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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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 23

R. *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall
not want.”*

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

Parish Bulletin

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Our gospel reading gives some insight into how the people viewed the blind man initially. The disciples saw his blindness as a result of sin; his neighbors saw him as a beggar; the Pharisees saw only that he had been healed on the Sabbath; the Jewish worshippers saw a hoax— they couldn't believe he was healed until they questioned his parents. The parents believed he had been healed, but wouldn't say how.

Only Jesus understood the truth: This man was a child of God. God didn't make him blind. Rather God was using his blindness to bring glory to Jesus. Through this healing and others like it, many would recognize that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah sent by the Father.

We may not be physically blind, but we all face a certain degree of spiritual blindness. As fallen human beings, we all have a tendency toward sin and self-centeredness, but we aren't always aware of how this tendency works itself out in our lives. That's why Jesus came: “so that those who do not see might see”. Even now he wants to open our eyes more fully so that we can see our need, for he wants to heal us.

The man's journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, a journey from darkness to light. Physical sight is a wonderful gift that we should never take for granted. But faith is a deeper and more wonderful kind of seeing.

St. Paul says to the Ephesians: “Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.” Without faith we are in deep night and do not know where we are going. Those who have been enlightened by Christ can never again see themselves and their lives in the same light as before. Faith helps us find our way through the chaos, confusion and darkness of our world.

We must never forget that we are the beloved children of God. Even as we come to recognize our spiritual blindness, we need to remember that we are loved by Jesus. He won't condemn us! We don't need to be afraid to bring our “blind spots” to him. Rather ask him to open our eyes to our hidden darkness, that we might be filled with his wonderful light. And with this new light, we can make our world a better, more just, more humane, more respectful world for all people.

Blessings in the Holy Names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

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

LENTEN Retreat – March 18 and 19, 2026



Everyone is warmly invited to Holy Cross Parish for two consecutive evenings of **Evening Prayer** and an inspirational presentation of the **BEATITUDES**.

Presenter: Father Sam Argenziano

Date: March 18 and 19, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Holy Cross Parish Church, 252 Dubuc Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Chalice—March 14 and 15, 2026

During our Lenten journey, we are called to direct our thoughts, hearts and bodies to follow Jesus in His footsteps through PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING.

As we read on the first Saturday of Lent, God speaks about the path of Lent: "If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon. Isaiah 58:10."

Holy Cross Parish is happy to announce that there will be a "Chalice" sponsorship weekend on March 14/15.

May God bless us all in fulfilling His desire during this Lent: prayer towards God, almsgiving towards others and fasting towards ourselves in taming our nature.

Stations of the Cross



Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. On Friday, March 20, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00pm, followed by the Lenten Penitential Service at 7:00pm. (Image by [falco](#) from [Pixabay](#))

Holy Week

Throughout the Holy Season and Holy Week please remember to **bring your missal** to enhance your participation in answering out loud, in some parts of the Passion of Our Lord, as you are the crowd.

You are also reminded on Good Friday to bring a flower and/or a sealed prayer card with your disappointments, regrets, frustrations, sinfulness, negligence's, etc. to place at the foot of the cross during the Veneration of the Holy Cross. It will be burned in the fire on the Vigil of Holy Saturday.

On Good Friday the parish will provide stones at the entrance of the church for those who desire to give to Jesus everything that is in their heart (sorrows, the loss of a loved one, the loss of faith, depression and so on) symbolized by throwing a stone of surrendering everything to His Holy Will at the foot of the Cross. In other words, we can picture Jesus saying "...it is finished".

On Good Friday there will be a collection for the Holy Land. For Easter Vigil (Thursday) and Easter Sunday please bring your bells to ring at the Gloria.

Sign Up Sheets Now Available

As Holy Week is quickly approaching many extra volunteers and ministers are needed for communion ministry, collection ushering, altar serving and greeting. Please sign up at the table at the back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. (Note lectors are pre-assigned)

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Novenas

You are invited to join us in praying a Novena to St. Joseph at Holy Cross from March 10 to March 18 during morning prayer at 7:00am. We will be asking Saint Joseph to intercede for the Community Cenacolo from Italy to come to start a new community in Canada and to find the property (home and land) that can be suitable. This Catholic community formed by volunteers, ex-addicts, has been highly successful in bringing people with all kinds of addictions (especially heavy drugs) to freedom and great conversion. Copies will be placed in the Church or you may click [here](#) to view it online.



We will also begin a novena to Our Lady of the Annunciation on March 16 starting our morning prayers at 6:45am and we will pray for various intentions and especially for peace in the world and an end to all wars. It will end on March 24.



The Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, from morning Mass until noon, we will have a half a day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with times of silence and devotional

prayers.

Pope Leo is encouraging the universal Church to do at this crucial time. May God Bless you during this penitential Lenten time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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Medjugorje Prayer Group

The Medjugorje Prayer Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 is cancelled. Please join us for the next prayer meeting on **Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00pm** in the church. All are welcome!

Men's Group

The Men's Group meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 is cancelled due to the Lenten Retreat. Please join us for the Men's Group meeting on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm** in the church.

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc.

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry Inc. invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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Mass Intentions March 14–22, 2026

Saturday, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00pm + Myrtle Chartrand by Wilma and Gerald Maurice
 4:00pm + Alfred and + Rose Ross and + Deceased Family Members by Christine Ross

Sunday, March 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:45am + Thompson family by Madalene Gray
 10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 12:00pm + Sister Yvonne Bouchard by Blanche Bouchard

Monday, March 16

- 7:45am Amalia de Jesus by the family

Tuesday, March 17

- 7:45am Geraldine and + Keith Jewell by Roger and Debbie Bouchard
 7:45am Birthday Blessings for Larry MacDonald for Pam and Barry Murphy

Wednesday, March 18

- 7:45am + Joseph Man by Betty Man

Thursday, March 19: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:45am + Anne Thorimbart by John and Susanne Scatliff and family

Friday, March 20

- 7:45am + Anne Thorimbart by Maria Grazia Verrelli and family

Saturday, March 21

- 7:45am + Grazia Spezzano by Michael and Arlene Soenen

Saturday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00pm David Tan and Friends by Rita and Nick Tan

Sunday, March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:45am + Anne Thorimbart by John and Susanne Scatliff and family
 10:00am Ela and Ciro Baez Wedding Anniversary by the family
 12:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — March 2026

For disarmament and peace: Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Stewardship

March 15, 2026 - 4th Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Lenten Penitential Service

Holy Cross Parish will be holding a Lenten Penitential Service, where prayers and private confessions are offered. **Holy Cross Parish's celebration will take place on Friday, March 20 at 7:00pm.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 28)

4pm Palm Sunday Mass

Palm Sunday (March 29)

7:45am Palm Sunday Mass
 10am Palm Sunday Mass
 12pm Palm Sunday Mass

Wednesday (April 1)

7pm Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday (April 2)

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30pm Solemn Adoration until midnight (Church)

Good Friday (April 3)

8-11am Adoration continues in the Church
 2pm Indoor Stations of the Cross
 3pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday (April 4)

11:30am Blessing of the Easter Baskets
 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 5)

7:45am Easter Sunday Mass
 10am Easter Sunday Mass
 12pm Easter Sunday Mass

During Holy Week, there are NO 7:45am Masses on Holy Thursday (April 2), Good Friday (April 3) and Holy Saturday (April 4).

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!



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

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CWL Corner
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
 is holding a
TOILETRY DRIVE

TOILETRIES

IN AID OF:

- Residents of ChezRachel, a bilingual second stage shelter in Winnipeg, providing safe housing & support services for women & children fleeing domestic violence.

WHEN:

- MARCH 8TH through MARCH 22ND

NEEDED:

- Body Wash, Body Moisturizer, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Feminine Protection, Kleenex Tissue, Lip Balm, Hand Crème
- Please – No Partially Used Items or Travel Sizes**

GATHERING BINS:

- Clearly labelled **Toiletries for ChezRachel** will be located at the back of the Church in front of the display case and in the annex.

THANK YOU!

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Sunday Offerings	
March 8, 2026	
Loose	\$455.06
Envelopes	\$3,085.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$878.00
TOTAL	\$4,418.06
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	
<i>Please no foreign currency.</i>	

In reply He said to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." Luke 3: 11

It Really Was the Coldest Night of the Year!

Congratulations to Holy Cross Parish for hosting yet another successful Coldest Night of the year! Minus 29 degrees didn't deter the 38 teams and more than 200 participants from packing our church basement for something warm to drink before heading out on their 2.5 and 5 km walk. Despite the frigid weather, this was by far the largest fundraiser since we started hosting the event four years ago. Some of the walkers were new, some returning from previous years. All were impressed and grateful for the outstanding hospitality shown by Holy Cross. A BIG thank you to all the incredible bakers who showed up on a cold stormy day with yummy muffins, cookies galore, delicious home-made quiche and the melt-in-your-mouth sugar buns. My heartfelt thanks to Nicole for spearheading the baking drive. Sharon gave up a day at work to come and help plate the goodies and stayed all the way to the end for the massive clean up. This event would not have succeeded without these two ladies! Of course a big shout out goes to Dan, our chef, who whipped up 3 massive pots of chili, both meat and vegetarian, which were completely gone by the end of the night. It was a fun night of faith, fitness and fellowship. Marion Willis, the founder of St. Boniface Street Links was in attendance for the whole evening, commenting on what a magical evening it was and her gratitude to Holy Cross for hosting. Several local politicians also came out along with a team of police officers who decided to participate in the walk. They all thanked us for the incredible warmth, hospitality and kindness they were shown. This was a night that reflected the light of Christ to all those who came through our doors. Congratulations to all the parishioners at Holy Cross for making this such a success. On a financial note, Street Links raised \$63,000 of its \$75,000 goal. That is \$20,000 more than last year. And donations are still coming in. Know that all you have done and contributed in any way will go a long way in helping the most vulnerable in our community.

Blessings to all!

Sincerely,

Marianne Savard, Holy Cross Food Bank Coordinator

The Week Ahead March 15—21, 2026

	Sunday March 15	Monday March 16	Tuesday March 17	Wednesday March 18	Thursday March 19	Friday March 20	Saturday March 21
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed	11:00am Funeral (1)	9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:00am Holy Cross School Reconciliation (Gr. 3-8) 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place	7:45am Mass followed by Third Friday Devotions	9:30am-11:30am Sacramental Preparation 10:00am-12:00pm Children's Atrium
Afternoon	1:30pm Legion of Mary	3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's	12:00pm Funeral Reception	1:30pm Holy Cross School Mass			12:00pm-2:00pm Confirmation Preparation
Evening				5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium 7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Father Sam Argenziano	7:00pm Lenten Retreat with Father Sam Argenziano	6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation	