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Holy Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

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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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 95

R. *“O that today you would listen
to the voice of the Lord. Do not
harden your hearts!”*

2nd Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Parish Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 6, 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

How far could you walk with a three-hundred-pound weight on your shoulders? Some historians believe that Jesus' cross could have weighed about three hundred pounds.

When we consider this kind of weight—not to mention the spiritual and emotional weight that the cross also entailed—we can appreciate scripture telling us that Jesus understands our own suffering and challenges. He shared the same sorrows, pains, and weight of the crosses that we bear in our lives. This means that Jesus doesn't just empathize with us. He suffers with us as well. That's how much he loves us. He is willing to walk the same paths that we walk and help us along the way.

In the light of such love, we can see that Jesus' call to take up our cross and follow him is not a callous command to pick up our burdens and march. It's an invitation to join him and to find our strength in his companionship.

Jesus knows that suffering can make us want to run and hide. But he also knows that if we try to follow him, he will make our yoke easier and our burden lighter.

This is the depth of Jesus' love for us. He wants to help us carry our crosses, just as Simon of Cyrene agreed to help carry Jesus'. He wants to wipe our faces, just as Veronica wiped his. Most important, he promises us, “Today you will be with me in Paradise,” just as he promised the good thief. Why wouldn't we want to be united with him?

Times of suffering can bring us closer to God, or they can push us further away from him. It's our choice. It may not be easy at the start, but staying close to Jesus in the midst of difficulties can bring us peace and comfort. All we need to do is take that first step.

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

Sister Charlotte Leake, *Coordinator of Parish Life*

Jan Taplin

It is with great sadness that the Holy Cross CWL announces the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Jan Taplin.

Jan was a long-time, active member of the Holy Cross CWL. She has served as the Holy Cross CWL Council President and Past President and has served the St. Boniface Diocesan CWL Council as Secretary.

She was the driving force behind a lot of our initiatives, such as the Advent Tree and the Baby Layette Drive to name but a few. She was the author of our CWL Corner.

Jan worked for the betterment of our Church and for the poor. She lived her Catholic faith.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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Catechetics and Sacramental Preparation Coordinator

The Parish of Holy Cross in St. Boniface is looking to hire a Catechetics and Sacramental Preparation Coordinator.

It is a part-time, term position in alignment with scheduled classes. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

The ideal candidate will have successfully completed a minimum of LEVEL 1 'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd' formation.

If you are interested, please send your resume to Sister Charlotte at: leakecharlotte75@gmail.com

For more information contact Sister Charlotte at: leakecharlotte75@gmail.com



Thank You

Holy Cross Parish would like to extend a big thank you to Paul, Rita, Sefia, and Charles, for washing the Church windows, inside and out!

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Parish Office Closed

We will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** for Labour Day. The parish office will reopen on **Tuesday, September 8th** 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: **September 7, 2026**

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness.

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

Singers for Parish Choir

Inviting all singers to be part of a **Parish Choir** singing for the feast day of our parish.

The **choir practice** will be on **Thursday September 10 at 7:00pm**.



The actual feast day celebration Mass of the 'Exaltation of the Holy Cross' will be on Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm.

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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 **September 12 at 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

Marian Movement of Priests Pilgrimage – September 12, 2026



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.

9:15AM – Procession

9:30AM – Mass

10:30AM – Confession and Adoration

11:15AM Cenacle, Rosary and Meditation on Mary's Message

Noon – Formal opening of the Marian exhibit

12:15PM – Potluck lunch

For transportation, arrangements or other, contact Maria Grazia at: 204-880-9405 or maria Grazia@shaw.ca

For poster, [click here](#).

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Patronal Feast



Take up your cross and follow me.

Matthew 16: 24

Ways to glorify God during the preparation of our patronal feast day:

September 5th-13th:

- After 7:45am Mass, novena of the Holy Cross

Sunday, September 13th:

- 7:45am: Mass
- 8:45am: Outdoor Procession with Relic of the Holy Cross (all invited)



Monday, September 14th:

- 6pm: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Rosary followed by Silent Adoration
- 6:45pm: Benediction
- 7pm: Solemn Mass celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt followed by veneration of the relic
- 8:30pm: Light Refreshments

More information is available in the bulletin and the Parish website: www.holycrossparish.ca



Fr. Ani Xavier will be away from September 21-27, 2026. Fr. Ani is the spiritual director for the sold-out 7-day pilgrimage to Montreal & Trois-Rivières, Quebec City, Edmundston, NB to Charlottetown, PEI and Halifax, NS.

Fr. Ani Xavier will return on Tuesday, September 29 to celebrate our 7:45am weekday Mass.

Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu: September 21 at 7:45am, September 26 at 7:45am & 4:00pm, and September 27 at 7:45am

**Fr. Maurice Comeault: September 22 at 7:45am,
September 23 at 7:45am, and September 27 at 10:00am**

Fr. Gerry Sembrano: September 24 at 7:45am and 10:30am (Catherine Place Mass)

**Fr. Emmanuel Uzoh: September 25 at 7:45am and
September 27 at 12:00pm noon**

In moments of tension, think back to your “first love” with your spouse: your wedding day, honeymoon, times of joy. It can help put things in perspective.

Saint Francis, God called you to a life of poverty and simplicity so that you might know Him intimately and share His peace that surpasses all understanding with others. You left everything behind you and followed Him. My divorce causes me to feel connected to you as I have been stripped of relationships, belongings, self-worth, and understanding. I pray to you now, to petition God on my behalf that He will grant me the grace I need to be a faithful follower during this very difficult time. I believe in His goodness, and I need Him now, more than ever. Help me to stand firmly on my faith and trust in Him. Most of all, I ask for peace in my heart and for this special intention. I pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

- *A Road to Healing*, Lisa Duffy

September 6, 2026 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The commandments... are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Romans 13:9

The challenge of a steward is summed up in the simple question, "what have I done for my neighbor?"

Saturday, September 5: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Billy Murphy by Pam and Barry Murphy

Sunday, September 6: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Birthday Intentions for Nicolas Myslicki
by Cecile Myslicki

10:00am + John Reid by Charles Prefontaine

10:00am Dominique and Robeson by the Gougeon-Gagnon family

12:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

7:45am + Edward Myslicki by Cecile Myslicki

Tuesday, September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45am For all those who persecute me

Wednesday, September 9

7:45am Catherine and Chima Chira and family by the Shearmans

Thursday, September 10

7:45am + Margaret O'Brien by the Savard family

Friday, September 11

7:45am + Margaret O'Brien by Betty Man

Saturday, September 12

7:45am + Margaret O'Brien by Betty Man

Saturday, September 12: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, September 13: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am + Joseph Kulasza by Charles Prefontaine

10:00am Jolene Gervais by Georges and Carla Gervais

12:00pm + Alice Bouchard by Blanche Bouchard

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — September 2026

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Archdiocesan News

Collection for the Needs of the Church – September 26-27, 2026

COLLECTION
FOR THE NEEDS OF
the Church
in Canada



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The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on the weekend of September 26 & 27. When you give, your offering begins in your parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. To donate online, scan the QR code or visit



www.cccb.ca/donate

Prayer & Life Workshop – September 9, 2026

"Abide in me, and I in you... I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15, 4,5

We are pleased to invite you to the Prayer & Life Workshop.

Discover a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

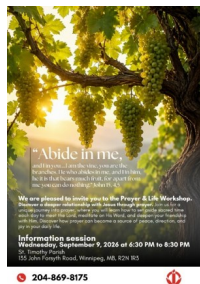
Join us for a unique journey into prayer, where you will learn how to set aside sacred time each day to meet the Lord, meditate on His Word, and deepen your friendship with Him. Discover how prayer can become a source of peace, direction, and joy in your daily life.

Information Session

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Timothy Parish - 135 John Forsyth Road, Winnipeg, MB, R2N 1R3

More information: 204-869-8175 | manitoba@tovpil.ca For poster, [click here](#).



CCRS of MB Presents - "Awaken: Stepping forward into the things of God" – September 11 & 12, 2026

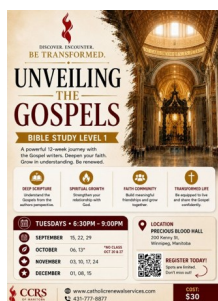
CCRS of MB Presents - "Awaken: Stepping forward into the things of God" Conference with Barbara Heil: Join us for a Holy Spirit filled Conference on September 11 and 12, 2026! Our keynote speaker will be no other than world renowned **Barbara Heil**, Eucharistic Celebration by Archbishop of Winnipeg **Msgr. Murray Chatlain**, Praise & Worship will be led by the "**Nueva Jerusalem**" charismatic Music Ministry. Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit thru anointed praise and worship, powerful teachings, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, fellowship, Mass, and so much more! The event will take place at Saints Martyrs Canadiens Parish Hall.



[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#) - or visit our website at www.catholicrenewalservices.com - to find more details/information. For poster, [click here](#). For conference schedule, [click here](#).

CCRS of MB Presents – UNVEILING THE GOSPELS - Bible Study Level One – September 15 to December 15, 2026

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Have you heard of the 18 Miracles in St. Mark's Gospel? The 5 main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel? Did you know that tradition holds that St. Luke was not only a great writer but also a painter and sculptor? and that to understand St. John's Gospel one could really benefit from reading Genesis Chapter 1 and the 1st Letter of St. John....come join us, you will not be disappointed!



Tuesdays at Precious Blood Parish Hall, 200 Kenny St, Winnipeg, MB from September 15 to December 15, 2026 – 6:30PM to 09:00PM – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#).

For more information: 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com For poster, [click here](#).

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NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

At Blessed Sacrament Parish – 710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg

MARIAN EXHIBIT

Images, statues, and literature about the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sept 5 Saturday 9am-12noon, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sept 6 Sunday 9am-12noon, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sept 8 Tuesday 5pm to 7pm

Sept 12 Saturday 9am-12noon, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sept 13 Sunday 9am-12noon, 4:30pm-6:30pm

At Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

MOVIE NIGHT

Title: Marian Apparitions in the 20th Century (1 hr)

September 8 at 7pm Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

CENACLE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Marian Movement of Priests (Fr. Gobi)

Saturday, September 12

9:15am Procession

9:30am Mass, Adoration, and Confession

SONG OF MARY

Saturday, September 12 at 7pm

Free Concert of Marian Choral Hymns

All events are free. Free will Donations Accepted. For poster, [click here](#)



Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala — September 17, 2026

The Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala will take place on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral Hall (basement).

Tickets are on sale for \$150 each with a \$75 tax receipt! Proceeds for the improvement of the Cathedral's audio-visual system.

For more information, contact Julie Turenne-Maynard by email at consultationjtmconsulting@gmail.com or by phone at 204-771-5585.

For poster, [click here](#).



Gathering for all Newlyweds and Couples in Early Years of Marriage! COME and SEE – Saturday, September 19th, 2026

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface and the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Marriage & Family Life Ministries invite you to attend COME and SEE, an afternoon gathering for young married couples. Meet other newly married couples, take part in a special time of enrichment as a couple, and discover how you and your spouse can continue to grow in your relationship with each other and with God.

Held on Saturday, September 19th from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM at the Saint Boniface Cathedral.

Registration is required and will be open until September 14th. There is no cost to attend this event.

Although we are not able to provide childcare at this event, babies in arms are most welcome.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/262106683369261>

For more information, please contact Marie at the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Office of Marriage, Family & Life at mfl@archsaintboniface.ca/204-594-0274.

Visit [our website](#) for the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface's resources for Newlyweds and Couples in Early Years of Marriage.

For poster, [click here!](#)



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Christ the King Parish RCIA – New Session begins in September!

“Come and see and follow Christ” – John 1:46

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation. Learn about the Catholic faith. Discover God’s love and His plan for your life. Belong to a faith-filled community.

For more details email franceseverett@yahoo.ca or shyjuivd@gmail.com

For poster, [click here](#).



Surviving Divorce: 12-Week Catholic Program for the Separated and Divorced – Wednesdays, September 23rd to December 9th, 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 7pm-9pm, starting on Wednesday, September 23rd, 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 poster, [click here](#)

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

Holy Cross School

Prayer for the Beginning of the New School Year

Dear Lord, as Holy Cross School begins this new school year, we pray as they gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in them through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy their family and friends and to reflect on what is important in their lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, they may continue to grow in their faith.

We ask for Your guidance and blessings upon the Holy Cross School community.

Grant the students the wisdom to learn and grow, the courage to face challenges, and the strength to embrace their unique gifts.

Bless the teachers and staff with patience and inspiration as they nurture and guide each student.

Help them to create an environment of kindness and respect, where every individual feels valued and supported.

We also ask for Your continued protection and support for the families.

May they find joy and fulfillment in their involvement with Holy Cross School and may their partnership with us be a source of encouragement and strength.

We ask this in your Holy name. Amen.

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.

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.



Our Lady of Holy Cross, Legion of Mary

Invites you to join us each Sunday for Rosary and Legion Meeting.

- When: Sundays
- Time: 9:15am
- Where: Holy Cross Parish Multipurpose Room/Hall

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Sunday Offerings August 30, 2026

Loose	\$430.50
Envelopes	\$1,805.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$910.00
TOTAL	\$3,145.50

***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



Happy Birthday!!!

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

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!



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

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The Week Ahead September 6—12, 2026

	Sunday September 6	Monday September 7	Tuesday September 8	Wednesday September 9	Thursday September 10	Friday September 11	Saturday September 12
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary	Parish Office Closed	9:00am Holy Cross School and Saint Boniface Diocesan High School Staff Mass	9:00am Food Bank	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		9:00am-2:00pm Legion of Mary Annual Meeting 11:00am Baptism (1)
Afternoon							
Evening		6:30pm FHE Spiritual Presentation 7:00pm FHE Mass followed by Adoration					7:00pm Charismatic Prayer