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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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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 23

R. *"I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord my whole life long."*

2nd Reading: Philippians 4.12-14,
19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

Parish Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 11, 2026—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13)**

Have you ever wondered what heaven would be like, what it would mean even for a moment if you saw it? Scripture gives us many images of heaven as a place of the richest wine, juiciest fruit, and best meat. It is also a place of prayer, a place of gathering, a place of fellowship and a place of extraordinary joy and happiness. There is no pain in heaven and there is no darkness there. This is a wonderful place to be! Even though we have not yet made it to heaven (I hope that we all do), Isaiah tells us that when we see 'heaven' (as he describes it), the veil that covered all peoples will be removed and what we didn't know, we will understand and all the pain and sorrow we have experienced will be gone. Death is destroyed forever. Imagine that death will be gone and no more! We will live forever! We will be in glory with God! And this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous indeed!

God is always at our side even through the most difficult darkest days of our lives, He is there in the death of a loved one, He is there in the suffering of the patient with a terminal disease, He is there with all those who are abandoned and alone. God satisfies our deepest desires and helps us overcome our fears. Even when we don't know what to do, how to do and why this is happening, He gives us the strength to do all things because He knows that we can do this with him, that Jesus stands with us and for us to lead us to where we need to go. **God is God and we are not.** That is really the simplest response to all that we face every day.

The gospel tells the story of a wedding banquet where the king invited all those who were worthy of the banquet, but they did not come. Excuses were given. Some of the guests even committed murder. In the end, the banquet was open to everyone and notice both the good and bad came. God's kingdom is for everyone, from those first called to those who came later. This banquet is for all peoples of all times. We hope that the good continue to be virtuous and the bad become virtuous, so that everyone will be celebrating in the presence of God. Is this not what heaven is... a banquet of all and for all?

I want heaven. Do you want this too?

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Parishioner*



Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 12th for Thanksgiving**. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 13th during office hours. Have a blessed Thanksgiving! (Image by [Moez Ahmad](#) from [Pixabay](#))

Fr. Ani Xavier Away

Fr. Ani Xavier will be away October 12—18. He will return on Tuesday, October 19 to celebrate our 7:45am Mass. In Fr. Ani's absence, the following priests have been kind enough to preside over the following Masses:

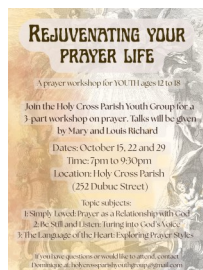
Fr. Lawrence Agorchukwu: October 16, 17, & 18 at 7:45am, October 17 at 4:00pm

Fr. Maurice Comeault: October 13 & 14 at 7:45am

Fr. Gerry Sembrano: October 15 at 7:45am & 10:30am (at Catherine Place)

Bishop Noël Delaquis: October 18 at 10:00am & 12:00pm

Rejuvenating Your Prayer Life Workshop



All youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to join the Holy Cross Parish Youth Group for a 3-part workshop on prayer.

Dates will be October 15, 22 and 29 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the parish basement.

Talks will be given by Mary and Louis Richard.

Contact Dominique if you have any

questions at: holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com

Religious Items for Donation

The **Mission Circle** of our parish is requesting donations of religious items for their sale that will be held on the weekend of October 17-18. Such items as pictures, statues, crosses, rosaries, books, all of a religious nature, will be much appreciated. Please drop off these religious items in the sacristy or at the parish centre during office hours. Thank you for your support.

Multi Fundraising Event Weekend

October 17-18, 2026

Following the 4pm, 7:45am, 10am, 12noon Masses

Honduras Mission Circle raising funds for different missions through the sale/donations of religious articles and books. Last year's funds were sent to: Haiti, Zambia, Puerto Rico and Manitoba Missions.

Bake Sale coordinated by the Youth Group, offering baked goods with the monies to support **40 Days for Life and Campaign Life Coalition** Christian organizations praying and fasting for an end to abortion.

Mary's Meals providing life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

World Mission Sunday – The National Collection for the Evangelization of Peoples - October 18, 2026

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to reflect on their own baptism, when they received the gift of faith, and recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. This fundraising is a global effort to support the most impoverished dioceses.

The faithful of the Catholic Church throughout the world are invited to pray for missions and to contribute to the collection organized by the Pontifical Mission Societies. An envelope for this collection is usually included in your box of regular collection envelopes for the year. Extra envelopes for parishioners who do not have regular collection envelopes will be placed at both entrances of the Church.

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry

The Word of God Nourishes and Heals Our Soul, Body and Life Giving Catholic Charismatic Healing Ministry invites everyone for Healing Evangelization. **Please join us on Sunday, October 18 at 1:00pm in the Church Annex.** Come, join, and be healed by Jesus.



Mass of Remembrance for Pregnancy & Infant Loss – October 20, 2026

Please join us for a Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Dr., Winnipeg).

Presided by **Archbishop Albert LeGatt**,

this Mass offers a time of prayer and remembrance for parents, grandparents, family members, and friends who have experienced the loss of a child through **miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss**.

Families will have the (optional) opportunity to have their child's name read during Mass and to come forward to light a candle in their child's memory.

A reception with light refreshments will follow in the parish hall, featuring a reflection by special guest speaker and author Hailey Krol, as well as an opportunity for those who wish to be prayed with.

Please RSVP here by October 18, for planning purposes.

Through the RSVP, you may optionally submit your child's name, in advance, to be read during Mass.

View poster. For more information, please contact: Nadine Fetherston at the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, Marriage, Family and Life office: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

Medjugorje Prayer Group

The next prayer meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00pm** in the Church. All are welcome!

Are You Interested In Lector Training?

There are many specific weekend masses that are in need of lector ministers such as the **Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 7:45am and Sunday 12noon mass**. Proclaiming the Word of God is a very humble and reverent experience and also a vital ministerial role in the Church. If you're interested in being trained or even just knowing what's involved in lectoring please reach out to Nicole Gougeon at 204-254-4659 (landline) or email nicolegg1@mymts.net. With sufficient interest there will be more information on upcoming lector training sessions in the near future.



CANA Welcome – November 15, 2026 to May 16, 2027

A journey for couples who want to build a solid and harmonious relationship -A series of gatherings held once a month on Sundays from November 15th, 2026 to May 16th, 2027 (2:30PM - 4:30PM).

Whether you're newly married or have been together for many years, there's always room for your love to grow. CANA Welcome is an opportunity to pause, reconnect, and grow together with other couples who are also journeying in marriage.

Come as you are, meet other couples, share, laugh, listen, and discover simple ways to build a deeper, stronger love in your marriage.

Each session is part of a meaningful journey — so we invite couples to commit to all 7 sessions to experience the full blessing of the program.

Registration deadline for this series is October 18th.

Register by scanning the QR Code on the poster.

For info: canawpg@gmail.com or contact Maui Zamora @ 204-228-0883.

CANA welcomes you to join the journey, and to take precious time for your couple!

For poster, [click here](#)

Stewardship

October 11, 2026 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.." Philippians 4:12

St. Paul neither craved nor rejected material wealth. He was simply detached from it; he could take it or leave it. A steward is called to "possess lightly." Money is neither good nor evil, but merely reflects the person who possesses it.

Mass Intentions October 10–18, 2026

Saturday, October 10: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, October 11: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For permanent residency application by the Mendoza family

10:00am + For the repose of the soul of Jan Taplin by Pam and Barry Murphy

12:00pm + Margaret O'Brien by Paul and Sharon Garand

Monday, October 12

7:45am Birthday blessings and thanksgiving for Sally Carandang-Abesamis by the Carandang family

Tuesday, October 13

7:45am + Holy souls who had children out of wedlock

Wednesday, October 14

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Thursday, October 15: Memorial for Saint Teresa of Jesus

7:45am + Quintus Fernando by Manchu Fernando

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

Friday, October 16: Memorial for Saint Marie-Marguerite D'Youville

7:45am + Sister Letizia by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Saturday, October 17: Memorial for Saint Ignatius of Antioch

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

Saturday, October 17: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Agathe Benoit by Joseph Benoit

Sunday, October 18: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:00am + Healing of ancestry by Tom DeGagne

12:00pm Birthday intentions for Don Fuentes by Ronnie Fuentes

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV — October 2026

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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 October.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

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Marriage Tips

- "Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble." – Pope Francis. The grace of God gives us strength for lifelong commitment!
- Love is humble, and humility acknowledges that we are not perfect. Take the time to ask for forgiveness from your spouse if you have hurt him or her.

Queen of Heaven Rosary Procession – October 24, 2026



St. Jude Syro-Malabar Parish alongside Holy Cross Parish invites us to walk with the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, October 24**, to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary.

- 9am: Start walk from Holy Cross Parish, 252 Dubuc Street
- Destination: Blessed Vasyl Velychovsky Shrine, 250 Jefferson Avenue

Journey Includes:

- A 7.3 km journey by foot, while praying the rosary
- A special blessing and visit of the tomb of Blessed Vasyl.
- For those who cannot walk long distance, you are welcome to pray the rosary at the Shrine as the walk is occurring
- 12:45pm: A bus will be available to return to Holy Cross

Sign-up sheets available in the adoration chapel and entrance of the Church. Free-will donations only.

For poster, [click here](#)

Sunday Offerings October 4, 2026

Loose	\$355.55
Envelopes	\$3,197.50
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,177.50
TOTAL	\$4,730.55

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

Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse.

Proverbs 28: 27

The Week Ahead September October 11—17, 2026

	Sunday October 11	Monday October 12	Tuesday October 13	Wednesday October 14	Thursday October 15	Friday October 16	Saturday October 17
Morning	9:15am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed	10:45am St. Boniface Diocesan High School Mass	9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place	7:45am Mass followed by Third Friday Devotions	
Afternoon		3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's	4:00pm-6:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)				
Evening				5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 2 & 3 ONLY)	7:00pm Youth Group		5:00pm Multi Fundraising Event Weekend