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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:45 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
& 12:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 7:45 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 7:45 a.m. Mass

1st Saturday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

3rd Friday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:45 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.

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PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • December 3rd 2017

On Prayer from the heart....

Practicing our faith is equipping us to soar toward the heights of sanctity and union with God (and with Him, all things are possible). Yet without prayer, it would be like someone who has laid out a hot air balloon upon the ground and set up all their equipment. The pilot tries to climb into the gondola (the will of God). He is familiar with his flying manuals (the Scriptures and the Catechism). His basket is tethered to the balloon by ropes (the Sacraments). And last, he has stretched out his balloon along the ground - (he has conceded a certain willingness, abandonment, and desire to fly toward Heaven)... But so long as the burner of prayer remains unlit, the balloon (his heart) will never expand, and his spiritual life will remain grounded. What it is necessary to inflate our "hearts" is the burner of **prayer**. Not a mere volume of words, it is **love** that inflates the heart.

When we are baptized and confirmed, it's as though God gives to us this burner, as well as an infinite supply of propane - i.e. the Holy Spirit. But what is necessary to ignite this communion of love is the **spark of desire**. God does not want us to merely repeat words on a paper, but to speak to Him **from the heart**. What ignites the burner is when we say the words with our heart; when we speak, as to a friend, **from the heart**.

...to desire Him is always the beginning of love... By words, mental or vocal, our prayer takes flesh. Yet it is most important that the heart should be present to him to whom we are speaking in prayer: "Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls." —Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2709

Prayer...is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. - St. Teresa of Avila.



There are as many paths of prayer, but what is necessary is that each path is undertaken with the heart. To pray requires an act of the will, an act of **love**. It is to seek Him who has already sought us, and to begin to love Him truly as a Person. Sometimes the most powerful form of communication is a wordless gaze into the other's eyes...

*You may feel that you can't pray because you don't know many prayers, or you can't explain your faith. Perhaps not, but you can **love**... and the one who begins to love God with*

their words, spoken from the heart, ignites the "propane" of the Holy Spirit, who then begins to fill and expand one's heart, making it capable of not only soaring into the heavens of God's presence, but climbing to the very heights of union with Him. There is no prayer from the heart that will not be heard by God the Father. But the one who doesn't pray, will never be heard.

As you make time for dinner, you must make time for prayer; for you can miss dinner, but you cannot miss prayer. This simple commitment is enough to light the burner of your spiritual life, and for the divine fires of love to begin to change and transform you as you meet "in secret" with your God.

(edited, adapted from a reflection by Mark Mallett)

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****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!

*****CHANGE IN ROSARY TIME!:** Beginning on Monday, December 4th, the rosary will be prayed at 7:15 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

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.

2018 PARISH ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICKUP: Your new set of Parish Envelopes can be picked up in the parish basement hall. Remember, once the New Year begins, please discard your old set as envelope numbers can change from year to year. If you haven't requested a set of parish envelopes but would like one, please contact the Parish Office at (204) 233-7367 or at office@holycrossparish.ca or drop in during office hours. You may also fill out the yellow registration card at the back of the Church and drop it in the offering basket.

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.**

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.

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.

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: 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.

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)

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

MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS):

Archbishop Albert LeGatt will be presiding the Eucharist on **Friday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m.** in the St. Boniface Cathedral (190 avenue de la Cathédrale) to honor the principal patron feast of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Once again, prior to our 5:30 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. The next rehearsal date is on **Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & SILENT AUCTION: 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, raffle and lots of wonderful baked goods, we will also be selling hot dogs, sandwiches and 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.

HELPING HANDS REQUIRED!: We require a few hands to help set up for the Christmas Bake Sale & Silent Auction on Saturday, December 9th and to help out at the sale on Sunday December 10th. We are also looking for a few helpers to take everything down on Sunday after the sale. For more info please call Caroline at (204) 237-6177.

2017 THE GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN: On July 3rd, 2017, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface celebrated the ordinations of Father Vincent Lusty and Father Joshua Gundrum who are now serving in parishes. Our Good Shepherd Campaign is committed to raising funds to continue our support of seminarians, to assist in the ongoing professional development of our clergy and the enculturation of our international priests. Further information about the campaign, along with a pledge form and donation envelope, is available in the pews. The

special collection will be held on Sunday, December 10th, 2017. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and clergy.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION: As we prepare for the Christmas season, we invite you to partake in our Advent Penitential Celebration on **Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Private reconciliation (Confession) will be available.

*****THE SIGN UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ARE OUT*****

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: (10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Sunday Masses as usual)

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Mass
- 12:00 a.m. Shepherd's Mass

Christmas Day:

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass

New Year's Eve: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:45 a.m. Feast Day Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Feast Day Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Feast Day Mass
- 11:45 p.m. Feast Day Mass

New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 10:00 a.m. Feast Day Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Feast Day Mass

Please note: there is no 7:45 a.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

PARISH COLLECTION: November 25 - November 26

Mass Time	Loose	Envelope	Total
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	79.50	(24) 519.00	598.50
Sun. 7:50 a.m.	258.20	(33) 1,335.00	1,593.20
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	163.50	(32) 654.00	817.50
Sun. 12:00 p.m.	149.10	(24) 475.00	624.10
			3,633.30
Pre-Authorized Donations			
*41 registered donating on different schedules, spread over all Masses			1,727.50
TOTAL			5,360.80
Catholic Mission in Canada			425.00

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Dec. 03	CWL Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 04	T.O.P.S.	6:15 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 05	Advent Parish Mission	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 06	Children's Atrium	9:30 a.m.
	Liturgy Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 07	Children's Atrium	4:30 p.m.
	Youth Group	7:00 p.m.
	R.C.I.A.	7:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 09	Jesus Youth Meeting	6:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Rosary will be prayed daily at 7:15 a.m. (Mon - Sat)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily after the 7:45 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 7:45 a.m. Mass
 1st Friday, 1st Saturday & 3rd Friday Devotion will be prayed following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday, December 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:45 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

Monday, December 4

- 7:45 a.m. + Pauline Carbotte by Paul & Adeline
- 6:30 p.m. FHE Gathering
- 7:00 p.m. FHE Mass with Sacrament of the Sick & Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. Xander Felix Harrison by the family

Tuesday, December 5

- 7:45 a.m. + Mary Ellen & Lloyd Younger by Mary Anne Piercy

Wednesday, December 6

- 7:45 a.m. Happy Birthday for Wendy by a friend

Thursday, December 7: MEMORIAL OF ST. AMBROSE

- 7:45 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary for Paul & Adeline Carbotte by Pat & Janet Cain
- 2:00 p.m. St. Boniface High School Advent Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Rorate Caeli Mass

Friday, December 8: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 7:45 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory by Steffie Stupak
- 7:00 p.m. Family Adoration

Saturday, December 9

- 7:45 a.m. + Rene Dumaine by Lucille Beaudoin

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 9

- 7:45 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 10:00 a.m. + Barbara Paluk by John & Lydia & family
- 12:00 p.m. + Angele & Antoine Gobin & Viviane Dokken by the Christle family

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