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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

**Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. &  
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
\*It is okay to approach the  
priest for individual confession  
after morning Masses, but  
please not on Sundays.

### ADORATION

Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration  
Chapel  
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**Family Adoration (Friday)**  
Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
church

### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Devotion

Following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Priest Moderator

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## PARISH BULLETIN

ASCENSION OF THE LORD • May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### on the virtue of Obedience....

One short story, an example of how *the Lord rewards obedience...*

St. Rita of Cascia (Saint of Impossible Causes), whose feast day we will celebrate on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, grew up in Italy. After marrying young, then losing her husband and her two sons, she entered the convent later in life. She was initially not well received by the nuns, many of them much younger than she was. Rita was tested one day by the Mother Superior. As an act of obedience, Rita was ordered to water each day, a dead stump, a stick that had been stuck in the ground. Rita did this obediently, good-naturedly, morning and night, as she had been commanded, never complaining, while most of the nuns probably giggled and gossiped. At the end

of a year, their laughter and conjecture turned to amazement, and to astonishment on the part of her superiors - that brown, lifeless stick brought forth leaves and flowers and became the most beautiful of all the grape vines in the garden, bearing beautiful clumps of grapes to be turned into sacramental wine for the Lord's Supper, the Sacrifice of the Mass. To this day the vine, now over 500 years old, remains bountiful and beautiful. Its leaves are dried and powdered and sent all over the world to people who are suffering, with many cures having been reported. Its fruit is sent to the Pope and to other Dignitaries.

Obedience means submitting one's will to the one who possesses legitimate authority over him, to give due honor to authority and to treat those who are charged to exercise it with respect, and, insofar as it is deserved, with gratitude and good-will. (Catechism) Of course, if a human superior commands something that is against God's law, one must refuse to obey such injunctions because they are not truly legitimate. Priests obey their Bishops, and Catholics obey God and the Church by heeding the Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. And we heed the spiritual guidance from our Priests and Bishop. Obedience is pleasing to God because it means *the sacrifice of one's will out of love for God.*

There is no better example than Our Lady. Her constant practice of the virtue of obedience was nothing short of perfect. Her entire existence can be summed up in a simple but profound phrase: to do always the Will of God. Mary obeyed always. Her answer was always "yes"--"yes" to love, "yes" to sacrifice, "yes" to hardship. God had only to ask . . . and Mary's response was always the same: fiat--"Let it be done as You say." Our Lady needed no time for deliberation on whether to obey. She never asked herself: "Is this in my best interest?" "Would I be hampered if I obeyed?" She obeyed without selfish consideration of the future. She surrendered equally to both joys and sorrows, and cheerfully. She was continually joyful in Her obedience, no matter what God required of Her. Mary's was a deep joy that never escaped her soul.

The virtue of obedience is within our grasp. We turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek Her intercession so that we may behave as She did. Our reward will be like Hers: Everlasting Life with God forever!

#### Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAY PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

**EVANGELIZATION: The Mission of the Laity:** That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.



### CROWNING OF MARY!

There will be a 35 minute outdoor procession with a statue of our Lady of Fatima on **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after the 12:00 p.m. Mass** with the potluck to follow. All are invited to a Healing Evangelization prayer meeting which will follow the potluck. For further information, please call Anita at (204) 930-8357.

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**MOTHER'S DAY MAY 13:** Our wholehearted congratulations go out to all the mothers in our parish for having chosen life and for sharing love in their families. May the Lord continue to accompany you with His grace as you live out your Christian vocation of nurturing, educating and bringing your children closer to God!"

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### Ascension of Our Lord - May 13, 2018

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."* 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

**MOM'S PANTRY FUNDRAISER:** Mom's Pantry orders will be available for pickup **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses.** The CWL thanks you very much for your support! Questions? Please call Jan or Izzy (204) 284-1630 / (204) 233-3579.

**DONATION DRIVE:** A Donation Drive for new baby items being collected by the CWL, will run from **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Father's Day, Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.** You will find posters listing the needed items, and collection tubs, at each church entrance. These items are collected for Pregnancy and Family Support Services. We thank you for your support!

**SOLDIERS OF CHRIST HEALING MINISTRY:** The Soldiers of Christ Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry (Winnipeg Chapter) invites everyone for Healing Evangelization every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The next gathering is on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Just a reminder that next weekend we are asking once again for your generosity in support of our weekly Food Bank. We are in need of feminine hygiene products. Your donations help feed the needy and hungry of our community, so please be generous.

**SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:** There will be a procession around the neighbourhood with the Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.,** followed by fellowship and refreshments. Please come join us on this solemn feast day to publicly share our faith!

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY LEVEL 2 -- INTO THE HEART:

Into the Heart: A more in depth journey through Theology of the Body, an adult formation program with bestselling author Christopher West. Into the Heart will move you deeper into this life changing message, enabling you to apply and integrate it into every aspect of your life. This program is transforming lives, renewing marriages, healing deep wounds. You will be given the tools needed to live the life of greatness you were created for. Join us for the journey! This DVD and workbook study will be held in four Saturday seminars:

<b>Saturday, March 17</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 12</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, June 9</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</b>

**WHERE:** Holy Cross Multipurpose Room

**COST:** \$40.00 for four seminars (includes workbook and snacks)

PLEASE bring your own lunch.

To register, please contact Marianne at (204) 237-0693 or [bertsavard@yahoo.com](mailto:bertsavard@yahoo.com)

**NET YOUNG MISSIONARY SUPPORT:** Hello church family, my name is Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon, you may know me from the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I very excited to announce that this coming year I will be serving as a missionary with NET! NET is a beautiful ministry where for 10 months I'll be sharing the love and mercy of Christ while encouraging youth across Canada to embrace the life of the church. In order to serve them successfully, I will need most importantly your prayers, and secondly your financial support. We're asked to raise \$6,500 to help offset the cost of the mission. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me or contact me via email at [smileygougeon@hotmail.com](mailto:smileygougeon@hotmail.com) or phone me at (204) 254-4659. The website for sponsorship/online donation is: <https://www.netcanada.ca/support-a-missionary/dominique-gougeon-gagnon> **Thank you so very much for your constant support on this mission!**

**ADORATION CHAPEL INITIATIVES: PRAYERS REQUESTED!** A committee has been formed to review all aspects of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and discussions are underway concerning many of the areas that need reform. We humbly ask for your PRAYERS that these discussions, and the directions

taken, may all be according to His Will, for His greater glory and for the betterment of our wonderful Chapel, and of Holy Cross Parish itself.



**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:** 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., **Monday:** 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m., **Wednesday:** 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. (only to cover once a month), 8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m., **Friday:** 5:00 p.m. & **Saturday:** 2:00 p.m.

We are also asking for two new adorers for Wednesday 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. - only to cover once a month. We are also looking for a new Day Captain for the Adoration Chapel for Sunday. Please contact James at (204) 237-6330 for more details. Thank you!

**WEDDING BANNS - 1ST PUBLICATION:** There is a promise of marriage between Albert C. Alcalá of Holy Cross Parish, and Maria Jocia M. Villafuerte of the Philippines. If anyone knows of any cause or just impediment to this marriage, please declare this to the Holy Cross Parish office. This is the first publication of these banns.

### PARISH COLLECTIONS

#### PARISH COLLECTION: May 5 - May 6

Mass Time	Loose	Envelope	Total
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	101.00	(22) 389.00	490.00
Sun. 7:45 a.m.	261.00	(24) 570.00	831.00
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	152.15	(28) 434.00	586.15
Sun. 12:00 p.m.	159.95	(13) 287.00	446.95
			2,354.10
<b>Pre-Authorized Donations</b>			
*45 registered donating on different schedules, spread over all Masses			1,467.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,821.60</b>

*One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*

Proverbs 11: 24

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun.	May 13	<b>Outdoor Our Lady of Fatima Procession &amp; Crowning of Mary (church)</b>	1:00 p.m.
		<b>Potluck after Procession</b>	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	May 14	<b>T.O.P.S.</b>	6:15 p.m.
		<b>Adoration Chapel Meeting</b>	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	May 16	<b>Sacramental Prep Class Retreat</b>	9:00 a.m.
Thurs.	May 17	<b>Sacramental Prep Class Retreat</b>	9:00 a.m.
Fri.	May 18	<b>Sacramental Prep Class Retreat</b>	9:00 a.m.
Sat.	May 19	<b>Evangelization Team Training</b>	11:30 a.m.
		<b>Funeral Reception</b>	12:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month following the 7:45 a.m. Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Devotion will be prayed following the 7:45 a.m. Mass

### Saturday, May 12: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. + Claude "Cyke" Jeanson by the Norwood Knights of Columbus

### Sunday, May 13: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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. + Marta Nercasseau Carrasco by Monica  
 12:00 p.m. + Chris Gancher by the Tokar family  
 1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Procession (outdoors) & the Crowning of Mary (church)  
 2:40 p.m. Soldiers of Christ

### Monday, May 14: FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS

7:45 a.m. Father Mathias Gocik's Ministry by Georges & Carla Gervais

### Tuesday, May 15

7:45 a.m. Xander Felix Harrison by his family  
 7:00 p.m. Medjugorje Prayer Group

### Wednesday, May 16

7:45 a.m. + Jean Agnes Pitre by her family

### Thursday, May 17

7:45 a.m. + Lorraine Scully by Andrea Scully

### Friday, May 18

7:45 a.m. + Cecile & Ron Van by Isobel Mourant  
 7:00 p.m. Family Adoration

### Saturday, May 19

7:45 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Hoehn family by Robert & Marthe Hoehn  
 11:00 a.m. Funeral: James Bruce Warren

### Saturday, May 19: PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. + Semiona Catena by Lydia & Alex

### Sunday, May 20: PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. Happy 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Nestor & Ronnie by the family  
 9:45 a.m. Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 10:00 a.m. + Paul Oleksak by Margaret Vandall & family  
 12:00 p.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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