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Holy Cross

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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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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 130

R. "With the Lord there is steadfast
love and great power to redeem."

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

Parish Bulletin

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In the Gospel reading, John seems to indicate that Jesus was moved by the sight of Mary and the other mourners. Is it possible that Jesus was mourning with them over the loss of a beloved friend? Or perhaps Jesus wept because he saw a group of people over whom death seemed victorious?

It is very comforting to know that whenever we lose a loved one to death, Jesus is standing right there with us. He shares our suffering and loss and wants to hold us in his arms and absorb all of our pain and sorrow. He wants us to know that grieving a loved one's death is not a sign of weak faith. If anything, it's a sign of how much we love the person whom we have lost.

As much as Jesus wants to comfort us when someone close to us dies, he also wants to fill us with hope in the promise of the resurrection. Every life is in his hands. Not a single sparrow falls to the ground without him knowing about it. How can he not be with each dying person, gather that person into his embrace, and offer them a place in his kingdom? We can let Jesus comfort us with the promise that he will never abandon anyone.



Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live. . . . Do you believe this?" Jesus wants us to know that even as we are suffering over the loss of a loved one who believed in him, that person is safe in his hands. He wants this assurance to bring us comfort in our sorrow and peace in our hearts.

We all can trust in the words of the Lord as he brings hope in place of despair and light in place of darkness.

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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Stations of the Cross

Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Friday,
March 27 at 7:00pm.

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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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Christian Parenting/Grandparenting Seminar – April 6, 27 & May 11

Helping parents and grandparents pass on their faith to future generations.

Whether you are a **grandparent, parent, or aunt/uncle...** You are important to the next generation of children, and you are in a unique position of **influence to pass on**

your legacy of faith in Jesus Christ. In this 3 part series, you will learn how to be **intentional** in passing on your faith to the **next generations** - your grandchildren, children, niece/nephews and more!. Click [here](#) for the program trailer. NOTE – the seminar format will be modified to address **parent** impact as well as **grandparent**.

Monday, April 6, 27 and May 11, 6:45pm until 9:15pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Cost is goodwill offering to cover the cost of the materials (\$20 per couple/person). See [mmoc.ca](#) for more info. Please register [here](#) by **March 30, 2026**. For poster, [click here](#).

First Holy Communion Mass

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12th) at the 10:00am Mass. Please keep the children who are preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

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.

Feast of the Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation is on March 25 and 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 in the Church.

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.



Diocesan Chrism Mass – March 31, 2026

Everyone is invited to join us in this year's celebration of the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., a celebration during which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the upcoming year are blessed. **This Mass will take place in the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

And please check out this outstanding video to whet your appetite! [Click here!](#)

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Holy Cross Men's group will be hosting its next meeting on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm**; discussion and feedback session, looking for ideas, feedback, and extra help to facilitate the 2026 season of meetings. Possible video. Please contact Charles at 204-235-1725 or cppref@mymts.net or Christophe at 431-866-5138 or cmaguet@hotmail.com for more information.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr. Janusz Maron, and the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Andrew Bobola Parish cordially invite everyone to come and celebrate with us; **Shrine of the Divine Mercy; 541 Marion Street.**

The celebrant for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt. Parish Priests are invited to con-celebrate the **Holy Mass on April 12th at 3:00pm.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 1:00pm.

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Mass Intentions March 21–29, 2026

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 Thorimbert 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

Monday, March 23

7:45am + Paul Prefontaine by Charles Prefontaine

Tuesday, March 24

7:45am + Joseph Man by Betty Man

Wednesday, March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

7:45am Betty Man

Thursday, March 26

7:45am + Joseph Man by Betty Man

Friday, March 27

7:45am Birthday Blessings for Brennen Murphy by Mom and Dad

Saturday, March 28

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Ava Ayache by Cecile Myslicki

Saturday, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45am + Anne Thorimbert by Maria Grazia Verrelli and family
 10:00am Gwen Buccini by Monica Decebel-Cuza
 12:00pm Adeline Carbotte by the Holy Cross CWL

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.

St. Francis of Assisi: A Reverence for Nature

(Source: St. Francis College <https://share.google/5m8nPTnBiHv9H5VvV>)
"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received. Only what you have given. A full heart, enriched by honest, service, love, sacrifice and courage." —St. Francis of Assisi



Stewardship

March 22, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"
 JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

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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Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary group from Holy Cross Parish will have a new meeting time of 9:00am on Sundays, starting March 29th.

For more information, please call: Monique at 204-804-5403, Ellery at 204-290-3355, or Charles at 204-235-1725.

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TOILETRIES

CWL Corner

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

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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Statement calling for Prayer for Peace in the Middle-East

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has issued a [Statement Calling the Catholic Faithful to Prayer for Peace in the Middle East](#). The statement affirms that we cannot remain indifferent to an armed conflict that risks escalating into a prolonged war.

“Faced with rising tensions and the risk of escalating war, we invite the People of God in Canada to pray for peace. Let us ask the Lord to increase the thirst for justice, reconciliation, and true peace in the world. Let us pray that the leaders involved in this armed conflict will allow the light of wisdom and dialogue to guide their decisions. Where fear and anger threaten to overwhelm hearts, may the Holy Spirit inspire gestures of openness, reconciliation, and peace” – excerpt from the Statement. The Statement encourages all Catholics to draw upon the message of the Gospel by becoming peacemakers, cultivating solidarity with people affected by war, and sustaining hope for a better world.

Read the full statement:

[Statement by the Permanent Council: Calling the Catholic Faithful to Prayer for Peace in the Middle East](#)

The Week Ahead March 22—28, 2026

	Sunday March 22	Monday March 23	Tuesday March 24	Wednesday March 25	Thursday March 26	Friday March 27	Saturday March 28
Morning	11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		8:30-12:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silence & Devotional Prayers 9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		10:00am-12:00pm Children's Atrium
Afternoon	1:00pm The Word of God Nourishes & Heals 1:30pm Legion of Mary	1:00pm Holy Cross School Stations of the Cross 3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's		1:45pm St. Boniface Diocesan High School Mass			
Evening			7:00pm Youth Leadership Meeting (Zoom)	5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium	7:00pm Youth Group	7:00pm Stations of the Cross	



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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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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Sunday Offerings March 15, 2026	
Loose	\$180.45
Envelopes	\$2,985.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$878.00
TOTAL	\$4,043.45
3rd Sunday (Food Depot)	\$1,360.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity. Please no foreign currency.</i>	

Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Luke 6: 30