



Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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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

PARISH BULLETIN

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 20, 2017 and

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 27, 2017

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

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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

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.



ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The ministry of altar server is one of several important ministries in the Church's Liturgy. Altar Servers assist the Priest (and the Deacon) in various liturgical celebrations, especially weekday and Sunday celebrations of the Most Holy Eucharist. Some Altar Server responsibilities include: lighting the altar candles, bearing the cross and candles in processions, assisting with incense and holy water, approaching the Priest (or the Deacon) whenever necessary to present the book, to help receive the offertory gifts at Mass and prepare the altar, and to assist in any other way required.

Both younger parishioners, from about grade 4 or 9 years old and up, and adult parishioners are invited to consider assisting in this ministry in our parish. Altar servers are expected to conduct themselves in a reverent and respectful manner at all times. For most Masses, servers should gather in the back of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (i.e. near the sacristy) and be vested at least 10 minutes before Mass. Duties after Mass, to help clean up the sanctuary and hang up servers' vestments, may require another 10 minutes or so. Preparation for this ministry may include "on the job training", adult mentoring, and some scheduled rehearsals before major celebrations of the liturgical year.

Those interested and willing to assist as an altar server at any of our weekday or weekend Masses are asked to please speak with our pastor, Father Robert, and/or our parish pastoral assistant, Sharon Camier.

PARISH CATECHISM CLASSES 2017 – 2018

Catechism classes are scheduled to begin in our parish with an **ORIENTATION SESSION for parents/guardians and children at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 17th in the parish hall.** Once again we will utilize the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* liturgically-based catechetical program that provides weekly handouts with a short description of the Sunday Gospel plus suggested activities and discussion starters for each age level. In keeping with the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year, children in class and with their families can have fun while learning about Jesus, his Church and the teachings of our faith.



Those who would like their children to take part in catechism classes are asked to submit a completed REGISTRATION FORM for each child as soon as possible so we may better assess the situation and be sure to have the adequate materials required. A catechism registration fee will help defray some of the costs of running our program. Nevertheless, this requested fee should in no way be considered a reason to refrain from enrolling children for whose parents the fee would impose an undue hardship.

As a rule, each Sunday children participating in our parish catechism program gather in the parish hall with their parents/guardians by 10:15 a.m. for some initial prayers and announcements. Then children break into their various catechetical groups and proceed with their catechists to their designated classrooms. Catechetical classes are divided into the following age groups: SEEDS (Preschool), PROMISE (Kindergarten – Grade 1), GOOD NEWS (Grades 2-3), VENTURE (GRADES 4-6) and VISIONS (Grades 7-8). Parents/guardians are asked to return to the parish hall by 11:15 a.m. to be ready to pick up their children.

We are in need of volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants for each designated catechetical group. If you are willing to help in any way, please advise Sharon Camier (our Pastoral Assistant) or Father Robert Polz (our Pastor) as soon as possible. Let us all pray for the continued success of our faith formation program for children.

HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Many avenues lead individuals to the Catholic Church. The journey of faith can be a winding road. Whatever path has led you to this time of searching or interest in becoming a baptized Christian or, if already baptized, making a profession into the full communion of the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that could be Good News for you in your journey of faith. Our pastor, Father Robert, and our pastoral assistant, Sharon, are considering starting up this fall the RCIA process in our parish. Tentative plans include initial inquiry sessions to be held immediately following Mass on Wednesday evenings. **To help us make preparations for the RCIA in our parish, please let us know if you might be interested in participating.** Please speak with Father Robert and/or Sharon. We have a limited number of packs of leaflets of the series *Understanding Christian Initiation* which we can distribute to those discerning whether they would like to begin participation in the RCIA process.

August 20, 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The house of God has a welcome for all, and salvation is open to all.

Psalms 67:1-2, 4-5, 6-7

All nations find reason to praise the God who guides all people.

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul chooses to be the apostle to Gentiles so that all may hear the divine call.

Matthew 15:21-28

A distressed outsider seeks the help of Israel's healer and teacher.



HOW FAR DOES OUR MISSION GO?

We're the church, a people on a mission: to bring good news wherever it's yet to be heard. We know what to do. We may be less clear on how to do it. Our resolve might be weak. And then there's the question: Just how far does this mission extend? What are the limits of our responsibility, at which point we might reasonably claim: Mission accomplished?

If we're fuzzy on the boundaries of our concern, we can rest assured early disciples were ambiguous too. Peter wondered how many times he had to forgive the same person before he could comfortably write them off. A scholar was agreeable to loving his neighbor—but wanted Jesus to define who that neighbor was and wasn't. The 12 apostles viewed the end of their journey as Jerusalem, the capital of all things Jewish. They never set their sights on Rome! They certainly never imagined Vatican City.

Post-Easter, the early church was divided about how far to take this gospel thing. How far did Jesus intend his message to go? Yes, he did say "to the ends of the earth." But to the ends of the JEWISH earth, certainly. Going to the Gentiles would be like throwing pearls to swine, wouldn't it? Paul, a Diaspora Jew himself from what is modern-day Turkey, was used to being counted out by the Jerusalem insiders. He determined to preach the gospel to anyone who would listen.

The race was on between the particularists and the universalists, as scholars term these two camps. Particularists wanted to keep the church Jewish. Universalists were glad to think beyond the kosher box. Which is probably why Matthew takes a story focused on healing from Mark's tradition and turns it into a dialogue about who deserves a healing in the first place. It's not the first time Matthew portrays Jesus giving Israel's healing away to an outsider. Jesus has already healed a centurion's servant in chapter 8. And he didn't make the man beg for it, either. Jesus agrees to heal the servant immediately, even before the Roman displays his great faith.

Matthew confronts his particularist listeners more bluntly in the story of a Greek woman (rudely dismissed as a Canaanite) appealing for her daughter. Greek, woman, girl: What could be less valued by the particularists? The story makes clear that Jesus is less interested in the "who" and more interested in the "what"—in this case, in the trust of the one who comes to him. The test of faith here isn't for the woman. It's for us. Is the gospel our home court advantage, or are we prepared to truly take it everywhere?

— Alice Camille

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"That is our vocation: to convert ... the enemy into a guest and to create the free and fearless space where brotherhood and sisterhood can be formed and fully experienced."

— Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996)

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, Debra McEnturff, Donald Mitchell, 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, Ronald Wells, 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.



August 27, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Authority comes from God, who distributes it according to the divine will.

Psalms 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b

God's love has no end. God's kindness remains the hope of those who trust.

Romans 11:33-36

We may keep trying to pierce the mystery of God. Praising God is better.

Matthew 16:13-20

The identity of Jesus is not a game of multiple choice. It's a matter of trust.



NAMING JESUS

Some days, Jesus is my Lord. Other days, I'm the only authority to which I answer. Which day is which is probably more obvious to folks around me than it is to me. From within the borders of self-involvement, all you can see is yourself.

Does it matter what we call Jesus? If we claim Jesus is Son of God, Second Person in the Trinity, that sounds like a good answer, passable on any religion test. But it doesn't say much about our relationship to Jesus. It merely puts Jesus in his heaven, leaving us free to go about our day.

We can call Jesus the Son of Man, which acknowledges his full humanity. It also makes Jesus the sum of all humanity, AKA the new Adam, the obedient mortal: our celestial rep. Both are useful pieces of information and doctrinally significant. But we can still cheerfully go on about our tasks as before.

How about placing Jesus into the category of stellar prophets: the great preacher of repentance John the Baptist, the miracle worker Elijah, or the Sufferer-in-Chief Jeremiah? If Jesus is one in a series, of course, he's hardly a unique Messiah. Which brings us to the Hebrew title *Messiah*, translated into Greek as Christ. For the generation around Jesus, the Messiah had a very specific job to do: route the Romans and make Israel great again! We may await any number of world leaders who can take back our vision of how things should be. But a new president, a new pope, even a new social order is not quite what Jesus comes to offer us.

Yet in this pop quiz Peter gets an "A" for describing Jesus as Christ and Son of God. (In Mark's gospel, Peter is silenced for saying "Messiah" and told not to repeat that.) At least Peter thinks higher and grander than simply the latest prophet Israel has produced. He understands Jesus to be more than Guru, Magician, and Physician rolled into one. It's a step in the right direction; for this Peter is deemed most competent to lead the church.

I'm not sure such an answer is enough to earn extra credit today. Despite what many followers say about him, Jesus is not here to fix our country, or any country. Jesus isn't a magic formula to guarantee our prosperity. Jesus never asked to be our most holy dogma. And it's never going to be enough to enshrine Jesus as the centerpiece of our religious rituals. What's a better answer? Jesus defines himself as our friend in John's gospel. And Paul insists that Jesus Christ is Lord. Both responses invite us into a deep and sure relationship. And relationships are game changers.

— Alice Camille

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"It is through the liturgy, especially, that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." — Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1963

"Peter, the leader of the choir, the mouth of all the apostles, the head of that tribe, the ruler of the whole world, the foundation of the church, the ardent lover of Christ." — Saint John Chrysostom (c. 350-407)



MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY: 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.

We also are looking for additional volunteers, especially for Saturdays, to assist with preparing and **servicing coffee and refreshments** after Masses on the first weekend of the month. If you are able and willing to help us out in any way, please contact Chris Carlyle 204-889-0238 or email rccarlyl@gmail.com. Thank you.

TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: AUGUST 20 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

Please note that parish staff are taking holidays at various intervals throughout the summer.

Sunday, August 20	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – Anthony Pittarelli+, requested by Marianne Conigilo and family
9:00 am	MASS – Intentions of Gladys Barton (birthday), requested by Lawrence Barton
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, August 21	MEMORIAL: SAINT PIUS X, Pope <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
Tuesday, August 22	MEMORIAL: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:30 am – 12:00 noon	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
4:00 pm – 8:00 am	Fr. Robert is on-call at the Health Sciences Centre
Wednesday, August 23	FERIAL <i>Parish office closed Wednesday</i>
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – Keira Bond+, requested by Wanda Michachuk
4:00 pm – 8:00 am	Fr. Robert is on-call at the Health Sciences Centre
Thursday, August 24	FEAST: SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i>
Friday, August 25	FERIAL
10:45 am	Liturgy of the Word at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
Saturday, August 26	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – Pino Rinella+, requested by Tony Conigilo and family
Sunday, August 27	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS – Alban Hazzard+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Monday, August 28	MEMORIAL: SAINT AUGUSTINE, Bishop, Doctor <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
Tuesday, August 29	MEMORIAL: THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ N.B.: MASS TUESDAY CANCELLED due to Funeral
9:30 am – 12:00 noon	Office open
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
3:00 pm	Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a board meeting of the Manitoba Multifaith Council
Wednesday, August 30	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (in room 12)
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – Deacon Gary McCallum+, requested by the LeDrew family
Thursday, August 31	FERIAL <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i>
Friday, September 1	FERIAL
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Deceased members Gaspar family, requested by Lena Gaspar

9:45 am Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
9:50 am Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
10:00 am – 12:00 noon Office open

Saturday, September 2 FERAL
5:00 pm MASS – *Intentions of Mabel Mochnacz (90th birthday/health),
requested by Steve and Dolores Zegalski*

Sunday, September 3 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*** *Coffee and fellowship after all Sunday Masses this weekend (i.e. this includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday) ****
9:00 am MASS – *Intentions of Sr. Cathy Laviolette (50th jubilee), requested by Bill and Helen Patterson*
11:45 am MASS – *“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners*

PARISH GIVING COMMITMENT: On the weekend of June 11th, 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 11th 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.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2017

For the website link to our Archdiocesan Appeal go to: <http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php>

POLONIA PILGRIMAGE: Sunday, September 3, 2017 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Polonia, MB. Confessions 3:00 p.m., Rosary 3:30 p.m., Mass at 4:00 pm., Archbishop Richard Gagnon presiding. Dinner to follow. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us in our beautiful church and grotto. For directions, please contact Fr. James Ahaneku at 204-207-0054.

PALLIATIVE CARE 26th ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE: **The Hidden Faces of Palliative Care.** Conference will be held **September 14 and 15, 2017** at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Conference Centre, 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg. The conference is also seeking sponsors. For conference brochure and further information, please go to the website: www.palliativemanitoba.ca and/or call 204-889-8525 ext 228, email: info@palliativemanitoba.ca

ANNUAL CHICKEN & RIB DINNER: The St. James Knights of Columbus are hosting our 28th Annual Chicken and Rib Dinner to be held at St. John XXIII Parish Hall on **Sunday Sept 17, 2017**, starting at 6:00 p.m. Cost per adult \$15.00, Youth (12 & under) \$7.00. All parishioners, family and friends from our three main associated parishes are welcome. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Knights of Columbus or through parish offices. Come join us for a great meal and an enjoyable evening.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND RECONCILIATION: St. Paul’s College presents a new course for Fall 2017 entitled *The Catholic Church, Indigenous Peoples, and Reconciliation*. This course is open to both registered students at the University of Manitoba and those who choose to take it (audit) without credit. It will be taught by Professor Rheel Cenerini on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. For more information, contact Dr. Daniel MacLeod, email daniel.macleod@umanitoba.ca at the Catholic Studies program.

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

PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017: 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.

“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.” — Revelation 7.9