

**MONDAY, January 27, 2025**  
**St. Angela Merici (OM)**

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Dorianna Meakin)  
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

**TUESDAY, January 28, 2025**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas (M)**

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Giuseppina Savino)

**WEDNESDAY, January 29, 2025**

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Frank Sarich)

**THURSDAY, January 30, 2025**

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

**FRIDAY, January 31, 2025**  
**St. John Bosco (M)**

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Regis O'Connor)  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

**SATURDAY, February 1, 2025**  
**Our Lady's Saturday (OM)**

11:00 am - Confessions & Rosary  
12:10 pm - **Mass** († Louise Chilibeck)

**SUNDAY, February 2, 2025**  
**Presentation of the Lord (F)**

8:00 am - **Mass**  
10:00 am - **Mass**  
2:00 pm - Eritrean **Mass**  
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**  
8:00 pm - **Mass**

**OFFERING for January 19, 2025**

Cash Donations	\$	1,318.30
Envelopes	\$	1,935.00
Renovations	\$	772.00

**Registration for Confirmation is now open!**

Confirmation Class will be held Wednesday **evenings**  
**March 5 - April 9 at 4:30pm** in the Welcome area.

The deadline to register is February 12, 2025. The  
class is available for children aged 12 and older.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by  
Bishop Mark on **May 22, 2025 at 7:00pm**.

There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of the books  
used in the class. If you are unable to afford the fee,  
please speak with Sr. Peter.

Registration forms can be picked up at the office, or  
can be found on the parish website.

If you have any questions, please contact Sr Peter at  
[srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca](mailto:srpetermary@stpaulcocathedral.ca) or 306-986-3885

Sunday, February 2nd we celebrate the **Feast of**  
**the Presentation of the Lord**, also known as  
Candlemass. **All are welcome to bring candles**  
**to Mass to be blessed during the procesion.**

**RENOVATION UPDATE** Merry Christmas and Happy  
New year!

What great blessings the Lord continues to pour out  
upon our parish, and our Generations of Faith Cam-  
paign. Our confessionals are undergoing the final  
touches for functionality, at which point attention  
will turn to the artisanal work on the exterior.

Thank you to our generous donors who set a record  
in December for greatest monthly donations since  
the beginning of our campaign! Bringing our total to  
~ **\$900,000**. As Fr. Penna mentioned last week,  
through God's grace, the generosity has not only  
been raining down on us, it recently started pour-  
ing... a major gift of **\$750,000** has recently been  
offered - thanks be to God. With this latest gift - we  
bound over the \$1 Million dollar mark settling at ~  
**1.65 Million - over 70% of our goal!**

As always, check out our Youtube Channel for latest  
updates, and please continue to support  
The Generations of Faith Campaign with  
your time, treasure, and prayers.

NEW -- scan the QR code to support the  
renovations



SCAN ME

**Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life Sunday**  
**January 26, 2025**

**Dear Clergy, Religious, & Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:**

The Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life will be celebrated in the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Saskatoon on Sunday, January 26, 2025, providing our faith communities with an  
opportunity for prayers, reflection and discussion about the value of the precious gift of human  
life. I send this message on the day when we celebrate Saint Hilary, Doctor of the Church, who  
supported Saint Athanasius regarding the divinity of Christ during the time of the Arian  
controversy.

Our current times continue to feature terrible conflicts in many parts of the world,  
including the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. I continue to hear from many that our  
current world affairs highlight both the fragility and strength of human life. In these times of  
reflecting on the prayer of St. Francis, "Lord, make me a channel of your peace," we continue to  
hear this prayer in terms of the care of the vulnerable, and especially with regards to the  
protection and care for the unborn, our elders, and critically ill in our communities.

**I) An Uncaring and Utilitarian Culture**  
**Contributes to Sins Against Human Life**

Canada continues to deal with the tragic repercussions of the removal of abortion from  
the Criminal Code. We now mark the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada  
decision in the Morgentaler case on January 28, 1988, which removed all remaining  
restrictions on abortion in Canada. Incredibly applauded by many in our society, this moment  
in our nation's history holds within it the tragic reality of millions of lost lives.

Victims of abortion include the unborn children who are killed, but also the mothers,  
fathers and families left wounded after an abortion. The community is also weakened and  
damaged as the weakest and most vulnerable among us are not valued and protected.

Pope Francis ushered in this Jubilee New Year with a renewed appeal for all of God's  
people to make a firm commitment to respect and protect human life, from conception to  
natural death. As he prayed in his January 1 homily:

"[May we learn to care for] every child born of a woman...[and to protect]the precious  
gift of life: life in the womb, the lives of children, the lives of the suffering, the poor, the  
elderly, the lonely and the dying."

He continued: "I ask for a firm commitment to respect the dignity of human life from  
conception to natural death, so that each person may cherish his or her own life and all may  
look with hope to the future..." Let us continue to remember the Holy Father's words quoted in  
my previous letters, as the Canadian government continues to seek to expand access to doctor-  
assisted suicide, also known as Medical Aid in Dying or "MAiD":

*"The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most  
fragile human beings - the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously  
handicapped, etc. - who are in danger of being 'thrown away', expelled from a  
system that must be efficient at all costs."* (See: [+Francis' Address to a Delegation from the  
Dignitatus Humanae Institute, Dec. 7, 2013](#))

Perhaps this upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope can inspire the world to not only beg forgiveness  
for grave sins against our brothers and sisters of the world, but can also be a time of new-found  
**Hope** as we make concrete steps to repair the great damage of our uncaring.



## II) How Can We Care for Creation While Supporting Abortion and Euthanasia?

Pope Francis continually highlights that respect for creation and respect for human life and human dignity are issues that are only realized together. As he states in his 2023 Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*:

*"Everything is connected ...no one is saved alone" (#19)*

*"To recognize... that human life is incomprehensible and unsustainable without other creatures. As part of the universe... all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect." (#67) [See: *Laudato Deum*, October 4, 2023]*

The Gospel's moral and social teaching calls on all people of good will to bring to bear intellectual, social, and political consciousness on the blatant inconsistency that is affecting the well-being and flourishing of human cultures through our world. This effort is at the service of every person on the planet! If we do not engage in calling each other to a greater and fuller humanity, we should then not be surprised at the larger deterioration of a culture of human care and respect.

## III) Where is our HEART?

We no longer hear about scientific evidence – including the supporting fields of genetics and embryology - clearly showing the distinct humanity of each unborn child. Each young human person shares the fundamental human *right to life* that we as Canadians celebrate and support on so many other fronts.

Failing to recognize that right has left our country damaged – not only in the missing and lost lives of millions of unborn children – but also in removing "the heart" from our society. Many people today experience the loss of heart when they lose the sense of their own humanity when they no longer feel "useful" because of ill-health or aging. Persons who are older or are dealing with disabilities increasingly feel that they are a "problem" to their families and those on whom we rely for care.

The "loss of heart" is also the root cause of so many other evils in our midst, including: discrimination, injustice and racism, violence, poverty and hunger, debilitating addiction. Sisters and brothers, let us respond to *loss of heart* by holding steady to the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: *the Sacred Heart for our world*. I bring you this message on the memorial of Saint Hilary, Doctor of the Church – biblical scholar and theologian – dedicated his life and work to upholding the divinity of Christ, who comes to the world to bring His mercy, forgiveness, and healing to every human person.

As Pope Francis concluded in his New Year's Day homily:

*"May we learn to care for every child born of a woman, above all by protecting, like Mary, the precious gift of life: life in the womb, the lives of children, the lives of the suffering, the poor, the elderly, the lonely and the dying... All of us are invited to take up the summons that flows from the maternal heart of Mary: we are called to cherish life, to care for wounded lives -- so many wounded lives, so many -- to restore dignity to the lives of everyone" because it is the basis for building a culture of peace, he said, highlighting that the Feast of Mary, Mother of God also marks the World Day of Peace.*

**Sisters and Brothers, we pray that as a people and nation we may re-discover our heart!**

Yours in Christ,



✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen



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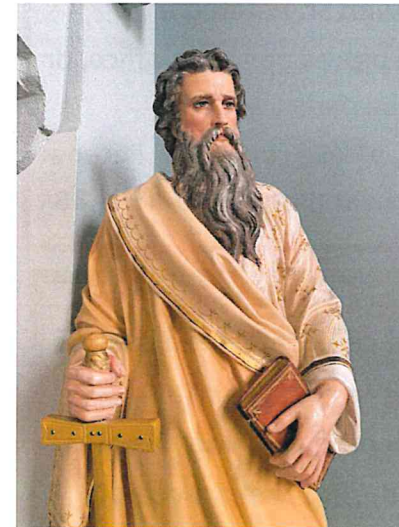
# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 26, 2025

### Reverence for Life Sunday & Sunday of the Word of God

#### Paul's Way

We just concluded our Novena to St. Paul, Patron of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools – founded in the Bishop Mahoney Hall (as it now is) with three teachers and 69 students in 1911. Thank you for your prayers, may GSCS flourish in the Faith of St. Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles and Teacher of Truth.



The Statue of St. Paul once presided over the High Altar, his confident strength inspiring Fr. Vachon OMI to continue St. Paul's mission by starting the first school of faith. Now, along with the statues of Sts. Boniface and Patrick, it is that remains of the original High Altar. But the Gospel of Jesus, proclaimed by Paul, that *"in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."* (1 Cor 12:13-14) can never be destroyed. As we renovate our church building to make it an ever-more beautiful place for new Generations of Faith *"to drink of one Spirit"* let us realize that each of us are the Living Body of Christ – the Church – called be ever more beautiful witnesses to Christ. We who drink of the Spirit look to Paul who was "poured out".

Paul – the great Church-builder – has shown us the way this witness unfolds. Indeed, he was a breath-takingly active and passionate witness knowing that he was part of the Body in which. *"God has appointed in the church first apostles."* This was no appointment to comfortable power, rather the opposite - **it was the way of great suffering and vulnerability** - for he had left behind the violent persecution of Christians that gave 'power' and "from the moment of his conversion went over to the Crucified Christ and chose for himself the way of Jesus Christ". Those are the words of Pope Benedict XVI who continues, "Paul was a man who was ready to let himself be wounded, and that was his real strength. He did not spare himself, and did not try to fashion a fine life for himself by avoiding controversy and unpleasantness." **Paul's sword was the Word of God** in the hands of a teacher of Truth, "Truth can hurt; it can wound. Because life often appears more comfortable lived in the lie... men get angry about the truth. They want to suppress it, repress it, evade it." So, vulnerability will come to Paul making him neither a fanatic nor a dogmatist but one who having no other weapon than the message of Jesus Christ let his own suffering be the evidence of the Gospel.

Today amidst a society in which so many agree to live a lie we mark **REVERANCE FOR LIFE SUNDAY**. Yes, a culture that treasures life as a gift from God and so is a beautiful altar before God has been dismantled. Yet the Gospel of Truth that St. Paul proclaimed can never be destroyed. Yes, gone is the societal 'power' the Body of Christ recently knew. Yet now the renovation of society is through the Conversion of the Church to St. Paul's way of truth, that, "The world is saved, not by the sword of the conquerors, but by the sword of those who suffer".

Yes, the two-edged sword of the Word, became the sword that killed ... no, the sword through which St. Paul achieved heaven. So, a new altar of Body of Christ is being renovated: through the Holy Spirit making us Martyrs. The way of suffering for the truth that human life is God's gift and precious is the way we shall make a beautiful place for Generations of Faith.

Pope Benedict concludes,

"Paul was effective, not because of brilliant rhetoric and sophisticated strategies, but rather because he exerted himself and left himself vulnerable in the service of the Gospel. The Church even today can convince people only insofar as her ambassadors are ready to let themselves be wounded. ... Her struggle can only every be the struggle of those who let themselves be poured out: the struggle of Martyrs."

And that is what I your pastor see in each of you.

St. Paul, Pray for us.