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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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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord • Easter Sunday • The Mass of Easter Day

April 5, 2026

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 118

R. *“This is the day the Lord has
made; let us rejoice and be glad.”*

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: John 20.1-18++

Parish Bulletin

Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026

“This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.”

We have just completed our 40 days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. I truly believe that the time of reflection and self-examination has been hard, but also a time of spiritual growth. Now we can truly celebrate that Christ has died and has risen again. During the next 50 days of Easter, we are encouraged to spread the good news!



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Take this time to share your faith with family, neighbours and coworkers/fellow students by living as an example of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Be like Mary, prepared with the oil, but ready to drop everything to share the good news that Christ has risen. Keep the good habits of prayer and almsgiving that you developed during the time of Lent.

At this time, I also need to reflect on the challenges facing the Parish Pastoral Council. This group of dedicated parishioners meets 9 times throughout the year to help the current pastor address the parish's pastoral needs. This is a work of the laity and is essential to the church's growth. We currently need 6 members for this council, including a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Pope's vision for a PPC is that it supports the pastor and the church. Here is a quote from Archbishop LeGat:

“...It is increasingly clear that in a parish, the two key sources and prime movers are the Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).”

If you are interested in helping with this great ministry work within the parish, please contact Diane at ppc@holycrossparish.ca.



Did you pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent?

Have you heard of Stations of the Resurrection?

Check out the following link for some great reflections on the Resurrection.

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/765104>

Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season.

While the Stations of the Cross commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion and death, the Stations of the Resurrection focus on the events that followed the Resurrection.

Diane L'Arrivee
PPC Chair



Easter Wishes from Fr. Anixavier

Happy Easter ... Peace be with you all...
Jesus indeed rose from the dead.
The Resurrection of Jesus bring us love,
peace, hope and joy.
Pope St. John Paul II famously said,
"We are an 'Easter people', and Alleluia
is our song!"

Our hearts are filled with Easter joy, peace and hope.
We pray to the Risen Jesus to bring peace to the world,
especially wherever war is taking place.
The suffering people and persecuted people are our brothers
and sisters.
We pray for their safety and protection.
The World needs peace, not war.
May the Risen Lord touch the world leaders to promote peace,
harmony, equality, and brotherhood.
We are born to live to love and promote peace and unity.
I thank all our parishioners for your prayers, dedication,
generosity, service and involvement in our Holy Cross Parish.
I encourage all our parishioners to carry the message of hope
and peace to their families and friends.
We pray to the Risen Jesus, Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace...
With prayers and blessings,
Fr. Anixavier, OFM, Cap.
Parochial Administrator at Holy Cross Parish
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EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday (April 4)

8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (April 5)

7:45am Easter Sunday Mass

10am Easter Sunday Mass

12pm Easter Sunday Mass

During Holy Week, there is NO 7:45am Holy Saturday (April 4).

Holy Week Parish Office Hours

The parish office will **be closed on Easter Monday (April 6)** and
will **reopen on Tuesday, April 7** during regular office hours.

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: **April 6, 2026**
Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.
7:00pm Holy Mass and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament with Rosary for
Priests and Vocations.



Archbishop LeGatt's Easter Message

This year, in his Easter
message, Archbishop Albert
reminds us of the words of the
Holy Thursday entrance antiphon: "We should glory in the
Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life
and resurrection, through whom we are saved and
delivered." (cf. Gal 6:14) As we prepare to enter the high
holy days of the Easter Triduum, we are invited to
contemplate the Cross not as a sign of defeat, but as the
source of our hope — where love is given completely, and
where new life begins. Archbishop Albert also calls us to
recognize our personal responsibility to be bearers of
peace and unity in our world, especially in these trying
times.

This mission takes shape in simple, concrete ways: in
choosing understanding over division, forgiveness over
resentment, and charity in our daily encounters. In a
special way during these holy days, this calling becomes
tangible. As we walk with Christ through His passion, we
are invited to become more like Him: instruments of
reconciliation and witnesses of hope. May this Triduum be
a time of deep prayer and renewal for you and your loved
ones, and may the light of Easter begin to rise gently in
your hearts.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook
page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or
visit the diocesan website homepage at:
www.archsaintboniface.ca

Charismatic Prayer

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 April 11 at 7:00pm.**



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.

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Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration of Mercy – April 12, 2026

St. Andrew Bobola Parish the home of
the shrine of Divine Mercy is hosting a
celebration of Mercy on Sunday with
Archbishop Albert LeGatt as the main

celebrant on **April 12, 2026.**

1:00 PM Confessions

3:00 PM Holy Mass

Please join us on this beautiful feast day!

Mass Intentions April 4–12, 2026

Saturday, April 4: The Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

4:00pm NO MASS (See Easter Sunday schedule)

Sunday, April 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord • Easter Sunday • The Mass of Easter Day

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Doris Morgan by the Honduras Mission Circle Members

12:00pm Healing for Adeline Carbotte by Pat and Janet Cain

Monday, April 6: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Janelle Lafrance by the Lafrance family

Tuesday, April 7: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

7:45am + Joseph Man by Betty Man

Wednesday, April 8: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

7:45am + Omer Malo by his family

7:45am + Gordon Murphy by Pam and Barry Murphy

Thursday, April 9: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

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

Friday, April 10: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

7:45am + Annette and + Roland Bouchard by Roger and Debbie Bouchard

Saturday, April 11: Solemnity of the Easter Octave

7:45am + Jim (son) and + Keith McCord by Michael and Arlene Soenen

Saturday, April 11: Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)

4:00pm + Dell Kellsey, + Brian Kellsey, and Lori Ann Kellsey Waldbauer by Christine Ross

4:00pm + Lily Coutinho by Renita Coutinho and Ash Serrao

Sunday, April 12: Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)

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

10:00am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

12:00pm + Doris Morgan by the Honduras Mission Circle Members

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — April 2026

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Stewardship

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday



"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Acts 10:40-41

The first disciples were people who witnessed the risen Christ in the flesh. The author of Acts emphasizes that they ate and drank with the risen Christ. How we take care of each other "in this life" is an important part of our spiritual life. Stewardship is not about having pious thoughts, but about making life better for others in the flesh.

Chalice



Chalice extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Fr. Ani Xavier and Holy Cross Parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on March 14-15.

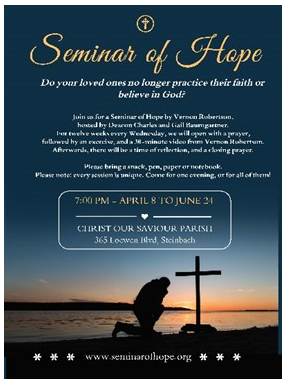
As a result, **9 children in need were sponsored**, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, thank you for your generosity and hospitality! You have revealed God's love to His precious children. Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty.

Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need.

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Holy Cross Men's group will be hosting its next meeting on **Wednesday, April 15 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.

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Seminar of Hope – April 8 to June 24, 2026

Do your loved ones no longer practice their faith or believe in God? Join us for a Seminar of Hope by Vernon Robertson, hosted by Deacon Charles and Gail Baumgartner.

For twelve weeks every Wednesday, we will open with a prayer, followed by an exercise, and a 30-minute video from Vernon Robertson. Afterwards, there will be a time of reflection, and a closing prayer.

Please bring a snack, pen, paper or notebook.

Please note: every session is unique. Come for one evening, or for all of them!

Duration: April 8 to June 24, 2026.

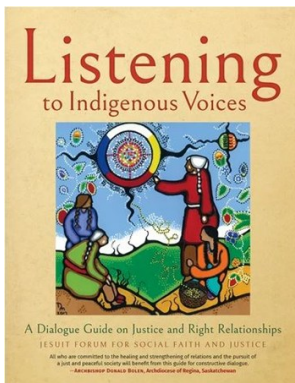
Where: Christ Our Saviour Church, 365 Loewen Blvd, Steinbach

When: Mass at 7 PM, Seminar to Follow.

For Information, please call 204-671-3912

Or visit www.seminarofhope.org

For poster, [click here](#).



"Listening to Indigenous Voices" Program – April 9 to June 4, 2026

The Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface invites you to explore Indigenous cultures, worldviews and the history of colonization, as well as increase your awareness of ways to live reconciliation, thanks to the "Listening to Indigenous Voices".

Conceived by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, "Listening to Indigenous Voices" will take you on an intellectual, emotional and spiritual journey. The program will be led by Daniel Bahaud, responsible for Reconciliation Education for the Non-Indigenous. Essentially, it's like a book club! People read a few pages of the program's book ahead of time and then get together once a week to discuss, view videos, react, pray and see how we can all begin to walk together with the Indigenous people of our country, province and community.

The first evening of the journey begins on **Thursday, April 9 at 7:00pm** at the Baudoux Hall (basement) of the Archdiocesan Centre, 151 ave. de la Cathédrale in St. Boniface.

At this very first meeting, Brother Thomas Novak, omi, will propose a unique learning activity. Afterwards, you'll be able to pick up a copy of the book (\$20). All may attend the first session at no cost or any further commitment. The other meetings will take place every Thursday at the same time. Come to listen, learn, journey and pray together. All are welcome.

The course is free, although free-will offerings will be accepted. Books are sold at cost. If you are already interested, you can register by contacting Daniel Bahaud at communications@archsaintboniface.ca or at 204-594-0277.



Catholic Men's Conference – April 10 & 11, 2026

The 2026 Catholic Men's Conference is a response and a calling out to all men, inviting them to embrace their connection with Jesus Christ and their brothers in the faith. God wants to be in a relationship with us, our church needs men united and more than anything our families needs strong spiritual leaders. This April 2026, come and join other men and together throw off the works of darkness, put on the armour of light and renew our commitment to the Lord of our hearts. Jesus is calling you to be here. Come and discover, connect and be strengthened.

Featuring special guest speaker Mark Mallet

Mark Mallett is a Canadian Catholic singer/songwriter and author, and host of The Now Word and Countdown to the Kingdom. His work in the Church the past 25 years includes concert tours throughout North America and abroad, speaking at conferences, giving parish missions, and leading praise and worship in Eucharistic Adoration.

April 10 from 7 PM – 10 PM, April 11 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at St. Emile Church, 556 St. Anne's Rd, Winnipeg. Lunch provided on Saturday.

For tickets, [click here](#).

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An evening with

Catholic singer/songwriter, evangelist & author



Sunday April 12th, 2026 at 7pm
St. Timothy Catholic church
135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg MB

Presented by
CCRS
www.catholicrenewalservices.com

CCRS & CSE present: "LET THERE BE LIGHT" an evening with Mark Mallett – April 12, 2026

Join us on Sunday April 12 at 7PM at St. Timothy Parish – 145 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg, MB.

Mark Mallett is a Canadian Catholic singer/songwriter and author, and host of The Now Word and Countdown to the Kingdom. Everyone welcomed. Free will love offering.

For more information: 431-791-0111 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit: <https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>

For poster, [click here](#).



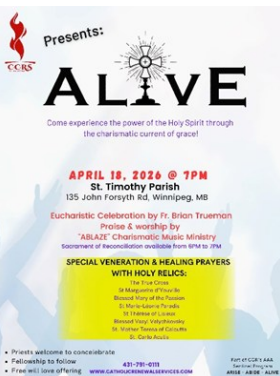
"New Life in The Spirit Seminar" hosted by ABLAZE charismatic Prayer Group – April 13 to May 18, 2026

We invite you to a powerful 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar, every Monday at 7:00PM (April 13 – May 18) at Holy Redeemer Parish.

Discover God's love in a personal way, Experience the power of the Holy Spirit, Be renewed, strengthened, and set on fire for your faith. This is not just a seminar...It's an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome—whether it's your first time or you've attended before, the Lord has something new and personal for you! Come with an open heart. Come and be renewed.

For more information: 431-777-8877 or melvin.depaz@gmail.com

For poster, [click here](#).



CCRS of MB Presents – ALIVE a charismatic event – April 18, 2026

Join us on Saturday April 18, 2026, at 7PM at St. Timothy Parish – 145 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg, MB. Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Brian Trueman, Praise and Worship by "ABLAZE" Charismatic Music Ministry.

Plus we will have a very special time to venerate and receive healing prayers with the following holy relics: The True Cross, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Carlo Acutis and others!

Please note, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6PM to 7PM**. Free will love offering.

Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace! – For more information: 431-791-0111 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit: <https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>



MOMENTUM – Catholic Single Mothers Information Night – April 27, 2026

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface is inviting local Catholic single mothers to attend an informational webinar session via Zoom on April 27, 2026, from 7:00-8:30pm on the MOMENTUM program.

MOMENTUM is a vibrant faith community for Catholic single mothers, offering support, healing, and spiritual growth through retreats, gatherings, and online programs.

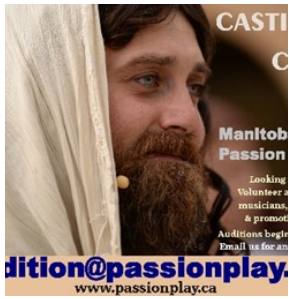
Talitha Cere, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Momentum will be the speaker.

Register by April 24 [here](#).

For poster: [click here](#)

More info visit: www.MomentumMothers.org or contact Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

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Passion Play Casting Call 2026!

This year Manitoba's Passion Play Summer 2026 performances are scheduled for: July 3rd, 4th, & 5th and July 10th, 11th, & 12th.

The Passion Play's organizers are seeking enthusiastic actors, primarily for male roles, who are willing to volunteer their time from April through July. This is a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience of sharing the life of our Lord with others.

If this is you, email audition@passionplay.ca before **April 11, 2026**.

For poster, [click here](#).



Grief Support Group Coffee

The Grief Ministry warmly invites you to a drop-in Grief Support Coffee held **every second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the parish library at the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Timothy, 135 John Forsyth Rd.

Grief can be a lonely journey, but we are not meant to walk it alone. This gentle gathering offers a welcoming space to share stories, listen, and find comfort in the presence of others who understand, over a cup of coffee and fellowship. Together, we seek healing, hope, and God's quiet consolation.

No registration is required—all are welcome.

For more information, please contact the parish office at info@st-timothy.ca For poster, [click here](#).

Life Culture

Celebrate Five Years of Life Culture! – April 22 & May 6, 2026

Over the past five years, you have been part of something truly amazing! Because of your support, Life Culture has been able to walk alongside women, support families, and bring hope in moments when it was needed most. This spring, we would love for you to join us as we celebrate all that has been accomplished.

You're invited to our Spring Gala, an evening dedicated to celebrating five years of Life Culture. We will reflect on our journey to this point and share stories of the lives that have

been changed through your support.

You'll hear firsthand how your generosity has made a difference and how we are continuing to build a culture that values and supports life in practical, compassionate ways.

This will be a meaningful and encouraging event, and we would be honored to have you there as part of this milestone.

RSVP by clicking on the links below!

[Winnipeg - April 22nd](#) (700 Sterling Lyon Pkwy, Winnipeg)

[Steinbach - May 6th](#) (231 Provincial Trunk Hwy 12, Steinbach)



Dying with Christ – Living with Hope – Online Spring series

Join CMDA Canada Online, for a three-week online program exploring Christian hope in the face of suffering, grief, and end-of-life experiences. Led by theologians and healthcare professionals, this series equips participants personally and for ministry.

Spring 2026 sessions are available.

Spring 2026 Online Series Options:

Thursday, April 23, 30, & May 7 — 6:00 pm CT

Tuesday, May 19, 26, & June 2 — 7:00 pm CT

Monday, June 15, 22, & 29 — 5:30 pm CT

To Register: [Click Here](#)

Marriage, Family and Life



Mother-Daughter NFP Classes with Serena Manitoba — April 25th, and May 9th, 2026

Serena is hosting 2 more Mother Daughter NFP (Natural Family Planning) / Body Literacy classes, each one appropriate for different age groups, stimulating and encouraging ongoing conversations between moms and their daughters about fertility and femininity in light of God.

Both classes will be held at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface on Saturdays from 9:30am to 1pm.

The Mom & Teen class for 12 - 15 year olds will be held April 25th, and The Mom & Teen/YA Class for 16+ on May 9th. Suggested donation is \$20 per mother-daughter set, + \$10 per extra daughter in the same class. Payment can be made by cash or cheque at the event, or via e-transfer at

mbserena@gmail.com.

Optional NFP items and books will be available for purchase. For more info, contact Janelle at mbserena@gmail.com or 204-783-0091.

For more detail on each class, and to register, go to mb.serena.ca/teens&tweens, or see the poster [here](#).



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration - May 3, 2026

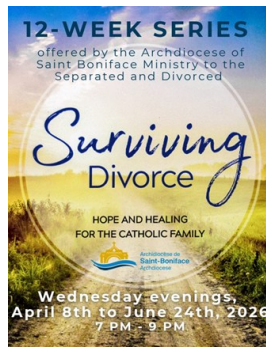
Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years or more) **You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026! A Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:30pm.** Couples will be invited to renew their vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an Anniversary Certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt.

Please register by Friday, April 24th.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/info-anniversary-celebration>

Contact person: Grace Dumont, Administrative Assistant; 204-594-0275 / gdumont@archsaintboniface.ca.

[See Poster and QR Code](#)



Surviving Divorce: 12-Week Catholic Program for the Separated and Divorced – Wednesdays, April 8th to June 24th, 2026

Are you or anyone in your family Separated or Divorced?

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Ministry to the Separated and Divorced will be hosting a twelve-session Surviving Divorce program that will bring hope and healing to those who are experiencing the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

This program will run on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm, starting on Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 at the Saint Boniface Archdiocesan Centre. Registration is required. The cost of the

program for participants is \$50 and includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

For information, please contact Marie Brunet at mfl@archsaintboniface.ca; 204-594-0274 or Daniel Bahuaud at communications@archsaintboniface.ca; 204-594-0277.

Register here for the program: <https://bit.ly/survivingdivorce2026>. Registration fee is payable at the first session.

For additional help and resources for the Separated and Divorced, visit: [Archdiocese of Saint Boniface - Ministry to Divorced and Separated \(archsaintboniface.ca\)](#) For poster, [click here](#).



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of April. (Image by [Alexandra Koch](#) from [Pixabay](#))

Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

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CWL Corner

MANY, MANY THANKS

To our Holy Cross Parishioners who supported the recent drive for toiletries, THANK YOU. The caring and generosity shown toward those in need shone through strong and clear, and is truly appreciated by both the CWL and residents and staff of ChezRachel.

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, disability insurance and investment opportunities and we are rated one of the best insurance providers. We have been with Holy Cross Parish for 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 March 29, 2026	
Loose	\$480.00
Envelopes	\$3,985.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$878.00
TOTAL	\$5,343.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity. 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



**Help Not Harm:
Support Bill C-218**

The Catholic community is encouraged to respectfully contact their Member of Parliament (MP) and urge support for Bill C-218, *The*

Right to Recover Act, currently before the Parliament of Canada.

This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to prohibit Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness, affirming the need for care, treatment, and hope rather than premature death.

Why it matters:

- Every human life is sacred, from conception to natural death.
- Suicidal thoughts can be a symptom of mental illness.
- Mental illness is often treatable, and recovery is possible.
- Gaps in mental health care may lead individuals to seek MAiD due to lack of support.
- Vulnerable Canadians may face increased risk due to poverty, isolation, or limited access to care.

Bill C-218 is a Private Members' Bill and will require support across party lines. A small number of votes could make the difference.

Learn and take action: HelpNotHarmCanada.ca or for pamphlet: [click here](#).

The Week Ahead April 5—11, 2026

	Sunday April 5	Monday April 6	Tuesday April 7	Wednesday April 8	Thursday April 9	Friday April 10	Saturday April 11
Morning	9:00am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		10:00am-12:00pm Children's Atrium 10:00am-4:00pm Holy Cross Parish First Communion Retreat 11:00am Baptism (1)
Afternoon		3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's			1:30pm Holy Cross School Easter Mass		
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation or Witness 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration	7:00pm Youth Leadership Night	5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium	7:00pm Youth Group		7:00pm Charismatic Prayer