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Family Circles - Faith, Prayer, Life & Charity

The Adult Faith Formation Commission is organizing a diocesan-wide advancement of family faith formation. Family Circles Program is a Roman Catholic-based faith catechesis exploring the fundamentals of Catholicism and the promotion of devotions. It aims to connect families through prayers and family time activities. It also endeavors to unite families to concretize belief through charitable outreach.

Families interested in joining or knowing more about this initiative may contact the Adult Faith Formation Commission or email bmjs1981@gmail.com or call 306-763-5677. In Prince Albert, we have started an hour of Adoration every Thursday night from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. Join us!

Suggested Materials:

- (1) *Totally His: Living in the Love of the Father* (CD) by Sr. Bethany Madonna;
- (2) *The Seven Levels of Intimacy: The Art of Loving and the Joy of Being Loved* (Book) by Matthew Kelly;
- (3) *Waiting For Christ: Meditations for Advent and Christmas* (Book) by Blessed John Henry Newman;
- (4) *Pray, Decide and Don't Worry* (Book) by Jackie and Boby Angel with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

For more resources: padiocese.sk.ca or bmjsajonas.com



Are you interested to join a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land?

There is a pilgrimage going to the Holy Land from January 7 to 20, 2020. It is organized by Fr. Millan Sajonas and Biyaheng Kapamilya sa Holy Land. The theme is **"A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: This is Holy Ground."**

For further details, visit www.kapamilyaholyland.com or <https://www.bmjsajonas.com/upcoming-activities> or call Fr. Millan at 306-763-5677/
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Next issue's contents:

Matthew 5:14-16: The Parable of the Lamp under the Basket; Getting to know a pilgrimage site in the diocese; Bible Study, Resources for faith formation, and much more...

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Mark 13:28-32: The Parable of the Developing Fig Tree

By Fr. Millan Sajonas

The parable of the developing fig tree tells us to be vigilant to the signs of the second advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. His coming is likened to the budding of a fig tree near summer. Signs will usher His coming. The Lord's words will be fulfilled.

Vigilance is put forward as a proper attitude, because nobody knows the time except the Heavenly Father. Be alert, be on guard, and keep awake; these are the Lord's reminders, because he will come unexpectedly. One has to be ready and prepared, for Christ's coming entails our salvation.

Sharing in God's Divine Life is itself His gift to us. Through the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the Lord has enabled us to sustain it. Love is our response to this gift. There is a mutual working of God's grace and one's will to maintain the communion with God.

The reality is that the Lord's coming is unknown. It is more difficult to discern its signs. Looking for the signs of the Lord's advent may be time consuming and taxing. That is why one's efforts should be directed in vigilance through prayers and good works. Being prepared and ready are the proper attitudes in waiting for the Lord's return. It is constancy in living in grace and perseverance in charity.

However, the developing fig tree could also be a representation of our patient watch for the Lord as we endeavor to grow closer in the likeness of the Lord, whom we anticipate to come. Like a tree planted near the stream of God's grace, we manifest signs of growth in holiness. Such an approach may fill us with great zeal in spreading the Lord's word and continuing His mission of making known His love to others.

As a result, we remain steadfast and in joyful hope in the Lord's promise to return. No longer anxious about the signs, or when it will happen, or how the Lord will come but being prepared and ready, we may be confident in the Lord's goodness and compassion.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you thought about how the Lord will come in His second advent, or in your personal life? How would you describe it, according to the teachings of the Church and your own interpretation?
2. What do you think is the proper attitude one should have, with this knowledge of the Lord's second coming? Why is this attitude important?
3. What are the ways that you can do to be always ready and prepared for this encounter with Christ?
4. What is your understanding of the Lord's assurance to us in being ready and prepared?

Building & Strengthening Marriages - Marriage Enrichment

So you've shared an anniversary or two...or twenty...and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?

In 6 stunning sessions, we will uncover the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage, inviting couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do"...whether you said it five years ago or 40 years ago.

Dates: Oct 20th, 27th, Nov 3rd, 17th, 24th, Dec 3rd

7:00 pm St. Mary's High School main doors - St. Mary's Library
Sessions approx. 1.5 hrs

Free Registration (minimum 5 years of marriage/relationship foundation)

All couples **MUST register** to attend. To register as a couple contact:
Fr. Millan Sajonas bmjs1981@gmail.com or call Heather 306-981-4656

St. Laurent Pilgrimage Site - near the town of Duck Lake, Saskatchewan

At this pilgrimage site, there is a shrine of our Lady of Lourdes. The grotto is created in the likeness of the shrine at Lourdes, France. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Lourdes to a peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. The Blessed Mother made known to Bernadette that she was the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette later became a nun of the Sisters of Nevers. After her death, she was beatified on June 14 1925 by Pope Pius XI, and she was canonized by the same pope on December 8 1935.

There are three important events taking place at the St. Laurent Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, namely, July 15-16, August 15, and September 8. Come and visit this beautiful shrine with a scenic view of the South Saskatchewan River. It is a special place for prayer, and asking for the intercession of Mary for her maternal care and protection.

Are you aware? September 2019 is the second year anniversary of the "In Ministerio Dei et Verbi Sui" Adult Faith Formation Newsletter of the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Let us pray that the works of evangelization and catechesis of Adults and families in the diocese may bear the fruits of holiness of life and charitable deeds.

We ask this through the intercessions of the patron saints of catechists.

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

DIOCESAN FAMILY FAITH AND MUSIC EVENTS

Family Love: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS

Speakers Jonathan & Deneige Courchene

Entertainers The Amundson Family

Food Available for Sale by Knights of Columbus
Childcare Provided



Friday, September 27, 2019
St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Prince Albert

5 - 8 pm

Saturday, September 28, 2019
St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish
North Battleford

4 - 7 pm

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