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THE JUBILEE AND CHRIST THE KING

A hundred years ago at the conclusion the Holy Year of 1925 Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This was a critical moment in the life of the world. In the horrible slaughter of the World War I the dream of Christendom – a world whose nations were united by a living Faith in Christ – had ended. Already the seeds of atheistic secularism were sprouting an even more brutal harvest: Communism and Fascism were marching, moral decline was evident everywhere, and persecution of the Church was growing. Yet the Pope, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, gave words of encouragement:

“... we firmly hope, however, that the feast of the kingship of Christ which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our living Saviour. **It will be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result.** Many of these however, have neither the station in society nor the authority which should belong to those who bear the torch of truth. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance: thus, the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King; then fired with apostolic zeal they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his right.” (QP#24).



This Jubilee is the centenary of this glorious devotion and it is a moment to humbly look at our lives. Are we growing in the faith that we profess? Are we proclaiming to the world the truth that Jesus is King through our words and actions?

Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary (cf. Is 40:31)



MESSAGE OF
HIS HOLINESS
POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE XXXIX
WORLD
YOUTH DAY

Dear young people!

... The solution to tiredness, oddly enough, is not to stand still and rest. It is to *set out* and become **pilgrims of hope**. This is my invitation to you: walk in hope! Hope overcomes all weariness, every crisis and every worry. It gives us a powerful incentive to press forward, for it is a gift received from God himself. **The Lord fills our life with meaning, sheds light on our path and shows us its ultimate direction and goal.** The Apostle Paul uses the image of an athlete in the stadium racing to receive the prize of victory (cf. 1 Cor 9:24). Those of

you who have taken part in a sports competition – not just as spectators but as athletes – know how much inner strength it takes to reach the finish line. Hope is precisely a new kind of strength that God instils in us, enabling us to persevere in the race, to see beyond present difficulties and to press forward to the goal of communion with him and the fullness of eternal life... **it is worth the effort to keep walking**, exerting ourselves, overcoming obstacles and fatigue, because the ultimate prize is magnificent beyond measure!

In the pilgrimage of life, there will inevitably be **challenges** to face. In earlier times, long pilgrimages involved coping with changing seasons and climates, crossing pleasant meadows and cool forests, but also snow-capped mountains and parched deserts. Even for those who are believers, the pilgrimage of life and the journey to our ultimate goal can prove tiring, as the journey through the desert to the Promised Land was for the people of Israel.

And for all of you! Those who have received the gift of faith know **happy moments when we can feel God's presence** and closeness, but **other moments too, when we experience the desert**. It can happen that our initial enthusiasm for school or work, or for following Christ – whether in marriage, the priesthood or consecrated life – can be followed by moments of crisis, that make life seem like a difficult trek in the desert. Those times of **crisis, however, are not wasted or useless**: they can become important times of growth. They are moments when hope is purified! In crises, many false “hopes”, hopes too small for our heart, fade into significance; they are revealed for what they are and we find ourselves alone in facing the fundamental questions of life, with no illusions. And in those times, each of us can ask: **what are the hopes on which I have based my life? Are they real hopes or simply mirages?**

At those times, the Lord does not abandon us. Like a father, he draws near to us and constantly gives us the bread that renews our strength for the journey. Let us remember that to the people in the desert he gave manna (cf. Ex 16) and to the prophet Elijah, weary and discouraged, he twice offered bread and water, so that he could walk for “forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God” (cf. 1 Kings 19:3-8). In those biblical stories, the faith of the Church has seen prefigured the precious gift of the Eucharist, the true manna, the true food for the journey, that God gives us to sustain us on our way. As **Blessed Carlo Acutis said, the Eucharist is the highway to heaven**. Carlo made the Eucharist his **most important daily appointment!** In this way, in union with the Lord, we can walk without tiring, for he is walking alongside us (cf. Mt 28:20). I encourage all of you to rediscover the great gift of the Eucharist!



In those inevitable moments of fatigue in our pilgrimage in this world, let us learn, then, **to rest like Jesus and in Jesus**. He told his disciples to rest after they returned from their mission (cf. Mk 6:31); ... there is a deeper kind of rest, the repose of the soul, which many seek and few find, for it is to be **found in Christ alone**. Realize that all your inner weariness can find repose in the Lord, who says to you: “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28). When the weariness of the journey weighs you down, come back to Jesus, learn to rest in him and abide with him, for “those who hope in the Lord... will run and not be weary” (Is 40:31).

Dear young people, I am inviting you to set out on a journey, to discover life along the path of love, and to seek the face of God. My advice to you is this: **do not set out as mere tourists, but as true pilgrims**. Do not be like superficial sightseers, blind to the beauty around you, never discovering the meaning of the roads you take, interested only in a few fleeting moments to capture in a selfie. Tourists do this. **Pilgrims, on the other hand, immerse themselves fully in the places they encounter, listen to the message they communicate, and make them a part of their quest for happiness and fulfilment.** The Jubilee pilgrimage is meant to be the outward sign of an inward journey that all of us are called to make towards our final destination.

With these attitudes, let us all prepare for the Jubilee Year. I trust that many of you will be able to come to Rome on pilgrimage to pass through the Holy Doors. In any case, everyone will be able to make this pilgrimage in his or her local Church, by visiting its churches and shrines that preserve the faith and devotion of God's holy and faithful people. It is my hope that this Jubilee pilgrimage will become for each of us “a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘Door’ of our salvation” (Spes Non Confundit, 1)

As we press forward, let us lift our gaze, in faith, to the **saints** who have gone before us on the journey, who have reached the goal and now encourage us by their testimony: “**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all those who have longed for his appearing**” (2 Tim 4:7-8). The example of so many saints, men and women, impels and sustains us.

Courage! All of you have a special place in my heart. I entrust your journey to the Virgin Mary, so that, following her example, you may be able to look forward with patience and confidence to the fulfilment of all your hopes, even now, as you persevere in your journey as pilgrims of hope and of love.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 29 August 2024, Memorial of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist.

MONDAY, November 25, 2024
St. Catherine of Alexandria (OM)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Rudolph Krakowski*)
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, November 26, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Novena Farthing*)
 4:30 pm - 1st Reconciliation (Grades 4+5)

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Shirley Braun*)
 4:30 pm - 1st Reconciliation (Grades 2+3)
 7:00 pm - Ministry Training

THURSDAY, November 28, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Tanis Hretsina*)
 4:30 pm - RCIC
 7:00 pm - RCIA
 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 29, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Josef Sidloski*)
 5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, November 30, 2024
St. Andrew (F)

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Anna George Meppuretha*)

SUNDAY, December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - **Mass**
 10:00 am - **Mass**
 5:00 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
 7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
 8:00 pm - **Mass**

Ministry Training Night

If you signed up as Lector, Welcomer or for the St. Michael Guild, please come for one night of ministry training at St. Paul's
Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00pm
 Thank you for your gift of service!

Melodia Singers Christmas Concert

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Directed by Albert Couture
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St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

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St. Nicholas Party!

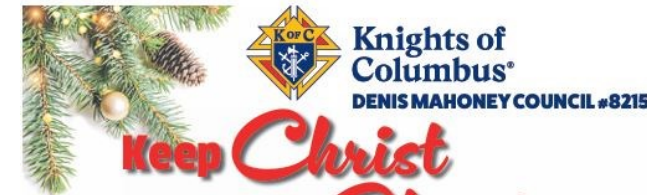
Sunday, December 8

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

after the 10:00am Mass

ENKINDLE Advent Retreat

A diocesan Adult Faith Formation "Encounter" event will be held 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 7** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Presented by sisters of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity who are serving in our diocese, the Retreat will feature prayer and reflection to assist participants in spiritually preparing for Christmas. Cost is \$30/ person, which includes lunch. Please register online at <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/adventretreat2024> or contact Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858



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Employment Opportunities

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Find the [full job description on the diocesan website: https://rcdos.ca/employment](https://rcdos.ca/employment).

Apply by emailing CV and cover letter to hr@rcdos.ca with the subject line "Accounting Technician" by Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024.

CWL Clothing Depot - Both part-time and full-time positions are available at the CWL Clothing Depot: drop off resumes between 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, or submit to: cwlclothingdepotinc@gmail.com.

Casual Caretaker - Holy Spirit Parish is seeking a Casual Caretaker for after-hour church events, and to assist when required with other jobs. Contact Facilities Manager Duane Banadyga by e-mail dbanadyga@rcdos.ca or call (306) 241-7152.

Part-time Pastoral Associate - Holy Spirit Parish is seeking a Part-time Pastoral Associate (Youth Ministry) responsible for baptism preparation for infants and young children, and to work with Catholic elementary schools. For a job description or to apply, e-mail: info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca. (Please enter "PA Resume" in the subject line.)

Organists and Singers Wanted at Two Senior Homes:

Mass is celebrated at St. Ann's Village Chapel six days a week at 11 a.m. To be a volunteer organist or singer for even one day a week, phone Sr. Gina Jacek at (306) 374-5480. Also, Samaritan Place in the Stonebridge area, has no keyboard player for 10:30 a.m. Mass Tuesdays, and occasionally, a substitute is needed for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, or 3:30 p.m. Sundays. One or more singers could attend and join the congregation in singing and/or visiting residents. To volunteer, or for more information, please phone Sr. Gina at (306) 734-5480.