

Events throughout the Diocese

Mission Discernment Night for Young

Adults Ages 16 to 29 years: *Get a Glimpse into a Year on Mission with NET Canada!* An introduction to NET Canada and its mission year will be held from **5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 8** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. NET Canada forms and sends teams of young adults to share their faith in schools and parishes, in order for youth to be transformed and re-engaged in their Catholic faith. Find more information, or sign up at: <https://www.netcanada.ca/apply/>

A new Renaissance Schola, Aura Musica, is pleased to present a concert of Sacred Music on March 15th at the Queen of Peace Chapel at Holy Family Cathedral. It will begin at 2:30 pm with all donations going towards an organ at Holy Family Cathedral. The music of Palestrina, Byrd, Victoria and Des Prez will be featured.

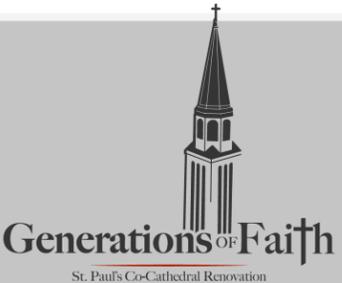
“Radiant With Him” Women’s Retreat

April 17-18 - A group from St. John Bosco Parish, in Saskatoon, is hosting a women’s retreat entitled “Radiant With Him” to be held 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, April 17** and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday April 18** (lunch included). All women are invited to attend. This retreat will provide participants an opportunity to encounter God, build a Christ-centered community and radiate God’s glory. The keynote speaker is Danielle Gaudet (from Ottawa-Cornwall). Registration is \$60 for the two days or \$15 for Friday only. Register now at <https://radiantwithhim.eventbrite.com>. Contact Ruth Brown at (306) 227-7577 for all inquiries.

Call for Nominations: GSCS Board of Education byelection

- Nominations will be open **until March 11, 2026**, for a board member to fill one (1) vacant position in Saskatoon for St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Separate School Division #20 (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools). **Election day is April 15.** Visit www.gscs.ca/elections for information and nomination forms.

Lenten 40 relay run connects the physical and the spiritual, held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28. It starts from the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon, featuring a 41.9-km course tackled by teams of two or four runners. Learn more about Lenten 40 and/or sign up at www.lenten40.com or for more information, contact (306) 717-8321 or lenten40km@gmail.com



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3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026

“Lent at the well of truth”

By Abbot Marion Nguyen O.S.B., St. Martin’s Abbey in Lacey, Washington, USA

In the **Gospel of the Samaritan woman**, the movement of the conversation itself reveals the patience of Christ in drawing a soul back to God. Lent is precisely this work.

Jesus begins with what appears ordinary: “Give me a drink.” At first, the dialogue remains on the surface: questions about ethnic difference, the well of Jacob, and the mechanics of drawing water. Much of the conversation concerns things outside the heart: “You have no bucket... Are you greater than our father Jacob?” He then returns to the first impulse that brought her to the well, now with a promise: “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” She responds with curiosity: “Sir, give me this water.”

The pivotal moment comes when Jesus invites her, “Go, call your husband.” She replies simply, “I have no husband.” It is a small statement, but **it is completely true.** At that moment the conversation changes. Jesus could have pressed the law or confronted her past directly, but he does not. He affirms her truth: “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband.’”

The patristic tradition notices this extraordinary restraint. Christ **waits for the smallest sign of honesty and builds upon it.** Her single truthful word becomes the opening through which grace enters. The woman senses that something profound has happened. She replies, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.” From that point, the dialogue ascends into spiritual matters.

She asks about worship: whether it is on this mountain or in Jerusalem. Jesus lifts her beyond questions of place: “The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” As Saint Augustine reflects, this **worship** is no longer tied to location or ritual sacrifice but **arises from the heart, the interior soul turning fully to God.** At the same time, the Fathers, including Theophylact, emphasize that it must be **sincere: truthful, unmasked, and genuine.** The Samaritan woman embodies this: she speaks honestly about her life, and because of her truth, Truth himself reveals himself to her: “**I who speak to you am He.**”

At the end of the encounter she leaves her water jar behind. The Fathers see in this jar the symbol of her old life, the weary routine of thirst and failed attempts to satisfy it. She leaves **it because she has discovered a new well.**

The soul that speaks truth before Christ discovers that **mercy is already waiting.** When the heart encounters that mercy, the old vessels of life are quietly set aside. She went out a Samaritan and returned an apostle. Each Lent, Christ meets us at our own wells and waits for one truthful word.



Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer Intention for March—For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

“Mercy is already waiting” - The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at 11:30 Monday to Saturday. St. Paul’s Parish Reconciliation service will be Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00pm. Fr. Stephen and Fr. Andrew are also available to visit shut-ins and to meet with anyone who makes an appointment for this.

MONDAY, March 9, 2026
St. Frances of Rome (OM)

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († family members of the Balbuena family)
 7:00 pm - Ladies Adoration Evening

TUESDAY, March 10, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Oscar Fuentes)
 5:30 pm - Baptism Prep
 7:30 pm - K of C

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions, & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Jonathan Balbuena)
 1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

THURSDAY, March 12, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († loved ones of Lozada family)
 4:30 pm - RCIC
 7:00 pm - RCIA
 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, March 13, 2026

11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († Art Belanger)
 5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 14, 2026

10:00 am - Confirmation Prep
 11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († Eufemia Chong & Jose Antonio Magana)

SUNDAY, March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am - **Mass**
 10:00 am - **Mass**
 12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
 5:00 pm - Filipino **Mass**
 7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
 8:00 pm - **Mass**

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

- Mass at 7:00pm followed by adoration until midnight
- Confessions from 9pm-11pm

Good Friday

- 12:00pm Preaching with Father Penna
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 7:00pm Tenebrae service

Easter Vigil

- 8:30pm Mass followed by Agape meal in the Parish hall

Easter Sunday

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:00am Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen
- Note there will be NO 8:00pm Mass

Registration for First Holy Communion is now open!

Available for children in grade 2 or higher. **The classes start April 22 and meet Wednesday evenings at 4:30pm.** Registration is open until April 16.

First Communion is celebrated June 7 on the feast of Corpus Christi.

To register, see the parish website at stpaulscc.com

If you have any questions, please contact Sister Peter at srpetermary@stpaulcathedral.ca or call (306) 986-3885

OFFERING for March 1, 2026

Cash Donations	\$	631.90
Envelopes	\$	2,755.00
Renovations	\$	1,105.00

St. Paul's Events this Lent

Ladies Night of Musical Adoration, Confession, and Fellowship

March 9, 2026
7-9:30 pm

St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Lenten Penitential Service
Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00pm

For a list of confession times throughout the diocese, see the diocesan website at <https://rcdos.ca/lent-and-easter/>

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Vigil, Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm
Lenten Mission with Father Penna
"How the Passion begins with the Annunciation"



Wednesday, March 25
Holy Mass at 12:10pm and 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
 Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm



Reminder, Sister Peter Mary provides visits to homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would benefit from a home visit, please contact Sister Peter at 306-986-3885

Angelic Warfare Confraternity Retreat "Chastity: the Fullness of Life"

Fr. Penna Preaching

Come and Join a Confraternity of Chastity. This venerable Confraternity with St. Thomas Aquinas has equipped saints for holiness. Come and enroll:

Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00pm

Enrollment and Retreat

All current members are encouraged to attend

Lenten Stations of the Cross

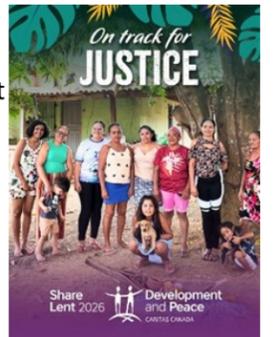
We adore You O Christ and we praise You. because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

Fridays at 6:30pm during lent

Join us for Soup and Bread following the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome! Volunteers to provide soup and bread are greatly appreciated. Please see the sign up sheet in the Welcome area.

Women protecting the Earth

In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours.



Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called *Seeds of the Earth* with the support of *Justiça nos Trilhos* (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace - Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.

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