

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



## Lord's Day Eucharist:

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 10:00 am**



**Mission: St. Mary's,  
Tribune – Saturday 7:00pm**

**Reconciliation, SVDP:  
Saturday 4:30 – 5:00pm**

*Ascension Sunday*  
*May 31 & June 1, 2025*

## **The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord**

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life, we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the entire world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It is the good news we must spread today.

### Upcoming Celebrations

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<b>Sat.</b>	May 31	10AM Tatagwa 11 AM Funeral Mass 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Lay Service Ruby Wilkie Funeral Ed Dzuba + Don & Val Frey Int.
<b>Sun.</b>	Jun 1	10 AM Mass	Ione Ernst +
<b>Mon.</b>	June 2	No Mass	
<b>Tues.</b>	June 3	6:30 PM Mass	Joe A. Goski +
<b>Wed.</b>	June 4	9 AM Mass	Jennilyn Malit Macapagal +
<b>Thur.</b>	June 5	9 AM Mass	Wylie & Eleanor Spafford +
<b>Fri.</b>	June 6	12:10 PM Mass 1PM Adoration 5PM	Lijo Joseph Special Int. Faith Clinic Benediction
<b>Sat.</b>	June 7	10AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Mary's	Therese Sidloski Int. Nick VanStaveren + Special Intention
<b>Sun.</b>	June 8	10 AM Mass	Confirmation Candidates Int.

**Practice for the Youth Choir:** The next youth choir practice will be held on **Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**The next classes for Sacramental Prep** will be held **June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**Sunday Mass during Summer** – beginning **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, there will be only one mass on Sundays, at **10am**. Please, keep this change ahead in mind.

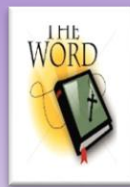
**Youth Group:** The Grade 9 Youth Group will be meeting at **6pm** on **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, in the Church Basement.

**Welcome to the newest members of the Church,** Lei Hanz Ordóñez Nietes, Son of Amelito Gardia Nietes and Shane Princess Ordóñez, who was baptized into Faith on May 24, 2025; Lily Francesca McLean, Daughter of Matthew Frank McLean and Anniela Alcabasa McLean and Beaufort Glicerio McLean, Son of Matthew Frank McLean and Anniela Alcabasa McLean, who were baptized into Faith on May 25, 2025.

**Please pray for our Confirmation candidates** as they finish preparation.



They would be having their confirmation on Sun. June 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass. Their banners and pictures are displayed around the church so you will know who they are; Jan Carreon, Stacy Carreon, Aven Carter, Benny Cugnet, Amber Dumas, Izanne Dumas, Olise Ikechukwu, Benji Foster, JE Ison, Izzy Matyjanka, Duke Ontuca, Jenny Nguyen, Athena Orellano, Yael Ranola, Aurel Rara, Jordenne Simons, Layne Tytlandsvik and Noah Austin.



### Ascension Sunday

Acts 1: 1-11  
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Luke 24:46-53



### **Heavenly Father,**

direct your healing toward  
our loved ones who suffer and  
who believe that you can and will  
restore them to full health.

We call them by name: **Mike Bakaluk, Reece Gordon Maxwell** and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles.

Our condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

**Ethics Education:** A Catholic Perspective on Health Care Decision Making. Join us for a special presentation by Bioethicist Dr. Mary Heilman on **Monday, June 16, 7 pm, at St. Vincent de Paul**. Dr. Heilman will help us learn more about the ethical challenges of health care decision making in the context of our Catholic faith. Topics include Church teachings on the value of our consciences, weighing the burdens and benefits of treatment options, examining some case studies and discussion of the faith-based advance health care directive. An evening of important information not to be missed! Socializing and light refreshments will follow the presentation served by SAFF.

**Fellowship/Donut Sunday** will begin **June 1, after the first Sunday Mass** of every month this summer. This will be an opportunity to get to know each other better. Please stay and join in the fellowship!



**We would like to celebrate Your Special Anniversaries and Birthdays with you.**

**Let us know if you are having a Special Birthday and we will announce it in the bulletin.**

**If you are having a Special Anniversary this year, 25,40, 45, 50,55, 60 and up, we will announce it in the bulletin and have a celebration later this fall for the Special Anniversaries.**

**Please call the office on 306-842-2129**

## Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bit: June 1, 2025

**The Ascension of the Lord** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* (REVELATIONS 22:13) This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

**CWL Giving Campaign:** We invite everyone to join us by contributing. We are currently seeking donations of **MACARONI AND OTHER KINDS OF NOODLES (NOT SPAGHETTI)**. There is a tote near the door in the church foyer. All donations go to the Salvation Army, Weyburn.



**CWL "TALKING POINTS" SERVICE** Baptism calls us to witness to God's love – especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come, be a part of this compassionate service.

**The 77th Annual CWL Provincial Convention** is being hosted by the SVDP CWL in Weyburn on **June 1st & 2nd**. St. Vincent de Paul Parish welcomes all the Priests and Women attending the convention in our parish. We wish the CWL fruitful deliberations and May God bless them in their future endeavour.

**Prayer:** We humbly pray You, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill Your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home and abroad, the good things You have given us. This we ask through Our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. AMEN

### THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

1. **The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary** - Enter into the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary like never before with this incredible series from Paradisus Dei.



2. **The Ascension | Sacred Art** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on Formed, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.



3. **A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



### **The Fair runs July 4-6, 2024!**

Shift worksheets are set up in the Church foyer and again we will need many workers beginning **July 2 - 7**. Now is the time for high school kids to get volunteer hours and find out that it is a blast working the booth! Donations of pies will be accepted July 2nd or 3rd. No cream pies can be accepted but all others gratefully accepted. Please look and see where help is needed. Whatever ministry you work for will be credited.

**Parish Ministries:** You are encouraged to share your talent by joining one or more of our many ministries here at our parish. Help is needed in many areas: Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Hospitality Team, Readers, Children's Liturgy, Collection Counters, Building and Grounds and more. Please, prayerfully consider where you can be of service. Call the office to sign up.


### **Fr Val's 25th Priestly Ordination Anniversary** –

Our Parish will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee anniversary of Fr Valentine's Priestly Ordination on **Aug. 24th**. The celebration will start with a mass at **4pm** which will be followed by a supper reception at McKenna Hall. Watch out for sign-up sheets.

## Stewardship of Time & Talent – May 31 & June 1, 2025

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 10 AM	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Happy Ascension Sunday</h1> </div>
<b>Readers</b>	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Wendy Pitre Mara Vinck	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Ann Piwarski Edna Honig	Shirley Mondor, Gary Sidloski Connie Regier	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bruno Tuchscherer Charli & Frankie Ernst	Mel Van Betuw, Dave Alcalde, Austin Davies	
<b>Power Point</b>		Gerry Langlois	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bernice Driscoll, Dianne Borys, Heather Fellner, Marilyn Isabey	Frank & Eveline Porte Harry Jensen, Jim Parsons Ron & Josie Klein	
<b>Choir</b>	5pm Choir	9am Choir	
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Creurer, Chad Klein, Darren Woodard		
<b>Tatagwa Pastoral Care</b>	Group 1	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Jessica Dixon

## Stewardship of Time & Talent – June 7 & June 8, 2025

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 10 AM	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Happy Sunday</h1>  <p><b>Enjoy the beauty and warmth of God's Sun!</b></p> </div>
<b>Readers</b>	Lloyd Zyla, Edna Honig	Val Wing, Jennifer Woodard	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cecile Sellinger Dolores Herring	Susan Kot, Jean Woodard	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Stella Hoffart, Ken & Kurt Beroy	Gordon Rутten, Chimdalul & Kamsi Ejiofor	
<b>Power Point</b>		Gerry Langlois	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Frank & Bonnie Kaip	Pat Wolensky, Charlene Keen, Sean & Raeanne Galvin, Bernie Riegier, Victoria Olynik	
<b>Choir</b>	11am Choir	Youth Choir	
<b>Counters</b>	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy Pinon, Nhar Pinon, Cherrie Ann Berboso		
<b>Tatagwa Pastoral Care</b>	Group 2	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Alaina Flaaten

**Parish Council Members:** **Chair** - Marga Cugnet, Wendy Sidloski, Bernice Driscoll, Nhar Pinon, Ron Wormsbecker, Jason Vinck, **Deanery Rep.** - Pat Wolensky, **Secretary** - Val Wing/Bernard Omem, **Parish Finance Chairperson** - Pamela Haupstein, **CWL Rep.** - Velma Hoffman, **K of C Rep.** - Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, **SAFF** - Camille Goski, **Stewardship** - Elaine Nielsen, **Social Justice** - Wendy Sidloski, **Building & Grounds** - Mel Van Betuw

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**Weyburn K of C Meetings:** (Sept.-June) Exec & Directors - 2nd **Tuesday** of the month, Gen Mtg. - 4th **Tuesday** of the month

**CWL President:** Wendy Pitre (861-3473) **CWL Meetings:** (Sept. - June)

**Exec Mtg.** - 2nd **Tuesday** of month Gen Mtg. - 3rd **Tuesday** of month

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**Sacraments:** **Baptism and Reconciliation** - Contact the parish office

**Matrimony** - Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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# CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SASKATCHEWAN



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May 20, 2025

## Catholic Education Week May 25-31, 2025

In joy and thanksgiving, we, the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan, invite you to join us in recognizing the gift and the impact of Catholic education as we mark World Catholic Education Day on May 29, 2025, and celebrate Catholic Education Week in our province from May 25 to May 31.

This year's theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, is taken from the Jubilee Year of Hope that we are observing in 2025. It invites us to celebrate how Catholic Education is at service of hope in so many ways. As the recently deceased Pope Francis has stated, hope is a gift from God and a task for all Christians. It is a "...light in the night" as the world struggles with seeking truth, understanding, mutual respect, and true peace.

Five key themes will be explored in our schools this week to help us to understand how we can be pilgrims of hope through Catholic education.

On Monday, May 26, we celebrate the theme *Honouring Human Dignity*. Catholic schools teach and celebrate the value that each human person is precious to God and has inherent dignity. Many biblical passages affirm this. In John's Gospel, for example, Jesus teaches: "*Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life... I give you these commands so that you may love one another.*" (see John 15:12; 17)

On Tuesday, May 27, we reflect on *Caring for Creation*. Pope Francis often challenged the world about the urgent need to care for and steward God's gift of creation. His words are a reminder to Catholic educators that "... *protecting creation is not only an ethical issue, but one that is eminently theological, for it is the point where the mystery of humanity and the mystery of God intersect.*"<sup>1</sup> The Indigenous peoples of this land likewise teach that God, our Creator, establishes us in relationship with other peoples, but also with all creation. We are inspired by Pope Francis's call to honour this relationship: "*May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care.*"<sup>2</sup>

On Wednesday, May 28, we explore *Responding to the Poverties in Our World*. The ministry of Jesus Christ emphasizes the reality of poverty in our world, and the

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<sup>1</sup> See Pope Francis: "Care for creation is an ethical and theological issue" June 27, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, General Audience, April 22, 2015.

importance of compassion, care, and support towards those in need. Jesus' teachings and actions highlight the Kingdom of God as a place where all will be blessed – especially the poor: “*Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.*” (see Luke 6:20). Encouraging reflection on the church's social doctrine, Pope Leo XIV recently emphasized, “Give voice to the poor, ... (as we) participate actively and creatively – together with the People of God, in this time of great social upheaval, through attentive listening and open dialogue to all.”<sup>3</sup>

On Thursday, May 29, we look at *Serving in Solidarity*. Pope Francis frequently emphasized the importance of living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, and particularly with the poor and marginalized. Solidarity is more than merely individual acts of kindness, but is a way of thinking and living that prioritizes the needs of the community over individual desires. Solidarity is a matter of charity that seeks compassion and justice. It often requires a shift in our own perspective.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, on Friday, May 30, we reflect on *Living as Peacemakers*. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that *peace* is not something passive, the mere absence of hostility and conflict, leaving tensions between peoples unaddressed. Rather, “peace is first and foremost an active and demanding gift. It engages and challenges each of us, regardless of our cultural background or religious affiliation, demanding, first of all, that we work on ourselves ... [to] eliminate pride and vindictiveness.” Peace seeks “the purification of the heart necessary for building peaceful relationships.... Working for peace requires acting justly.”<sup>5</sup>

As we celebrate this year's theme, Pilgrims of Hope, we emphasize that for people of faith, the virtue of hope is likewise not a passive issue. To be *pilgrims of hope* is to seek, encourage and foster a virtue that calls forth a vision and response – by Catholic educators, by members of the Church, by families, the larger community – that trusts in the redemption of all in our Lord Jesus Christ. The journey of Jesus Christ– through His life and ministry of teaching and service, through His passion and death on the cross, and through His resurrection to new life, which overcomes any obstacle between God and His people – provides the pattern for hope for Catholic education and formation.

In this sense, Catholic education seeks excellence: an excellence which involves developing and bringing to bear all young people's gifts and abilities. As our students grow as disciples of the Lord, they are inspired and equipped to humbly serve God's plan to make the world a better place and seek our ultimate destiny.

We join together in giving thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education and its unique contribution in our province and our communities. We pray in thanksgiving for the continuing existence and protection of publicly-funded Catholic education in Saskatchewan, and for hope and perseverance for educators, students and families.

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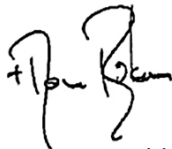
<sup>3</sup> Pope Leo to Centesimus Annus Foundation: May 15-17, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> See: Message of Pope Francis re: “Globalize solidarity and not indifference,” March 4, 2023; Message of Pope Francis for World Day of the Poor” We must uphold values of responsibility, solidarity.” June 14, 2022.

<sup>5</sup> See Address to the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, Friday May 16, 2025.

May Catholic education continue to model Christ: "... the Way, the Truth and the Life." (John 14:16) May it help all to develop the head and the heart so that we may "prepare [our] minds for action; discipline [ourselves]; set all [our] hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring to [us] when he is revealed." (see 1 Peter 1:13)

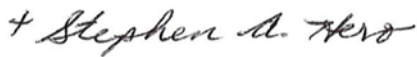
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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Most Rev. Donald Bolen  
Archbishop of Regina

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Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen  
Bishop of Saskatoon

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Most Rev. Stephen A. Hero  
Bishop of Prince Albert

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Most Rev. Michael Smolinski, CSsR  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

# *Holy Land Olive Wood Project*

*Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> after mass*



*I am Issam Abusada from Regina and originally from Bethlehem. Resurrection Parish has been my family home parish for the past 20 years, and I brought this project to the Parish at that time.*

*This project is to help the Christian families in the Bethlehem area of the Holyland. The Christians in the Holyland is now below 1% of the population and supporting their survival is essential for our existence.*

*I buy religious olive wood gifts, like crosses, rosaries and many Christmas souvenirs from my family and friends at our catholic parish in Bethlehem. All the items are hand carved in olivewood from the Bethlehem and Jerusalem area. This is an essential source of income for the Christians in the Holyland though the pilgrims that visit the Holy sites and buy them as Christian souvenirs.*

*All the proceeds are to support the underprivileged Christian families with young children in Bethlehem. Over the last 15 years we were able to support 6 to 8 families for Christmas and now for Easter.*

*This year is very special. With the ongoing war the tourism and pilgrimage to Bethlehem is down to zero and there is no sign of recovery for a while. Helping to sell gifts from what our Christians produce over in Bethlehem area, here in Regina, is more essential than ever to help them cope and survive this hardship and help their very existence. Any help this year will be even a multiple blessing.*

*Please find attached a few pictures of items from Bethlehem & Jerusalem. Olive wood Rosaries, small neckless with crosses, and large crosses in four different sizes.*

*Thank you in advance for your help and God bless.*

## *How can you help?*

♦ *If you are looking for a special Christian gift for a wedding, a baptism, a confirmation, an anniversary, Christmas or any other special event in your families lives. Please consider one of these.*

*I can be reached at [issam\\_abusada@hotmail.com](mailto:issam_abusada@hotmail.com) or 306-526-9519.*

