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MASS TIMES

Monday–Friday — 7:45am

Saturday — 7:45am, 4pm

Sunday — 7:45am, 10am & 12pm

Thursday—10:30am at Catherine Place

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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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Responsorial Psalm 72: “Lord,
every nation on earth will adore
you.”

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Parish Bulletin

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord—January 5, 2025

“They knelt down and paid him homage.” (Matthew 1:10)

Today Christ is revealed to all the peoples, Jews and pagans alike. Today Christ is worshipped by those seeking Him even from far away. Today, he is given tribute by those searching for Him. Today the ‘MANIFESTATION’ of God is fully realized.

Three wise men or magi arrive from the East.

They did not believe in the one God or the Jewish faith. They were ‘studiers of the stars’ and it was a star that led them to seek the One that their ancient Scriptures had spoken about. They made the long and arduous journey towards Jerusalem and then Bethlehem. And there, at the manger in Bethlehem, Christ, the baby, is worshipped and adored by the three wise men. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and then quietly left by another way to return to their own countries.

Now there is Herod, a cruel and wicked king. Interested only in political intrigue, he questioned the magi, asking about the star and where the Christ (Messiah) was to be born. He wasn’t interested in finding the Messiah, but only about saving his own status as king. As a result, Herod had all children under two murdered in Bethlehem (Holy Innocents).

Christ is now revealed to all nations of all times. We, the Gentiles, have received the grace to participate in the promise of Christ Jesus. We too can give our gifts, our life to Christ, not only to the little Babe in Bethlehem but also to the one who gave up his life for all of us.

He is fully revealed as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Son of Man born of the Virgin Mary, and the God man who has been anointed on earth and in Heaven by His death and resurrection.

Will we respond with great faith and humility to bring ourselves to Christ and pay Him homage? Or will we respond like Herod, with deceit and insecurity, wanting only to destroy?

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council Member & Parishioner*

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.

Formed

Thanks to a very generous donation, the Parish has purchased a yearlong subscription to **Formed**, a premier Catholic streaming service, bringing beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes, families, and individuals around the world. You will be able to access award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming aimed at embarking on a new season of faith formation!

We encourage everyone to sign up and discover the abundant treasures of the Catholic faith and receive the good news of God's incredible love, including the plan he has for each of our lives. Signup is easy. Click on the link <https://signup.formed.org/> and enter the parish name and location "Holy Cross Winnipeg". You'll then be prompted to enter your name and email to create your personal account. With your personal account you will then be able to have unrestricted access to all content.

May God Bless everyone taking part and may the Holy Spirit inspire and guide us all as we embark on the journey of faith formation together.



2025 Offering Envelopes

Your new set of offering envelopes are available at the Traverse Street entrance of the Church. **A friendly reminder to everyone: once the New Year begins, please DISCARD YOUR OLD SET as envelope numbers can change from year to year. Your number might be assigned to another person for 2025 and that person will receive an income tax receipt for a donation which you have made.**

If you haven't requested a set of parish envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at office@holycrossparish.ca or 204-233-7367 or drop in during office hours. You may also fill out the registration form at the back of the church and drop it in the offering basket.

Visiting parishioners or parishioners who have forgotten their offering envelopes may use the pink offering envelopes for their Sunday Offering.

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Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE)

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: **January 6, 2025**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

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

Epiphany Family Night

All families are invited to join our Epiphany family night on January 8th from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the parish basement! The family night will be a moment when we ponder what gifts we can bring to Jesus. Please bring a snack to share. Email Dominique if you have any questions at holycrossparishcatechist@gmail.com

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, January 8, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer

Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer will be held in the church on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00pm. **The next one will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

Friends in Faith – Connection Café

The Christmas Season or **Winter Blues** can be difficult for many people. Are you or a loved one **feeling sad, overwhelmed, exhausted, distant, or irritable lately?** Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges. Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments. **January's** topic will be on **Overcoming Sadness, Depression and more!** Please join us for an informative evening, and discussion on **Monday, January 13 at 7:00pm** at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering. See mmoc.ca for more info and [to register](#). Note, If you cannot attend and are interested in the topic, you can access the [videos here](#). For poster, [click here](#).

January 2025 Papal Prayer Intentions

For the Right to An Education - Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Stewardship

January 5, 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts

of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do Christian Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in many places around the world from **January 18 - 25, 2025**. The resources for 2025 have been prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy, and by the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Writing Team. The theme chosen is **"Do you believe this?"** (John 11:26). 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council, a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our time. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

The **2025 Week of Prayer** will be marked by a **City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30pm on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg**. All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with church leaders and in the other various gatherings that will be held throughout the Week of Prayer. For a poster for the January 19, 2025 service, please [click here](#). For more information on the city-wide service and the ecumenical choir being formed for the occasion, please [click here for the poster](#). For a poster containing a complete list of gatherings that will be held in Winnipeg throughout the Week of Prayer, [click here](#).

Mass Intentions January 4–12, 2025

Saturday, January 4: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, January 5: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

7:45am + For Parents by Darija Vugrin

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

12:00pm For the Safe Travels of Ruby Reyes, Divine Rivera & family

Monday, January 6

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Debra Baetsen by Helen & Ralph Shearman

7:00pm For the Members of the Friends of the Holy Eucharist (FHE)

Tuesday, January 7: Memorial for St. André Bessette

7:45am + Deceased Members of the Jasnic family by Natasha

Wednesday, January 8

7:45am + Omer Malo by his family

Thursday, January 9

7:45am

Friday, January 10

7:45am + Thomas O'Brien by Erin & family

Saturday, January 11

7:45am + Kevin Weeres by Michael & Arlene Soenen

Saturday, January 11: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm Ralph & Helen Shearman by Ellery Kitlar

Sunday, January 12: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Siobhan Van De Keere by her family

12:00pm

CCRS OF MB Presents – ALIVE a Charismatic Event

Join us on **Saturday January 25, 2025, at 7:00pm at**

Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish – 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg MB. Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Christian Mutombo, Praise and Worship by the "Nueva Jerusalem PG Music Ministry". Personal Testimony by Gilbert Vielfaure, plus procession with the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing, Jericho March, fellowship and more. Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and we will have a special blessing for sacramentals such as Water, Oil, Salt, etc. Free will love offering. Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace! – For more information: 204-895-7544

or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit: <https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

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Christmas Offerings	
December 24 & 25, 2024	
Loose	\$1,006.40
Envelopes	\$2,070.00
TOTAL	\$3,076.40
Sunday Offerings	
December 29, 2024	
Loose	\$302.00
Envelopes	\$2,875.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$948.00
TOTAL	\$4,125.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	
<i>Please no foreign currency.</i>	

In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

Acts 20: 35

CWL Corner

THANK YOU & HAPPY NEW YEAR

The ladies of Holy Cross CWL extend sincere wishes to our fellow parishioners for a safe & healthy year ahead. Thank you for your support over the last year, & most recently, to the decoration of the Advent Tree, with many pairs of socks, knitted slippers & toques.

You are good people Holy Cross!

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 Intention Openings

We have mass intention openings for the month of January and February. You may have additional masses said, on a "first-come, first-served" basis, regardless of how many you have already had. Please fill out the [mass intention request form](#) and bring it to the parish office. Each mass intention stipend is \$10.00 (cash or cheque only). Mass cards are \$3.00 each and are to be paid separately from the mass stipend.

The Week Ahead January 5—11, 2025

	Sunday January 5	Monday January 6	Tuesday January 7	Wednesday January 8	Thursday January 9	Friday January 10	Saturday January 11
Morning	11:00am Fellowship 11:00am CWL General Meeting	Parish Office Closed	10:15am Holy Cross School Epiphany Mass	9:00am Food Bank			9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's				1:00pm-3:00pm Ladies Crafting	
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation or Witness 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration	7:00pm-9:00pm Youth Leadership Night	6:00pm-8:00pm Epiphany Family Night 7:00pm Men's Group	7:00pm Youth Group		7:00pm Holy Hour with Charismatic Prayer