



## 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – June 25, 2017 and**

**The THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – July 2, 2017**

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Fr. Robert Polz, Christine Carlyle, Anthony (Tony) Keck, Albert McMurdie, Loris Vendramelli

### Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee

Fr. Robert Polz, George Brown, Laurette Burch, Sharon Camier, Christine Carlyle, Ken Derendorf, Janine Gaudry, William Gould, Albert McMurdie, Gemma Minerva, Colette Mozol, Rod Olinyk, Marnie Puchniak, Victorina Tualla

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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.



## CANADA DAY 2017

On July 1, 2017 we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Catholics and all Christians in Canada should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those who serve us in government to act in ways which respect Christian values and attitudes. Christians should pray and work together for justice and peace so all God's people may share God's gifts of life, love, freedom and peace.

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Mary our Mother,  
may the Cross of your Son,  
planted on Canadian soil  
and in Canadian hearts,  
be known as the Tree of Life,  
whose fruit is visible  
and available to all  
in the garden of this world.**

**We place our country Canada  
in the sanctuary of your Holy Heart  
for we know that there we will find  
Jesus, who lives and reigns  
with the Father in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**



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## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2017

*"How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day each of us could say:  
today I have performed an act of charity toward others"* – Pope Francis

**OUR PARISH'S APPEAL TARGET FOR 2017 IS \$30,370.**

**As of Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> our parish has reached 96% of its target!**



If you haven't yet received a copy, parishioners are encouraged to pick up a brochure from the narthex or the parish office and prayerfully consider making their pledge to Sharing God's Gifts 2017.

**Donations to Sharing God's Gifts in excess of a parish's target will be refunded to the parish at the end of the year. The refunded amount is not subject to Diocesan Assessment. So this is a good way for the parish to benefit from the Archdiocesan fundraising effort.**

Further information, including the Sharing God's Gifts video message from Archbishop Richard Gagnon, is available online at [www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing\\_gods\\_gifts.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php)

Contributions to Sharing God's Gifts may be forwarded through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Various payment options are available. If you wish to contribute via cheque, please make cheques payable to "Sharing God's Gifts". Thank you for your support!

**MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (GREETERS & USHERS):** All weekend Masses require additional volunteers to serve as ushers to welcome our parishioners and visitors. If you are able and willing to help us out, please speak to one of our current ushers and/or contact one of the following: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass: Richard Carlyle 204-889-0238; Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass: Lawrence Barton 204-889-1322; 11:45 a.m. Mass: Toni Anciro 204-889-3544. Thank you.

**June 25, 2017**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Friends turn into enemies, as the prophet's worldly fate is imperiled.

**Psalms 69:7-9, 13+16, 32-33, 35ab+36**

The friend of the Lord is shamed and cast out but cannot be lost.

**Romans 5:12-15**

The sin of the world infects us all, but the gift of Christ is greater still.

**Matthew 10:26-33**

Those who can crush our souls are the only ones we must fear.



**OUR ADDICTION TO FEAR**

"Fear no one," Jesus says. Not long after, he nuances this command: Fear only the one who can destroy the soul along with the body. Soul killing may sound esoteric, but it's pretty common nowadays. At times it feels like someone has murdered the soul of America while no one was looking. We are a nation shuddering in an environmental soup of crisis. We live in fear that's stoked by every news crawl, renewed with each banner headline. And as Pope Francis points out, fear makes us cruel. The pope says fear is what drives a community to build walls, deny the other, and abandon the poor. What are we so afraid of—we who are still arguably the most powerful and secure nation on earth—that we should surrender our better natures?

The list of what folks around us live in dread of is long. Whites are afraid of what blacks may do, and vice versa. The undocumented worker fears the citizen, just as the citizen blames the newcomer for his misfortunes. Native Americans fear the destruction of land and water, the desecration of Mother Earth, which they hold to be their primary stewardship. Muslims (and those mistaken for Muslims because of their foreign-seeming dress or speech) are wary of sudden violence or exclusion from the American story altogether. Blue-collar workers are hostile to professionals who appear to denigrate their contribution or forget them altogether. Business and church both fear government, with its power to legislate away their values. In fact, anyone who doesn't fit a 19<sup>th</sup>-century definition of "belonging" on the American landscape has reason to suspect his or her safety is in doubt.

These days, nearly all of us have been in conversations that end badly, because of our deep divisions. There may be family members we don't talk to, friends who don't come around. I've sat at more than one table where someone had to physically stand between two others to prevent an escalating conflict. As I move around the church, in every state I've visited I hear people report how tired they are. I feel the same weariness, which comes from shifting anxiety from the front burner to the back every few hours. I'm reminded that Jesus not only says, "Fear no one," but elsewhere he declares, "Fear is useless" (Luke 8:50, 1970 NAB translation). To which he appends the important dictum: "What is needed is faith."

Will the anxieties of this present season be enough to kill our souls, to rob us of the capacity for compassion or empathy? Will fear triumph over virtues like love, kindness, generosity, and biblical hospitality to the marginalized? Will "securing ours" prevail over the mandate for the common good, which assures everyone gets what they need? If what is needed is faith, then, O Lord, increase our faith!

— Alice Camille

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***"The Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognize their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the cross of Jesus Christ."***

— Pope Benedict XVI, 2012 Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

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

**Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Joan Brabant, Bill Camier, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Don Thomas, Jacob Trudel, 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.



## Reflection for Thursday, June 29, 2017 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### GIVE THANKS FOR THE ODD COUPLE

Peter and Paul might not have appreciated sharing a feast day. We mean to honour two giants of Christianity, without whom we might not have the church at all. But two more different men would be hard to find. Peter was a Galilean fisherman, impulsive, bull-headed, and rough around the edges. Paul was an educated man of the world, a Pharisee from outside Israel in territory that is now Turkey. These two met rarely and agreed even less frequently. But we value what they taught us about holding the center of orthodoxy (Peter) and pushing the frontier of the Holy Spirit (Paul).

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July 2, 2017

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-16**

An influential woman throws her support behind the prophet Elisha.

**Psalms 89:1-2, 15-16, 17-18**

Those who follow in the way of the Lord are blessed and exalted.

**Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Belonging to Christ involves a journey from death to new life.

**Matthew 10:37-42**

Ultimate allegiance is required of those who are disciples of Jesus.



### THE FEAR THAT FREES

Fear God? This Sunday's Gospel flies in the face of what many current preachers and teachers take for granted is their task: to help people get over their fear of God.

Jesus says just the opposite. On the one hand, after predicting a time in which his disciples will experience their state as being like "sheep in the midst of wolves" (Mt 10:16), undergoing scourgings, being handed over to death by family members, Jesus says not to be afraid of such people. They can only kill the body but cannot touch the soul. On the other hand, Jesus says, "Be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." In other words, fear God. But rather than leave us with that bald statement, Jesus hastens to add a thought "on the third hand": God whose eye is on the sparrow, cares even more for you. Indeed, he even counts the hairs on your head. So do not be afraid. You are worth much more than a whole flock of sparrows.

Did the third hand take away what the second hand gave? Jesus is saying that the One who holds the ultimate power over you is the One who loves you the most. How, then, does exhortation to fear God apply? Jesus is here simply recalling a theme deep in the Hebrew tradition, the intimate connection between fear and love of God (see Deuteronomy 10:12; Psalms 33:18; 103:11,17; 118:4; Prov 16:6). What is meant by fear in these contexts is a complete awe and reverence for the Creator, such that one always acts out of profound respect for this Maker, Rescuer, Sustainer, and Judge of all.

If "fear" of God has such a positive meaning, why, then, does Scripture insist on negative words that are best translated "fear" in this case? Analogy may help. Every parent wants to instill in a toddler a healthy fear of fire, deep water, and automobile traffic. Not to respect the danger of such things is to be dangerously out of touch. This is not the craven fear that would keep the child from eventually learning to cook, to swim, and to drive a car. It is a healthy fear that instills a respect for the power of such things. Similarly, biblical fear of God is a deep sense of God's otherness and ultimacy, such that all of our actions are governed by our wonder and respect for this powerful Other.

Perhaps a more helpful analogy is the fear we have of offending those we love the most. Are we not deeply pained when we discover that a word or act of ours has hurt a parent, a child, or a good friend? And do we not fear offending them? That's the fear Jesus would have us feel toward the Father. When our love life is governed by this fear of God, we discover that we really have nothing to be afraid of. "Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). — Dennis Hamm, SJ

## PARISH GIVING COMMITMENT

On the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>, a presentation was given at all the Sunday Masses updating the Saint John XXIII community of the Parish's current financial situation. The overview of our temporal stewardship since the departure of the Anglican Parish of St. Chad's in the fall of 2013 has convinced the members of our Parish Finance Council that "Our Parish Community is at a Financial Crossroad". **A special envelope package has been prepared for those listed in our parish database.** Each envelope includes a letter from our pastor, a copy of the presentation given on the June 11<sup>th</sup> weekend, and a *Parish Giving Commitment Form*. **If you haven't yet done so, please save us some postage by picking up your special envelope package up from the parish office.**

After prayerful reflection and in gratitude for God's many blessings, we kindly ask you to make a personal commitment to the Lord and to your Parish by completing and returning your *Parish Giving Commitment Form* as soon as possible, preferably before the end of August. After evaluating responses received, your Parish Finance Council plans to make one of two recommendations to the Archdiocese: 1) The Saint John XXIII Parish community is viable, but will require interim financing to clear outstanding obligations, **or** 2) The Saint John XXIII Parish community is unable to financially sustain itself in this facility and seeks the recommendations of the Archdiocese as to any future course of action.

The members of the Parish Finance Council thank you for your kind consideration and in advance for your generous response to our current financial situation.

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## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: JUNE 25 – JULY 9, 2017

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

<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
5:00 pm Saturday	<b>MASS</b> – Manuel Pereira+, requested by Idelta and family
9:00 am	<b>MASS</b> – Shirley Benedicto+ (birthday), requested by Maria Cordova
11:45 am	<b>MASS</b> – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
1:15 pm	<b>Confirmation Class 2017 Concluding Gathering</b> (in room 12)
7:00 pm	<b>HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS</b> at St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue
<b>Monday, June 26</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 27</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
<b>Wednesday, June 28</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT IRENAEUS, Bishop, Martyr</b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open
6:45 pm	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
7:00 pm	<b>MASS</b> – Harold Patson+, requested by Nina Turner <b>N.B.: The texts for the evening Mass will be taken from the Vigil for Saints Peter and Paul</b>
<b>Thursday, June 29</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles</b>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	<b>MASS</b> – Loretta Bertouille+, requested by Johnstone and Bonnefoy families
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
<b>Friday, June 30</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
9:00 am	<b>MASS AT ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> with St. Charles Catholic School
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	<b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> – at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive
3:00 pm	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>RUMMAGE SALE</b> downstairs in the parish hall
<b>Saturday, July 1</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> – "CANADA DAY"
5:00 pm	<b>MASS</b> – Intentions of Maria Wallack on her 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
9:00 am	<b>MASS</b> – Intentions of Margaret and Jerome Strachan on their 49 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
11:45 am	<b>MASS</b> – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners

<b>Monday, July 3</b>	<b>FEAST: SAINT THOMAS, Apostle</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Tuesday – Custodian on duty</i>
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Wednesday – Custodian on duty</i>
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS – Alan Turner+, requested by Nina Turner</b>
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Thursday – Custodian on duty</i>
<b>Friday, July 7</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>MASS – Intentions of the sick and suffering, requested by Peter Stanley</b>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>9:50 am</b>	<b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)</b>
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open
<b>Saturday, July 8</b>	<b>FERIAL</b>
<b>8:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>COUPLES FOR CHRIST “Strong and Faithful” Echo Conference</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>MASS – Rodolfo Narvas, Sr.+, requested by Narvas family</b>
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>MASS – Antonio Viegas+, requested by Linda Mitchell</b>

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***“All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ,  
for he himself will say: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’”***

— Rule of Benedict

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### **EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Our next rummage sale will be held **Friday, June 30, 2017 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall. We are grateful for your donations of items for sale. Jewellery sells especially well. Please bring your items to the church during office hours.

**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 class is **Saturday, July 29, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.serenamb.com](http://www.serenamb.com)

**SAINT-MALO CATHOLIC CAMPS:** For youth aged 5 to 17 years old. Archery, mountain biking, canoeing, beach time, sports, campfires, music, drama, and also prayer time and spiritual formation. We are the only Catholic sleepover camp in Manitoba offered in English and French. \$50 discount before May 31. Register online at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net) There are also job opportunities for those 14 years and older. For more information, please see website online at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net) or email [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net) or phone 204-347-5396

*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)*

<p><b>PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017:</b> 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.</p>
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