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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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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 67

*R. "Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all
the peoples praise you!"*

2nd Reading: Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 138

*R. "Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands."*

2nd Reading: Romans 11.33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Parish Bulletin

20th & 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 16 & 23, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 2026—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. (Romans 11: 32)

The other day I was at a friend's place, and we had a conversation around mercy and what it means. The context was to hope that all people would be saved. I didn't get a sense of a resolution for myself since mercy is a tricky thing for me. I believe that God is full of great mercy but how to apply that to people who are 'wicked' and do great evil, is a struggle for me to understand.

Today's readings speak about the salvation of the Gentiles. Isaiah and Matthew talk about those who are faithful to the law of Moses even without knowing it. They will be brought before His holy mountain and all peoples who follow the Lord will receive mercy from God. It is important to be reminded that God calls each person to salvation, each of us. Paul is a bit sad that so many of his people (the Jews) rejected Christ, and yet hopeful that through the Gentiles, many are saved, his own people included. This aspect was especially important when Paul was on his missionary journeys.

The gospel today is very bizarre. Jesus seems to be pushing this pagan woman away and appears to say a very unkind thing to her. However when looking at this deeper, the event is more about faith than about anything else. She perseveres in her faith and even responds to His words with wisdom and clarity. Given her faith, her daughter was healed. This is God showing mercy to those who were not part of the people of Israel, yet desiring Him in their hearts.

I hope that I can come to a deeper understanding of God's mercy for me and how to be like that for all people. For I know I can do nothing apart from Christ. Sometimes, it's so hard to remember this.

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

God seems to enjoy choosing the most improbable people to move his purposes forward! Again and again, God has manifested his power by transforming weakness into strength and sinners into saints. And so he chose a brash fisherman to be the rock upon whom he would build his Church.

Peter was the first to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God, and for his insight, he was entrusted with the keys of the kingdom. Peter was a man of great love and loyalty, but he also had very human failings. He frequently acted impetuously and even proudly boasted, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death". Then, under pressure, a fearful Peter quickly reversed himself and denied even knowing Jesus—not only once but three times.

Yet Peter also knew that Jesus loved him unconditionally, and his humble knowledge of this love saved him from despair. During the final years of his life, this chief apostle led the Christian community in Rome and, true to his Master's call, gave up his life there in the ultimate act of love, faithfulness, and devotion to Jesus. Even with his imperfections, Peter was able to fulfill the commission Jesus had given him.

Like Peter, we too have been called to follow Jesus. The call may appear daunting at times, but God wants to give us confidence that we can accomplish much if, in spite of our weaknesses and imperfections, we learn to rely on the Holy Spirit.

When God chose Peter, he had a vision for what this zealous, hotheaded man could become. Jesus didn't give up on him when he fell but kept urging him to put off his old attitudes.

God has a beautiful vision for each of us, too, and he never loses sight of it. All he asks is that we cooperate with him in his desire to purify us, so that this vision can become a reality.

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 received from another parish will be sent back to the parish of origin 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 of 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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Brown Scapular Investiture at Holy Cross Parish



On Thursday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, many people came forward after the morning Mass at Holy Cross Parish, to be invested with the Brown Scapular. This was a beautiful

occasion providing these parishioners with the many blessings from Our Lady through this sacramental.

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!

CWL Corner

GREY CUP POOL SCRATCH FUNDRAISING TICKETS are now available. Your support of our fundraiser helps us to make donations to Holy Cross Parish and other various charitable organizations. 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, by phone 204-254-4659 (landline) or email nicolegg1@mymts.net.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Monday, September 14, 2026

6:00pm Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Rosary
- Silent Adoration

6:45pm Benediction

6:50pm Sacred Silence

7:00pm Holy Mass

8:30pm Light refreshments in the parish hall

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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 15–23, 2026**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

Monday, August 17

7:45am + Annette and + John Mercier by Marc and Joanne Mercier

Tuesday, August 18

7:45am + Quintus Fernando by Manchu Fernando

7:45am + Margaret and + Thomas O'Brien by Erin Robin

Wednesday, August 19

7:45am + Mr. and + Mrs. George McKenzie

Thursday, August 20: Memorial for Saint Bernard

7:45am + McKenzie family lineage

Friday, August 21: Memorial for Saint Pius X

7:45am + Omer Malo by his family

Saturday, August 22: Memorial for the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45am + William Bundy by Larry and Jacquie Rados and family

Saturday, August 22: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Valentina Cuscito by Sharon Kennedy

Sunday, August 23: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the intentions of all parishioners

10:00am + Grace by Elcira Cordova

10:00am Jan Taplin by the Gougeon-Gagnon family

10:00am For Dominique's new job by the Gougeon-Gagnon family

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

Stewardship**August 16, 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed." Isaiah 56: 1

A steward is keenly aware of the need for justice. It is the Lord's justice practiced by a steward that delivers the poor.

Mass Intentions August 22-30, 2026**Saturday, August 22: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm + Valentina Cuscito by Sharon Kennedy

Sunday, August 23: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the intentions of all parishioners

10:00am + Grace by Elcira Cordova

10:00am Jan Taplin by the Gougeon-Gagnon family

10:00am For Dominique's new job by the Gougeon-Gagnon family

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

Monday, August 24: Feast of Saint Bartholomew

7:45am + Edgardo and + Reynaldo Carandang by the Carandang family

7:45am + Nestor Fuentes by Ronnie Fuentes

7:45am Helen and Ralph Shearman by John and Susanne Scatliff

Tuesday, August 25

7:45am Roy and Ginger Oakley by Paulette

Wednesday, August 26

7:45am Bert and Marianne Savard by Paulette

Thursday, August 27: Memorial for Saint Monica

7:45am + John Fraser by Cecile Myslicki

Friday, August 28: Memorial for Saint Augustine

7:45am Elma

Saturday, August 29: Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:45am + Marlyn Laura Duff by the Savard family

Saturday, August 29: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Sunday, August 30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Aurele Bremault by Caroline and family

10:00am For the intentions of all parishioners

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

Stewardship**August 23, 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
Matthew 16:13

The answers the disciples gave to Jesus' question varied because they recognized some of the attributes of individual prophets in Jesus. Peter saw what the Messiah was supposed to be because Jesus reflected who He was. A steward reflects generosity and this is immediately recognizable to all that he meets.

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 a life, 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.



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 August 2, 2026

Loose	\$432.96
Envelopes	\$2,270.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$910.00
TOTAL	\$3,612.96

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

Sunday Offerings August 9, 2026

Loose	\$354.20
Envelopes	\$2,223.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$910.00
TOTAL	\$3,487.20

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

"Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Matthew 6.3

The Week Ahead August 16—22, 2026

	Sunday August 16	Monday August 17	Tuesday August 18	Wednesday August 19	Thursday August 20	Friday August 21	Saturday August 22
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place	7:45am Mass followed by Third Friday Devotions 10:00am Funeral	
Afternoon	1:00pm The Word of God Nourishes and Heals						
Evening							

The Week Ahead August 23—29, 2026

	Sunday August 23	Monday August 24	Tuesday August 25	Wednesday August 26	Thursday August 27	Friday August 28	Saturday August 29
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		
Afternoon							
Evening							