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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
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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.1-3

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 145

R. "You open your hand to feed us, Lord,
and satisfy our needs."

2nd Reading: Romans 8.35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 85

R. "Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation."

2nd Reading: Romans 9.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33

Parish Bulletin

18th & 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 2 & 9, 2026

Sunday, August 2, 2026—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, of being persecuted, lacking food or clothes or being threatened or attacked" (Romans 8: 35)

Today I want to reflect on what Jesus does in our lives and what it means to follow Him. Jesus is asking each of us to decide to choose to follow Him. There is no decision that is more important than this one—Is Jesus only a good man or the Lord of our lives. Is Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer and especially our friend? Does He mean everything to us? Paul reminds us above that nothing can break our bond with Christ especially when adversity and real suffering come before us.

Why does God allow suffering? Why does the innocent (children) have to be taken away much sooner than they should? It seems that God has hidden His face at times and allowed pain and suffering to occur. It also seems that God has a deep reason for suffering and loss. The Psalmist says the "Lord is kind and full of compassion. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all His creatures (Psalm 144: 8-9).

We don't understand God's plans or reasons sometimes, yet He is still good, He still tells us that "I'm here with you, I'm next to you and I will carry you. You may not understand but trust in me and I will give you rest". TRUST. TRUST. HAVE FAITH. YOU WILL SEE MY GLORY. And yet, you can and must have honest doubt wondering why God does this and allowing people to deeply contemplate loss. In *Grief Observed*, C.S. Lewis says, "You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you)".

Let us pray and remember Maximo and Aaron Au Ramirez who tragically lost their lives. Let us pray for the family and those who loved them and let us ask for their intercession.

Let us have faith in God's goodness and how He can make all darkness into Light and bring sorrow into joy.

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council Member & Parishioner*

Sunday, August 9, 2026—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Elijah needed to hear God's voice—and God's messenger promised that he would.

But it was only after Elijah had passed through the storm that he was able to hear God's voice in a "tiny whispering sound".

Elijah's story offers encouraging insight into how we can hear God speak to us. In our natural desire to avoid stressful or challenging situations, we may think that the only way to hear God's voice is in picturesque, quiet moments, when we are secluded and free to spend time with him in prayer or meditate on his word. Of course, those times are essential, but they are not the only way God speaks. And neither are they always the most effective way.

In fact, God often uses the storms of life to help us find his presence and his wisdom. Life is not picture-perfect. We know what it's like to feel buffeted by forces beyond our control and by situations that affect our work or health or our children and their future. Our foundation gets shaken by problems we can't fix, and that can unnerve us.

But there's always a hidden blessing in these tough situations that can bring us to our knees. It's when we find ourselves nearing the end of our strength, as Elijah did, that we are more likely to listen for God's still small voice.

The surprising thing about making it through storms is that we can look back and realize God has been with us all along. He promised, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age," and he is true to his word. So whenever we are facing a storm, let us try our best to cling to our loving God and believe that even in the midst of turmoil, we can still know his presence, for his steadfast love is always with us.

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

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

A Friendly Reminder...



- **Donations Using Foreign Currency:** We ask that donations be made in Canadian currency **ONLY**, as foreign coins and bills cannot be processed by the bank and create additional challenges for our volunteers. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued generosity in supporting our parish.
- Cheques must be issued to "Holy Cross Parish" and in the memo section, please indicate where the donation should be allocated.
- Donation envelopes from another parish will be sent back to that parish as per the protocol of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.
- When using a donation envelope in the Church or Adoration Chapel, **please fill out ALL the information legibly in order for a tax receipt to be issued.**
- We have noticed that parishioners are still using their previous year's donation envelopes. **If you do not want a new box of envelopes, please scratch off the envelope number and date and indicate the current date.** Your old number might be assigned to another person for 2026 and that person will receive an income tax receipt for a donation which you have made.
- When sending an e-transfer for a donation or any fees, **please indicate your first and last name AND indicate in the transfer details section what the e-transfer is for.**

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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: **August 3, 2026**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

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

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, August 3** for **Terry Fox Day** and on **Tuesday, August 4**. We will reopen on **Wednesday, August 5** during office hours.

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 **August 8 at 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

CWL Corner

GREY CUP POOL SCRATCH FUNDRAISING TICKETS are now available. These tickets make for great gifts and sell out fast! Tickets are: \$5.00 with a grand prize of \$1000.00 (total of 8 chances to win cash prizes) and \$2.00 with a grand prize of \$150.00 (total of 8 chances to win cash prizes). If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself please reach out to any CWL member. If you would like to take some bulk tickets (not prepaid) to sell to your friends or family please contact Nicole Gougeon, phone 204-254-4659 (landline) or email nicolegg1@mymts.net. Your support of our fundraiser helps us to make donations to Holy Cross Parish and other various charitable organizations.

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, August 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, August 18 at 7:00pm** in the Church. All are welcome!

Marian Movement of Priests Pilgrimage



On **Saturday, September 12th**, the Marian Movement of Priests group is inviting all to participate to a short pilgrimage to Blessed Sacrament parish in preparation for our patronal feast.

Father Gerry Sembrano, spiritual director for MMP Manitoba, will preside the Holy Mass at 9:30am with many other priests and give us a mini-retreat on Mary and her messages with adoration and confession.

A Marian exhibition will be there as well, ending with a potluck lunch.

Let us prepare spiritually to enter our festivities of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

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Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — August 2026

For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Mass Intentions August 1–9, 2026**Saturday, August 1: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm Sofia Fernandez-Couto by Pam and Barry Murphy

Sunday, August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00am For the intentions of all parishioners

12:00pm + John Kosa by the family

Monday, August 3

7:45am Lise Melnychuk by Helen and Ralph Shearman

Tuesday, August 4: Memorial for Saint Jean-Marie Vianney

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Wednesday, August 5

7:45am + Ormezinda Jorge by John and Susanne Scatliff

Thursday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

7:45am + Mr. and + Mrs. Richard Peacey

Friday, August 7

7:45am Members of the Rigato, Gobbi, Verrelli, and Lunghi families by the Verrelli family

Saturday, August 8: Memorial for Saint Dominic

7:45am + Ana Carmona Rojas by Carolina Galvis

Saturday, August 8: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Rose Ross, and for the + deceased and living members of the Ross family by Christine Ross

4:00pm For the health and wellbeing of our daughter, Abigael Lily Serrao by Ashley Serrao and Renita Coutinho

Sunday, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Thompson family by Madalene Gray

10:00am + Ashley Hall by Sharon Kennedy

12:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

**Stewardship**

August 2, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over -- twelve wicker baskets full." Matthew 14:19-20

If we follow Jesus, there will always be more than enough. The young man gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish, and with that Jesus was able to feed thousands with plenty left over.

Mass Intentions August 8-16, 2026**Saturday, August 8: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm + Rose Ross, and for the + deceased and living members of the Ross family by Christine Ross

4:00pm For the health and wellbeing of our daughter, Abigael Lily Serrao by Ashley Serrao and Renita Coutinho

Sunday, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Thompson family by Madalene Gray

10:00am + Ashley Hall by Sharon Kennedy

12:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Monday, August 10: Feast of Saint Lawrence

7:45am + Ormezinda Jorge by John and Susanne Scatliff

Tuesday, August 11: Feast of Saint Clare

7:45am + Phil and + Stella Fricker

Wednesday, August 12

7:45am + Mariyamma Fernando by Manchu Fernando

Thursday, August 13

7:45am + Peacey family lineage

Friday, August 14: Memorial for Saint Maximilian Kolbe

7:45am + Mary and + Ed Watson by Sharon Kennedy

Saturday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45am + For my deceased parents, + Joe and + Mary Klein, and for those who prosecute me

Saturday, August 15: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Ormezinda Jorge by John and Susanne Scatliff

10:00am Georges Gervais by Carla Gervais

12:00pm + George Desrochers by Glenn and Lucilli family

**Stewardship**

August 9, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up to the mountain by himself to pray." Matthew 14:22-23

The psychologist Carl Jung once said, "Busyness is not of the devil, busyness is the devil!" Stewardship is not about increasing our activities, but about establishing priorities in how we utilize our gifts. One of those priorities is prayer. Do we take time out to be alone with God?



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy Birthday wishes, prayers and blessings to everyone celebrating their birthday in the month of August.
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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

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Sunday Offerings July 19, 2026

Loose	\$468.80
Envelopes	\$3,630.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,097.50
TOTAL	\$5,196.30

*Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.*

Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 29: 9

Sunday Offerings July 26, 2026

Loose	\$394.10
Envelopes	\$2,540.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,097.50
TOTAL	\$4,031.60

*Thank you for your generosity.
Please no foreign currency.*

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do so. Proverbs 3: 27

The Week Ahead August 2—8, 2026

	Sunday August 2	Monday August 3	Tuesday August 4	Wednesday August 5	Thursday August 6	Friday August 7	Saturday August 8
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed	9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place	7:45am Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	
Afternoon							
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration					5:00pm Baptism (1) 7:00pm Charismatic Prayer

The Week Ahead August 9—15, 2026

	Sunday August 9	Monday August 10	Tuesday August 11	Wednesday August 12	Thursday August 13	Friday August 14	Saturday August 15
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		
Afternoon							
Evening							