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# Holy Cross

## Roman Catholic Parish

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### PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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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.**

### Coordinator of Parish Life

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M.

### Office Assistant

Rachel de Jesus

### Custodian

Gerard O'Neill

### Catechetics & Youth Group

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon

### Holy Cross Food Bank

Marianne Savard

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

**Principal**                      **Vice-Principal**  
Catherine Walker    Brett Bourquin  
204-237-4936  
[HCSoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca](mailto:HCSoffice@holycrossschool.mb.ca)

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9,  
12-13, 22-25++

**Responsorial Psalm 103:** "The Lord  
is merciful and gracious."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

**Gospel:** Luke 6.27-38

### Parish Bulletin

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## Luke 6.36-38 Reflection for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful.*

God, our heavenly Father wants to have a face-to-face encounter with us. And just as children reflect their parents' philosophies and dispositions, and even mannerisms, God desires that we reflect his own heart of compassion and mercy as we relate to the people in our lives.

The most perfect reflection of the Father is Jesus himself. And as the perfect reflection of the Father, Jesus came down to earth not only to reveal God's compassionate heart but to teach us how we, too, could live as God's children. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus gives us some very practical ways that we can show the world who the Father is. First, he gives us two things to stop: "Stop judging. Stop condemning." Then he gives us two things we should do: "Forgive" and "Give." But Jesus didn't just tell us what to do. As the perfect image of God, he also taught by example, from halting the stoning of a woman caught in adultery, dining with 'sinners', and ultimately, laying down his life to rescue us from sin.

Time is limited, money is tight, and hearts are guarded. But God, nevertheless, asks us to open our hearts wide to our neighbours. He wants us to pass along the blessings we have received from him with the same generosity with which he first gave them to us. He tells us that if we give a little, we will receive little in return. But if we give as much as we have received, we will be given even more. Our God is never outdone in generosity.

So let us see ourselves as God sees us...as a treasured child created in God's own image and likeness. Let us recognize the great capacity that God has woven into our very being: the capacity to forgive, the capacity to be generous, and the capacity to be an instrument of his peace.

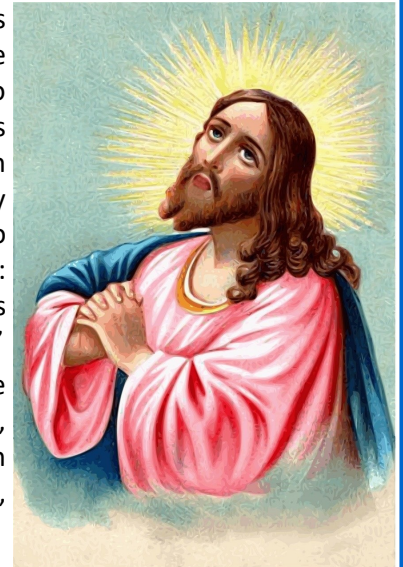
With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can be all that the Father sees and loves in us.

And with all that empowerment, we will reflect that mercy and love that our world so desperately needs.

Blessings in the holy names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

Sister Charlotte Leake, S.N.J.M., *Coordinator of Parish Life*

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### 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.



### Fr. Ani Xavier's Ordination Day— February 20, 2025

Fr. Ani Xavier, OFM Cap, our Parochial Administrator, celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination day on February 20, 2025. We pray for Fr. Ani's good health and for his intentions. Fr. Ani Xavier would like to bless the dedicated service of the people of God, the parishioners of Holy Cross Parish, his family and his friends.

### 2024 Donation Receipts

We are still in the process of preparing receipts for donations in 2024. To ensure you receive your receipt on time, please contact the parish office at 204-237-7367 or [office@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:office@holycrossparish.ca) and let us know if your address has changed in the last year, so we can be sure it's mailed to the correct address. If you wish to have your tax receipt emailed to you, please contact the parish office.

### Taste of CANA – March 2, 2025



Are you called to deepen your love as a married, couple, to grow spiritually and to journey with other couples?

Welcome to the Taste of CANA. Take a peek into how God turns water into wine in our marriage. Rediscover the beauty of our vocation as a married

couple. Taste and See. **Please join us in the Holy Cross Parish basement on Sunday, March 2, 2025 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.** Registration is not required.

[See Brochure](#) for more information or contact Diane at [pcc@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:pcc@holycrossparish.ca) with any questions.

### 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: **March 3, 2025**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

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



### Ash Wednesday

This year we are marking the start of Lent by celebrating **Ash Wednesday** on **March 5**. We will be distributing ashes at the **7:45am mass**, and at our **evening celebration at 7:00pm**. Please join us in celebration as we prepare for the Lenten season, the 40 days before Easter.

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### 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, March 7, 2025 at 7:00pm.** All are welcome.

### Adoration Chapel Promotion

On the weekend Masses of **March 8-9**, we will be promoting the amazing privilege we have with a perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in our Parish. Our goal is to have Jesus, present there in the Blessed Sacrament, kept company every hour of every day, and not left alone at any time!



Many in our parish partake of this beautiful devotion, yet attend the Chapel without a specific commitment to a particular day or time for their Holy Hour. We are hoping each parishioner can make the sacrifice, show their love for Jesus, and make a Holy Hour each week. It would be huge to also commit to a specific time slot each week, so that we might accomplish our goal of not leaving Jesus without consolation.

We will be passing out a survey form for each parishioner to respond to, then return at the end of each Mass, to a collection box supplied at the exits.

*For your prayerful consideration...*

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### Bingo Bowl



The Holy Cross Parish CWL Annual St. Patrick's Day BINGO BOWL will take place on **Saturday, March 22, 7:00pm at Coronation Lanes, 255 Tache Avenue.**

Your \$25.00 ticket includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, and pizza. Tickets available through CWL. Silent Auction,

50/50 and door prizes. Come dressed in a St. Patrick's outfit or in green to win the prize for best dressed.

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**Did you know.....**how the PPC members are selected? The PPC needs a good representation of the whole parish. Parishioners are part of the PPC because of their role in the parish and their particular gifts and expertise. Parish members who have some history with the parish or are involved in parish ministry, can be recommended by the Parochial Administrator or a current PPC member. Following a time of prayerful consideration, a selection for a new member is made.

### February 2025 Papal Prayer Intentions

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



### Stewardship

**February 23, 2025 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, in stewardship, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

### Formed

Have you checked out [FORMED](#)?

Do you want to be of service to the parish? We are looking for volunteers to help promote [FORMED](#), and create events with the support of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Financial Council, Fr. AniXavier, and Sister Charlotte. Are you interested?

Please email [ppc@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:ppc@holycrossparish.ca) with your name and email address. We will contact you for a planning meeting.

### 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 life and 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 February 22–March 2, 2025

### Saturday, February 22: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + George Ross, + Irene Ross, & + Darrin Ross by Christine Ross

### Sunday, February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Claire Chenier by Betty Man  
10:00am + Grace & + Jorge by Elcira Cordova  
12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### Monday, February 24

7:45am Gerson, Jennifer, Victoria, Trenton, & Ellie (Baptism & Conversion for Paula's children) by Paula Peacey

### Tuesday, February 25

7:45am + Sr. Pierrette Manaigre by Monica Decebel-Cuza

### Wednesday, February 26

7:45am Oslo & Edie Tanbull by their Grandparents

### Thursday, February 27

7:45am + Keith Jewell by Roger & Debbie Bouchard

### Friday, February 28

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Louisa Lalonde

### Saturday, March 1

7:45am Marianne Savard by the Savard family

### Saturday, March 1: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### Sunday, March 2: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Paul & Shelly Girardin by John & Susanne Scatliff

10:00am + Marta Nercasseau Carrasco by Monica Decebel-Cuza

12:00pm + Victor Novog by Dells Desrochers



**Happy Birthday!!!**

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

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**Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!**

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

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Sunday Offerings February 16, 2025	
Loose	\$308.00
Envelopes	\$1,625.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,152.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,085.50</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Food Depot)</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. Deuteronomy 16: 17*



**TOILETRIES**

**CWL Corner  
Chez Rachel  
Toiletries for Residents of  
Chez Rachel**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Cross CWL is initiating this drive in support of the mothers & children residing at Chez Rachel. These families have left their

homes due to domestic violence. We are asking the good people of Holy Cross Parish for your support in making this effort a success.

**There will be clearly marked collection bins at the back of the church & annex.**

**Items Required:**

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Body Wash/Hand Soap      | Bar Soap         |
| Shampoo/Conditioner      | Deodorant        |
| Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes | Hand/Body Lotion |
| Lip Care – Lysol/Blistex | Hair Comb/Brush  |
| Feminine Protection      | Kleenex          |

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**The Week Ahead February 23—March 1, 2025**

	Sunday February 23	Monday February 24	Tuesday February 25	Wednesday February 26	Thursday February 27	Friday February 28	Saturday March 1
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium			7:45am Mass followed by First Saturday Devotions 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium 9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's		5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium			12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation 1:30pm-3:30pm RCIA-Teen
Evening					7:00pm Youth Group		4:00pm-8:00pm Lent Family Night