



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES: Sept. & Oct.

Luseland Saturday 5 p.m.

Doddsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Major Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection: \$1360

Date	Reader	Offertory
Sep 14, (Sun.) 9 am	Aimée	D. Moser
Sep 21, (Sun.) 9 am	Sharon	D & M Obritsch
Sep 28, (Sun.) 9 am	Darren	D & V Ostrowski
Oct 5, (Sun.) 9 am	Blanche	E Ostrowski
Oct 12, (Sun.) 9 am	Ray	P Ostrowski

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: – John 3:13-17

According to Pope Francis, can the suffering of all humanity be found reflected in the death of Jesus on the cross? Why would Christ take all this upon himself? Does it show how much God loves us? We exalt the Cross of Jesus, because in it God's love for humanity was fully revealed. That's what the Gospel of John reminds us of in today's liturgy: "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son" ([John 3:16](#)). The Father "gave" the Son to save us, and this resulted in the death of Jesus, and his death on the Cross. Why? Why was the Cross necessary?

Because of the gravity of the evil which enslaved us. The Cross of Jesus expresses both things: all the negative forces of evil, and all of the gentle omnipotence of God's mercy. The Cross would seem to decree Christ's failure, but in reality, it signals His victory. On Calvary, those who mocked him said to him, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross" ([cf. Mt 27:40](#)). But the opposite was true: it was precisely because Jesus was the Son of God, that He was there, on the Cross, faithful to the end to the loving plan of the Father.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 CONTINUES

The sacred sites designated by Bishop Mark Hagemoen in the diocese of Saskatoon to visit as part of obtaining a Jubilee Indulgence are:

Two Cathedrals: The Cathedral of the Holy Family, 23 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, and/or St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E, Saskatoon. To visit one of these active parish sites:

- Review the Mass and liturgical schedule on the parish websites.
- For individual visits, it is not necessary to alert the parish about your planned pilgrimage if you are simply attending a regularly scheduled Mass or confession time.
- Contact the parish before making any plans for group visits outside of regularly scheduled Mass and confession times, or for special arrangements.

St. Peter's Abbey: The Benedictine Abbey at Muenster, SK is also designated by the bishop as a sacred site to visit for the Jubilee Year indulgence. Please contact the abbey Guest Master at: guestmaster@stpeters.sk.ca or call 306- 682-1775 about possible visits and celebrations.

INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT TRIP TO "SHRINES OF FRANCE"

An information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at St. Philip Neri Parish, Saskatoon to learn more about a pilgrimage to the Shrines of France next year. Join Msgr. Maurice Fiolleau of the Diocese of Prince Albert on the journey from **Sept. 29 to Oct. 9, 2026** to visit Paris (the Miraculous Medal), Lisieux (St. Therese), Chartres (the great Cathedral), Nevers (St. Bernadette), Paray-le-Monial (St. Margaret and the Sacred Heart), Lyon and Ars (St. Jean Vianney), the Marian Shrine of La Salette (in the French Alps), Avignon, Carcassonne, and the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

(Information meetings are also being held at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 in Prince Albert, and Oct. 1 at North Battleford.)

DIOCESAN FALL CONGRESS 2025

"The Peace of the Risen Christ beckons us to be missionary disciples." - Pope Leo XIV

The 2025 Fall Congress Series includes three sessions in October that are open to everyone:

1. Congress Day - Keynote speaker from "Faith Room" - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with Keynote Speaker Jean-Paul de Fleuriot of Faith Room. Cost \$25 (includes lunch); register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/251905083819260>.

2. Congress Music Ministry Workshop "The Heart of Worship" - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, with Cameron Turner and Jean-Paul de Fleuriot. Free-will offering (refreshments will be served). - <https://form.jotform.com/251905397916266>.

3. Congress Day Introduction to Intentional Accompaniment - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, presented by Catholic Christian Outreach. Cost \$25 (includes lunch) - <https://form.jotform.com/251905619346260>.

For more information <https://rcdos.ca/congress-2025/>

WHAT GIFTS HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN YOU TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

The Called & Gifted Discernment Process was developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute, designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, all charisms ought to be exercised in the service of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2003). Step One of Called and Gifted will also be offered at **St. Mary Parish in Macklin, SK** on Saturday, Nov. 1: <https://form.jotform.com/252308355162251> or contact Sr. Malou Tibayan at mtibayan@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5843.

PRAYER WALK FOR PEACE

The International Day of Prayer for Peace will be observed Sept. 21 by people of faith around. Here in Canada, Christians are invited to join a Prayer Walk for Peace in support of the ministry of The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). In a world longing for healing, justice, and reconciliation, you are invited to "pray with your feet." Walk in your neighbourhood, your church community, or your city's streets. Walk by yourself or with others from your church or ecumenical community. If walking is not an option for you, consider gathering with others to pray and reflect together about your hopes for peace. Others might gather for prayer after Sunday morning worship and then walk together in their church's neighbourhood. Consider connecting with other Christian churches in the neighbourhood. Meet in a local park on Sunday afternoon, share prayers for peace, and then disperse for a quiet prayer walk in the beauty of God's Creation. If you don't walk, join from a comfortable sitting room with the window open, connected with friends, colleagues and nature. Prayer is essential. All gifts are welcome.

When you walk, pray, and give, you help the CCC:

- Advocate for justice and peace across Canada/Build interfaith and intercultural bridges
- Stand with refugees and victims of trafficking/Foster reconciliation with Indigenous communities
- Equip all of us to be a unifying voice of hope

Launch your personal campaign to support the Canadian Council of Churches' work. Share why you're walking, who you're walking with, and your prayer intentions, and invite others to support your walk by visiting: <https://ccc-2025.raiselysite.com/en/>

A DOCTOR AND A LAWYER ARE HAVING LUNCH AT A LOCAL DINER

A woman interrupts their conversation to ask the doctor some sort of medical advice. The doctor tells her what he can then sends her on her way, then turns back to the lawyer.

"Man, I get so tired of people bugging me for medical advice," the doctor says. "I never see people do the same with you for legal advice, how do you keep them away?"

The lawyer says, "Every time someone asks me for any advice, I just send them a bill. Keeps people away like a charm."

"That's super smart!" the doctor says. "I'm gonna do that!"

The next day, the doctor makes up his bills for all the people who asked him for medical advice, and he takes them out to his mailbox. He opens it up, and he finds a bill from the lawyer.