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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. Private reconciliation is also available by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office at

office@holycrossparish.ca

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office 6-12 months in advance and before confirming any bookings as Fr. Ani or the Church may not be available.

FUNERALS

Contact the parish office as soon as possible.

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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Parish Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 18, 2026

Sunday, October 18, 2026—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like the Pharisees, we can get entangled in hair-splitting intellectual discussions instead of embracing Jesus and the life-giving mysteries of his gospel.

What belongs to God” is all of his creation: the plants and animals of the earth, the stars of the sky, the sea and everything in it. And of course, his people—all of us. As the stars shine and the moon glows, as the birds sing and the trees bloom, they give glory to God. How much more should we, who are the crown of God’s creation, give him glory and honor?

When we render to God the things that are God’s—faith and trust and thanksgiving—our hearts will be nourished and strengthened, even when our intellects can never fully understand it. Jesus’ generosity is unlimited. He gives himself to us entirely. He humbles himself every day when he comes to us and lets us see him in lowliness.

What ultimately belongs to God is our hearts: giving ourselves to him, offering him our time in prayer and worship and placing him before everything else.

What about repaying to Caesar? Does it mean paying taxes so that police keep the peace, school buses run, and cities can care for the needy through social programs? Yes it does, and much more. It should move us to find ways to care for the poor and homeless, to visit the sick and the elderly, and to lift up the lonely. It should move us to work toward transforming our towns and cities step-by-step. It should move us to take care of people.

It can be a painful process to search our consciences and discover ways in which our actions aren’t lining up with our beliefs. But the Lord understands our struggles and will forgive us and help us to change. Best of all, the more we are able to authentically live out our Christian beliefs, the more we can become living witnesses to Jesus—and the kingdom he has ushered in.

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

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

Readings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 96

R. “Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.”

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21

Readings:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2026

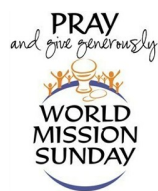
1st Reading: Exodus 22.21-27

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 18

R. “I love you, O Lord, my strength.”

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40



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.

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.

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.

Parish Office Closure Dates

The parish office will be closed on **Tuesday, October 20, Wednesday, October 21, Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28.** For assistance, contact Fr. Ani at pastor@holycrossparish.ca and Sister Charlotte at coordinator@holycrossparish.ca

Medjugorje Prayer Group

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

Holy Cross Parish Men's Group

Attention men of Holy Cross! All men ages 18 and up are invited to the Holy Cross Men's Faith Sharing and Prayer Group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Church.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm; discussion and feedback session, looking for ideas, feedback, and extra help to facilitate the 2026/27 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.

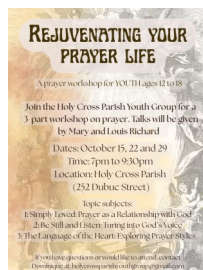
Holy Cross Youth Group

The Holy Cross Youth Group has started for this year.

Our Youth Group is open to any youth ages 13-17. We meet every **Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm** in the multipurpose room (located in the Church basement).

For more information or questions, please contact Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon at holycrossparishyouthgroup@gmail.com

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

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.



Leo PP. XIV

Prayers for the Holy Father and Letter from the CCCB President

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops joins the faithful across Canada and throughout the world in praying for the swift and complete recovery of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV following his surgery on October 13, 2026. The CCCB President, the Most Reverend Pierre

Goudreault, has also sent [a letter to the Holy Father on behalf of the Canadian episcopate](#). The letter assures His Holiness of our prayers for his recovery and of the spiritual closeness of the Church in Canada, entrusting him to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph. It also requests his Apostolic Blessing. According to [the medical statement released by the Holy See Press Office](#), the operation earlier yesterday involved the removal of the lower lobe of the Holy Father's right lung. Examination of tissue during the procedure confirmed a diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma. The surgery was completed successfully and without complications. The Bishops of Canada express their affection and spiritual closeness to the Holy Father and their gratitude to the medical team caring for him. Recalling his [message for the 34th World Day of the Sick](#), we entrust the Holy Father and all those who suffer from illness to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick. May they receive the care, compassion and comfort they need, and may those who accompany them be strengthened in their service. We invite the faithful to join in the prayer offered by the Holy Father himself in that message:

*Sweet Mother, do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment
and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me
as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.*

Stewardship

October 18, 2026 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"... then they handed him a Roman coin.... He said to them, 'Whose image is this, and whose inscription?' They replied, 'Caesar's.'

At that He said to them, 'Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'"
Matthew 22:19-21

What do you give to Caesar and what do you give to God? Have you ever considered how much time you spend a week helping in your church or your community? Have you ever taken time to figure out what percentage of your income goes to the church and other charitable causes?

Mass Intentions October 17–25, 2026

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

Monday, October 19

7:45am + Dr. Pedro Rimban by the Rimban family

Tuesday, October 20

7:45am + Jan Taplin by Rita Tan

Wednesday, October 21

7:45am + For the holy souls who didn't raise their children in the faith

Thursday, October 22

7:45am Maria Grazia and Mauro Verrelli and family by Ellery Kitlar

Friday, October 23

7:45am Healing for David Tan by Rita Tan

Saturday, October 24

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by her son, Marc Benoit

Saturday, October 24: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm + Alfred and + Rose Ross and + deceased family members by Christine Ross

Sunday, October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45am Healing for Martha Hoehn by the Holy Cross CWL

10:00am For the intentions of all parishioners

12:00pm + Leon Bouchard by Blanche Bouchard

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.



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](#)



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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Manitoba Knights of Columbus Men's Formation Day – October 24, 2026



The Knights of Columbus invite you to a COR Men's Formation Day. **October 24 from 9AM to 3PM at**

St. Emile Catholic Church Parish Hall, 556 St. Anne's Rd. in Winnipeg.

Join us as we greet and grow with Thomas Kato, our Presenter.

A registration fee of \$10.00 is suggested to help defray the cost of coffee, muffins and lunch.

Please register at: mbstkc@shaw.ca

The COR Mission: To help focus men on Jesus by building Christ-centered Brotherhood through a flexible framework of Prayer, Formation and Fraternity.

The COR Vision: To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered Brotherhood, rooted in Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. Men will be sharpened in Faith and Virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other.

We envision a future where COR continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Christ.

Sunday Offerings October 11, 2026

Loose	\$470.45
Envelopes	\$1,660.00
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$1,177.50
TOTAL	\$3,307.95

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

The Week Ahead October 18—24, 2026

	Sunday October 18	Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23	Saturday October 24
Morning	*Multi-Fundraising Event Weekend after all the Sunday Masses 9:15am Legion of Mary 11:00am Fellowship	Parish Office Closed		9:00am Food Bank 9:30am-11:30am Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)	10:30am Mass at Catherine Place		9:00am Queen of Heaven Rosary Procession from Holy Cross Parish to Blessed Vasyl Velychovsky Shrine (250 Jefferson Avenue)
Afternoon		3:30pm-5:00pm Bradbury's	4:00pm-6:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 1-3)				12:00pm Wedding
Evening			7:00pm Medjugorje Prayer Group	5:00pm-7:00pm Children's Atrium (Levels 2 & 3 ONLY) 7:00pm Men's Group	7:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal		