



## Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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and/or as announced

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### SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

#### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday 3:15 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

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## PARISH BULLETIN

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD and THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 8, 2017 and January 15, 2017

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**FAITH FORMATION:** Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions are offered for adults. Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and/or to register.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST):** Contact the parish office for further information.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS:** Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Keira Bond, Joan Brabant, Jacquie and Bill Camier, David Carlyle, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Whiston Luard, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Shirley Payment, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Jacob Trudel, Antonio F. Viegas, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski.

*Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Remember that to have names added and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you.*

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in Winnipeg from **January 18 - 25, 2017**. The theme and resources for 2017 have been prepared by an ecumenical team in Germany, representing various churches and religious organizations. They have chosen the theme **"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us"** inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. Christians around the world are invited to celebrate God's reconciling grace, are called to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urged to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation.



**The 2017 Week of Prayer will include a CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Avenue, Winnipeg.** All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with church leaders and in the other various gatherings that will be held throughout the Week of Prayer. For more information on the city-wide service and the ecumenical choir being formed for the occasion, please see the Week of Prayer posters on the church bulletin board. One poster contains a complete list of gatherings for the week. The full list is also found on the back page of this bulletin.

Please note that this year we are following the international dates for the week. Therefore, prior to the city-wide service with church leaders, the **FIRST GATHERING for the Week of Prayer will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Cambridge Street, Winnipeg.**

**The FINAL GATHERING for the Week of Prayer will be held here at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.** On that evening we will close the Week of Prayer with Solemn Vespers for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle. Invite your Christian friends and neighbours to gather with us.

## PARISH "CHRISTMAS FIESTA" FUNDRAISING GATHERING

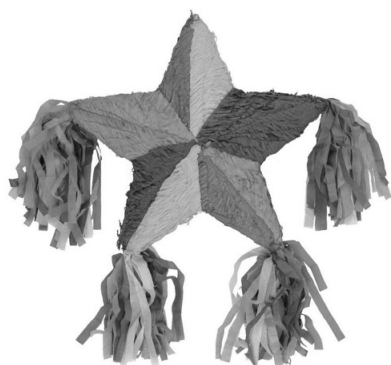
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017  
SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH HALL  
3390 PORTAGE AVENUE, WINNIPEG**

**DOORS OPEN 6:00 P.M.  
POTLUCK DINNER 7:00 P.M.**

CASH BAR, SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT, KARAOKE...

**YOUTH / ADULT – ADMISSION  
CHILD (12 & UNDER) – ADMISSION**

**\$10 PER TICKET  
FREE TICKET**



Admission to our "Christmas Fiesta" is by ticket and by the donation of your favourite food dish to share. Ample tickets available at the door. Net proceeds from our fundraising gathering will go to the Parish to help defray the *Sharing God's Gifts* shortfall for 2016 and other parish operating expenses. Thank you for your support.

**January 8, 2017**

## **Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **Isaiah 60:1-6**

The world is lost in darkness,  
but upon whom God shines, it is daybreak.

### **Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

The divine rescue is for all,  
and no nation will be denied the opportunity.

### **Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul appreciates the universality of the gospel  
better than the disciples did.

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

How far will you go  
to find the fulfillment of your heart's desire?



## **OF CARAVANS AND KINGS**

The caravans of camels captivate us in Isaiah's lovely prophecy. Those wonderful exotic animals take slow majestic steps across the desert, padding softly toward Jerusalem. They bear on their backs kings and valuable gifts. The scene is so remarkable, it winds up in every Christmas pageant, on a good many Christmas cards, and even in Matthew's narrative about the birth of Jesus.

Or does it? If you go back and reread it, Matthew makes no mention of caravans or camels. He doesn't even use the word kings! But he does borrow the gold and frankincense from Isaiah, embellishing them with myrrh. We're within our rights, therefore, to return the favor and go back for the delightful caravans ourselves.

Movement is the common thread in these readings today. Prophecy kick-starts the motion of whole nations, awakened by the light of the world dawning after so much darkness. Bright enough for all to see, this light makes those who pursue it radiant with hope and possibility. August representatives from every nation are drawn to Jerusalem in awe. The psalm underscores the universality of this vision. Kings and gifts are reprised, and justice and peace are added to the wealth in this exchange.

So much is in motion here: camels and kings, tangible gifts and priceless divine promises! Then Paul adds his piece. A mystery now revealed sets tradition itself in motion. Outsiders are now insiders. Gentiles are welcomed into the promises once reserved for Abraham's children. For many, that's a bit much. While we're glad when gifts and promises are moving—especially when they're headed in our direction—we're not always happy when traditions start to shift or are transformed in radical ways. Perhaps this divine caravan isn't such a good idea. Some things should be fixed and immutable. When everything's in motion, we risk the security of stable truths. Surely, Paul's fellow Jews felt the same way we do. "Progress" is sometimes a mistake!

When Jesus is born, the heavens themselves are in motion in a way that could lead some people to vertigo. But not the Magi of the East. They're unruffled by the movement of a star across the sky and set their hearts on following it. They take a long mysterious journey (with or without caravans and camels) because truth itself appears to be in motion, and wise folk always want to know where it's going. In our generation, when Pope Francis is asking all of us to take the journey of faith courageously, to follow the light wherever it leads us, how many will remain behind like Herod in his palace, unwilling to take the short trip outside the walls to see God's new incarnation? — Alice Camille

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***"One true king knew when to step aside and give up the reins of power— to remove his crown and relinquish his kingdom—all for the sake of glimpsing, just once in a lifetime, the face of a holy child."***

—Vera Nazarian, *The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration*

***"We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, / But no longer at ease here,  
in the old dispensation, / With an alien people clutching their gods."***

— T. S. Eliot, *Journey of the Magi*

**January 15, 2017**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

Before his birth, the servant of the Lord  
is known and chosen for his task.

**Psalms 40:1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9**

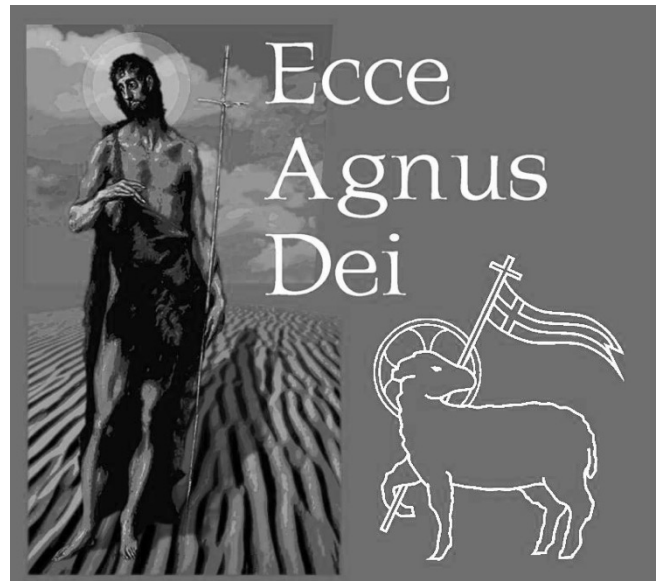
To do God's will is the joy  
of those who wait for the divine summons.

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Paul recognizes all who call upon Jesus  
as part of a holy, universal church.

**John 1:29-34**

The Baptist sees Jesus coming  
and recognizes him at once as the awaited one.



**KNOW AND TELL**

God knows us from the womb, scripture says. That's a long acquaintance, and it comes with an intimate understanding of who we are and can become. No one can ever know us as God does. Which is also to say: nothing about us is hidden from God. Depending on how many secrets we keep from the world, this can be an appalling thought.

God knows us deeply, and our happiness lies in knowing God. Knowledge of God arrives in close proximity to the divine will. Isaiah describes the faithful servant conforming to God's service so precisely that God's strength is his, and God's light shines through him. As we become truer servants, we may borrow divine strength and reveal divine light! No wonder the psalmist cries: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will!

Similarly, Paul reminds the Corinthians how true holiness makes us conduits for the radiance of Christ.

This is intriguing, since John the Baptist says something curious in chapter one of John's gospel, and he says it twice, which makes it significant. John says of Jesus: "I did not know him." Twice, in verses 31 and 33. If knowing Jesus is vital to faith, why does the Baptist emphasize his ignorance?

Some scholars ascribe the comment to the fourth gospel's resolute dismissal of a "friendly neighborhood Jesus." While Luke presents the Baptist as Jesus' cousin by twinning their infancy narratives, John's gospel turns the synoptic baby stories into a theological exploration of the Logos entering into time. The Christ of faith will not be bounced on a knee! Nor will he have cousins, apparently. Jesus and John are therefore strangers when they meet at the Jordan.

It seems rather a lot of trouble simply to disavow kinship. To Raymond Collins, the implications go deeper. In Jewish tradition, the Messiah was expected to arrive anonymously in the world—not with angel hosts singing the news, and stars signaling his position. Justin Martyr describes how this expectation presented an obstacle to faith for some: "But Christ—if He has indeed been born, and exists anywhere—is unknown, and does not even know Himself, and has no power until Elias come to anoint Him, and make Him manifest to all" (Dialogue with Trypho, VIII, 4).

The fourth gospel, facing the same objections, presents a more palatable entry. The Christ in Jesus is indeed hidden; even the forerunner didn't suspect his identity until the "day of choice"—the opportune hour of divine action. What secures the Baptist his place in the story is that, once Jesus is revealed, he testifies to him boldly. When the opportune hour comes to us and we see Jesus, do we do the same?  
— Alice Camille

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***"The Lord was baptized ... to cleanse waters,  
so that those waters ... might have the power of baptism."***

— Saint Ambrose of Milan

***"Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy."***

— Mahatma Gandhi

## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: JANUARY 8 – 22, 2017

*As circumstances suggest, the schedule may be subject to change.*

*Please note that for the month of January, due to various activities and the need for time to catch up on various administrative tasks related to finances and year-end requirements, office hours will be reduced as indicated below.*

<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
5:00 pm Saturday	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Mary Gallagher+</i> , requested by <i>Marnie and Bob Puchniak</i>
6:00 pm Saturday	<b>PARISH “CHRISTMAS FIESTA” FUNDRAISING GATHERING</b> in the parish hall
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Keira Bond (health)</i> , requested by <i>Gladys and Lawrence Barton</i>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>MEETING WITH PARENTS</b> of children preparing for <b>First Reconciliation/First Eucharist</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS</b> – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
2:30 pm	Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Avenue
<b>Monday, January 9</b>	<b>FEAST: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
	<i>Office closed</i>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Tom Shields+</i> , requested by <i>Linus Endacott and family</i>
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus general meeting
7:30 pm	CWL executive meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 10</b>	<b>FERIAL – THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME BEGINS</b>
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
<b>Wednesday, January 11</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:30 am	<i>Fr. Robert and Sharon will attend a Central Winnipeg Deanery meeting at St. Anthony of Padua (Hungarian) Parish</i>
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering ( <i>downstairs in room 10</i> )
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
3:00 pm	<i>Fr. Robert will attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council Board Meeting</i>
6:45 pm	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> ( <i>in the church</i> )
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Alice Tanguay+</i> , requested by <i>Roger and Shirley Sylvestre</i>
<b>Thursday, January 12</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, Virgin</b>
	<i>No Mass today – Fr. Robert involved with preparations for the WPCU</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
<b>Friday, January 13</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Ruth Desnoyers+</i> , requested by <i>St. James Assiniboia CWL</i>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> – at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
<b>Saturday, January 14</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
5:00 pm	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Debbie Lane (health)</i> , requested by <i>Mona Harper</i>
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS</b> – <i>Keira Bond (health)</i> , requested by <i>Al and Ann McMurdie</i>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Sacramental Preparation Session for First Reconciliation</b> ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS</b> – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
2:30 pm	Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Avenue
<b>Monday, January 16</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	<i>Office closed</i>

<b>Tuesday, January 17</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT ANTHONY, Abbot</b>
<b>8:45 am</b>	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS – Dorothy Ross (health), requested by Peter Stanley</b>
10:00 am	<i>Fr. Robert will attend a training and orientation session at the Catholic Centre for Archdiocesan Synod Focus Commission leaders</i>
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
<b>Wednesday, January 18</b>	<b>FERIAL – OPENING OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
11:00 am	<i>Fr. Robert will attend the WPCU Church Leaders and Staff Luncheon at Saint Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church</i>
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (in room 12)
<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS (in the church)</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> from the Liturgy of the Hours at Saint John XXIII Church
7:30 pm	<b>WPCU – DAY 1: Service for the Opening of the Week of Prayer at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 600 Cambridge Street</b>
<b>Thursday, January 19</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	<i>No Mass this morning – Fr. Robert involved with WPCU city-wide service preparations Also Fr. Robert will attend a meeting at the Catholic Centre regarding preparation of local events for “Together in Christ: Lutherans and Catholics Commemorating the Reformation”</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
2:00 pm	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD – at Heritage Lodge, 3555 Portage Avenue</b>
7:30 pm	<b>WPCU – DAY 2: Weekday Evening Service at Kirkfield Park United Church and St. Chad’s Anglican Church, 472 Kirkfield Street</b>
<b>Friday, January 20</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
	<i>No Mass this morning – Fr. Robert involved with WPCU city-wide service preparations</i>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</b>
7:30 pm	<b>WPCU – DAY 3: Weekday Evening Service at Heritage Park Temple (Salvation Army), 825 School Road</b>
<b>Saturday, January 21</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT AGNES, Virgin, Martyr</b>
5:00 pm	<b>MASS – Brigida and Peter Pittarelli+, req. by Sandra Braccio and family</b>
8:00 pm	<b>WPCU – DAY 4: Vespers in the Coptic Orthodox Tradition at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, 1111 Chevrier Boulevard</b>
<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS – Patrick Coughlin+, requested by Cathy Costello (goddaughter)</b>
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>CATECHISM CLASSES</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</b>
6:30 pm	Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal at Grace Lutheran Church
7:30 pm	<b>WPCU – DAY 5: CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Avenue</b>
	<i>Clergy from various churches and traditions (including Archbishop Richard Gagnon) will assist in leading the worship service – Reception to follow – All welcome!</i>

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***A heartfelt “THANK YOU” to all those who contributed generously during the Christmas Season to the support of the parish, to floral offerings for the altar, and who shared their gifts and talents in the various liturgies and events of the holy season. Thanks to the folks at Academy Florist for their unexpected donation of further Christmas poinsettias which have been placed in the church and in the parish hall. Fr. Robert and all the members of the parish staff express their sincere appreciation to those who blessed them with various gifts, especially their love and prayers! God bless you all!***

**SERVING OUR SENIORS "S.O.S."** will welcome **Lynda Trono** from **West Broadway Community Services** on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017**. Our gathering will held at **1:00 p.m.** here at our Saint John XXIII Parish Centre (probably in room 12 downstairs). Lynda will describe their inner-city outreach program. Become aware, bring a friend. This promises to be a very informative presentation.



## PLEASE NOTE

### Re Parking Spots for Persons with Disabilities

Now that symbols on the pavement marking areas for handicapped parking are covered in snow, parishioners are reminded to be courteous enough to leave the 5 designated parking spaces immediately in front of the south doors free for the use of those who need them. Even though the symbols are at times not too visible in the winter, please remember that according to the Winnipeg Parking By-Law it is an offense to park in a designated Disabled parking stall without displaying a valid Provincial Permit. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**KNITTING GROUP:** The members of the Knitting Group will resume their bi-weekly gathering on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** downstairs in room 10. We are starting to work on items for the baby layettes to be forwarded through the Knights of Columbus next Mother's Day to the designated agency assisting mothers in need. Donations of baby yarn will be greatly appreciated. If anyone has been knitting and has items ready to be dropped off, they may do so beginning January 11, 2017. For more information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net

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**SERENA NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** Serena teaches a comprehensive two hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method, a scientifically based, highly effective method of Natural Family Planning. The next two class dates are Monday, January 9, 2017, and Monday, March 6, 2017, both starting at 7:00 p.m. Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Ave., Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email mbserena@gmail.com or check out our website [www.serenamb.com](http://www.serenamb.com)

*For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly\\_bulletin.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php)*

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**OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017** are ready for regular parishioners of Saint John XXIII to pick-up in the parish office following Masses or during office hours. **Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit.** Visitors may use "My Offering" envelopes available at the church entrance. New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.

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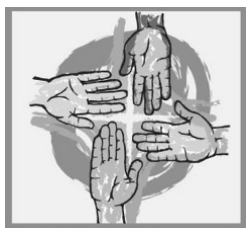
**Collections Deposited December 25, 2016:** Regular offertory & other offerings = Total **\$10,100.95**

**Collections Deposited December 31, 2016:** Miscellaneous regular offertory & other offerings = Total **\$3,383.00**

**Collections Deposited January 1, 2017:** Regular offertory & initial offering = Total **\$3,885.20**

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**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** While our Parish is thankfully experiencing positive growth as new families move into our community and more children and youth are participating in our Faith Formation programs, it is apparent that our Parish is also in need of major fundraising activities/programs to help satisfy our ongoing financial obligations. The establishment of an effective *Fundraising and Development Committee* in this New Year will be critical to our Parish's financial well-being for the future. **We are hoping to recruit suitable parishioners to form our new *Fundraising and Development Committee*.** Such persons need to be those who speak positively about the Parish and are willing to set a good example for others in the community. In collaboration with the members of our Parish Finance Council, they will be called to work together to lead the Parish in various efforts to raise funds to support the services needed to carry out the mission of the Parish. **If you have any constructive suggestions and/or are willing to help out, please let us know. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.**



# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

JANUARY 18 - 25, 2017

## *Reconciliation – The love of Christ compels us*

cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

*Join us as we pray together for unity and experience different traditions of Christian spirituality!*

### SERVICES ARE HELD AT TIMES INDICATED IN THE SCHEDULE BELOW

*Refreshments and fellowship following most services*

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

**7:30 p.m.**

**OPENING OF THE WPCU – DAY 1 “One has died for all”** (2 Cor. 5:14)

**ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

600 Cambridge Street, 204-452-4326, [www.stmarkslutheran.ca](http://www.stmarkslutheran.ca)

**THURSDAY, January 19**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Day 2 “Live no longer for themselves”** (2 Cor. 5:15)

**KIRKFIELD PARK UNITED CHURCH and ST. CHAD’S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

472 Kirkfield Street, 204-837-1017, [www.unitedchurchesofstjames.com](http://www.unitedchurchesofstjames.com)

**FRIDAY, January 20**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Day 3 “We regard no one from a human point of view”** (2 Cor. 5:16)

**THE SALVATION ARMY – HERITAGE PARK TEMPLE (CHURCH)**

825 School Road, 204-889-9203, [owen\\_budden@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:owen_budden@can.salvationarmy.org)

**SATURDAY, January 21**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Day 4 “Everything old has passed away”** (2 Cor. 5:17)

*Vespers in the Coptic Orthodox Tradition*

**ST. MARK COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH**

1111 Chevrier Boulevard, 204-298-9819, [www.manitobacopts.org](http://www.manitobacopts.org)

**SUNDAY, January 22**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Day 5 “Everything has become new”** (2 Cor. 5:17)

**CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE** (with Church Leaders)

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

211 Kimberly Avenue, 204-661-2562, [www.gracelutheranwinnipeg.ca](http://www.gracelutheranwinnipeg.ca)

**MONDAY, January 23**

**Pray at home today**

**Day 6 “We are reconciled to God”** (2 Cor. 5:18)

Genesis 17:1-8; Psalm 98; Romans 5:6-11; Luke 2:8-14

**TUESDAY, January 24**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Day 7 “The ministry of reconciliation”** (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

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**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

**7:30 p.m.**

**CLOSING OF THE WPCU – Day 8 “Reconciled to God”** (2 Cor. 5:20)

*Vespers for the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*

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