



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

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Sunday, October 25, 2026—Thirtieth Sunday

“For the word of the Lord has sounded forth...but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.” (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

When Paul travelled around the known world to share the gospel, he told his audience in Thessalonica that the new community was to imitate him by living the word that he spoke, the word about Christ who by the Holy Spirit became a model for all the new believers. Paul wanted to emphasize that he started by building up the church there but that the new disciples were to continue to form others to turn away from idols to serve the living God. His mission to various churches after his conversion strikes us as amazing given that he travelled so far, endured so much hardship and struggled to share the gospel with those persons in different churches. He wanted the new communities to know Christ crucified. By this testimony of faith, he was able to do so.

Paul and his disciples not only taught the faith, but practically speaking, provided for the needs of the new Christian community which included the orphan, the widow, the foreigner, and the poor.

With this in mind, all evangelization, all mission, all service comes down to the two commandments: **LOVING GOD AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES**. When we think of going out to the peripheries, these two commandments are essential to our mission.

Loving God: To direct all towards Him and do everything for Him, to surrender all things to Him. Every moment of every day we must seek only one goal: “to think, to say and to do what pleases our most beloved Lord.” (St. Charles de Foucauld)

Loving our neighbour as ourselves: By loving God, we **MUST** love our neighbour. We must love those closest to us and those farthest from us. We must love ourselves because we are created in God’s image and there is no other option as a Christian. If we do not love God, we cannot love our neighbour. It is really that simple!! **LOVE IS THE WAY!**

As Rabbi Hillal once said: these two commandments sum up everything, and the rest is commentary or as a Catholic apologist used to have on his blog: “Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.”

Christophe Maguet, *Holy Cross Parish Parishioner*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Honduras Mission Circle : Thank you to all who contributed to the Honduras Mission Circle's Religious items Fundraiser. They raised a total of \$2574.00 for, Haiti, Zambia, Puerto Rico, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi, MB. Thank you to Dominique Gagnon and all in the youth group for the bake sale for 40 Days for Life. The bake sale raised \$858.00. On behalf of the Honduras Mission Circle, we would like to thank all the parishioners and everyone who supported our fundraiser for the Missions. It was a very successful day!

All Saints' Day Family Night: All families are invited to attend our All Saints' Day Family Night. This will take place on **October 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the parish basement**. Come dressed up as your favourite Saint, bring a snack to share (**please avoid cocoa and all nut products**). If you have any questions, contact Kiana at catechist@holycrossparish.ca

Book of Remembrance for the Holy Souls: During the month of November, parishioners and visitors are invited to write down the names of all deceased relatives and friends in the Book of Remembrance, beginning November 1. These names will be remembered in all of the masses said during the month of November.

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: November 2, 2026

Time: 6:30pm Spiritual presentation or witness

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

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.

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, November 4 at 7:00pm;** discussion and feedback session, looking for ideas, feedback, and extra help to facilitate the 2026-2027 season of meetings. Possible video.

Happy 63rd Birthday Fr. Ani Xavier!: Our Parochial Administrator, Fr. Ani Xavier, will be celebrating his birthday on **Thursday, November 5**. We thank you for your dedication in serving the Lord faithfully for 31 years. May you continue walking in the light of God's word and manifesting His glory! Wishing you a day filled with happiness and joy! May God grant you many more years to celebrate His blessings and faithfulness. God bless you!

Christmas Chocolates for the Food Bank: The Holy Cross Food Bank is collecting boxes of chocolates to hand out to patrons this Christmas. It is that time of the year when everyone appreciates a special treat to celebrate the holidays. If you can spare a box of chocolates for a family this Christmas, please drop them off at the parish office (during office hours) or give them to Marianne Savard. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

Food Bank Toy Drive: If you would like to participate, please purchase a gift for a boy or girl between 2 and 12 years of age. Ideally, we would like to give a gift to every child who comes through our doors. **Please drop it off UNWRAPPED in the parish office before November 18.** Some suggestions include cars, trucks, Lego, dolls, books, stickers, purse, play dough, craft stuff, play food, blocks. You can give either to the toy drive, the Christmas chocolates, or both if you want. Please don't feel obligated to do both. Thank you in advance for all your support, kindness and generosity. Think of the joy of bringing a smile to the face of these little ones at Christmas.

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 life and 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.

Knights of Columbus launches *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* video series in English and French

The series explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world, and how work is a key part of it.

The Knights of Columbus fraternity announces the bilingual launch of *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work*, a five-part video series on man's God-given mission and how work plays a role in sanctification. The episodes, now available in French, explore the nature of work, how it plays a part in family life, spiritual life, and the world at large. This series follows the success of two previous series, entitled *Into the Breach* and *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family*.

"This series comes at the perfect time," says Deputy Supreme Knight Arthur Peters. "In an age where many men are searching for meaning, we want to help them rediscover their purpose."

The English series has already been viewed more than four million times.

Every episode highlights a different theme surrounding work's purpose in the lives of men, includes expert interviews from renowned Catholic personalities, and personal testimonies. The episodes are *God's Mission for Man*; *Work and Holiness*; *Work Life and Family Life*; *Work and the World*; and *Putting Work in Its Place*.

Viewers can also access a companion study guide, and a free prayer card to St. Joseph the Worker. To view the full video series for *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work*, the trailer, and to access the prayer card and study guide, visit www.kofc.org/intothebreach.

For the French videos and assets, visit www.kofc.org/danslabreche.

Manitoba Catholic Author Releases Children's Book:

I Love You as Big as the Sea: Local author and mother of four, **Chantal Boisjoli**, has released a beautiful children's book, "*I Love You as Big as the Sea.*" Written for children ages 2–7, this heartwarming story follows a young boy as he discovers the precious little treasure growing in his mother's womb. Through his excitement and anticipation as he awaits the arrival of his new baby, children are invited to celebrate the gift of life and the joy of new beginnings.

The book can also serve as a starting point for simple and meaningful conversations between parents and children, offering a warm, reassuring, and age-appropriate way to talk about pregnancy, new life, and welcoming a baby into the family.

Copies are available for purchase [here](#).

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

Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

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

Marriage Tips

Add an extra prayer to your daily routine, asking God to bless your spouse's day.

October 25, 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Matthew 22:37-39

Stewardship is not just about taking care of others. It involves the first commandment as well. How well do you take care of your relationship with God? How often do you take time to be with God in prayer?

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.**

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.

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3: 10

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.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions October 24-November 1

Saturday, October 24: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 25: 30th 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

Monday, October 26

7:45am + Jan Taplin by Sharon Kennedy

Tuesday, October 27

7:45am + Felix de Jesus by the family

7:45am Birthday intentions for Jérémie Lafrance by the Lafrance family

Wednesday, October 28: Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude

7:45am + Margaret O'Brien by Maria Grazia Verrelli

Thursday, October 29

7:45am + Renata MacDonald, for healing, conversion, and salvation of family by Pam Murphy

Friday, October 30

7:45am + Agathe Benoit by Marc Benoit

Saturday, October 31

7:45am + Jan Taplin by Monica, Life Member and CWL

Saturday, October 31: Solemnity of All Saints

4:00pm + Raymond Deleeuw by Diane Muloin

4:00pm + Irene and + Robert Howden by Diane Muloin

Sunday, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

7:45am + Sister Letizia by Maria Grazia Verrelli

10:00am + Deceased members of the Lafrance, Mondor, Gervais, and St. Onge families by the Lafrance family

10:00am + Richard Gamache by Harvey Gamache and Terry

12:00pm For the intentions of all parishioners

The Week Ahead October 25-31, 2026

Sunday, October 25	Legion of Mary Fellowship Baptism	9:00am 11:00am 1:15pm
Monday, October 26	Parish Office Closed Bradbury's	3:30pm-5:00pm
Tuesday, October 27	Parish Office Closed HCS Gr. 4 Bible Mass	1:15pm
Wednesday, October 28	Parish Office Closed Food Bank All Saints Family Night	9:00am 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, October 29	Mass at Catherine Place Rejuvenating Your Prayer Life (Youth Group)	10:30am 7:00pm-9:30pm
Saturday, October 31	Sacramental Preparation	9:30am-11:00am

