleviate consequences on affected communities, as well as Development and Peace's unique philosophy when it comes to humanitarian responses. Abdullah Fuad is the head of a program for the emergency response for the Rohingya refugees based in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Sign up for Feb. 27 at <http://bit.ly/3alsokJ>

3. Third week of Lent: “Change structures and promote community development through partnership” at 6 p.m. **Tuesday, March 2**- Join Emily Lukasik, animator for Central Ontario; Mary Durran, international programs officer; and Jose Mario Lopez, member of the territorial defense team of D & P partner in Latin America, Fundación Eric - Radio Progreso. Sign up for the March 2 webinar at: <http://bit.ly/3tDWSgl>. For more information about Share Lent and Development and Peace, including online giving, please see: <https://www.devp.org/>

Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation Program presented at the Cathedral of the Holy Family for engaged couples, planting seeds for a healthy vibrant marriage **March 5 and 6**, either in-person at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon or via online video conference. Registration fee: \$150 per couple (due by Monday, March 1); schedule: from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 5 and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 6. Register: David Polzen (306) 659-5805 or dpolzen@rcdos.ca

“Christ in the Middle” Marriage Preparation - St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr., Saskatoon, presents a 7-week Marriage Preparation course called “Christ in the Middle” 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tuesday evenings, March 16 to May 4**. Sessions are also offered via Zoom. Contact Pastoral Associate Angela Penna at (306) 652-0033 or apenna@stpaulcocathedral.ca

Marriage Preparation Program will be offered at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Martensville, **April 9-10, 2021**. For more information call Marilyn and Ken Jackson at (306) 249-3635 or contact the parish office at (306) 931-3111 or e-mail ihmp@rcdos.ca

Expansion of Euthanasia: Call to oppose Bill C-7

The federal government recently introduced Bill C-7, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying), designed to loosen rules and expand eligibility for medically-provided euthanasia / assisted suicide. The legislation is now before the Senate. Find links to statements from the CCCB and from other groups opposing Bill C-7 on the diocesan website at: <https://rcdos.ca/euthanasia>

Threat to conscience and to moral dissent in Bill C-6 (conversion therapy ban)

In a statement about Bill C-6 on Oct. 7, 2020, the CCCB states: “The Bill makes no provision for legitimate diversity concerning viewpoints on human sexuality arising from religious beliefs, from philosophical debate, or from scientific and medical study; nor does it make any provision for conscientious dissent related to such matters in forums of teaching or public presentations.” Find links to statements from the CCCB and more information at: <https://rcdos.ca/bill-c-6-conversion-therapy-ban/>

Contact the government

Please take time to contact your elected representatives to express your opposition to these pieces of legislation (You can find contact information for Members of Parliament at: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en/search>)

Catechesis webinar - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will offer a four-part webinar series during Lent 2021 entitled *Nurturing Friendship, the Directory for Catechesis in Dialogue with the Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti*. The 90-minute webinars are on Tuesdays starting at 12 p.m. noon (SK time) **March 2, March 9**, and starting at 11 a.m. (SK time) **March 16, March 23** . Register for the free webinar before Feb. 22 online at: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_O0swCv7TQuWnhcgPd7fY9Q – (option for attending one, two, three or all four of the sessions).

The Diocesan Rite of Election for catechumens, normally held on the First Sunday of Lent for the whole diocese, will this year be celebrated in individual parishes, because of COVID-19. Please pray for all those journeying through RCIA, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

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