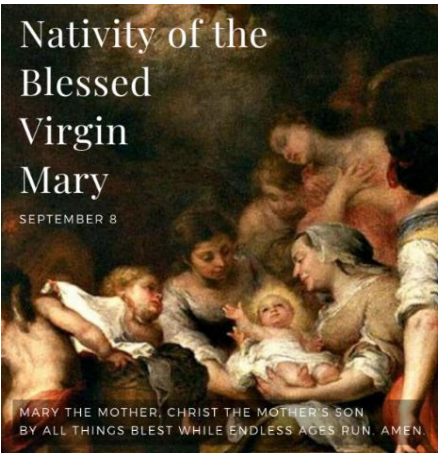




The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—September 8

On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. That solemnity highlights the singular grace bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary at the moment she was conceived. The Church dogma states, "...in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful" (Pope Pius IX, 1954).

Today's Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Incarnation of the Son of God on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is

one of three liturgical feasts in which we celebrate a birth: Christmas, the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, and the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Only the three most consequential figures in the Bible receive the honor of a liturgical celebration to commemorate their births.

Nothing is known for certain about the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary or of her upbringing, since the Bible only introduces the Mother of God to us for the first time during the Annunciation. However, an early 2nd century apocryphal text called the Protoevangelium of James (The Gospel of James), paints a detailed picture of her conception, birth, early years, and betrothal to Saint Joseph. Though the account is not part of the canon of Scripture, it has been a source of reflection throughout the centuries and is the source of the traditional names of the Blessed Mother's parents, Joachim and Anne. The actual feast we celebrate today is believed to have been first celebrated in the fifth or sixth century in the East and was tied to the dedication of a Byzantine church near the Pools of Bethesda in the Old City of Jerusalem. The church was built over what was believed to be the birthplace of Mary and the home of Joachim and Anne, just a short distance from the Temple. In the twelfth century, the current Basilica of Saint Anne was built on the same site. Beneath the basilica lie what are believed to be the caves in which the Mother of God was born and lived.

Saint Andrew of Crete beautifully relates that on this day, the "Creator of the world constructed His temple..." Mary is that temple, that Arc of the New Covenant, the tabernacle and first dwelling place of God Incarnate. Her soul was born pure, spotless, and holy. As she grew, she manifested every virtue perfectly. All who knew her as a child would have been deeply impressed by her sanctity.

Birthdays celebrate people. They are occasions to rejoice in and honor the whole life of that person. The other memorials, feasts, and solemnities of the liturgical year honor various specific aspects of Mary's life. Today's feast honors her whole life, her personhood, and the gift of who she was and is. As we celebrate the birthday of the Mother of God, spend time pondering her soul. Though much of her earthly life has remained hidden from our eyes, she is the greatest saint to ever live and the holiest daughter of God this world has ever known. In Heaven, we will be in awe of her virtues and will forever rejoice in the great things God did in and through her. Begin that rejoicing today by prayerfully honoring her and pondering her, seeking her prayer for your life and for the whole world.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation

(July 31, 2026)

Total Income—\$91,747.44

Total Expense—\$89,499.52

NET INCOME—\$2,247.92



We are richly blessed and we encourage you to remember that the Shaunavon Food Bank is always in need of donations. Please continue to give generously!



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September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses This Week

Mon, Sept 7, 9:00 a.m.

+David Ross by Ted/Chandra/Morgan Anderson

Mon, Sept 7, 10:30 a.m. (Eastend Lodge)

Thanksgiving for Family by Bertha Tinant

Tues, Sept 8, 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving by Bernard/Penny Castillo

Wed, Sept 9, 9:00 a.m.

+Henry Auger by Amanda Auger

Thurs, Sept 10, 9:00 a.m.

Special Intentions (60th Anniv) by Maurille/Alice Hammond

Fri, Sept 11, 9:00 a.m.

Special Intentions by Marcel/Linda Ruest

Sat, Sept 12

Eastend—5:00 p.m.

+Bernie Larose by Daryl/Bea Meyer/Family
Admiral—7:00 p.m. —Pro populo

Sun, Sept 13

Climax—9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Tony/+Marge Andree by Wayne/Amy Andree

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

+Bob Hansen by Brent/Anne Wilkins



MEETINGS

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**, Thursday, **September 10** at 10 a.m.
- **PARISH COUNCIL**, Tuesday, **September 22** at 7 p.m.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Thursday, **September 22**
Mass/meeting at 7 p.m.

LECTORS

SEPTEMBER 6

Matthew Fahlman
Norman Querijero
Elizabeth Christensen

SEPTEMBER 13

Matt Nelson
Margarita Villanueva
Joan Girodat

ALTAR SERVERS

SEPTEMBER 6

Jolie
Cadence
Maria

SEPTEMBER 13

Kamilah
Micah
Reggie

USHERS /GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 6

Greg and Crystal

SEPTEMBER 13

Brent and Penny

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will resume in a couple
of weeks!



Sacramental Preparation 2026-2027

Penance/First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Parents, you are invited to register your child (Gr. 2 and older) for the 2026-2027 Sacramental Preparation season! You will receive resources to help you guide your child in their faith formation and understanding of the sacraments as gifts of God's grace. Children will be prepared for the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession), First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We will begin with a Parent/Child meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2026 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Welcome! May your families be richly blessed!

Peace, Fr. Ron Andree

WELCOME BACK
TO ALL THE
STUDENTS AND
STAFF AT
CHRIST THE
KING SCHOOL!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the friends and family of
Isabelle Innes
a long time Shaunavon resident, business owner and teacher
who recently passed at the age of 101.
May God bless her soul and may she rest in peace!

Children's Liturgy Starting Soon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays will resume soon. This program is coordinated with the Sunday Mass. The children with their leaders celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading and the teachings of the Catholic faith. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. Children aged 3-8 years can attend. We are looking for individuals who would like to serve in this ministry. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Nelson by texting/calling 306-297-7911.**

