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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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm 138: "Before the
Angels I sing your praise, O Lord."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come follow me, says the LORD and I will make you fishers of people." -MT 4:19

Can you imagine spending all day on something with no results and then Jesus asks you to do the same action again, and you get overwhelming results? Simon spent all night fishing with no success. Then Jesus asked him to "go deep" and drop your nets. Considering Simon's experience of spending all night trying, being tired and stressed, I am sure he was full of doubt. When they pulled up the nets the fish filled two boats. When we work with the Holy Spirit we will have results that will always amaze us.

There are times when we need to dig deep down in our faith, times when we feel that we are not good enough. Listening to people in society today, there are many that have no hope. As we see, Simon's initial response to Jesus' request was to push Jesus away. How many times do we push Jesus away because of our circumstances or something that we did? Jesus knows our sin and he still searches us out, looking for all of His sheep. How are you showing others the HOPE you have in Christ?

This week, think about how you have allowed Jesus to work through you. Will you allow Jesus to soften your heart to try something new? What can you do for someone else so they can see Jesus' light in you?

When reading the first reading from Isaiah, I notice that our mass is filled with scripture. Can you spot another scripture that we recite at the mass that is a quote from the Bible? Have you registered on Formed? If not, please sign up today and check out a few programs and let me know what you think. Here are the two that I will recommend today:

1. Lectio: Confirmation
2. Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture

Both of these are great bible studies. There are many movies and shows on Formed for the whole family. Check them out!

Diane L'Arrivee
PPC Chair



Invitation to an Open House at the Capuchin Brothers' New Friary – February 8, 2025

Dear brothers, sisters and friends in Christ,
Peace and All Goodness.

After nearly two decades of residence at St. Alphonsus Parish, We, Capuchin Friars have moved on January 6th to our new house built on Saint-Boniface archdiocese land at 165 Avenue de la Cathédrale. Wishing you to know the new residence of your parochial administrator and friends, **we are inviting you for an Open House on Saturday February 8th, 2025, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** We look forward to welcoming you and giving you a tour of our new home.

Event: CAPUCHIN FRIARS OPEN HOUSE

When ? - Saturday, February 8th, 2025.

Where ? - 165, Avenue de la Cathédrale, Winnipeg/ next to St-Boniface bishop's house.

Time ? - 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Yours sincerely,

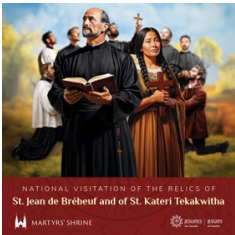
1. Brother Ani-Xavier (OFM Cap.)
2. Brother Germain (OFM Cap.)
3. Brother Gregory/ Greg. (OFM Cap.)
4. Brother Janusz (OFM Cap.)

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.

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



Relics of the Canadian Martyrs Coming to our Archdiocese – February 9, 2025

The major relics of the Canadian Martyrs, including the skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf and bones of St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant, as well as a relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

are coming to the **Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface on Sunday, February 9.** They will first be at **Paroisse Saints-Martyrs for the 10:00am Mass (in French) followed by a period of veneration. Later that day, they will be at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral for veneration from 3:00pm until 8:00pm, with a presentation by Fr. John O'Brien, sj, director of the Martyrs' Shrine located in Midland, Ontario. A reconciliation service will begin at 7:00pm, with confession available for all.** For more information about the Martyrs' Shrine, including a video about the Canadian tour, [click here](#).

Altar Server Training

There will be training for all altar servers on **Saturday, February 15 from 10:00am to 11:00am.** We request the parents to bring your children who serve.

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. invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, February 16 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, February 18, at 7:00pm in the church.** All are welcome!

Coldest Night of the Year Returns to Holy Cross!

Following last winter's highly successful event, Holy Cross is pleased to team up with St. Boniface Street Links again to host **Coldest Night of the Year.** It is a family-friendly walk to raise money for a vital charity that serves people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

Who: Anyone who wants to form a team or walk with family and friends along a 2.5 km or 5 km walk that starts at the church. You can get people or businesses to sponsor you to raise money for Street Links or make a group donation.

When: Saturday, February 22, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Where: Participants will gather in the church basement between 3:30pm and 4:00pm at 252 Dubuc Street.

Why: To raise money for this critical outreach service that seeks out those who are homeless and helps them secure safe and sober housing in the neighborhood. As you know, Holy Cross has teamed up with Street Links in the past to set up a warming shelter in our basement during extreme cold snaps. This is an opportunity for us to support this organization.

How You Can Get Involved:

Organize a team to walk the route, make a pledge, or provide baking for the event which is expected to attract as many as 150 people.

For more information, check out the link below:

[Winnipeg St. Boniface \(St. Boniface Street Links\) - CNOY 2025 Canada](#)

Holy Cross will be serving chili, snacks, and warm beverages to all participants when they return from the walk. Let's see how many teams we can form and have another fun filled night of fitness, food and fellowship!

Update Coldest Night Baking Notice

As you're aware Holy Cross is hosting approximately 150 people for Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for St. Boniface Street Links on Saturday, February 22. We are asking for donations of cookies, cakes, muffins, slices, sweet treats and also GLUTEN FREE ITEMS (which often get forgotten). Gluten Free items must be tagged "GLUTEN FREE" so it can be kept separate from the regular baking. Any baking delivered to the parish office can be delivered only on the morning of Friday, Feb 21 because the office always closes at 12 noon OR in the afternoon of Saturday Feb. 22 in the basement. If you require baking to be picked up please contact Nicole Gougeon, 204-254-4659 or email nicolegg1@mymts.net for pick up arrangements on Fri. Feb 21st.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Sincerely,

Marianne Savard

Holy Cross Food Bank Coordinator

Did you know.....The PPC follows the guidelines that are set out for our diocese as seen in Canon Law 536. The PPC, through different media, will communicate to the parish on pastoral priorities and decisions. The main aim of the PPC is to engage and enable the whole parish community to participate more fully in the mission of the parish.

FYI - Canon Law is the system of laws and ecclesiastical legal principles made and enforced by the hierarchical authorities of the Catholic Church.

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, February 19, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

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 with your name and email address. We will contact you for a planning meeting.

2024 Donation Receipts

We are 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 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.

Mass Intention Openings

We have mass intention openings for the month of February and March. 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.

Mass Intentions February 8–16, 2025

Saturday, February 8: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Omer Malo by his family

Sunday, February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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

12:00pm Nick Tan by Rita Tan & family

Monday, February 10: Memorial for St. Scholastica

7:45am + Agnese Gobbi by the Verrelli family

Tuesday, February 11

7:45am + Claudia Murphy by Pam & Barry Murphy

Wednesday, February 12

7:45am + Luis Decebel-Cuza by Monica Decebel-Cuza

Thursday, February 13

7:45am Frank Remic by Ivanka Remic

Friday, February 14: Memorial for St. Cyril & St. Methodius

7:45am Daniel Verrelli by Louisa Lalonde

Saturday, February 15

7:45am + Olga & + Norman Klowak by the Savard family

Saturday, February 15: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Antonia Perin (Pratt) by Helen & Ralph Shearman

Sunday, February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Doug Ashmore by Darija Vugrin

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm Mass

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 9, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."



Happy Birthday!!!

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

(Image by [Alexandra_Koch](#) from [Pixabay](#))



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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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.

Sunday Offerings February 2, 2025	
Loose	\$462.70
Envelopes	\$2,045.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,152.50
TOTAL	\$3,660.20
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 7

CWL Corner

Chez Rachel

For 30 years (at the time of printing in March 2023), Chez Rachel (formerly known as L'Entre-Temps des Franco-Manitobaines Inc.), has been providing second-stage housing to women fleeing violent partners. Unique in western Canada and Manitoba as the only shelter to provide bilingual services and to serve the French-speaking community, Chez Rachel serves clients from diverse cultures and multilingual backgrounds.

Chez Rachel, provides safe and accessible services, a secure/protective home, counselling and legal support. They bring hope for a better future, offering various programs for women and children that are designed to help them develop the skills, abilities, and confidence necessary to live independently.

Chez Rachel provides safe housing, counselling, safety management, and children's programming. The shelter houses five two-bedroom apartments and can accommodate up to five families. Women can call the centre for resources, advocacy and assistance navigating various systems.

Chez Rachel assists clients from the French-speaking community as well as the broader community including newcomers from around the world.

With family and gender-based violence, there's so many obstacles. Some women feel that financially they're not going to be able to be on their own. They often get a lot of misleading information from their partners that really frightens them: they might be deported, lose their children. There's also the shame attached to being in this kind of situation. It's a very complex situation for all women who escape.

(Source: <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/2023/03/25/thirty-years-of-fresh-starts>)

The Week Ahead February 9—15, 2025

	Sunday February 9	Monday February 10	Tuesday February 11	Wednesday February 12	Thursday February 13	Friday February 14	Saturday February 15
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed	11:30am Holy Cross School Mass for Catholic Schools Week	9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium			9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium 9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation 10:00am-11:00am Altar Server Training
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's		5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium	2:00pm St. Boniface Diocesan High School Mass		12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation 1:30pm-3:30pm RCIA-Teen
Evening			7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting		7:00pm Youth Group		