



Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11th

On Feb. 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, recalling a series of 18 appearances that the Blessed Virgin Mary made to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, Saint Bernadette Soubirous. The Marian apparitions began Feb. 11, 1858, ended July 16 that year and received the local bishop's approval after a four-year inquiry.

Coming soon after the 1854 dogmatic definition of her Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Mary's appearances at Lourdes turned the town into a popular pilgrimage destination. Thousands of people say their medical conditions have been cured through pilgrimage, prayer and the water flowing from a spring to which Bernadette was directed by the Blessed Virgin. Experts have verified 69 cases of miraculous healing at Lourdes since 1862.

Born in January 1844, the future visionary was the first child of her parents Francois and Louise, who both worked in a mill run by Francois. Their family life was loving but difficult. Many of Bernadette's siblings died in childhood, and she developed asthma. Economic hardship and an injury suffered by her father cost them the mill in 1854. Years of poverty followed, however Bernadette grew in strong commitment to her faith despite no formal education.

On Feb. 11, 1858, Bernadette went to gather firewood with her sister and a friend. As she approached a grotto near a river, she saw a light coming from a spot near a rosebush. The light surrounded a woman who wore a white dress and held a rosary. Seeing the lady in white make the sign of the Cross, Bernadette knelt, took out her own rosary, and began to pray. When she finished praying, the woman motioned for her to approach. But she remained still, and the vision disappeared. Her companions had seen nothing. Bernadette described the lady in white to them, demanding they tell no one. But the secret came out later that day. The next Sunday, Bernadette returned to the grotto, where she saw the woman again. The identity of the apparition, however, would remain unknown for several weeks.

Some adults accompanied Bernadette on her third trip, on Feb. 18, though they did not see the vision she received. The woman in white asked the girl to return for two weeks. "She told me also," Bernadette later wrote, "that she did not promise to make me happy in this world, but in the next." A group of family members and others went with her to the cave the next day, but only the young peasant girl saw the woman and heard her words. Over the next few days, the number of people in attendance at the cave swelled to more than 100. A parish priest, Father Peyramale, became concerned – as did the police. On Feb. 24, 250 people saw Bernadette break into tears, but only she heard the woman's message: **"Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Go, kiss the ground for the conversion of sinners."**

A larger crowd was there on Feb. 25 – but they were shocked to see Bernadette drinking from a muddy stream and eating weeds. The apparition had told her to drink the water, and the weed-eating was a penitential act. Onlookers, meanwhile, saw only the girl's unusual behavior, and popular fascination turned to ridicule and suspicion.

On Feb. 27, Bernadette made a joyful discovery: the spring from which she drank was not muddy now, but clear. As the crowds continued to gather, this change was noticed, and a woman with a paralyzed arm came to the water hoping to be healed. Four years later, her case would be recognized as the first miraculous healing at Lourdes. Public interest continued, and Bernadette heard a recurring message from the vision: "Go, tell the priests to bring people here in procession and have a chapel built here." While others were quick to conclude that Bernadette was seeing the Virgin Mary, the visionary herself did not claim to know the woman's identity. As she conveyed the repeated message to Fr. Peyramale, the priest grew frustrated and told Bernadette to ask the woman her name. But when she did so, the woman smiled and remained silent. Her identity remained a mystery after the initial two-week period.

Three weeks later, on the Feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette visited the cave again. When she saw the lady, she kept asking to know her identity. Finally, the woman folded her hands, looked up and said: **"I am the Immaculate Conception."** The seer, devout but uneducated, did not know what these words meant. She related them to Fr. Peyramale, who was stunned and informed his bishop.

Bernadette saw the Blessed Virgin Mary two more times in 1858: on the Wednesday after Easter, and on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In 1862, the local bishop declared the apparitions worthy of belief. St. Bernadette left Lourdes in 1866 to join a religious order in central France, where she died after several years of illness in 1879. By the time of her death, a basilica had been built and consecrated at the apparition site, under the leadership of Fr. Peyramale.



Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK
St. Patrick - Eastend, SK

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½ hour before daily Mass and
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"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." – Matthew 5:13-14



Masses This Week

Mon, Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m.
+Rose Ann Keindel by Alan Ruetz

Tues, Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m.
+Sheila Toeckes by Vicki Kagatani

Wed, Feb. 11, 9:00 a.m.
+Hide Kagatani by Maurille/Alice Hammond

Thurs, Feb. 12, 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Vicki Kagatani by Karen Stevenson

Thurs, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. (Church)
Lenten Preparation with Christ the King School

Fri, Feb. 13, 11:00 a.m. (Long Term Care)
+Norman Girodat by Joan Girodat & Family

Sat, Feb. 14
Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo

Climax—7:00 p.m.
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Sun, Feb. 15
Admiral—9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Grandchildren by Frank/Jocelyn Hammond

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.
+Gerald Nelson by Philip/Linda Lewans



OUR MINISTRIES

LECTORS

February 8

Chandra Anderson
Ted Anderson
Roger Paul

February 15

Crystal Lewans
Greg Lewans
Irene Cadieux

ALTAR SERVERS

February 8

Markus
Micah
Joshua

February 15

Ella
Jack
Claire

USHERS/GREETERS

February 8

Brent/Penny

February 15

Roger/Gerald

CHILDREN' S LITURGY

February 8

Teacher—Amanda
Helper—Cece

February 15

Teacher—Cindy
Helper—Cadence

MEETINGS

- "The Chosen"—Movie, Mon, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Council Meeting - Tuesday, Feb.10, 7:00 p.m.
- Joint PPC/Finance Council Meeting Tues, Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus—Thurs, Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. Mass/Meeting

CWL Memberships Due!

CWL memberships are due at the end of

February. Membership fees are \$50.00.



Cheques can be made out to Catholic Women's League and given to Tana Audette or e-transfers can be made to Anne Wikins at brentannewilkins@gmail.com or by cell phone at 306-297-7478. Anyone wishing to join CWL can contact Tana at 306-774-3510. Thank you!

WE NEED HELP!

We would appreciate any volunteers who are willing to have their name put on a list for occasions when tables have to be set up in the hall for parish events. Occasionally, there are none parish events in the hall which the group that is booking the hall requests the tables be set up for them. We charge \$50.00 for this service. If you feel called to help out with setting up tables in the hall, please contact the church office at 306-297-3744 and let us know you are willing to help!

2025 Parish Annual Reports Due

All parish organizations are encouraged to submit their 2025 annual reports ASAP—no later than March 13, so that their compilation may be published along with the financial statement.

Please mark your calendars for the Parish Annual Meeting—Sunday, April 19.



Palms for Ash Wednesday, February 18!

You may return your old palms, if you wish, so that they may be burnt for this year's ashes. Note the basket by the bulletin board in the church foyer!



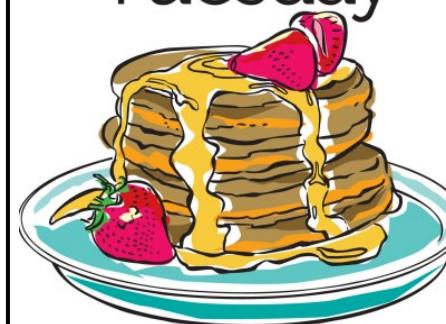
Shrove Tuesday—Pancake/Sausage Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.

Christ the King Parish Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Shrove Tuesday



Good will offering—all proceeds to support our parish youth who are attending the MyGen Youth Rally in Regina this March!

YOUR PRAYERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Please take additional time in your day and in your daily prayers for the deceased, those most vulnerable and those in need of healing.

We reverently keep in our prayers, family, friends, loved ones, and all in need. We pray especially for those listed in this bulletin and those in our hearts and minds this day.