



Archdiocese of Regina *Bulletin*

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



Synodality – Does my voice matter?

Fundamentally, synodality is about journeying together. Your voice is important to hear and discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our local Church.

More importantly, your participation in listening and discerning the Holy Spirit's

action is important for building a culture of synodality in our Archdiocese for the long term.

In the document (called Vademecum) released before a synod to prepare participants, Pope Francis writes that the primary question for this synod is, "How does this "journeying together" take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2)" (VD 1.3)

Over the next 6 months, the Archdiocese of Regina will be listening to its people to hear, honestly and charitably, about how we listen and journey with one another at the familial, parish, and diocesan level. We will also be listening to discern ways that the Holy Spirit is calling it to grow in a spirit of "journeying together," attentive to the direction of the Holy Spirit speaking through all its members and in the signs of the times.

In some synods, the questions focus on a particular challenge or topic (eg. Youth, Eucharist, New Evangelization) and the work of the synod is primarily done in preparation to or during the assembly of the synod. This synod is different. The diocesan phase will take place over the next 5-6 months, but the most important work remains in continuing and growing a culture of synodality in our local Church. Your participation helps us to continue listening and discerning; to become more fully a people who are "journeying together" in the Holy Spirit.

For more information on synodality, see:
<https://archregina.sk.ca/synod-2021-2023>

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
(Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Journey Through Advent 2021

CCCB Journey Through Advent Table Grace

Creator God, we acknowledge the truth. We have not bothered to learn the whole story about the history of this land. Our Lady of Guadalupe chose to appear as an Indigenous woman to an Indigenous man, Juan Diego, and spoke to him in his Indigenous language. Help us to listen to the concerns of Indigenous peoples and to walk together with them in learning more about you and about the world. We ask Our Lady to help Pope Francis show his love to the Indigenous delegates who are now on their way to Rome. We thank you for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We thank you for this food. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may a new relationship between the Church of Canada and Indigenous Peoples come to birth in joyful expectancy, in a new way of walking together in solidarity, on the road to reconciliation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Visit the CCCB Journey Through Advent 2021 page: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

itwewin Corner (itwewin is the Cree word which means 'the word' or 'as it is said...')

Fr. John Weckend, Archdiocese of Regina Truth and Reconciliation Healing Committee

Did you know that...a concentrated effort to establish Indian Residential Schools began between 1883 and 1930, federal government sponsored residential schools grew from 3 to 80 and at their height numbered 139. These schools were operated by Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, and United churches. The RC church ran 70% of these schools. The last school remained in operation until the late 1990's. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee estimated that 150,000 Indigenous children attended these schools.

Young Adult Christmas Social

Join us at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall on Saturday December, 18th at 6:30 PM for a "Christmas Movie Olympics". Inspired by clips from well know Christmas movies, we will enjoy a night of friendly competition, good food and lots of laughs. Wear comfy clothes. Bring a friend, a mask and a snack to share! Register now! <https://archregina.sk.ca/ooyam-movie-olympics> Please consider joining us for 5:00 PM Mass beforehand at Our Lady of Peace. (425 Broad St. N. Regina)

The Archdiocese of Regina is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional lands of the Nêhiyawak, Nahkawé, and Nakota, and homeland of the Dakota, Lakota,

New Beginnings Teen Retreat

All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us December 29 at 11am – December 30 at 3:00 PM for a retreat to kick off the new year! We will enjoy the Hospitality of the amazing Myriam Family in their HUGE new home in McClean. (We will meet in Regina and go out together by bus) The two days will be sprinkled with great community, great hospitality, important conversations and time to pray in the quiet of the country. For more info and to register go to <https://archregina.sk.ca/new-beginnings-high-school-retreat>

The Legacy of Clergy Sexual Abuse: What Can We Do Now? How Can We Help?

The Qu'Appelle deanery is hosting a zoom presentation presented by the : On Thursday January 6 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and join Bishop Don and the Archdiocesan Core Working Group for Clergy Sexual Abuse for an engaging conversation on the topic of clergy sexual abuse. To receive the zoom link please contact for registration: victimserviceadvocacy@gmail.com

TF274: Living Simply: Brett Salkeld And Peter Van Kampen - Part 1

As we head into Christmas we've pre-empted the remainder of our series on Universal Basic Income to accommodate a very timely 2-part discussion with Youth Minister and Catholic speaker, Peter Van Kampen. Author of Living Simply: So That Others May Simply Live.

Peter's Books:

Live Simply: So That Others Might Simply Live

<https://amzn.to/3DgGOod>

The Fullness of Time

<https://amzn.to/3EqOvcY>

<https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/living-simply-brett-salkeld->

Spirituality of Early Church

Campion College invites you to spend time with renowned New Testament Scholar Fr. Scott Lewis S.J. for their winter semester for a course on The Spirituality of the Early Church. This course will be offered Mondays evenings from 7:00-9.15 PM starting in January 2022.

The New Testament presents a vision of a transformed world and humanity. The course will explore the various currents of New Testament spirituality and their relationship with culture, society, and experience.

If you are interested in auditing this class (no papers, exams, or final grade), please contact the Campion Registrar's office at Campion.Registrar@uregina.ca or phone, 306-359-1225. More information on the course can be found at <https://campioncollege.ca/academics/>

Trinity Manor at Westerra: Welcome Home!

Isn't it time you relaxed and allowed someone else to take care of you for a change?

Located in the beautiful Westerra neighborhood of Regina, our all-inclusive plan means you get to enjoy daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner from our own Red Seal Executive Chef. No dishes, no cooking, no cleaning, and no worries. Trinity Manor is part of the Emmanuel Care community. Emmanuel Care is a healthcare ministry of the Catholic Church. The residents note "I'm so grateful to have mass in the chapel (we know we have a chair), I don't have to wear my boots and I don't need to start my car". Attend daily mass, or spend time in quiet reflection in our tranquil chapel. Our amenities promote opportunities for our residents' personal growth, while providing stimulating and entertaining activities starting at \$2245. End your day by enjoying the animals and country sunsets, 10 minutes from downtown. Book your personal tour now by contacting Janet at 306-550-8077 or visit us at www.trinitymanorregina.ca.

Advent and Christmas Books and DVD's

Looking for a fruitful and meaningful Advent and Christmas Celebration with your family? Advent and Christmas Books and DVDs are available at the Archdiocesan Resource, Centre 445 Broad Street North, Regina. We are open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact Melissa Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext. 237 or email mgurash@archregina.sk.ca. You can also search and reserve library materials online at www.archregina.sk.ca/resource-center.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples: December 12

Never have we been...

...at this place: at the cusp of charting a new direction, full of possibilities and right relations with Indigenous Peoples. The time is here for us to walk together in a good way. As people of God, we know that new beginnings are possible when we acknowledge the past, seek truth, and actively move towards reconciliation.

Join the Journey

Archbishop Don Bolen and his team of staff and volunteers have been walking in solidarity with Indigenous people and building relationships. See what steps have been taken here: <https://archregina.sk.ca/indigenous-relations> With our financial support, they can do so much more, right here in our archdiocese.

Special Collection, December 12th

On December 12, there will be a special collection for the TRC Healing Response in all parishes of the archdiocese. You can also support the TRC Healing Response any time via this link <https://archregina.sk.ca/giving> or by calling the archdiocesan office at 306-352-1651.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.



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