



# Diocesan Bulletin

Feb. 28, 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent

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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

### Lenten Mission Online - St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt

**March 1 -3:** Life is a journey. What do you seek? The mission Zoom meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. The mission on **March 1** and **March 2** will include Mass, a video presentation, followed by discussion in Zoom "break-out rooms" (simply click the link on your screen). **March 3** will feature Eucharistic Adoration with music, healing rosary and scripture readings online. As well, in-person confessions will be held in the church between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 3, with sign-up required. Register for the online mission: (306) 682-2106 or e-mail [apunk@rcdos.ca](mailto:apunk@rcdos.ca) – space is limited, so register early.

### Imagining A More Just World After Covid-19: An Evening in Conversation with Fratelli Tutti -

This public online event will be held at 8 p.m. **Tuesday, March 2** presented by the Western Conference for Social Justice and the STM Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice, featuring a moderated, interdisciplinary panel. Dr. Peter Baltutis (Chair for Catholic Studies, St. Mary University); Dr. Susanna Barnes (Anthropology, University of Saskatchewan); Georgina Jolibois (Mayor of La Loche, SK) and Dr. David McGrane (Political Studies, St. Thomas More College) will reflect upon Pope's Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti to envision – together with the audience – a more just post-pandemic world. Archbishop Murray Chatlain of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Keewatin - Le Pas will provide an initial response to the panel. Small group discussion will follow. For more info contact Myron Rogal at [mrogal@rcdos.ca](mailto:mrogal@rcdos.ca) or find info and registration at: <https://stmcollege.ca/store/event>

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** consists of adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 8 p.m. **Thursday, March 4** at St. Michael parish, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 p.m. **Wednesday, March 10** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr., Saskatoon. Information: call Edna (306) 382-1680.

**St. Paul: Irritant and Inspiration** is a three-part Queen's House series facilitated by Sr. Teresita Kambeitz OSU, will be offered on Zoom Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **March 10, March 17** and **March 24**. The sessions will be repeated Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **March 11, March 18,** and **March 25**. Unravel St. Paul's story by reflecting upon his struggles in growing as a disciple of the Risen Lord. Part 1: What really happened on the road to Damascus? Part 2: Paul and friendships with women. Part 3: Paul's threefold legacy. Cost: \$90/3 sessions. Recordings will be sent to all who register: <https://qh.retreatportal.com/events/?p=EVENTS:1> or call (306) 242-1916.

## Verbum Dei Sisters Lenten Retreats "Come Back to Me"

- Joel 2:12

Lenten Retreats will be presented in a number of parishes by the Sisters of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity, who recently arrived in our diocese. Please contact individual parishes for information about registration:

- **St. Paul Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon:** Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. ((306) 652-0033;
- **St. Philip Neri Parish, Saskatoon:** Monday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (306) 343-0325;
- **St. Augustine Parish, Saskatoon:** Thursday, March 11 from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with adoration and Friday, March 12 from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with adoration (306) 373-3453;
- **Cathedral Holy Family, Saskatoon:** Saturday, March 13 from 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (306) 659-5800;
- **St. Mary Parish, Saskatoon:** Saturday, March 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. after morning Mass (306) 244-2983.

**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>. 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: [blake@chassk.ca](mailto:blake@chassk.ca)

**"Reading Our Way to God" webinar:** Catholic Conscience presents a webinar featuring Word on Fire's Dr. Tod Worner at 6:30 pm **Thursday, March 11** speaking about the power of great literature for forming better Catholics, better servants of Christ — and more impactful Christian citizens. RSVP at EventBrite <https://www.eventbrite.ca> by searching for "Reading Our Way to God."

**"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>

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**Marriage Preparation** - Information about upcoming Catholic marriage preparation courses in a number of parishes can be found online at <https://rcdos.ca/marriage-preparation>

**CWL Social Justice Award** - The Saskatchewan Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada has established a Social Justice Award for young women between the ages of 18-35 years. The \$1,000 award may be given to one candidate or divided among qualified applicants to finance participation in a reputable social justice activity, either at home or abroad. Application deadline is June 15, 2021. Contact Mary Nordick at (306) 374-5612 or email [m.nordick@sasktel.net](mailto:m.nordick@sasktel.net)

**Arise Catholic women's retreat** - Registration has opened for this year's online women's retreat, which will be held **Saturday, May 1**. See <https://arisecatholicmovement.ca> for more information.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for separation or divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information or to register for the next weekend in Saskatoon, **April 9-11, 2021** call (306) 652-7155 or email: [retrouvaille@sasktel.net](mailto:retrouvaille@sasktel.net)

**Two videos about Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus (who was beatified by Pope Francis in October 2020) are now available to view online at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>

**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: **Third week of Lent: Webinar** "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 Development and Peace partner in Latin America, Fundación Eric - Radio Progreso. Register at: <http://bit.ly/3tDWSgl>.

**Fourth week of Lent: National Thinkfast** starting at 2:00 p.m. **CST Thursday, March 11** - Each year, Catholic schools across the country participate in Thinkfast a 25-hour fast that allows students to learn more about the Social Teaching of the Church and to raise funds for Development and Peace. This year, Development and Peace will be organizing a national virtual fundraising fast so that everyone of any age can participate. Development and Peace will be offering online activities during the 25-hour fast. Find more info: [www.devp.org/en/thinkfast](http://www.devp.org/en/thinkfast)  
**Share Lent 2021** is inspired by the message of social fraternity in Pope Francis' latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. Please give generously: drop your Share Lent donation into your parish collection, or give online at Development and Peace's website [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or call 1-888-234-8533 to donate.

## Expansion of Euthanasia: Opposing 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 Senate has now added amendments that would expand eligibility for medically-assisted death even further, including for those suffering from mental illness. Contact MPs and government leaders to express opposition to Bill C-7, which threatens vulnerable Canadians. 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." Links to statements and info: <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>)

**"Defending the Faith" lecture series** - San Lorenzo Ruiz Council of the Knights of Columbus presents an ongoing lecture series with both in-person attendance (in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions) and online Zoom participation. The next lecture in the series will feature speaker Fr. Gerard Cooper at 7 p.m. **Saturday, March 20** at St. Francis Xavier parish, 222 Willow Street (at Melrose Ave and Hilliard St), Saskatoon. Registration is required. Contact (306) 717-8239 to register or e-mail [emmanuel.capulong23@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuel.capulong23@gmail.com) The series will continue May 6 at St. Patrick Parish, Saskatoon, with guest speaker Fr. David Tumback.

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for those around the world being persecuted for their faith — we ask you to protect them Lord, and help us find ways to assist them.

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