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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.**

Coordinator of Parish Life

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING—November 24, 2024

A good friend asked me, “Don’t you know that you are a son of a King?” When I heard this, it struck me that we are sons and daughters of Christ the King! His kingdom is wonderful and glorious!!

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast was inaugurated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to the rise of Marxism and Socialism in different parts of the world and to promote the idea that Christ is Lord above all and that there is no end to His reign.

Today’s readings focus on kingdom and king. In the gospel, Pilate asked Jesus if he was a king. Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not from this world...my kingdom is not from here... You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (Jn. 18: 33b-37).

- When Jesus was born, wise men (magi) came to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts of such exultant honour were meant for a king. Jesus is the King, born for the Jews and all people. These men gave their tribute to the baby Jesus. By doing this, they recognized that someone greater than they was before them. Their response was to prostrate and give all that they had.
- Jesus avoided being crowned as king during his public ministry. His kingdom was not one of power but of service, of giving His life for the ransom of many.
- Bethlehem (House of Bread) begins His kingdom and Calvary completes it. Pilate did not understand what Jesus meant, thinking that a king was one like Caesar.
- Jesus is crowned with thorns and crucified with the words ‘Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews’. He is a king that suffers and endures unbearable pain. His pain is our hope and our strength. His Kingdom is not one of violence but of love. Only through love can Christ’s suffering be understood.

Pope Benedict XVI has profound words on this Solemnity:

“The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the One who writes straight on crooked lines”.

So let us remember that we are sons and daughters of a king. Long live CHRIST THE KING!

Christophe Maguet, Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council Member

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!

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
(Christ the King)

November 24, 2024

1st Reading: Daniel 7.13-14

Psalms 93: “The Lord is king; he is
robed in majesty.”

2nd Reading: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-37

Silence in Mass During Consecration

Father Ani has requested that no movement and silence in the church is expected at the time of consecration. This cue can be observed by the ringing of bells. Should this happen while you're in route to/from the washroom, please be considerate by stopping and waiting until after the consecration.

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

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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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 Traverse Street entrance of the church during the weekend masses on November 23-24.** After that, 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.

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.**

Share Your Journey! This Advent to Epiphany, we invite you to join a Households of Faith (HoF)! Experience the warmth of community as we gather on Wednesday evenings to discuss Scripture and share our unique life journeys. With groups of 6 to 10, you'll find a welcoming space for growth and friendship. Don't miss out—speak to us today! For more information or questions, please contact ppc@holycrossparish.ca



The Good Shepherd Campaign 2024

The goal of this year's Campaign, *For the Life of the Church!* is \$350,000. Your gift to the 2024

Good Shepherd Campaign goes toward the formation of seminarians and priests, and the pastoral efforts in support of the life of the Church in our parishes.

- 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 drop 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.

Friends of the Holy Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

You are invited to experience the power of the Eucharistic Lord with the *Friends of the Holy Eucharist*.

Place: Holy Cross Church, 252 Dubuc Street

Date: **December 2, 2024**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for Priests and Vocations.

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, December 4th.**

First Friday Mass at 7:00pm

On the First Friday of every month, there will be a holy mass at 7:00pm, followed by adoration in the church. **The next one will be on Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm.** All are welcome.



Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

You are all invited to participate in the December 9 celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral's YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/a0mC9pPKPwJ>, allowing for virtual participation as well. This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Together, let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Boniface for their intercession, May Christ, the Word of God, the Good News, enlighten and protect us by the powerful love of the Holy Spirit.

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Advent Penitential Service

As we prepare for the Christmas season, we invite you to partake in our Advent Penitential Celebration on **Friday, December 13th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

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Did You Know...

Did you know...that it's important to show proper reverence for Mass! One way we can do that is to enter the church in silence and don't talk in church unless absolute necessary. Talk only to Jesus – it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be *praying*. Another way - would be to not start leaving the church until the final hymn is complete. Stay to thank God for the Graces you received from Him in the Mass. May God's blessings be upon you!



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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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.

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

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.

Mass Intentions November 23–December 1, 2024

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 The Desjarlais family by Harold Desjarlais

12:00pm + Arthur & + Edith Fanslau

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

7:45am Maria Kucarova by the Gocik family

Wednesday, November 27

7:45am + Eileen Jones by Michael & Arlene Soenen

Thursday, November 28

7:45am + Paul Wong by Betty Man

Friday, November 29

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

Saturday, November 30: Feast of St. Andrew

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Ben & Maria Camana

Saturday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Debbi Murphy-MacDonald by Pam & Barry Murphy

Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am Birthday Blessings for Debbi Murphy-MacDonald by Pam & Barry Murphy

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

*Correction: The mass intention in the November 17th, 2024 bulletin for November 24th at 10:00am read, "For Victims of Human Trafficking by the Holy Cross CWL" in error. It should have read, "The Desjarlais family by Harold Desjarlais." We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Novena Corner

Christ the King Novena

The Solemnity of Christ the King was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI amidst the economic and social upheaval after World War I. This feast extols the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all peoples for all time. Patron saint of the Kingdom of Jesus.

Start on November 15th

Feast Day November 24th

The Novena consists of the following prayers, to be said on nine separate occasions during the course of one day or over the course of nine days.

Day 1 Prayer

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

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.

May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen.

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

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

November 24, 2024 - Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

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 Traverse Street entrance.** These names will be remembered in all of the masses said during the month of November.



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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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.



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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Sunday Offerings	
November 17, 2024	
Loose	\$531.00
Envelopes	\$2,155.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,127.50
TOTAL	\$3,813.50
3rd Sunday (Food Depot)	\$835.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	
<i>Please no foreign currency.</i>	

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Malachi 3: 10

THE WEEK AHEAD November 24—30, 2024

	Sunday November 24	Monday November 25	Tuesday November 26	Wednesday November 27	Thursday November 28	Friday November 29	Saturday November 30
Morning	*Pancake Breakfast after all Sunday Masses 11:00am Fellowship after Mass	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium			9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium 10:30am Baptism followed by Reception
Afternoon	2:00pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's				1:00pm-3:00pm Ladies Crafting	1:30pm-3:30pm RCI-Teen
Evening				5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium 7:00pm Household of Faith (HoF)	6:30pm Bible Study Fellowship 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Group		7:00pm Tamil Mass 8:00pm Fellowship after Tamil Mass

CWL Corner



The Advent Tree will be in its annual spot at the back of the church, starting next weekend, November 30th.

This year, we are asking for your assistance to decorate it with SOCKS. NEW SOCKS of any size & color for the less fortunate children & adults of the inner city.

(Christmas Tree Image by [wixin lubhon](#) from [Pixabay](#))

(Socks Image by [anastacia bankulova](#) from [Pixabay](#))



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

*Sponsored by
Holy Cross Parish & The CWL*

Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

Following All Masses

We would greatly appreciate your donations of any baked goods for the sale.

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