



Archdiocesan Weekly

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Epiphany

TF120: Signs, Miracles and Wonders Part One

There's no better start to the New Year than when friend and co-worker Michelle Braden graces our humble studio. In this episode, Michelle shares a few out of this world miracle moments that are sure to blow your mind and lift your heart. Breaking out the air recorders for the first of two tent-revival episodes of Thinking Faith!

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Companions on the Journey - A Workshop on Mentoring and Accompaniment

When: January 19, 2019

Where: Church of Our Lady Parish,
5266 Vaughn Street, Moose Jaw SK

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This workshop will feature a keynote address on accompaniment and mentoring from Tom East of the Centre for Ministry Development in Washington State. Tom will provide valuable background on accompaniment and mentoring as well as concrete approaches to walking with others. The afternoon will provide opportunities for specialized breakout sessions including; Journeying with Youth, Journeying with the Sick and Dying, Journeying with Hurting Families, Journeying with LBGTQ and Journeying with Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse.

Cost for the event is \$10 per person which covers our lunchtime meal. To register, please contact Melissa Gurash at mgurash@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651 Ext 237

Join the Catholic Teachers' Guild of Regina Tuesday January 8th at St. Martin de Porres Parish (4720 Castle Road) for the first talk in a series on Catholic Education with Archdiocesan Theologian Dr. Brett Salkeld. The topic of the first talk is:

Faith and Reason in the Classroom

Faith and reason are at the heart of a Catholic education. And the relationship between faith and reason is at the heart of each subject matter, from religion to math. Understanding how faith and reason work together, even when the subject is not specifically religion is the first step to thinking about how to permeate every subject with Catholic faith. Come and learn about the Catholic attitude towards faith and reason and how that makes a difference in a Catholic classroom. Those outside Regina are invited to join us via webinar at:

<http://thinkcatholic.thinkific.com/courses/free-webinar-series-a-catholic-way-of-knowing>.

Bi-Annual Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference

On June 6-8th, 2019, Saskatoon will be hosting the 8th Bi-Annual Western Canadian Catholic Stewardship Conference. We are hoping to have a good representation from our Archdiocese attending. If your parish has a stewardship committee or someone interested in promoting good stewardship please contact me. Depending on the number of registrants, there may be some financial assistance available to cover the cost of registration [\$235.00 by Feb.1st; \$260.00 after Feb.1st.] The conference has always been a wonderful source of new ideas for building parish community through the philosophy and spirituality of stewardship and gratitude. For further information contact me; Fr. John Weckend, Diocesan Stewardship Committee chairperson, St Cecilia's parish, contact@stcecregina.com; 306-545-4051 or jweckend@accesscomm.ca.



The Archdiocese is looking for two to three volunteers to help develop a refugee sponsorship program resource. The time commitment is one month, hopefully mid Jan. to mid Feb. 40-50 hours (flexible, but might include evenings and weekends). You would be asked to interview, write, and edit a comprehensive document to help parishes and community groups discern and understand the refugee sponsorship process.

If you have excellent writing, critical thinking and organizational skills and an interest in this area please think about applying. A knowledge of refugee sponsorship is not a requirement. For more information contact Tashia Toupin (306) 352-1651 or ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."
(Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

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Chalking The Door On the Feast of the Epiphany

It has been a tradition in a number of European cultures to pray a particular blessing over the home on the Feast of the Epiphany. Known colloquially as 'chalking the door' this Epiphany blessing is one way that families and individuals can invite God's blessing into their home and family life throughout the year.

To ask this blessing of God for your home and family you'll need the following;

- A piece of chalk. Any color will do.
- The short blessing liturgy provided below.

The blessing is very simple. It involves a short reading from scripture, the tracing of "+20 C M B 19+" (without the quotation marks) by a family member over the lintel of the main entrance to the home (inside or outside are equally fine options), and a short, shared prayer at the end.

The numbers are for the current year.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which stands for "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross, a reminder that it is through Christ's Passion, death and resurrection that all grace flows and that it will be our family's willingness to share each other's crosses throughout the year that will be the greatest source of blessing for all who abide in and enter our homes.

The Blessing:

All gather near the main entrance to the home. Begin with the Sign of the Cross +.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,

and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Using the chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the main entrance,

+20 C M B 19+

As you inscribe this, you may speak the words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" or simply say "May Christ bless this house" .

End with the following, brief prayer;

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This traditional home blessing is a wonderful way to engage the whole family, your friends and even neighbours in seeking the graces they need for the coming year. The inscription above the door will also become an interesting conversation piece throughout the year. As friends and family members come and go be sure to welcome their questions about this unique set of symbols. May your 2019 be truly blessed!

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