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Art and Architecture - How our Co-Cathedral Teaches

Over this year, I will be presenting some reflections on the renovation that - God willing - will soon be undertaken. "Are we going backward?" is a question posed by some folks. Well, that is impossible. There is no "backward" in the pilgrim life of the Church. Yet, the rediscovery of treasures "ever ancient and ever new" that animated the Second Vatican Council continues today. The troubling fact that a majority of Catholics in Canada do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist goes far in explaining their absence at Mass. How do we enshrine this fundamental gift for the generations that will worship in our renovated church?

The Position of the Altar in the New Renovation

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral is a Romanesque church. That means that its interior space follows the pattern of the earliest large gathering places built and occupied by Christians for their worship of God. The essence of these churches was that they were simple, open to the flow of worship by people, and centred upon the altar on which the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Immediately upon entering, a person was called to lift their eyes and turned their heart towards the Lord.

Three vital visual experiences greeted the worshiper: first, their body was directed towards "the East" from whence the mystery of God was coming to meet them; secondly, before their eyes they saw the crucifix upon which the deepest meeting of God and man in saving love took place; thirdly, they beheld the altar upon which the mystery of the Sacrifice of the Cross and the Resurrection it won was encountered as Jesus commanded: through a Thanksgiving offering and meal. That altar was shrouded as the Holy Presence of the Spirit shrouded the tent (tabernacle) carried by the tribes of Israel. But this "covering" of the Altar did not bar people from entering but, showing that this was the awesome Holy of Holies, rather was open to feed the community of believers with the bread of life.

The "shrouding" structure over top of the altar itself proclaimed the mystery of the altar for it was called a "**ciborium**" – a **food place** (Latin, *cibo*). We shall introduce this structure – a new element for the Co-Cathedral but a fundamental element of the early life of Christians who lived in apostolic missionary times. How appropriate for the missionary times in which we now live will be this open offer to all who enter to lift the eyes of their hearts to the Lord, to share in the Salvation He offers from the Cross, and to taste as Food the Body and Blood of Christ Resurrected.



MONDAY, January 16, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Felixina M. Zuniga**)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, January 17, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Leonila Barcelona**)

WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Michael Boyko**)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm

THURSDAY, January 19, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Mary Harasymchuk**)
7:00 pm - RCIA
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, January 20, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Robert Tetz**)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, January 21, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - Mass († **Kathy Monar**)

SUNDAY, January 22, 2023 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
7:30 pm - Vespers
8:00 pm - Mass

Priest, Prophet, King (PPK) - Catholic Men's Night will be held **Wednesday, January 18** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, starting at 7:00 p.m. with Adoration and confession, followed with a talk by **Matthew Neufeld** speaking on "**Becoming and being Catholic in our time: a personal and historical reflection** Includes food, drinks & socializing.

The renovation committee invites you to stay up to date with the progress of this important project by **subscribing for email updates**. Please visit the renovation page on the parish website at www.stpaulscc.com/reno and type in your email address. We have a number of exciting next steps planned for 2023 that we can't wait to share with you.



The baptism of a child is a beautiful beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. If you would like to have your child baptized, the next baptismal preparation class will be **Wednesday January 25 & February 1 at 7pm**. For more info or to register for this course, please contact **Shelley** at goodshepherd.catechist@gmail.com

Adult faith diocesan Awaken series

"The Eucharist: Christ Our Strength & Sustainer"

Continues Tuesday evenings in January with **Fr. Stefano Penna, January 17, 24, & 31 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Holy Spirit Parish**. Through the dynamic presentations and prayer reflections, participants will learn the importance of the Eucharist for the life of the Church, and for our own Spiritual lives. There is also an online zoom option. Cost: \$40/person. To register, visit: <http://form.jotform.com/222236197984264> or contact **Astrid Alas** at (306) 659-5858 for more information.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated Jan. 18-25. Find a message from Bishop Mark about the Week of Prayer on the diocesan website: <https://rcdos.ca/wpcu-2023>

Time Out For Moms winter session will be held Wednesday mornings for five weeks Feb. 1 - March 8 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Registration is underway until Jan. 25. All mothers are welcome to attend, featuring Catholic faith enrichment; fellowship; child care; coffee; nourishment; prayer; and joy. For more details and to register visit: www.tofm.ca

Please Note: TOFM needs more board members to ensure the program continues. In addition, TOFM welcomes volunteers to provide childcare. For more information, email: tofmsaskatoonsk@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm
Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm

OFFERING for January 1 & 8, 2023

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| Cash Donations | \$ 1859.45 |
| Envelope Donations | \$ 5014.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Giving | \$ 1396.25 |
| Renovation | \$ 1570.00 |