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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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH •
December 31st, 2017

The BEST New Year's Resolutions...

We often see this time as an opportunity for renewal, making a new start, making resolutions. We think perhaps of starting back at exercise, giving up a bad habit, maybe losing a little weight - and generally, focusing on things we see in ourselves that could be made better. These often relate to "earthly" endeavors. But Heaven is our goal - right?

The first great commandment is to love God with our whole heart, mind and being - that is a given, and we all strive for that. The second great commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. That one sometimes seems to be more of a struggle - such as love of people who may be a little more difficult to get along with, or people who don't like you, or on another extreme, criminals and terrorists. And yet we are called to love each and every one of these (though not their actions). Perhaps working on love of neighbor is something we should be working on in the New Year as a top priority.

But first, we must love God with our whole hearts and minds, and doing so has many benefits (besides getting us to Heaven)! As the book "Divine Intimacy" puts it, "The more a soul concentrates its desires and affections on God, the more it will be freed from earthly cares. It will no longer be troubled about anything, knowing that only one thing is necessary, "to seek God," and that in God it will find everything it needs. Hence to draw near to God, is to not only find true joy, but also peace. In Him it has everything, and God alone suffices."

In Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol", the ghost of Jacob Marley, bound in shackles and chains, raises his voice and wails a warning to his former business partner Ebenezer Scrooge, "MANKIND was our business!"

St. Teresa of Avila sees charity towards our neighbor as the surest sign of the love of God! Speaking of certain faults which insinuate themselves very secretly into the souls, and hinder it from attaining union, she singles out, besides self-love and self-esteem, "criticism of our neighbors (even if only in small things), lack of charity towards them, and failure to love them as we love ourselves". As long as we find in ourselves failings of this kind, however slight, it is a sign that our gift to God is not complete, that our yes is not perfect. It's not about liking them, it's about desiring the salvation of their souls, praying and sacrificing to that end, and never judging them, having never walked their path. We will be judged according to how well we have loved...

Consider: in 2018, form resolutions based on what is of utmost importance. Have spiritual goals, aimed at growing love, mercy towards our neighbor, growing those virtues both in material ways, and in spiritual ways, such as in prayer and sacrifice.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: FOR THE ELDERLY: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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 New Year's Day.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST (FHE): Since the first Monday of January falls on the 1st (New Year's Day and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God), the gathering of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist is **cancelled**. This allows us to attend this great Feast Day in our own parishes. Our next gathering will be held as usual on February 5th, the first Monday of the month.

AMAZING NEWS!!! Holy Cross Parish is thrilled to be the recipient of a Grant in memory of Fr. Martin Bradbury from The Adrian & Maylene Cancilla Foundation in the amount of **\$50,000** towards the Kitchen and Basement Renovation Fund. Holy Cross Parish is so profoundly grateful to the Cancilla family for their kind generosity!

XMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE: Holy Cross Parish wishes to thank the volunteers who worked so hard to make our Christmas Sale a huge success again this year. Over \$6,000 was raised with more to come with the sale of the remainder of the meat pies and the upcoming raffle. These monies will be put towards our Kitchen and Basement Renovation Fund. Thanks again to everyone involved!

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish Office is closed for the holidays and will open in the New Year on **Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018** during regular office hours. From everyone at the Parish Office, we wish you peace, joy and all the best the holiday has to offer. May this season of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.

R.C.I.A. RESUMES IN 2018: The R.C.I.A. program will be taking a break during the Christmas holidays and will resume on **Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES IN 2018: Our Youth Group will be taking a break during the Christmas holidays. There will be no Youth Group on December 28th. It will resume on **Thursday, January 4th, 2018** in the multipurpose room.

FAMILY ADORATION RESUMES IN 2018: Just a brief reminder that Family Adoration breaks for the Christmas Season on Friday, December 22nd and will resume on **Friday, January 5th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Families, we welcome you to join!

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION 2018 WITH ARCHBISHOP LEGATT: His Grace Archbishop Albert LeGatt is extending an invitation to the Laity of our Diocese for a special greeting and blessing. You are invited to attend this event on **Sunday, January 7th, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Saint Boniface Cathedral.**

CORRECTION: FAMILY ADORATION RESUMES JANUARY 12TH, 2018: Just a brief reminder that Family Adoration is taking a break for the Christmas Season and will resume on **Friday, January 12th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Families, we welcome you to join!

EMPTY SMALL JARS AND MARGARINE CONTAINERS NEEDED FOR FOOD BANK: The Food Bank is in need of empty small jars and margarine containers. They can be dropped off in the boxes at the back of the Church on Sundays or at the Parish Office during the week.

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Beginning in February 2018, there will be a change of practice. All ECM's who are bringing Communion to the sick and homebound will be obliged to register themselves and the communicant at the parish office at (204) 233-7367. Before each Mass, the registered ECM will place the pyx on the credence table. After the Communion prayer (closing prayer), Father Chris will invite the designated ECMs to come forward to receive their pyx. For questions or concerns, please call John at (204) 257-8353 or Carla at (204) 237-7707.

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.

ATTENTION DIRECT DEPOSIT PARISHIONERS: Included in a box of parish envelopes, are special collection envelopes such as initial offering, food depot, school support building fund and flower offering. Holy Cross Parish relies on these donations to support our various ministries. We can supply you with just these envelopes. Please call the Parish Office and we will mail out these special collection envelopes.

NORWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3538: Meetings are held every 1st Monday of the month (unless it is a holiday,

then the following Monday) at 8:00 p.m. at 267 Traverse Avenue. Bingo every Thursday. Regular games 7:30 p.m. and early birds 7:00 p.m. Crip card tourney every 3rd Friday. For more information or hall rentals, please contact Paul at (204) 237-9974 or Grand Knight 2017-2018 Denis Pinette at (204) 255-0684.



ADORATION CHAPEL: Holy Cross Parish is host to this amazing perpetual Adoration Chapel, to which faithful from across the greater Winnipeg area come to adore the True Presence - 7 days a week, 24 hours a day! There are a few time slots that we still need to fill. Please consider spending some

time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Sunday: 3:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.,
Monday: 12:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., **Tuesday:** 3:00 p.m.,
Wednesday: 12:00 p.m., **Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
 and **Friday:** 9:00 a.m.

If you are able to help, please contact James at (204) 237-6330. We are also looking for two new Day Captains for the Adoration Chapel; one for Sunday and one for Friday. Please contact James for more details. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 31, 2017

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive" Colossians 3:13
 Forgiveness - one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself! Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

PARISH COLLECTION: December 16 - December 17

Mass Time	Loose	Envelope	Total
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	82.00	(30) 1,520.00	1,602.00
Sun. 7:45 a.m.	149.00	(21) 635.00	784.00
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	204.30	(38) 894.00	1,098.30
Sun. 12:00 p.m.	152.20	(17) 390.00	542.20
			4,026.50
Pre-authorized Donations			
*44 registered donating on different schedules, spread over all Masses			952.50
TOTAL			4,979.00
3rd Sunday (Food Bank)			TOTAL 1,921.00

God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9: 7



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 30: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

5:00 p.m. + Roy Ottawa by Nick & Rita Tan & family

Sunday, December 31: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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. Blessings & Good Health for Belen E. Espedido by her family
 12:00 p.m. + Dale Swirsky by the Swirsky family
 11:45 p.m. Special Intentions for Rodger

Monday, January 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

7:45 a.m. NO MASS
 10:00 a.m. + Alain Bosc by Jerry & Madelaine Lemay
 12:00 p.m. + Raymond Labossiere by his family

Tuesday, January 2: MEMORIAL OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:45 a.m. + Alain Bosc by Jerry & Madelaine Lemay

Wednesday, January 3

7:45 a.m. + Alain Bosc by Jerry & Madelaine Lemay

Thursday, January 4

7:45 a.m. + Alain Bosc by Jerry & Madelaine Lemay

Friday, January 5

7:45 a.m. Fr. Peter Krasuski by the Gervais family

Saturday, January 6

7:45 a.m. + Giovanni & Rigato Family by the Verrelli family

Saturday, January 6: SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. + Arsenio & Remedios Jose by Sonia Cruz

Sunday, January 7: SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:45 a.m. + Dale Swirsky by Sister Sharon
 9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 10:00 a.m. + Christopher Brock by the Brock family
 12:00 p.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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