# **PARISH ACTIVITIES**

## **WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME PARISH**

To register, please call 306-445-3836. Make sure we get your email address! Regular office hours are 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.

## **Chalice Catalogues**

Instead of giving to someone who has everything, try giving to someone who has nothing. The Chalice Catalogue has over 50 items that can help a person or community overcome poverty and become self-sufficient. Catalogues are available at the back of the church. Once you are finished with the catalogue, please return it for someone else to use. You may also place orders by phone or online. Chalice: 1-800-776-6855 or chalice.ca.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

K of C: Wed. Dec. 17, 7:00 pm at St. André Tri-Parish Youth Night: Fri. Dec. 19 at St. Joseph Calsanctius from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

> Coffee & Donuts 12:00 Noon in St. Bernadette Hall. after 11:00 am Mass, Dec. 14 & 21.

## Christmas Décor

We are inviting donations to purchase flowers for our Christmas décor. Drop off flowers at the parish office during office hours, or you may bring them to the church on Dec. 20 and 21.

## **Living Faith Chapel Soup Kitchen**

operates Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 12 -1:30 pm. At the Soup Kitchen, volunteers provide prayer, nutritional food and fellowship in a safe environment, with referrals to other organizations. Volunteers are always welcome, and donations are never turned down. If you are looking for a way to give back this might be for you.

Contact: 306-445-3009

## **Advent & Christmas Schedule**

## Wed., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass

5:00 pm at St. André - Fr. Millan

7:00 pm at Notre Dame – Fr. Millan;

Please join in the singing with Jaki Esquirol and

Princess Acosta. (Children's Mass)

9:00 pm at Notre Dame – Fr. Greg

Please come at 8:30 for Christmas caroling with

Sr. Rita's guitar group.

## Thurs., Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass

11:00 am Notre Dame – Fr. Millan

Please join the singing with Cheryl Kitzan, accompanied by Brendan Legario.

Wed., Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Mass

7:00 pm at Notre Dame – Fr. Millan

# Thurs., Jan. 1: New Year's Day Mass

9:30 am St. André – Fr. Millan

11:00 am Notre Dame - Fr. Millan

## **Advent Food Drive 2025**

Here are some suggestions for the Food Bank:

## Week Three: Dec. 14 - Dec. 20

Cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, Christmas treats, cookies, or chocolates

## Week Four: Dec. 21-27

Spices, crackers, both soda and snack style, diapers of all sizes, socks for all ages, toothbrushes, bar soap

Nonperishable food items are welcome. These can be dropped off at the parish office, and we will see that families in need receive them.

The Food Bank is also accepting gently used outdoor winter clothing for the "Share the Warmth" program. Drop off your donations at 1171 101th St. North Battleford

**Battlefords District Food and Resource Centre** Call 306-937-5505 for more info.



Sat. Dec. 13th

7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people, and for # Antoinette Daniel by Hélène Blais.

Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

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.

Mon. Dec. 15th

No Mass

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

Tues. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Notre Dame

*For* # *Matthew Perry by Keltye Lavoie.* 

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

Wed. Dec. 17th 9:30 am Notre Dame

For the intentions of Doreen Dudek by Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.

Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

Thurs. Dec. 18th

10:30 am Notre Dame **Notre Dame School Mass** 

For # Terry Weber by the Hamel family.

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

Fri. Dec. 19th

9:30 am St. André St. Mary School Mass

For the intentions of Brigitte & family.

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

Sat. Dec. 20th

7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people, and for # Jerome Bru by Paula & family.

Simbang Gabi

8:30 pm Notre Dame

Sun. Dec. 21st

9:30 am St. André

For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people.

# 5:00 pm Notre Dame

For # Arnold, # Monnie, and # Kathy Gantefoer by Glen & family.

Simbang Gabi

7:30 pm Notre Dame

# Diocesan Events

Bishop's Annual Appeal: « Planting Seeds of Hope » Oct. 26, 2025 – December 31, 2025 Every gift is greatly appreciated!

The Diocesan Resource Center is a hidden treasure of the Diocese with items for children, youth, and adults to grow and deepen faith. Money from the Bishop's Annual Appeal allows us to bring in the latest programs to support parishes. You may even borrow DVD's, CD's and books FREE OF CHARGE! The gift shop is unique to Prince Albert with beautiful gifts of faith to purchase. We will also "special order" Bibles, medals, crosses, cards for special events, and for all the sacraments, children's religious books and items for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

This year, our parish is asked to raise \$20,244.00. As of Dec. 10, we have received 43 pledges. The amount pledged so far to the Bishop's Annual Appeal by parishioners of our parish is \$8,692.00.

More pledges are on their way to Prince Albert this week.

# **Marriage Preparation**

March 20 & 21, 2026,

at St. Vital Roman Catholic Church in Battleford, SK. If you have any questions, or would like more details on the agenda and cost, please email Fr. Greg Elder

at gregelder@padiocese.ca

# **Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate**

Sedale Coronel Rosillo will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 22, at St. Joseph Parish in Prince Albert.

All are welcome to attend.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE						
Date	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 14	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
	7:00 pm	11:00 am	5:00 pm	7:00 pm	1:00 am	5:00 pm
Captains	M. Isla 445-0581	H. Kayfish 639-218-4031	R. Balfour 446-3063	M. Isla 445-0581	H. Kayfish 639-218-4031	R. Balfour 446-3063
Greeters	Maricel & Dexter Olipas	E. Agraviador A. Abonitalla	Bill Semeniuk	D. & I. Alcantara	G. Rentz C. Treiber	Rose Balfour
Gift Bearers	Maricel & Dexter Olipas	E. Agraviador A. Abonitalla	Bill S. Rose B.	D. & I. Alcantara	G. Rentz C. Treiber	Bill S. Eduardo L.
Commentary Announcements	Murielle Rousseau	Theresa Brost	Glen Gantefoer	Hazel Plaza	Jean Pawlus	Val Yockey
1 <sup>st</sup> R. & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. & prayers	Janice Dela Cruz	J. Mathew D. MacGregor	Val Yockey	Murielle Rousseau	J. Fernandes C. Kitzan	Rose Balfour
Body of Christ Blood of Christ Blood of Christ	M. Isla M. Rousseau D. Alcantara	H. Blais H. Menssa D. Dudek	Rose B. Glen G. Bill S.	B. Santillan M. Isla M. Rousseau	P. Pielak A. Lacoursiere D. MacGregor	V. Yockey R. Balfour Glen G.
Altar Servers	Dannuel S. Anneia S. Nathaniel DC	Chelsea L. Summer R. Christina T.	Joshua H. Joseph H. Ellianah N.	Dannuel S. Anneia S. Ethan P.	Michaela I. Ariana I. Ellie U.	Tu P. Luke H. Micheal H.
Ushers		Marie & volunteers			Marie & volunteers	
Collectors	volunteers	Craig, Marya Laurier, Marie	Kayden K. Aiden K.	volunteers	Laurier, Craig Perry, Larry	Joseph H. Joshua H.

If you are unable to attend when scheduled, please find a replacement, or contact the captain.

## **Vocation Corner**

# Third Sunday of Advent – A A Vocation View:

"As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." (James5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

<u>Prayer:</u> For those called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

**Action:** We each have a vocation – the thing to do is answer the call. We each have something to give. Dorothy Day

For prayer requests call the Prayer Line: 441-4123 or 441-5675

## **Knights of Columbus**

Last day for Cash Calendars – Dec. 14! Please call John Vany (306-445-5306) or Tom Schwab (306-937-3794).

#### **CWL**

Welcome all members and guests to our 2025 Christmas Party! It will be on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6:00 pm in St. Bernadette Hall. Let us help the less fortunate by bringing a donation to the Food Bank. If you need a ride, please let us know. It is also a good time to pay the 2026 fees, which are set at \$45.00.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dec. 6th & 7th, 2025

Loose - \$453.60 Envelopes - \$1,325.00 Pre-authorized up to Dec. 16 - \$260.00 <u>Enumerator for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025</u>

Debbie MacGregor

Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all your donations!

Canadian money only, please!

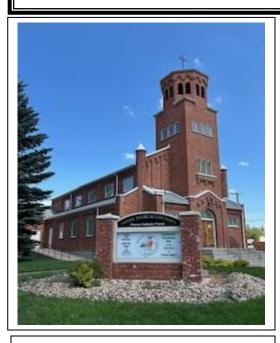
# Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords



#### Dec. 13 & 14, 2025

# Pastor: Fr. Millan Sajonas

For emergencies call: 306-260-7786

Confessions: 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:

Michelle Prince, John Vany, Varun Chako, Marie Urben, Janice Dela Cruz, Reina Acosta Appointed members: Helen Kayfish, Rose Balfour

<u>Parish Finance Members:</u> Cherry Gonzales, Shaun Loeppky, Mike Waschuk, Len Pawlus, Jeena Mathew, Rose McDonald, Bernard Bru **Book keeper**: Jaki Esquirol

Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

# December 14, 2025 Third Sunday in Advent

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

