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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:45 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tue, Thu, Sat: 8:30am - 9:30am
Sun: After the 12:00 pm Mass

ADORATION

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

Family Adoration (Friday)

Fridays at 7:00 pm in the church

1st Friday of the Month

Devotion

Following the 7:45 am Mass

1st Saturday of the Month

Devotion

Following the 7:45 am Mass

3rd Friday of the Month

Devotion

Following the 7:45 am Mass

PARISH CENTRE OFFICE

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • September 9th, 2018

The War Rages On

We are waging a spiritual war these days and it seems that we're fighting a losing battle. We see people slipping from the Faith. We see young people giving in to substance abuse, pornography and sexual immorality. We even see corruption and perversion possibly infiltrating the leaders of the Church.

The devil and demonic forces bring

to bear powerful tools to attack men, women, young people and even children. They weaken us adults and ravage the innocent and defenseless—your children and grandchildren.

But all is not lost! I urge you to pray with your family and put on the armor of Christ for your own salvation and **fight valiantly...** for the sake of your children and grandchildren.—*Fr. John St. Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle!*

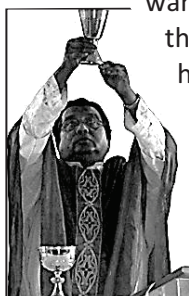


CATHOLIC TIDBIT

Q: *Why is it important to prepare myself beforehand to receive Communion?*

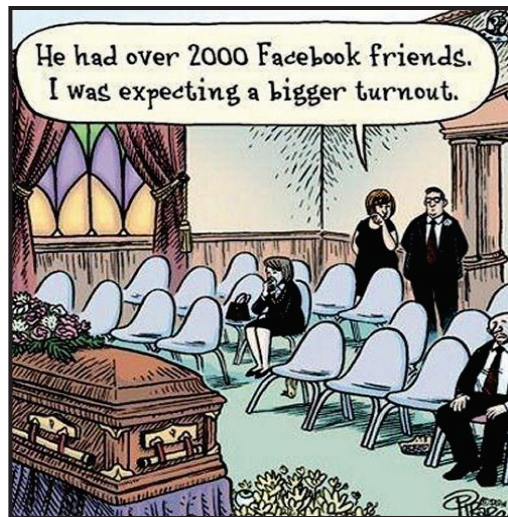
A: **Because an Apostle says so!** St. Paul warns anyone responding to the Lord's invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood to prepare themselves beforehand by a self-examination of conscience—"Whoever therefore eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (read 1 Cor. 11:27). Before receiving Communion, it's important to reflect on your actions (and inactions) in life. It's important to ask God's forgiveness for your failings and, if necessary, due to serious (i.e. mortal) sin, to make a proper and sincere confession before a priest.

I don't think it comes as any surprise that many of today's Catholics don't have a proper understanding of the Eucharist let alone the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Could you give a short talk to someone on either subject?



In any case, whatever the causes of such misunderstanding of the Faith, those who come forward for Communion need to recognize what they're doing and its importance. It falls upon parents and older members of the family to review with the younger ones what is happening at Mass and who we receive in Holy Communion.

These days, grandparents often have unique and privileged roles as teachers of the faith in an age when the awareness of the Real Presence is diminished.—*Fr. John*



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

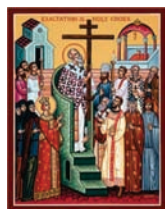
First Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7
Second Reading: James 2.1-5
Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: Young People in Africa: That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH GROUP STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 13TH: Holy Cross Youth Group will be starting up again on **Thursday, September 13th**. Our Youth Group is open to any youth ages 13-17. We meet every **Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the multipurpose room (located in the church basement). For any questions, please call Jolene Gervais at (204) 891-0255 or email her at jolene.gervais@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you all there!



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Friday, September 14th, 2018, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments, dainties and fellowship. All are welcome!

CWL MEETING CHANGE OF DATE: The CWL will meet on **Sunday, September 16th**, in the Parish Centre immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Please call Jan at (204) 284-1630 with any questions. See you there!

FOOD BANK: The food bank is in need of bags. Please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you.

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

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST HEALING MINISTRY: The Soldiers of Christ Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry (Winnipeg Chapter) invites everyone for Healing Evangelization every 3rd Sunday of the month. The next gathering is on **September 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: Please note that the next prayer meeting will be **Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. All are invited!

HOLY CROSS RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS PROGRAM: Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to take a refresher course? Are you an adult who has yet to be Confirmed? Then **R.C.I.A** can be for you! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** at Holy Cross begins **Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** in the boardroom of the parish centre. To register please contact Deacon Gilles Urquhart at (204) 233-5114.

SISTERS OF THE HOLY ROCK

Sister of the Holy Rock tickets (\$15.00) will be on sale at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, September 23rd, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 9, 2018

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possession are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From September 26th through November 4th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil for 1 hour or more from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the public right-of-way outside (Health Science Centre, Women's Hospital) 735 Notre Dame Avenue and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

Opening Mass: Please join us for the 40 Days for Life inaugural Mass, which will be celebrated on **September 25th at 7:00 p.m. in St Emile's Church, 556 St. Anne's Road.** If you'd like more information please contact Maria Slykerman at (204) 452-2459. The 40 Days for Life website is: www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2018 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the

bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1 (800) 268-2637.



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:** 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., **Thursday:** 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., **Friday:** 11:00 a.m. & 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!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

PARISH COLLECTION: September 1 - September 2

Mass Time	Loose	Envelope	Total
Sat. 5:00 p.m.	65.20	(24) 795.00	860.20
Sun. 7:45 a.m.	422.65	(22) 622.00	1,044.65
Sun. 10:00 a.m.	141.00	(34) 670.00	811.00
Sun. 12:00 p.m.	402.25	(13) 235.00	682.25
			3,398.10
Pre-Authorized Donations			
*46 registered donating on different schedules, spread over all Masses			1,467.50
TOTAL			4,865.60

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

Mon. Sep. 10	T.O.P.S.	6:15 p.m.
Wed. Sep. 12	Children's Atrium	9:30 a.m.
	Building Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Sep. 13	Children's Atrium	4:30 p.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
	Youth Group	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Sep. 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass	7:00 p.m.
	Refreshments & Fellowship	8:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 8: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. + James Aisaican-Chase by the Norwood Knights of Columbus

Sunday, September 9: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon at NET by her family
 12:00 p.m. Alice Meilleur by Aime & Laura Meilleur

Monday, September 10

7:45 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Rigato & Verrelli family by the Verrelli family

Tuesday, September 11

7:45 a.m. Special Intentions by Evangeline Fraser

Wednesday, September 12

7:45 a.m. + Lucien Smith by Denise Remillard

Thursday, September 13: MEMORIAL FOR ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

7:45 a.m. Adeline Gervais by Georges & Carla

Friday, September 14: FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:45 a.m. For the Living Children of Henri & Lorraine Bouchard by Henri & Lorraine Bouchard
 10:30 a.m. Holy Cross School: Feast of the Holy Cross Mass
 7:00 p.m. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass

Saturday, September 15: MEMORIAL FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:45 a.m. God's Blessings for Marthe & Robert Hoehn & family by Dolores & Paul Mulaire
 3:00 p.m. Wedding: Kelly Sheedy & Joel Myskiw

Saturday, September 15: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. + John Joseph Macieszka by his sister Mary & family

Sunday, September 16: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. + Hermelita & Francisca by Tina Battad
 12:00 p.m. Jolene Gervais by Georges & Carla
 2:00 p.m. Soldiers of Christ

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