

# First Nations Spirituality

with Kairos Blanket Exercise Team, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish  
Harry Lafond, and Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI

**Date and Time:** Saturday March 14  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 - includes lunch; \$40 - bring your own lunch

Registration deadline: **March 12, 2020**

To register please call 306-242-1916  
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**Detail:** This workshop will explore the richness of First Nations spiritual traditions, symbols, and ceremonies in an experiential way, with a focus on the strong “oskapayos” tradition of servant leadership in First Nations communities.

The morning will begin with the Kairos Blanket Exercise, facilitated by members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Kairos Blanket Exercise Team.

In service and giving, we discover our gifts and potential, and our call and connection to nature and the cosmos.

**Presenters:** **Harry Lafond**

I am a member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Germaine and I have four grown children and enjoy our grandchildren. I trained as a teacher and have taught at all levels with some years as Director of Education. From 1990 to 2000, I was chief of my community. Family is very important for me and I spend a lot of time with my children and grandchildren teaching them about their Cree heritage. I work very closely with the Catholic Church trying to build bridges of understanding between the Cree perspective and the Catholic perspective. I have been appointed as the Saskatchewan representative to the Chief’s Council of Education, on the Board of Governors for the University of Saskatchewan, and to the National Federal Task Force on Education.

**Sylvain Lavoie**

Archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-La Pas, is a missionary Oblate who has spent over 35 years ministering among the Indigenous peoples of north and central Saskatchewan. He is the author of three books: [Drumming From Within](#) on Indigenous ministry; [Together We Heal](#) on healing sexual abuse through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and

Walk a New Path: Forgiveness, Grieving and the Twelve Steps on addictions awareness. Archbishop Sylvain now ministers as chaplain and spiritual director at the Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert, AB. He has given talks, retreats and workshops on Christian leadership, addictions awareness, human development, Indigenous ministry, spirituality, forgiveness, grieving and the 12 Step program for over 40 years. He has chaired various committees for both the Oblates and the Western bishops, and is presently chair of the local Oblate JPIC committee as well as the board for St. Dismas House of transition for former inmates.