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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:50 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday after the 7:50 a.m. Mass (unless Fr. Chris is away). Fr. Chris is receptive to being approached after the Weekday Masses as well (not on Sundays).

ADORATION

Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Family Adoration (Friday)

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the church

1st Friday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:50 a.m. Mass

1st Saturday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:50 a.m. Mass

3rd Friday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:50 a.m. Mass

PARISH CENTRE OFFICE

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •
November 26th 2017

Ratisbonne, and the Miraculous Medal - How a radical atheist became a Catholic priest...

Born into a wealthy Jewish family in France in 1814, Alphonse Ratisbonne was set to become part of his uncle's large banking firm. Ratisbonne was a nominal Jew, but when his older brother converted to the Catholic faith and became a priest, a hidden rage woke within him. He wrote: "When my brother became a Catholic, and a priest, I persecuted him with a more unrelenting fury than any other member of my family. I hated him with a virulent hatred, though he had fully pardoned me." This also affected his personal beliefs and he came to no longer believe in God. Ratisbonne was too busy following worldly pursuits to worry about his Jewish faith and deep hatred for Catholicism only pushed him further away from any type of religion.

While waiting for his future wedding, Ratisbonne decided to travel without any singular purpose. Starting out by traveling to Naples, he eventually decided to go to Malta, but took the wrong boat and arrived in Rome. He stayed, making the best of it. There, he ran into an old friend.

One day when visiting his friend, Ratisbonne encountered a Catholic convert, Theodore de Bussieres, who knew Ratisbonne's priest-brother. While this made Ratisbonne hate the man, he enjoyed conversing with him because of his knowledge. One particular time, they had a heated discussion about Catholicism—and de Bussieres made a wager with Ratisbonne.

Have you the courage to submit yourself to a very simple and innocent test? Only to wear a little something I will give you; look, it is a medal of the Blessed Virgin. It seems very ridiculous, does it not? But, I assure you, I attach great value and efficacy to this little medal. [Also] you must say every night and morning the Memorare, a very short and very efficacious prayer which St. Bernard addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

While at first Ratisbonne protested at wearing the medal (the Miraculous Medal), he decided to wear it and say the prayer each day - it couldn't do any harm and would prove to all the ridiculous nature of Catholicism.

Ratisbonne lived up to his side of the bargain, finding it easy to recite the Memorare. Then one day he was traveling in the city with de Bussieres and they stopped at a local church. When Ratisbonne entered the church, it appeared to be engulfed in a marvelous light. He looked to an altar from where the light was coming. Approaching there, the church around him suddenly disappeared, and before him was the Virgin Mary, bathed in a glorious light, and appearing as she did on the Miraculous Medal. This experience lasted several minutes...

He was profoundly emotionally affected. He left the church in inconsolable tears, clutching his Miraculous Medal. Days later, and after much insistence, he was received into the Catholic Church. After returning to Paris, his betrothed was shocked, and rejected him and his new religion. Ratisbonne entered the Jesuits and was ordained a priest.

His amazing story of conversion would later influence Saint Maximilian Kolbe to found the Militia Immaculatae and convinced him of the power of the Miraculous Medal. He firmly believed in Mary's role in bringing the world to Christ.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

CHRISTIANS IN ASIA: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

*****CHANGE IN MASS TIME!:** Beginning with the first day of Advent - Sunday, December 3rd - ALL 7:50 a.m. Masses will be moved to 7:45 a.m. - this includes the first Mass of EVERY day of the week - Sundays, plus weekdays!

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: At all Sunday Masses, beginning December 2nd and 3rd, there will be an additional ECM distributing low gluten Communion from a wooden ciborium. The Extra Ordinary Communion Minister will stand close to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The low gluten Communion is for those who cannot receive the regular wheat Communion hosts.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Once again, prior to our 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, we are inviting the children of our parish to participate in our annual Christmas pageant. We are looking for many children to participate! Parents: please register your children by calling Sister Bibiana at (204) 233-7367 or emailing her at akpanaik@yahoo.com. Rehearsal dates to be announced.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION: From Creation to Incarnation--as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Baby Jesus, take some quiet time away to attend the Evangelization Team's Parish Mission. Gifted teacher, team member and speaker, Jeremy Gerbrandt explores God's preparation of His Incarnation through the story of the Old Testament.

When: Four Tuesdays, starting November 28th, December 5th, December 12th and December 19th

Where: Holy Cross Parish, 252 Dubuc Street

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

You don't need to sign up. Just show up. Mark your calendar for this meaningful way to prepare for the birth of Christ. Fellowship to follow the teaching.



HOLY CROSS PARISH MOVIE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 29TH: On **Wednesday, November**

29th at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room, Holy Cross Parish (252 Dubuc Street), will be hosting a Movie Night. There will be a showing of "The 13th Day", the story of Fatima where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children. \$2.00 per person and \$5.00 per family. Popcorn and drinks are included.

NORWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3538 SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Norwood Knights invite you to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on **Sunday, December 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Traverse Club (267 Traverse Avenue). Tickets: Adults \$12.00, Children \$8.00, free for children 6 years and under.

NEXT CWL MEETING: The next meeting of the CWL, will be **Sunday, December 3rd**, in the parish centre immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome, we hope to see you there! Questions? Please call Jan at (204) 284-1630.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (FHE): The Association of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE) is a Catholic organization for both healthy and disabled persons who desire a deeper union with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our next gathering is on **Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church, **Mass and Sacrament of the Sick at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by Adoration. All are welcome.

HEALING MASS & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: We celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with Masses at the beginning of each month. Next month, we welcome you to join this celebration on **Friday, December 1st at the 7:50 a.m. morning Mass** and on **Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in conjunction with the FHE Mass.

RORATE CAELI CANDLELIGHT MASSES FOR ADVENT

3 votive Masses for our Lady in waiting

Mark your calendars and bring your candles
(candles must be in a receptacle)

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| Thursday | December 7th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | December 12th | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | December 21st | 7:00 p.m. |



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH:

This year, our Christmas Bake Sale will be held on **Sunday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the basement hall. In addition to a rummage sale, craft table and lots of wonderful baked goods, we will also be selling hot dogs, sandwiches and delicious homemade Tourtieres (meat pies), made by the ladies of our parish. **We would greatly appreciate your donations to the bake sale and the rummage sale.** Please drop your donations for the **rummage sale** on Saturday, December 9th in the basement hall. Tickets for the silent auction will be sold on Saturday, December 9th in the basement hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on the day of the bake sale. Please call Shirley at (204) 256-5811 or Caroline at (204) 237-6177 for more information.

STOCKING STUFFERS!!!: In order to continue to serve those in need at the Food Bank, as well as ourselves, we continue to **fundraise** for renovations to our Parish Kitchen and Hall. **You can help** by purchasing tickets for our upcoming **FUNDRAISING CONCERT on Sunday, April 15th, 2018**, given by Fr. Robbie McDougall on piano and Claudine St. Arnauld on violin. Buy for yourselves, or for friends and family as stocking stuffers! Tickets are available at the Parish Office, or by calling Cecile at (204) 235-9735 or Caroline at (204) 237-6177.

HOLY CROSS CWL ADVENT TREE: It's that time of the year to start thinking of putting up our Christmas Trees! On the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, please take the time to help the Holy Cross CWL decorate their Advent Tree with new socks, mittens, hats and scarves to help keep those in need warm this winter. Our donation of these items will go to two places: **Rossbrook Drop-In Center for Inner City Youth** and **IKWE Women's Shelter**.

2017 THE GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN: The 2017 Good Shepherd Campaign is an initiative of Archbishop Albert LeGatt to support the costs of formation for our seminarians, of ongoing professional development of our clergy and the enculturation of our international priests. We are blessed to have six men studying towards the priesthood. Father Vincent Lusty and Father Joshua Gundrum were ordained on July 3rd, 2017 and are now serving in parishes. Today we would like you to meet our seminarians, see bulletin insert. *Please continue to pray for our seminarians and clergy.*

2018 MISSALS FOR PURCHASE: New 2017-2018 Missals are available for purchase at \$6.00 for the upcoming Liturgical Year. They can be bought at the Parish Office or at the entrances of the Church.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: We are currently preparing our list of families who will receive offering envelopes for next year. If you don't have a set and would like Holy Cross to provide one for you, please leave your information at the Parish Office by email: office@holycrossparish.ca, phone: (204) 233-7367 or in person. You may also fill out the yellow registration card at the back of the Church and drop it in the offering basket. If you have moved or your contact information has changed, please don't forget to keep us informed! In December, we will announce when the envelopes will be ready for pickup.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

PARISH COLLECTION: November 18 - November 19

| Mass Time | Loose | Envelope | Total |
|--|--------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Sat. 5:00 p.m. | 154.15 | (27) 1,445.00 | 1,599.15 |
| Sun. 7:50 a.m. | 144.00 | (23) 615.00 | 759.00 |
| Sun. 10:00 a.m. | 63.75 | (38) 634.00 | 697.75 |
| Sun. 12:00 p.m. | 277.65 | (17) 396.40 | 674.05 |
| | | | 3,729.95 |
| Pre-Authorized Donations | | | |
| *41 registered donating on different schedules, spread over all Masses | | | 952.50 |
| TOTAL | | | 4,682.45 |
| 3rd Sunday (Food Bank) | | | TOTAL 1,140.00 |

Now God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
2 Corinthians 9: 10

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| Mon. Nov. 27 | T.O.P.S. | 6:15 p.m. |
| Tues. Nov. 28 | Advent Parish Mission | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Nov. 29 | Finance/Administration Board Meeting | 10:45 a.m. |
| | Movie Night | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs. Nov. 30 | Advent Family Event | 6:00 p.m. |
| | Youth Group | 7:00 p.m. |
| | R.C.I.A. | 7:30 p.m. |

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Rosary will be prayed daily at 7:20 a.m. (Mon - Sat)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily after the 7:50 a.m. Mass (Mon - Sat) & at 9:45 a.m. (Sunday)
 Novena to OLPH will begin on the 2nd Wednesday of each month following the 7:50 a.m. Mass
 1st Friday, 1st Saturday & 3rd Friday Devotion will be prayed following the 7:50 a.m. Mass

Saturday, November 25: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)

5:00 p.m. + Denise Dunlop by the family

Sunday, November 26: SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)

- 7:50 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:00 a.m. + Rose Ross by Christine Ross
- 12:00 p.m. + Bob Sparling by Penny Diffey

Monday, November 27

7:50 a.m. + Henri DeMaré by the Norwood Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, November 28

7:50 a.m. For Special Intentions by Evangeline Fraser

Wednesday, November 29

7:50 a.m. + Natividad Pena Florida by Crina & Joseph Iligan

Thursday, November 30: FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

7:50 a.m. + Holy Souls In Purgatory by Charles Prefontaine

Friday, December 1

- 7:50 a.m. + Gus Dheere by Joyce Dheere
- 7:50 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick
- 7:00 p.m. Family Adoration with Mass & Sacrament of the Sick
- 7:00 p.m. Xander Felix Harrison by the family

Saturday, December 2

7:50 a.m. + Angelo & Cinzia Verrelli by the Verrelli family

Saturday, December 2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. + Calixto, Cecilia & Victoria by Tina Battad

Sunday, December 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:50 a.m. + Toni Jasnic by Milena
- 9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:00 a.m. + Isabelo Evero by Belen & family
- 12:00 p.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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