

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS & MEETINGS/EVENTS

** Mondays at 7:30 pm—Divine Mercy Prayers—Davidson

Tues. Feb. 9 Davidson 9:30 am Mass (Finance meeting at 7:30 pm)
 Wed. Feb. 10 Elbow 5:30 pm Mass
 Thur. Feb. 11 Outlook 7:00 pm Mass (PPC meeting after Mass)
 Fri. Feb. 12 Davidson 9:30 am Mass

Sat. Feb. 13 Elbow 5:00 pm
Outlook 7:00 pm
Sun. Feb. 14 Davidson 9:00 am
Kenaston 11:00 am



Matrimony - Contact Fr. Joseph, VC, at least 5 months prior to wedding. Preparation is required.
Reconciliation - Contact Fr. Joseph, VC, any time you wish.
Baptism - Of infants makes most sense when the child's family is regularly attending church. Please note that one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic who is confirmed. Contact Fr. Joseph, VC, for details.

JAN 2021	OUTLOOK	DAVIDSON	KENASTON	ELBOW
Ash Wednesday Feb. 17	7:00 pm Wed. Feb. 17	9:30 am Wed. Feb. 17	5:00 pm Wed. Feb. 17	—
Feb. 20/21	7:00 pm Sat. Feb. 20	9:00 am Sun. Feb. 21	11:00 am Sun. Feb. 21	5:00 pm Sat. Feb. 20
Feb. 27/28	7:00 pm Sat. Feb. 27	9:00 am Sun. Feb. 28	11:00 am Sun. Feb. 28	5:00 pm Sat. Feb. 27

Consecration of our diocese to St. Joseph - During this Year of St. Joseph – announced by Pope Francis to mark the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church – Bishop Mark Hagemoen has re-consecrated the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon to St. Joseph. **The video of this special celebration can be found on the diocesan YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/saskatoondiocese** (Find info, prayer resources and a letter from Bishop Mark: <https://rcdos.ca/2021/01/07/consecration-to-st-joseph/>)

COVID On-line Vigil: You are invited to join in lighting a candle in the darkness at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 11, 2021** (the one-year mark of the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 a pandemic): *Together in Remembrance, Together in Hope: A Virtual Vigil Marking One Year of COVID* in Saskatchewan. Join the vigil by Zoom or livestreamed on YouTube: www.covidvigil.ca. You are not alone in your loss. You are not alone in your hope! This event is being organized by a community of people of diverse cultures, worldviews, spiritualities, beliefs and faiths in Saskatchewan. For more information, please e-mail Blake Sittler, Executive Director of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan: blake@chassk.ca

God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

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Secretary Office Hrs: Wed & Thurs: 9:00 am - 12:00; 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Sacred Heart
Davidson



Holy Redeemer
Elbow



St. Andrew
Kenaston



Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Outlook



We pray for all
frontline workers
who continue to
provide services
for us daily
during the
pandemic.
May God keep
them safe and
reward their good
works; we pray to
the Lord.

DAVIDSON ROMAN CATHOLIC PASTORAL REGION

"Simon's mother
-in-law was in
bed with a fever,
and they told
Jesus about her
at once."

Mk 1:30



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 7, 2021

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Recognize the presence of God in our suffering.

For a while we have been living with the terrible pandemic covid19. It created, and is creating, devastating effects on people all over the world. At this time it is appropriate to reflect on the first reading for this weekend from the book of Job, one of the beautiful books of the Old Testament. It tells the story of Job. The story of Job not only raises, but actually proposes an answer to the one huge, burning question that every one of us has in life. Whether you are a priest, a parent, a rock star, a pope, or a student, we all are dying to know, "Why am I suffering?"

Suffering could visit us either through death of someone precious to us or a miserable divorce, or the break-up of a deep friendship you thought would never end. Maybe we ourselves or someone we love, are suffering from physical or mental illness, with a difficult recovery ahead. Maybe you are struggling financially, or trying to raise your children against terrible odds, and you haven't had a good night's sleep in a very long time. Whatever is hurting you, you may simply be tired-tired of just trying to "keep on keeping on."

The discussion in this book goes against the popular belief of that time that somebody suffers because he or she has done something terribly wrong and God punishes them. The prosperous and God-fearing man Job suddenly experienced the catastrophic successive losses of wealth, family and health. Job was even plagued with sores all through his body. The author gives no explanation of why the innocent Job had to suffer so terribly, other than that God had permitted Satan to test his commitment, fidelity and trust in God, even under extreme pressure.

In that story Job expresses his hopelessness. He says that there is no peace even in sleep! He is living in months of misery. He says, "My days come to an end without hope....I shall not see happiness again."

But through it all, the turmoil, the doubting, the pain, the loss, Job keeps faith in God. He knows that God is there, somewhere. His faith is rewarded by recognizing the presence of God in the midst of the pain. He said, "*Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.*" (Job 1:21) At the end of the *Book of Job*, God rewards him for continuing his faith in Him.

Job is an ancient biblical type of Jesus, confronted with the pain and suffering of humanity. Jesus' total sacrifice of himself for his people and for God's Kingdom results in his feeling completely abandoned. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," he prays on the cross beginning Psalm 22. But Jesus keeps faith in God, his Father. God vindicates Jesus and Job. That's the theological term we use. It means God's actions show the truth of Job's and Jesus' faith in the face of their turmoil.

PASTOR'S REFLECTION CONTINUED...

Nothing could take God's life away from Job or Jesus. Not even death could destroy this life. Job believed in this. Jesus gave this to us.

In the face of turmoil, through trauma, in pain for which there is no cure, even when we feel we have been abandoned, we are not alone. Jesus who came to share our suffering is still there to bear our crosses.. Nothing, not even our pain can take him away from us. That is why St. Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans: *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:35-39)

Today all of us are told that when we are suffering, in any manner whatsoever, we must reach out to the presence of God in every aspect of life. We believe that he is present for us and with us through it all.

~ Rev. Fr. Joseph Thazhathemuriyil, VC

OUTLOOK

MASS REGISTRATION: please register by noon Saturday for Mass that evening by calling/texting Jessica at 306-860-7778.

PPC MEETING: Thurs. Feb. 11 after 7 pm Mass.

2020 DONATION RECEIPTS will be in the back of church for parishioners to pick up. Any not picked up by mid February will be mailed.

COLLECTION UPDATE: Our January regular collections (including New Year's day) totaled \$5,320. We also received \$80 in donations towards the cost of collection envelopes. Thank you everyone for your generosity and for remembering that the parish expenses continue even while we have restrictions on attendance.

KENASTON

MASS REGISTRATION: Please call/text Paulette at 306-561-7793 for weekend Mass.

READERS NEEDED: Please consider volunteering to be a reader at Mass. Due to COVID-19 we can't put out the usual list for signing up, but you can let Paulette know.

BOUQUET: The Annual Regional Finance Meeting was held last Sunday at St. Andrew's Parish. Ten people attended and all four churches were represented: four from Davidson {this included Fr. Joseph}, one from Outlook, two from Elbow and three from Kenaston. Thanks to all who attended.

ELBOW

Weekday Mass: Wed., Feb. 10 at 5:30 pm.

MASS REGISTRATION: Please contact Marie at 306-854-2313 to reserve for weekend Mass.

DAVIDSON

MASS REGISTRATION: Please call/text Mary Jane at 306-567-7763 for weekend Mass.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Mondays at 7:30 pm.

FINANCE MEETING: Tues. Feb. 9; 7:30 Mass.

PPC MEETING: Tues. Feb. 16 after 7pm Mass.

GROUND MAINTENANCE PERSON(S) NEEDED: Please consider assisting your parish with the maintenance of the grounds of Sacred Heart. Tim Bruch will provide assistance and training to those willing to help out as needed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (during Lent) The Knights of Columbus will host the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings beginning on Feb. 19. Father Joseph will say Mass at 7:00 pm and the Stations will follow at 7:30 pm. This year the K of C will invite other groups to take turns leading the Stations as well.

*Sister parishes are welcome to attend.

Please note: Friday Masses in Davidson during Lent will be at 7:00 pm rather than 9:30 am.

PRO-LIFE/CWL CHRISTMAS DRAW WINNERS: Congratulations to the following and thanks for everyone's support. \$200 Cash—Marcia McIvor; Alfred Sung Watch—Marie Nadeau; Earrings—Chantelle Buchholz; \$50 JMR Meats Gift Certificate—Brenda Hodgins.

PASTORAL REGION UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 16 Davidson PPC Meeting after 7:00 pm Mass

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Masses:

✠ **Davidson 9:30 am;**
Kenaston 5:00 pm; Outlook 7:00 pm

Feb. 18 Outlook K of C Meeting after 7 pm Mass

Feb. 19 Davidson Mass 7:00 pm & Stations at 7:30 pm

Feb. 25 Outlook Adoration after 9:30 am Mass

Feb. 25 Davidson CWL Meeting 1:30 pm

Feb. 26 Davidson Mass 7:00 pm & Stations at 7:30 pm

Mar. 2 Davidson K of C Meeting after 7:30 pm Mass

Mar. 4 Outlook CWL Meeting; Mass at 7:00 pm

Mar. 21 Davidson **AGM** after 11:30 am Mass

The Collection for the Needs of the Canadian Church is this weekend **Feb. 6-7** in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon to assist the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in their ministry of leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Your gift supports the CCCB's involvement in a wide range of national and international areas of pastoral activity, such as social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine, and communications. To make a gift, use the designated envelope for the Needs of the Canadian Church on Sunday, Feb. 7, or give online at: <https://dscf.ca/needs-of-the-canadian-church/> For more information about how Canadian Catholic bishops are serving the Canadian Church, visit <https://www.cccb.ca>

Catholic Saskatoon News

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon has an online news page of articles, reflections and updates at <https://news.rcdos.ca>. Visit the Catholic Saskatoon News site to subscribe to receive weekly e-mail notifications about the latest headlines.

Diocesan Prayer Intention – We pray as a diocesan family for the sick and hospitalized, for the vulnerable and the marginalized, for those who do not have adequate access to health care, and for all those suffering from physical or mental illness – may all feel the healing power of Christ, finding comfort and hope in Christ's constant presence, and in the compassionate care provided by others. (*World Day of Sick - Feb. 11, 2021*)

The World Day of The Sick will be celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11

Ultimately, Catholic health care ministry is an activity of the whole Church – responding to human suffering and caring for the well-being of the whole person. Together, we build a faith community that is continuing the healing ministry of Jesus. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Sick this year focuses on the scriptural theme: "You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23:8) The World Day of the Sick "is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities," says Pope Francis in his 2021 message reflecting on how a trust-based relationship must guide the care of the sick. "We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern." Find the Holy Father's message for the World Day of the Sick at: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20201220_giornata-malato.html

Prayer for caregivers

Loving Father and giver of all life,
You are our support and You are always with us.
During these long and trying times of pandemic and fear, gift caregivers with perseverance and a vision of hope.

Hear our prayers for all support workers who are on duty every day, caring for those who are suffering, those who are weak and in need of perpetual help.

Bless the lives that have entered into the suffering of another; bless the arms that have embraced the sick with compassion; bless the hands that have comforted the dying and held the dead; and bless the caregivers to whom we commend all of the sick, the suffering and the aged.

Give strength and courage to our caregivers to be instruments of Your everlasting love. for all those who are in need of Your protection.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Healer, Your Son and our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.