

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME PARISH

New parishioners: please stop in to the office and register with us. Let us know if you would like to receive donation envelopes regularly, or if you would like to sign up for auto-debit.

Make sure we get your email address!

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 9 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm. In case of emergencies when a priest is needed, please call Father Millan at 306-260-7786.

Notre Dame Parish Décor Committee will gladly accept donations of flowers for the Advent/Christmas season.

Advent-Christmas Concert

Notre Dame CWL would like to thank all who are participating and helping in the Advent-Christmas Concert on **Dec. 1st, 2023, at 7:00 pm.** We very much appreciate your donations towards the CWL. In appreciation, we invite you to come down to St. Bernadette Hall for refreshments and goodies following the concert.

The CWL Christmas Party is at the Blend on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm. We hope to see many of our new and current members there! For more information, please call Helen at 306-480-4650.

CWL

Notre Dame CWL is now collecting the membership fees for 2024. Please place your \$35.00 fees, with your name in an envelope and put it in the collection. There is also a provincial contest for the council who has the most new members, so invite someone to join us today! The new members will be entered into a draw for a prize from the provincial council.

CWL Corner Inclusive

Catholic Women's League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

Faith Development

"Our Faith Explained" - 7:00 pm Thurs. Nov. 30 at Notre Dame; The Art of Love and War in Scripture: Introduction to the Historical Books
Baptism Formation: Thurs. Dec. 7, 6:30 pm St. Bernadette Hall

Notre Dame Parish Pictorial Directory

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Pictorial Directory photo sessions. If you did not book an appointment to have your picture taken for the pictorial directory, you may submit a photo along with a fee of \$15.00 plus taxes, \$16.65, by Nov. 30. This charge covers inclusion in the directory and provides the family with a copy of the directory.

Fundraising Committee Lottery Ticket Raffle

If you have books of tickets that you are unable to sell, please return them as soon as possible. All tickets that are sold must be returned by Dec. 10. Draws will be made on Dec. 17.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraising Campaign

Here is the online link:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1779981-110030>
If not ordering online, please see us for catalogues and order forms. Please make cheques payable to Notre Dame Fundraising Committee. The campaign closes after 5 pm Mass on December 3. Chocolates will be delivered to the church, and you will pick them up here the weekend of December 16. Thank you all for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Development and Peace

Please **give generously** to our **Gaza Humanitarian Emergency** appeal, launched by the Humanitarian Coalition. **devp.org/give** or send check payable to **Development and Peace** (marked *Humanitarian Emergency Gaza*) to the following address:
555, boul. René-Lévesque West, 8th floor
Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1



First Sat. Dec. 2nd **9:30 am Notre Dame**
 7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people, and for †† Nellie Pawlus by Jean Pawlus.

Sun. Dec. 3rd **9:30 am St. André**

For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of Karen Nachtegaele by the Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

Mon. Dec. 4th **No Mass**

Tues. Dec. 5th **9:30 am Notre Dame**
For the intentions of Monique Wong & Daniel Yiptong by Theresa Eppich.

Wed. Dec. 6th **9:30 am Notre Dame**

For †† Arnold, Monnie & Kathy Gantefer by Glen & family.

Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Thurs. Dec. 7th **10:00 am Harwood**

For †† souls in purgatory by Albert & Hélène Blais.

Fri. Dec. 8th **9:30 am St. André**

For †† souls in purgatory by Raymonde Doucette.

Sat. Dec. 9th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Advent Retreat
7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people and for the intentions of Jean Pawlus by John and Shirley Vany.

Sun. Dec. 10th **9:30 am St. André**

For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of the CWL.

5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

COFFEE & DONUTS
ST. BERNADETTE HALL - 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 2023
ALL ARE WELCOME!

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

"Believe Love Share... In Jesus"

October 15, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Our goal this year is \$ 19, 495.00.

As of Nov. 27, we have received 40 pledges for a total of \$9230.00.

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

"Believe, Love, Share... Jesus" is the theme of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have until December 31, 2023, to make our donations to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of November 27, 2023, parishioners have pledged \$254,460.00 towards the goal of \$450,000.

If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to, the Appeal Office would like to receive all pledges on or before December 31, 2023. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office.

Advent Concert & Retreat

at Notre Dame de Lourdes

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023

10:00 am to 3:00 pm;

3:00 – 4:00 pm Adoration and confessions
Admission is free; lunch by donation; childcare available

Guest speakers:

Fr. Gregory Lozinsky, S.S.D. is a Byzantine Catholic priest from the Eparchy of Mukachevo, South Western Ukraine.

Fr. Matthew Coutinho, SDB is a Salesian priest of Don Bosco assigned in Jerusalem.

Fr. Felix F. Delos Reyes, Jr., OP a Dominican priest from the Dominican Province of the Philippines.

Mrs. Illeen Manimtim Babao is a wife and mother of three. She is a parishioner of the parish of Notre Dame and coordinator of the Catholic Filipino Community of the Battlefords and Area.

For more information, please see the posters in the church, or call the parish office at 306-445-3836.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE						
Date	Dec. 2 7:00 pm	Dec. 3 11:00 am	Dec. 3 5:00 pm	Dec. 9 7:00 pm	Dec. 10 11:00 am	Dec. 10 5:00 pm
Captains	Peter Pielak 445-2716	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Betty Znack 445-3108	Peter Pielak 445-2716	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Betty Znack 445-3108
Greeters & Gift Bearers	Darnel and Imelda Alcantara	Chris & Ruth Mallari & family	Val Yockey Rose Balfour	Clem McGrath Bill Semeniuk	Marie Urben Marya Devonshire	Rose Balfour Betty Znack
Commentary & Announcements	Lorraine Douville	Avery Smith	John Jangula	Murielle Rousseau	Craig Treiber	Val Yockey
Lectors: 1 st reading, psalm 2 nd reading and prayers	Marlon Peralta	Vince Ledon Erin Xavier	Val Yockey	Cherry Gonzales	Helen Kayfish	Annette Jangula
Communion Body of Christ	Peter Pielak	Marie Urben	Rose Balfour	Imelda Alcantara	Hélène Blais	Betty Znack
Altar Servers	Peter & volunteers	Aaron X. Julienne E. Evan C.	Maria H. Luke H. Magdalene	Peter & volunteers	Erin X. Stephen A. Joelene S.-V.	Josh H. Michael H. Gieron R.
Ushers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers

Parents’ Sacrament meeting for children of Notre Dame Parish attending N. Dame and St. Mary’s, Tues. Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm at the church. Parents and children attend; please bring a pen.

Community Youth Choir
with guest artist Charles Baillargeon
Sunday, Dec. 10th, 3:00 pm
Third Avenue United Church
Tickets \$10 at the door or call Jaki at 306-446-2519

Prayer line: call 441-4123 or 441-5675

Sunday Collections
Nov. 25 & 26 , 2023
Loose – \$868.55 Envelopes – \$1195.00
Pre-authorized up to Dec. 4 - \$1,428.00
Enumerator for Dec. 5, 2023
Dorothy Manegre
Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all your donations!

Vocation Corner
First Sunday of Advent – B
A Vocation View: It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.
Prayer: That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, but will continue to be enriched in Christ, we pray to the Lord.
Action: Did you know... we all have a “vocation”? The way we live our life is our vocation - Marriage, Priesthood, Religious life or the Single life! It is how YOU are meant to live and contribute to the Body of Christ! The important thing is to pray for discernment.

Chalice
If you would like a Chalice catalogue for your Christmas giving, please take one from the back table. You may place orders by phone at 1-800-776-6855 or go to chalice.ca to order online.
Help put Christ back in Christmas!

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Email: notredame.nb@gmail.com Web page: www.notredameparish.ca
Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords; send photos to: notredame.nb@gmail.com



Dec. 2 & 3, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Millan Sajonas
For emergencies call: 306-260-7786
Fr.'s webpage: bmjsajonas.com
Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment
Parish Secretary: Rose Balfour
Caretakers: Tanya & Clint Polnicky
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00
Parish Council Members: Chairperson - Glen Gantefoer; Secretary - Kelly Hughes;
Michelle Prince, Matthew Parker, Chris Pollard,
John Vany, Rose Balfour, Helen Kayfish,
Laurena Kerluke **Parish Finance Members:**
Chairperson – John Jangula; Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak, Shaun Loepky, Mike Waschuk, Rose McDonald, Len Pawlus, Debbie MacGregor

First Sunday of Advent
Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it’s no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. If we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.
Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ’s first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.
Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.
Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he **“places his servants in charge, each with his own work.”** We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.
Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

"Prayer is the fastest thing on Earth... it reaches God before you even say it."
Anonymous

Summer Mass Times

Notre Dame Parish: Sat. 7:00 pm
Sun. 11:00 am
St. André Parish: Sun. 9:30 am
St. Joseph Parish: Sat. 7:30 pm
Sun. 10:00 am
Moosomin - St. Charles: Sun. 1:00 pm
St. Vital Parish: Sat. 5:00 pm
Sun. 10:30 am
Delmas - St. Jean Baptiste: Sun. 9:00 am
Cochin - Ste Rose de Lima: Sun. 9:00 am
Glaslyn - Holy Cross: Sun. 11:00 am
Edam - Christ the King: Sun. 9:00 am
Jackfish - St. Leon: Sat. 5:00 pm
Meota - Our Lady of Fatima: Sun. 10:30 am
Vawn - St. Hippolyte: Sun. 12:00 pm
If needed, live-streamed masses: join Fr.
Doug from Meadow Lake on Sunday at 10:00 am, or Fr. Gerard from Arborfield at 9:00 am.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is a Catholic coalition of Indigenous people, bishops, clergy, lay movements and institutes of consecrated life, engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

We have our own chapter here at Notre Dame!
The first meeting will be at 6:30 pm at Notre Dame Church on Thursday, Sept. 28th!

Battlefords District Food and Resource Centre

Please continue to give throughout the year, as the need never really goes away!

BDFRC – 306-937-5505

You may also donate by e-transfer to info@BDFRC.ca.

To donate online go to CandaHelps.org.

Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

For [Our Lady of Lourdes](#) home visits, please call 445-3836.

When you have finished with the statue, please call the next person on the list or the office.

AUTO-DEBIT

Have you ever considered making your weekly church donations using auto-debit?

By doing this, you can eliminate writing cheques or looking for some cash when you make your donation. The donation is automatically transferred from your bank account to the church after your authorization. This can be set up at the Parish Office. For more information, forms are available in a pocket in the entrance of the church, or you may contact the Parish Office at 306-445-3836.

New Parishioners &/or Address Change

(Please complete this form and place in the collection basket.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

I/We wish to have Offertory envelopes: Yes or No

Auto Debit: Yes _____ No _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre

visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs and to register for all programs:

http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399

For more information contact Sarah Donnelly:
306-242-1916 x226

Please see the bulletin board for events.

RCIA and RCIC

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and they are wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please have them call the parish office to register as soon as possible.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada
is [collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco](#).

Go to devp.org to donate, or place in a marked envelope and drop in collection.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or anyone you know is seriously thinking of becoming Catholic or wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, please call and register for RCIA classes which will begin in October. Call 445-3836.

SERENA

Are you interested in Natural Family Planning?
If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca, or see *The Coverline*, their news publication on the bulletin board at the back.

Chalice.ca

Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Sajonas and Our Lady of Lourdes parish for supporting our mission by hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our mission is to reveal God's love in action by serving the poor, with the Global Catholic Community.

Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit chalice.ca or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission and to sponsor a child today.

CWL

Volunteers! WE NEED YOU!

Please call the parish office if you are interested in any of the volunteer ministries in the parish.

Also, **call or email to renew** your volunteer commitments, or to make changes as needed.

