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Holy Cross

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MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am
Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm
Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday–Saturday — after the
7:45am weekday masses.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday — 8:30am – 12pm
**Closed on Mondays, Weekends and
Holidays.**

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PARISH BULLETIN

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • November 17, 2024

Bulletin Reflection

The three readings today are encouraging us to keep in mind that our hope and goal is to be with God in heaven. As we end this liturgical year we have an opportunity to evaluate our readiness for the end times. We do not know when this will happen, even as we see the signs all around us.

We see the confusion and hopelessness in our society, but we can be the light to all around us. Do we show in our actions and our reactions that we are Christians? Do we allow Christ's light to shine through us? We know the end times are coming and we need to always be prepared. When this liturgical year ends in a few weeks, we begin a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

The readings today are a little scary if we do not have our hope in Jesus. Take time to read in Hebrews, understanding that the gift that Jesus gives us is the single sacrifice for all. Note the connection to Daniel with the description of the star. We are all looking forward to the day that Jesus will awaken us from our sleep.

The Collect of today's mass is very comforting, with the words "the constant gladness of being devoted to you". The closer that we are to God, the more gladness and joy we will have.

On this day of the poor, think of all the poor that we have right here in our city. Take time to pray for the poor. If possible, provide food or monetary donation to the food bank. We can also spend time with the elderly that may be housebound. Taking time with them can be a great gift to someone who is lonely.

As we close today, let us keep our priests in our prayers, not only the priests in our parishes and diocese, but also those individuals discerning the priesthood. Let us also keep the Good Shepherd Campaign close to our hearts and pray that with the proceeds, we will be able to train future priests to support us tomorrow. Let us pray for them because we know they are praying for us.

Diane L'Arrivee, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Chair ppc@holycrossparish.ca

Introducing the Reception of the Blood of Christ

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in last week's survey to re-introduce the Holy Wine (Precious Blood) for our parishioners at Holy Cross Parish. Your thoughtful responses and feedback have shown that many members of our community feel a deep connection to this sacred tradition.

With the majority's support, the Parish Pastoral Council and Leadership Team have decided to proceed with reintroducing the reception of the Blood of Christ as part of our worship. We are currently making the necessary arrangements to ensure a comfortable and meaningful experience for all. We will keep you updated on the exact date for this reintroduction. Thank you again for your support and commitment to our parish community.

Blessings to you all!

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2024

1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Psalm 16: "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

Good News!

Fellow Holy Cross Parishioners,
We have received a letter from the diocesan Financial Administrator bearing good news in response to our proposal and request for approval to replace the elevator/lift.

His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, has authorized Holy Cross to proceed with the project, estimated to cost \$124,000. The contract is to be awarded to Summit Elevators as proposed.

The Archbishop also authorizes Holy Cross to raise funds for this project, to a maximum of \$121,000, diocesan tax exempt, until **November 30, 2024**.

We are now able to receive donations towards this project – noting the tax exempt ‘window’ of time. Please be sure to include the words ‘elevator project’ on the memo line of cheques, on e-Transfers and/or donation envelopes containing cash.

We are wished all the best with the new elevator that will be a welcome addition to reach the food bank and other Parish functions in the church basement.

Please note that donations to unauthorized projects remain subject to the diocesan levy.

Joanne Mercier
Finance Council Chair

Adoration Chapel Key Cards

The computer system that issues the adoration chapel key cards is out of service. Therefore, no adoration key cards can be issued at this time. We are trying to have the matter resolved as soon as possible. Our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

2024-2025 Missals for Purchase

The new 2024-2025 Missals are available for purchase at **\$5.00** for the upcoming Liturgical Year. **The new missals can be purchased at the parish office (during the week) or at the Traverse Street entrance of the church (during the weekend masses on November 16-17 & November 23-24).** After those dates, missals can only be purchased at the parish office during office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm. Please pay with exact change. Tax receipts are not issued for purchases.

2025 Offering Envelopes

We are currently preparing our list of families who will receive offering envelopes for next year. If you don't have a set and would like Holy Cross to provide one for you, leave your information at the parish office by email: office@holycrossparish.ca, phone: (204) 233-7367 or in person. You may also fill out the registration forms at both entrances of the church and drop it in the offering basket. Keep us informed if you have moved or your contact information has changed. We will announce when the envelopes will be ready for pick-up.



The Good Shepherd Campaign 2024

This Sunday, November 16th and 17th, we will have the collection for the Good Shepherd Campaign. The goal of this year's Campaign, *For the Life of the Church!* is \$350,000. In complete freedom, you can choose which work you want to support to support the life of the Church in our parishes. The special collection takes place this Sunday with the regular collection. As stated in the brochure, there are four ways to donate to the campaign:

- 1) You can drop off your completed donation form and your donation in the collection basket. **Cheques are to be made out to "Archdiocese of Saint Boniface"**.
- 2) You can donate online to [Donate Online](#) or follow the QR code on the poster.
- 3) You can mail the donation form and cheque to the Archdiocese.
- 4) You can call the Archdiocese to inquire about the possibility of making a monthly donation by means of a PAD (pre-authorized debit) directly from your bank account.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and prayers for our seminarians and all the priests in the Archdiocese.

We ask you to continue to pray for new vocations, for our seminarians and our clergy.

No 2024 Mass Intentions Available

There are no mass intentions available for the rest of 2024. We will announce when we will be accepting requests for 2025 mass intentions.

12 Noon Mass Lectors Needed

We are searching for new or retired lectors that would be willing to join the 12pm noon mass lectoring ministry team. Speaking the Word of God is a very fulfilling way to reflect reverence. If interested please reach out to Nicole Gougeon at nicolegg1@mymts.net or Marina Espinoza at vmari.espinoza@gmail.com

The Word of God—Heals Our Soul and Body Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc.

The Word of God - Heals our Soul and Body Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc. (formerly called The Soldiers of Christ Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry) invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, November 17 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.

Medjugorje Prayer Group

The next prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00pm in the church.** All are welcome!

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Attention men of Holy Cross! All men ages 18 and up are invited to the Holy Cross Men's Faith Sharing and Prayer Group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the every month at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church. The format will be video presentation, sharing, and the rosary. We learn, we share, we discuss, and we pray. Please contact Charles at (204) 235-1725 or cppref@mymts.net or Christophe at (431) 866-5138 or cmaguet@hotmail.com for more information.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 20th, where we will introduce the "Into the Breach" 12-episode series program.



Children's Atrium Advent Family Night

All families are invited to join the atrium's **Advent Family Night** on **November 23rd**. The evening will begin with mass at 4:00pm, a potluck dinner around 5:00pm and end around 8:00pm. The purpose of these Family Nights are to create community among the families of the parish and to help you prepare for advent. Please bring something to share for the potluck (please avoid nuts, fish and chocolate).

(Image by [Anna Varsányi](#) from [Pixabay](#))

Pancake Breakfast

Come join us for food and fellowship on Sunday, November 24th. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, ham, etc., after each of the Sunday masses. Breakfast is free, but donations to offset costs are graciously accepted! Please come join us!!!

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Christmas Chocolates for the Food Bank



The Holy Cross Food Bank is collecting boxes of chocolates to hand out to patrons this Christmas. It is that time of the year when everyone appreciates a special treat to celebrate the holidays. If you can spare a box of chocolates for a family this Christmas, please drop them off at the parish office (during office hours) or give them to Marianne Savard. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

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Book of Remembrance for the Holy Souls

During the month of November, parishioners and visitors are invited to write down the names of all deceased relatives and friends in the **Book of Remembrance, found at the altar**. These names will be remembered in all of the masses said during the month of November.



Household of Faith "Advent to Epiphany Journey: Silent Night to Star Bright!"

What is a Household of Faith?

A Household of Faith (HoF) is a small group of 6 to 10 people from a variety of backgrounds and life journeys who come together on a regular basis, at least once a month, in-person or online, for 60 to 90 minutes. The purpose of this time together is to get to know one another and grow in new friendships, while sharing the Holy Scriptures and some reflection using a simple process.

At **Holy Cross Parish**, we are gathering to introduce you to the process of being a Household of Faith by hosting a series "Advent to Epiphany: Silent Night to Star Bright!" on **Wednesdays; November 27, December 4, 11 & 18** at **7:00pm in the church basement**.

Discover Community!

Looking for a place to connect this season? Join a Households of Faith (HoF)! this Advent to Epiphany! Over six Wednesday evenings, you'll share stories, reflect on Scripture, and form lasting friendships in groups of 6 to 10. Everyone is welcome—let's explore faith together!

What should you bring?

Feel free to bring a Bible, a journal, and most importantly, your presence. In a small faith group setting, all that's truly needed is space for the Holy Spirit to move, so come with an open heart!

Can't make it, no problem!

Household of Faiths (HoFs) are designed to be ongoing and can be formed with any group of people you already know. You can meet in your home or any other welcoming space. There's no set start date—feel free to begin whenever you're ready! These groups provide a meaningful way to engage with the Word of God and strengthen your relationships with Jesus and each other. For more information or questions, please contact pcc@holycrossparish.ca

Norwood Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's service organization, practicing Catholics 18 and over, who are here for the church and community's needs. We have a life, disability insurance and investment opportunities, we are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish over 65 years. Our church representative is Bryon Burvill (204) 233-7904. We are in need of new members to help us reach our objectives.

Mass Intentions November 16–24, 2024

Saturday, November 16: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Omer Malo by Germaine Malo & family

Sunday, November 17: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Raymond (for healing) by Marie & Bill Klassen

10:00am + Marie & + Richard Gamache by Harvey Gamache & Terry

12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, November 18: Memorial for St. Martin of Tours

7:45am Martha Hoehn (for healing) by Rita Tan

Tuesday, November 19

7:45am + Paul Wong by Betty Man

Wednesday, November 20

7:45am + All Souls in Purgatory, + Antoinette Hamid & All Those Who Died During COVID by Maricelli Peña

Thursday, November 21: Memorial for the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45am Maria Grazia Verrelli by Georges & Carla Gervais

Friday, November 22: Memorial for St. Cecilia

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Theresa Man

Saturday, November 23

7:45am + Patricia & + Leo Soenen by Michael & Arlene Soenen

Saturday, November 23: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, November 24: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:45am Ivanka & Frank Remic (for healing, conversion & holiness of life) by the Verrelli family

10:00am For Victims of Human Trafficking by the Holy Cross CWL

12:00pm + Arthur & + Edith Fanslau

Tips for the Eucharist

When Mass begins, let us make our sign of the cross with reverence. We are invited to listen attentively to the Word of God. Let us pray the Our Father, the prayer Jesus taught us, with awareness and reverence. And when we receive his body and blood, let's welcome Our Lord with an open heart. With the final greeting, let's be aware of our call to be credible witnesses of Christ in the world. Finally, before leaving the church, let's take a moment to thank the Lord for the gift we have received with Holy Communion.

Novena Corner



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena

Saints Joachim and Ann presented their daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Temple in Jerusalem when she was a little girl, consecrating her to God. Pray this novena for consecrating your children to God through Our Lady's intercession.

Start on November 12th
Feast Day November 21st

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intro Prayer

O great Virgin and dear Mother! by the marvelous promptitude with which you dedicated your earliest years to the service of God, obtain that we may from this time forward be enabled to consecrate our hearts to the divine service without ever being diverted from our purpose.

Pray one Hail Mary now.

O great Virgin and dear Mother! by that seraphic zeal with which in your childhood you served in the temple, thereby becoming an object of admiration to angels and men, obtain for us that we may approach the holy Sacraments with the true spirit of devotion.

Pray one Hail Mary now.

O great Virgin and dear Mother! by the admirable courage with which you subdued your attachment to home and parents, in your first years of life, that you might devote yourself to the service of God, obtain for us that, no longer seduced by the deceits of our enemies, we may be able to keep our hearts detached from all earthly things, seeking for our true and perfect good alone, and may enjoy one day with you the eternal delights of Paradise.

Pray one Hail Mary now.

Concluding Prayer

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

Blessed Mother, pray for us!

(Novena Source: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/list-of-all-novenas/>)

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November Papal Prayer Intentions

For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Stewardship

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“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

Sunday Offerings	
November 10, 2024	
Loose	\$465.95
Envelopes	\$2,405.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,127.50
TOTAL	\$3,998.45
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	
<i>Please no foreign currency.</i>	

He who gives to the poor will never want, but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

Proverbs 28: 27

Did You Know...

Did you know.....that our Holy Cross School's Gym is now available for rental at a reasonable rate. If you have an upcoming parish or family event or sports game/practice that you are looking for additional space for, Holy Cross School Gymnasium is now taking bookings for the remainder of the 2024/2025 school year. If you are interested in booking their facility, please submit your request for a gym rental to HCSbookings@holycrossschool.mb.ca Please allow for 48 hours for requests to be processed and responded too.



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of November.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

Congratulations and blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of November.

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THE WEEK AHEAD November 17—23, 2024

	Sunday November 17	Monday November 18	Tuesday November 19	Wednesday November 20	Thursday November 21	Friday November 22	Saturday November 23
Morning	11:00am Fellowship after Mass	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children’s Atrium			
Afternoon	1:00pm The Word of God Heals 2:00pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury’s				1:00pm-3:00pm Ladies Crafting	1:30pm-3:30pm RCI-Teen 4:00pm-8:00pm Children’s Atrium Advent Family Night
Evening			7:00pm Medjugorje Prayer Group	5:00pm-7:00pm Children’s Atrium 7:00pm Men’s Group	6:30pm Bible Study Fellowship 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Group		

CWL Corner

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

*Sponsored by
Holy Cross Parish & The CWL*

Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

Following All Masses

Leave Baking at Parish Centre, Friday, December 6th

During Office Hours

or

Saturday, December 7th, 3:00 P.M. in the Church

Basement

Not Able to Drop Off?

Contact [204-254-4659](tel:204-254-4659) or nicolegg1@mymts.net &

Arrange for Pickup

Donating Gluten Free – Please Mark Accordingly

50/50 Draw

Winner to be Announced after 12:00 Noon Mass

Ticket Prices - 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

**Knitted/Crocheted Items & Other Crafts Available
for Sale**