

# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

## January 4, 2026

# Immaculate Conception

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### MASS TIMES: Jan & Feb.

Luseland Saturday 5 p.m.  
 Dodsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

**Major Sunday 9 a.m.**

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

**Collection: Dec. 28 - \$695**

**Jan. 1 - \$510**

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 2:1-12

This well-known passage from Matthew's infancy narrative compares and contrasts the openness of the wise men, the "outsiders," with the power-hungry and suspicious King Herod, a Jewish leader, and therefore, an "insider." The powers of light and of darkness, the energy for good found in dreams and the brute power of oppression and force, an open universal perspective and a closed defensive and self-serving isolation -- all these are clearly contrasted here.

1. What, in the wise men's experience, communicated there was something special about this birth?
2. How did God's revelation to the wise men challenge the assumptions of Jewish beliefs?
3. In your experience, how do "insiders" (i.e. those inside the church) display Herod-like characteristics and how do "outsiders" display openness and faith in God?

### MAJOR CWL FEES

Our annual dues are once again owing. This year the CWL fees are \$40.50. We will accept either a cheque to Aimée or Blanche or we do accept e-transfer to [majorcwl@yahoo.com](mailto:majorcwl@yahoo.com). Thank you for continuing support of our local CWL. If you have any questions, please contact Blanche (306-430-1475) or Aimée (306-535-6935)

### DIOCESAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Start the New Year with renewal and transformation at a Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon weekend event Jan. 16-17, featuring inspiring talks, praise and worship, fellowship, renewal, and prayer, as we open our hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Keynote speaker is Chris Keyes of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), who has over 30 years of experience in evangelization and ministry. He combines deep faith, leadership expertise and engaging storytelling to inspire others to live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, open to anyone high school age and up; cost is \$50 per adult and \$30 per youth (under 18 years). Register before Jan. 12, 2026 online at: <https://www.jotform.com/form/253455421996264> or for more information contact diocesan Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey at [jhickey@rcdos.ca](mailto:jhickey@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5847.

### SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: IMPLEMENTING A SYNODAL WAY OF PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY

Synod Implementation in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon was recently launched by Bishop Hagemoen.

"The Church's vocation and prophetic service (LG Lumen Gentium Dogmatic Constitution on the Church 12) consists in witnessing to God's plan to unite all humanity to Himself in freedom and communion. The Church is 'the Kingdom of Christ already present in mystery' (LG 3) and 'the seed and the beginning of the Kingdom on earth' (LG 5). It, therefore, walks together with all humanity, strongly committed to justice and peace, human dignity and the common good. All this, while it 'aspires after the completion of the kingdom' (LG 5) when God will be 'all in all' (1 Cor15: 28)."

- For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Final Document # 20.

Find more information about the implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality at:

<https://rccdos.ca/syond>

## **MASS GUIDELINESS (CONTINUED)**

### **ii. Determining the Need for Extraordinary Ministers**

5. Extraordinary Ministers serve at the discretion of the priest. He will generally decide if the requirements for the use of Extraordinary Ministers are present and how many will be needed. For larger Diocesan gatherings the Priest or designated Liturgy coordinator overseeing the liturgy should consult with the bishop regarding the use of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

6. The pastor or hospital chaplain may appoint properly mandated Extraordinary Ministers to serve the sick in hospitals or in nursing or private homes under the following conditions:

- a) that the priest as ordinary minister of Communion is faithful in continuing his sacramental ministry to those sick persons so that the service of the Extraordinary Minister supplements rather than replaces the ministry of the priest;
- b) that there is an objective pastoral need, e.g. the sick person's desire for more frequent reception of Communion than the priest's usual visitations provide;
- c) that the priest be available for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

### **iii. Personal Qualifications**

7. "The faithful who are [Extraordinary] Ministers of Communion must be persons whose good qualities of Christian life, faith and morals recommend them. Let them strive to be worthy of this great office, foster their own devotion to the Eucharist and show an example to the rest of the faithful by their own devotion and reverence toward the most august sacrament of the altar. No one is to be chosen whose appointment the faithful might find disquieting" (*Immensa Caritatis*, 6).

The minimum age for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is twenty-one (21) years; however, persons older than this should generally be chosen.

### **iv. Appointment**

8. The bishop or his delegate (generally the local pastor) mandate extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In case of necessity, the priest may commission suitable members of the faithful for a specific occasion.

A person mandated to serve as an Extraordinary Minister in his or her own local parish or form of pastoral ministry (hospital, etc.) is not by that mandate authorized to serve in that capacity in another place.

### **v. Term of the mandate**

9. The term of the mandate is for one year, renewable.

### **vi. Parish and Diocesan procedures**

10. The process of mandating is as follows: The pastor, hospital chaplain, or Priest Chaplain in a regional high school submits in writing to the Bishop's Office the names of those persons being chosen for mandating.

11. The pastor should see to it that Extraordinary Ministers are properly instructed, and each given a copy of these Guidelines.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND ALL THE BEST IN 2026**