



Lent—The Journey Begins!

Lent begins with an invitation from God:

“Come back to me, with all your heart” (see Joel 2:12).

Our Lenten journey is our response to God’s invitation.

The Word “Lent”—Interestingly, the word “lent” comes from Old English through Middle English to modern English. Looking at its origin, “lent” is a shortening of the word “lengthen,” used to describe the increasing amount of daylight each day: the harbinger of spring and new life, of sap running in trees, buds opening, green grass, daffodils, and tulips popping up. Spring for many is a

time of cleaning, and Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We clean out the clutter that has accumulated in our lives to make more room for God and one another.

Liturgical Math: Counting Forty Days—Mathematically speaking, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So how did we get forty? It was developed not by means of math but by theology. Every Sunday is Easter, even during the Lenten season, for every Sunday is a memorial of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When we subtract the six Sundays of Lent from the total we end up with forty.

Lent: A Brief History Lesson—Church historians tell us that by the end of the 4th C., a forty day period of fasting was observed in parts of the church in commemoration of Christ’s forty days in the desert. Later this developed into a penitential season in preparation for Easter. Lent had two emphases: it was the time of formation and preparation for the catechumens (those seeking entrance into the church) and it was a time of reconciliation for those members of the church whose sins had separated them from God and the church. The shape and understanding of Lent changed with time. The public reconciliation of penitents died out, as did the catechumenate. Lent had shifted from a season of baptismal renewal to a liturgical season of fasting.

Ashes and Ash Wednesday—The origin and custom of using ashes is discovered in part in the Old Testament. They accompanied prayer in the case of Abraham when he said to God: “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.” The prophet Jeremiah uses ashes when he calls for repentance: “O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in ashes” (Jer. 6:26). The prophet Daniel pleaded for God to rescue Israel with sackcloth and ashes as a sign of Israel’s repentance: “I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes” (Dan. 9:3). In the New Testament, Jesus refers to the use of sackcloth and ashes as signs of repentance: (see Mt. 11:21; Lk. 10:13). In the early church, when the season of Lent was a time period for reconciliation of public sinners, the penitents would come to church at the start of Lent wearing a garment suggesting a sackcloth, an Old Testament symbol for seeking repentance. They were sprinkled with ashes and ritually dismissed from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to church on Holy Thursday. With time, the dismissing of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained as a reminder and call to penance of all the faithful. The act of imposing ashes symbolizes human mortality and fragility and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation

(January 31, 2026)

Total Income—\$10,287.37

Total Expense—\$8,572.94

NET INCOME—\$1,714.43

**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!**



Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples

February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

P.O. Box 637

580-5th St. E., Shaunavon, SK, S0N 2M0

Mission Parishes

Holy Family - Admiral, SK

Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK

St. Patrick - Eastend, SK

Fr. Ronald Andree

Pastor

Rectory: 306-297-2386

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**½ hour before daily Mass and
Saturdays 11 a.m. to Noon**

Parish Office

Vickilynn Kagatani

Office Manager

Hours

Tuesday -9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday -9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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[Google Calendar of parish events/activities](#)

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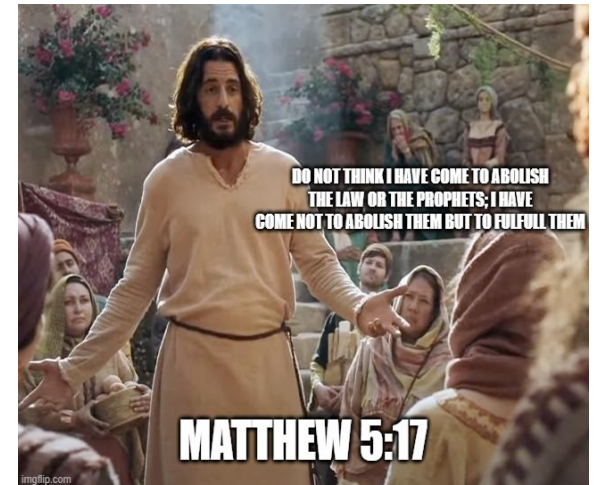
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Religious Gifts/Articles

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Masses This Week

Mon, Feb. 16, 9:00 a.m.

+Isabel Zeruck by Ted/Chandra Anderson

Tues, Feb. 17, 9:00 a.m.

+Hide Kagatani by Joan Girodat

Lent Begins!—Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m.

A DAY OF STRICT FASTING/ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

+Holy Souls in Purgatory by A Parishioner

Thurs, Feb. 19, 9:00 a.m.

+Norman Girodat by Brent/Anne Wilkins

Fri, Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m.

+Gerald Nelson by Maurille/Alice Hammond

7:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

Sat, Feb. 21

1:00 p.m. Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Kojder

Eastend—5:00 p.m—Pro populo

Climax—7:00 p.m.

Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Sun, Feb. 22

Admiral—9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Grandchildren by Frank/Jocelyn Hammond

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

+Rodrigo Domondon by Esther Villanueva





OUR MINISTRIES

LECTORS

February 15

Crystal
Greg
Irene

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Matthew Fahlman
Alan Ruetz
Elizabeth Christensen

February 22

Brent Michelson
Estrella Guillet
Bernie Deobald

ALTAR SERVERS

February 15

Ella
Jack
Claire

February 22

Maria
Jesus
Levi

USHERS/GREETERS

February 15

Roger and Gerald

February 22

Murray and Ben

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

February 15

Teacher - Cindy
Helper - Cadence

February 22

Teacher - Karen
Helper - Jolie

MEETINGS

- "The Chosen"—Movie, Mon, Feb. 16, 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 brentanne.wikins@gmail.com or by cell phone at 306-297-7478. Anyone wishing to join CWL can contact Tana at 306-774-3510. Thank you!



*You're
Invited*

BINKLEY'S FUNERAL HOME

Is hosting a

COME AND GO TEA

To say farewell to

Rick and Bernadette Schneider

On Thursday, February 26, 2026

From 2 pm - 4 pm at Christ the King Hall

All are welcome!

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.

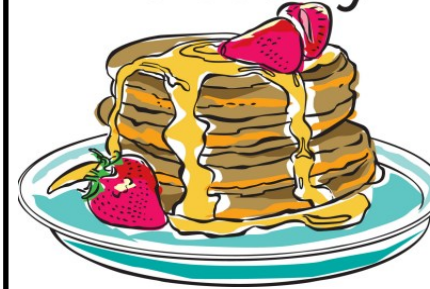


Please mark your calendars for the Parish Annual Meeting—Sunday, April 19.

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake/Sausage Supper

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

**Christ the King Parish Hall
Everyone Welcome!**



Good will offering—all proceeds to support our
parish youth who are attending the

MyGen Youth Rally in Regina this March!



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, food offerings, and Masses offered on the passing of my husband, Hide. All these expressions of sympathy and condolence are so much appreciated!

Thank You!

Vickilynn Kagatani