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### MASS TIMES

Mon–Fri — 7:45am  
Sat — 7:45am, 4pm  
Sun — 7:45am, 10am, 12pm

### RECONCILIATION

After weekday Masses (Mon-Fri)

### ADORATION

**Holy Cross Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri — 8:30am - 12pm

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### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Sirach 27.30-28.7

Psalm 103

***The Lord is merciful and  
gracious; slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love.***

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Romans 14.7-9

Gospel:  
Matthew 18.21-35

Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme of the readings is mercy, forgiveness and wrath. Peter asks Jesus about forgiveness and Jesus tells him that he must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times. Some Scripture scholars talk about this passage by asserting that according to the Law of Moses, there were only a specific number of times that someone could forgive another. Jesus, while never abolishing the Law but fulfilling it, goes deeper and makes us understand that forgiveness is indeed infinite.

The parable of the king settling debts with his servants shows a king who is both merciful and filled with wrath. The king was within his rights as the authority and head of the country to punish those who did not follow the rules of his land provided it was done in justice and truth. Even though the first servant owed the king so much money that he would be unable to pay any of it back, the king listened with a heart of a father and instead of hearing the servant's pleas that the debt would be paid off later, the king forgave all the debt. Every single amount. He was no longer in danger of going into jail, into prison. He no longer owed anything. Why would the king do this? The king showed mercy when this servant did not' deserve any. He showed mercy when the king was within his rights to sell all his family and property to pay back the debt. This is God showing to us His mercy when in reality none of us deserve anything from Him yet he passionately and faithfully loves us even when we are far away, when we blaspheme, hate and persecute others yet when we come in humble repentance, all our sins (debts) are forgiven. We are indeed free in Christ. As St. Paul says in today's reading, "this is why Christ died and came to life that he might be Lord of the both the dead and the living" (Romans 14:9)

Yet, there is a great tragedy in this parable. The servant who was completely forgiven will not even forgive a fellow worker with debt that was tiny compared to the first servant's debt. Jesus does not say the exact amount but he said a 'smaller amount'. This is significant because when the other worker pleaded for mercy, he refused to forgive him his debt and instead threw him into prison as punishment for non-payment. Even though the first servant was given a gift and freedom, he did not show the same mercy to his fellow worker. The first servants' hypocrisy and arrogance brought about his downfall. God has within his right all justice and mercy. In this case, even though he acted full of mercy, he also acted full of justice and the servant received his just reward which was the place of the death and/or hell. In the end, God wants all of us saved but we chose to reject all good things that he gives us God won't interfere even though He will seek you out but he respects our freedom so much that in the end, our arrogance and presumption would throw you into prison, into the throngs of death, into hell. Forgiveness is very difficult when we are in the throngs of darkness and much easier in the light of hope. What we can do is see Jesus crucified and remind ourselves that by His mercy of Good Friday we receive the fullness of His life on Easter Sunday.

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A few days ago, the media reported that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is the longest living pope in history (he is retired but this counts). When I looked this up, it is not factually correct. He is the longest living pope since 1295 when records were available. Prior to this, there was a least one pope (Clement IX) who lived to 100 years old and there may have been a second one but it is hard to confirm since records are limited at that time (pre 1295).

Speaking of Pope Benedict, I want you to think about these words he said in 1969 when he was still a priest at Regensburg Germany. I think it sums up what the world is facing and what our holy Church is going through. I hope that his words provide much hope because they are meant as a warning and as a light for our times:

**From today's crisis will emerge a church that has lost a great deal. It will no longer have use of the structures it built in the years of prosperity. The reduction in the number of faithful will lead it to losing an important part of its social privileges. It will become small and will have to start pretty much all over again. It will be a more spiritual church, and will not claim a political mandate flirting with the Right one minute and the Left the next. It will be poor and will become the Church of the destitute. (From *What the Church will look like*).**

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parishioner*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adoration Chapel—As of September 1, 2020, the “old adoration cards” are discontinued.** The “old cards” are the cards that were purchased close to when the Chapel first opened and the number pattern is as follows, “xxxxx xxxxxxxxxxx xxxxx”. You can purchase a new card for \$10.00 at the parish office.

**HCP Confession Schedule—Monday to Saturday, after the 7:45am weekday Masses.** Please line up after the weekday Mass is finished, and the priest will hear your confession.

**Medjugorje Prayer Group—Sep 15, 7pm, Holy Cross—**The next prayer meeting will be in the Church. All are invited!

**Healing Evangelization—Sep 20, 2:15pm, Holy Cross—**The Soldiers of Christ invite you to come and see the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ! Info: Anita Bondoc [anitabondoc143@gmail.com](mailto:anitabondoc143@gmail.com)

**Parish Office—**For your safety & ours, we are limiting parish office occupancy to 2 at a time. Protect yourself & others. **MANDATORY** face mask or face covering upon entry. Thank you for understanding!

### SUNDAY OFFERINGS

September: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday (2019)	3,579.20
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<b>SURPLUS (or SHORTFALL)</b>	<b>(\$1,482.85)</b>

## FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

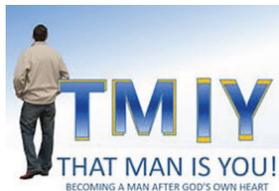
In celebration of this most holy and special feast day, we will have veneration of the cross after each Mass (Saturday 4pm & all Sunday Masses) the weekend of Sep 12-13, for those who wish to take a minute to venerate the cross on the feast day of our parish.

In celebration of our parish feast day, the Sunday, 10am livestreamed Mass, will be a High Mass.

## LIFE'S VISION ANNUAL LIFE HIKE— 2020 VIRTUAL PRESENTATION!

Due to COVID-19, this year's Life Hike will be virtual. Join us the evening of **Friday, Sep 25** for opening announcements. Submit photos and/or videos of you and your family hiking by 4pm Saturday, Sep 26. **ULTIMATE PRIZE:** a family pass to the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Pledge forms and more information available at [bit.ly/lifehike20](http://bit.ly/lifehike20) or call the office at 204-233-8047.

## "THAT MAN IS YOU!": A PROGRAM FOR MEN, STARTING SEPTEMBER



We will be offering this program that honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! You can choose from two meeting times:

**SATURDAY mornings (7-8:30am) starting Sep. 19/20**  
**St. Emile RC Church (South Entrance to Hall, 556 St. Anne's Rd., Wpg)**

...OR...

**TUESDAY evenings (7-8:30pm) starting Sep. 22/20**  
**Holy Cross Parish (basement of Church, 252 Dubuc St., Wpg)**

**Registration: [TMIY.mb@gmail.com](mailto:TMIY.mb@gmail.com)**  
(text or call 204-930-9484)

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2020**

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon.	Sep. 14	<b>Holy Cross School: Feast of Holy Cross Mass</b>	1:30pm
Tues	Sep. 15	<b>Medjugorje Prayer Group</b>	7pm
Fri.	Sep. 18	<b>Mass followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Devotion</b>	7:45am
Sat.	Sep. 19	<b>Wedding: Beata Tomai &amp; Christian Cormier</b>	2pm

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 12

4:00pm Clayton Rank by Charles

### Sunday, September 13

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Deceased Members of the Van De Keere family by Liz & family

12:00pm + Angele & Antoine Gobin & + Viviane Dokken by the Christle family

### Monday, September 14

7:45am Anne Mahon by Danielle Savard

### Tuesday, September 15

7:45am 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday Lilianne Delaye by Edward & Cecile Myslicki

### Wednesday, September 16

7:45am With Thanksgiving, Special Intentions & Vocations by Evangeline Fraser

### Thursday, September 17

7:45am + Aurele Bremault by the Honduras Mission Circle

### Friday, September 18

7:45am + Benita Jardin Evero by Belen & family

### Saturday, September 19

7:45am Nestor Fuentes

### Saturday, September 19

4:00pm + Gloria Murphy by Holy Cross Parish

### Sunday, September 20

7:45am + Marie Gamache by her family

10:00am + Alex by Elcira Cordova

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## SEPTEMBER PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Universal: *Respect for the Planet's Resources:***

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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