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“it is not right that should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task” (Acts 6:4)

What was this “waiting on tables”?

“*diakonein trapezais*” literally means “serving tables”

Diakonia = Service so Deacon = Server

The Apostles have to preach and witness, who will take care of the practical living of community, especially tending to the weak?

The Deacons.

We are particularly blessed at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral to have a Permanent Deacon: for four years Deacon Donat Davatz supported by his wonderful wife Marion has served here.

Deacon Donat has had a long and remarkable life that always involved service of the Church. A young man, he was in the famous Swiss Guard serving St. Paul VI. His training for and life as a businessman took him to Africa (where he met Marion – from Alvena, Saskatachewan!) and ultimately to Montréal. There he studied for and was ordained as a deacon. Besides working in parishes there, he brought his business acumen to “wait on the tables” of the poor members of the Church around the world by leading the development of *CHALICE*. This work of the Holy Spirit saw him journey to many countries – and do the practical work of raising and distributing the funds of the Community for the care of the marginal.

He has walked the talk.

We are excited that his son, Fr. Reto Davatz, OFM Conv. will be visiting for a fortnight.

This Sunday, as at least once a month, this man “of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom” shares in the homily the word of God shaped by his many years of service at the table. As pastor, I see him as both an elder in the faith and collaborator in the care of this community.

I always forget that he is an octogenarian so lively and young is his energy. He is a model of what the Fathers of Vatican II desired in the restored diaconate.

There are three men in formation to be deacons. This year a new cohort will set out. Is the Lord calling you? Is there someone you think should be “appointed to this task”?

The “*diakonia*” in the parish of another minister comes to a transition time. Angela Penna has set and waited on the tables of children, engaged couples, inquirers into the faith, the aged and the sick for four years. Blessed I am as an older brother to see the gift she has been in our parish. We wish her “*bocca lupo*” especially in her work with the *Written Legacy* of our elders in the diocese. *Ti amiamo!*



Upcoming Events

Annual March for Life

Thursday, May 11 beginning at 12:30pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina

If you are interested in car pooling, please contact Louis at 306-221-4198 or John at 306-477-1748

Annual Mothers Day Walk for Life

Sunday, May 14 from 2-3pm

Along College Drive, between Hospital Drive and Wiggins Ave.

Life affirming signs are provided

Family friendly event

Come out and show your support for life and family

Bishop and Priests of Saskatoon Diocese

Retreat

Please pray to our Lady Queen of Priests for our priests who will be at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster for their annual retreat.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please note: The Holy Spirit Retreat with Fr. Colin Roy on May 13th has been cancelled. We are very sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused. For those of you who have already paid, you will be reimbursed.



A big thank you goes out from Fr. John and Christ the King Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in Saskatoon for your generous support. Donations from the daily Masses at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral during Lent in the amount of \$1000 were given to help funding for the building of a Church for the Syro - Malabar Catholic Community. They are currently celebrating Mass in Malayalam Language at St. Michael's Parish.



On Monday, May 8, the Canadian Church celebrates the feast of BLESSED CATHERINE OF ST. AUGUSTINE. One of the original founders of Catholic civilization in New France, this young French woman loved her new home and had a particular care for the First Peoples. Catherine was very sensitive to the evil of sin and felt solidarity with sinners: “I found myself overwhelmed by the intolerable weight of all the crimes I witnessed. ... I let it draw me into being helpful to souls.” She prayed for an end to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Quebec, because of the violence it gave rise to among First Nations people. She offered her suffering to Jesus with a prayer it would evoke God's mercy on the colony. , *Bienheureuse Catherine, priez pour nous et notre pays!*

National Family & Life Week

May 7-14

For more info. Visit cccb.ca

MONDAY, May 8, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Donald Karasiuk)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group
7:00 pm - Baptismal Prep

TUESDAY, May 9, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Charlotte Petryshen)
7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Eric & Mamie D'Alcorn)
3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle with Eucharistic Adoration until 5pm
6:15 pm - 1st Communion Preparation

THURSDAY, May 11, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Carol P.)
7:00 pm - Mystagogy
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, May 12, 2023

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

SATURDAY, May 13, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima

9:00am - Holy Spirit Retreat
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Kevin Robinson)

SUNDAY, May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
2:00 pm - Mother's Day Children's Concert
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Mother's Day Children's Concert

We are so proud of our Children's Choir! Come and hear their final concert for the season on Mother's Day, **Sunday May 14th at 2:00 pm** here at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. It is important to come and support the children, for they are the future of our parish!



Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Wednesday, May 10th @ 3:00 pm

Call Edna @ 306-382-1680 for more info



Priests' Pension & Retirement Fund

Ways to give:

- * Online at <https://dscf.ca/priest-pension-fund>
- * Mail to Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1
- * Call **306-659-5851** or **306-659-5837**

For more information, check out the Diocesan Catholic Foundation website at www.dscf.ca

Thanks for your generous support of our retired priests.

OFFERING for April 30, 2023

Cash Donations	\$	771.11
Envelope Donations	\$	2040.00
Renovations	\$	392.50
PAG	\$	2262.50
Development & Peace	\$	680.00



Our Lady of Fatima

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in 1917 to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. She appeared to Lucia, and her cousins St. Francisco and St. Jacinta.

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be celebrated at **1 p.m. Saturday, May 13** at **St. Mary's**, followed by an outdoor procession. Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration dressed in their cultural clothing and to bring flags. After the procession, there will be a reception in St. Mary Parish Hall with entertainment; please bring food to share!

Farewell to Angela Penna: Blessings On Your Way

Angela has very mixed feelings leaving the parish but trusts that the Lord will continue to have a guiding hand on the plans He has for her work to continue.

In her almost four years of her position at St. Paul's, she was instrumental in starting marriage preparation, RCIA & Mystagogy and Children's Catechism. She has written and facilitated the marriage preparation called Christ in the Middle with more than 50 couples in the last seven courses. She has lead more than 40 catechumens and candidates into full initiation of the Church. She also founded the first of its kind in the diocese the Illness Support Group called Holy M & M's, for the past two years.

She is excited to be working fulltime as the business owner of a new service in Saskatoon, called **Written Legacy** as of June 1, 2023. Written Legacy is a key aspect of helping the retired, the ill and the dying on their journey of letting this life go with peace of mind. It engages people to speak to things that they hold dear, memories they feel are important, lessons learned, and things that they want known and remembered. These conversations are recorded and edited into a bound document, or a hard cover book with photographs as an option. This can be bequeathed to a loved one or family members. Please visit her new website: www.writtenlegacy.ca.

She wants to thank the parish, her spiritual family, for all the loving support, encouragement and prayers through out her time at St. Paul's and asks that the prayers continue for her and her family.



What's new on our website?

Check out our website at www.stpaulscc.com for the latest events, homilies, renovation updates and more!

Faith, Conversion, and Music

Last month our Choir Director, Michael Raney, sat down for a conversation with the Theologian of the Archdiocese of Regina, Dr. Brett Salkeld. In it, they discuss Michael's conversion story, finding the Good and the True through Beauty, and what the Church has to say on the subject of Sacred Music.