



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2026

Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES: Jan & Feb.

Luseland Saturday 5 p.m.

Doddsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Major Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobot Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection: \$270

GOSPEL REFLECTION: – Matthew 4:1-11

Both Luke and Matthew write a detailed account of Jesus being tempted in the desert right after the “high point” of Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan. It is not accidental that each temptation occurs in a special place: the desert, the temple, and the mountain. The Bible tells us that each of these places pulsates with the possibility of encountering God there. One by one, Jesus needs to make clear choices as to what kind of Messiah God intends him to be. This passage also has both Satan and Jesus quoting Scripture, thereby illustrating that knowing Scripture is not enough – it must be properly interpreted and lived out.

1. What temptations in your life most challenge your faith commitment to Jesus?
2. Have you ever faced temptations in the process of clarifying your God-given mission?
3. Who or what helps you to be true to your faith and to Jesus Christ our saviour?

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. 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)

LENTEN MOVIE ‘THE CHOSEN’ - SEASON ONE

During lent we will be watching Season One of the movie “The Chosen”. Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday nights starting February 24th at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance so enough handouts can be printed.

SPRING CONGRESS: “SPEAK LORD! YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING”

This year the diocesan Spring Congress Day will be offered in three locations, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

· Saturday, April 25 at St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley

Spring Congress is an opportunity for clergy and all the faithful to find renewed ways to come together to pray, learn, and listen to the Holy Spirit and one another. In the spirit of deepening synodality in the life of the diocese, diocesan ministry coordinators of the Catholic Pastoral Centre will present topics at Spring Congress through the lens and practice of synodality. Find registration at <https://rcdos.ca/spring-congress-2026>

Date	Reader	Offertory
Feb. 22 (Sun.) 9 am	Darren	K & G Cowan
Feb. 28 (Sun.) 9 am	Blanche	R Cowan
Mar. 7 (Sat.) 5 pm	Vicki	B Dommett
Mar. 14 (Sat.) 5 pm	Ray	G & S Fischer
Mar. 21 (Sat.) 5 pm	Sharon	K & A Fischer

"MAN OF SORROWS"

A Lenten Retreat is a diocesan adult faith Encounter Event to be held 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Register online at - <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/lentenretreat2026> - cost is \$30 (includes lunch). Inspired by Isaiah 53:3, often referenced for its depiction of the "Man of Sorrows," the retreat invites participant to explore the depths of the Saviour's sorrow and the power of redemption. Take time to deepen faith and understanding of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity. Retreat facilitators are from the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in our community – Sr. Cindy Lewans, PM; Sr. Lucie Hamel, PM; and Sr. Emma Rousseau, PM. For more information, contact diocesan Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858.

"ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE"

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC): Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and sharing. It is also an opportunity to be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Donations to DPCC create a bridge of solidarity with their partners' transformative work in the Global South. The 2026 Share Lent campaign, "On Track for Justice" is underway. We are invited to walk hand-in-hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity.

How?

1. Donate online at <https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/> or during the Solidarity Sunday collection in parishes across Canada on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

A Blonde Goes On Who Wants To Be A Millionaire

Regis: "Barbara, you've done very well so far - \$500,000 and one lifeline left -- phone a friend. The next question will give you the top prize of One Million dollars if you get it right ... but if you get it wrong you will drop back to \$32,000 -- are you ready?"

Barbara: "Sure, I'll have a go!"

Regis: "Which of the following birds does not build it's own nest? Is it....."

A-Robin B-Sparrow C-Cuckoo D-Thrush

Remember Barbara its worth 1 Million dollars."

Barbara: "I think I know it..but I'm not 100%... No, I haven't got a clue. I'd like to phone a friend Regis, just to be sure.

Regis: "Yes, who, Barbara, do you want to phone?"

Barbara: "I'll phone my friend Maggie back home in Birmingham." Ringing

Maggie (also a blonde): "Hello..."

Regis: "Hello Maggie, its Regis here from Who Wants to be a Millionaire-I have Barbara here and she is doing really well so far on \$500,000, but needs your help to be a Millionaire.

The next voice you hear will be Barbara's and she'll read you the the one Million dollar question. There are 4 possible answers and 1 correct answer and you have 30 seconds to answer -- fire away Barbara."

Clock ticking

Barbara: "Maggie, which of the following birds does not build it's own nest? Is it:

A-Robin B-Sparrow C-Cuckoo D-Thrush

Maggie: "Oh Gee, Barbara that's simple.....It's a Cuckoo." **Barbara:** "You think?"

Maggie: "I'm sure."

Barbara: " Thanks Maggie." (hangs up)

Regis: "Well, do you want to stick on \$500,000 or play on for the Million, Barbara?"

Barbara: "I want to play, I'll go with C-Cuckoo"

Regis: "Is that your final answer?"

Barbara: "It is."

Regis: "Are you confident?"

Barbara: "Yes fairly, Maggie's a sound bet."

Regis: "Barbara.....you had \$500,000 and you said C-Cuckoo ...you're right! - You have just won ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Crowd cheers

Here is your check. You have been a great contestant and a real good gambler. Audience please put your hands together for Barbara."

"Clapping"

That night Barbara calls round to Maggie and brings her down to a local bar for a celebration drink and, as they are sipping their Champagne, Barbara turns to Maggie and asks "Tell me Maggie, how in God's name did you know that it was the Cuckoo that does not build its own nest?"

Maggie: "Listen Barbara, everybody knows that a Cuckoo lives in a clock."