

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

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — June 10, 2018 and ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — June 17, 2018

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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 <u>before</u> finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Our parish's appeal target for 2018 is \$25,720.00 As of Friday, June 8th our parish has reached 42.7% of our target.

Parishioners are asked to pick up a brochure from the narthex or the parish office and prayerfully consider making their gift or pledge to Sharing God's Gifts 2018.

It is important that EVERY ADULT PARISHIONER do their best to offer something to the campaign in support of our Archdiocesan pastoral services. Remember that if our parish exceeds its target,

donations in excess of the target are returned to the parish to be used towards local priorities.

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".

We are looking for some volunteers to assist as Sharing God's Gifts Campaign Workers who would be willing to phone and/or visit parishioners. If you are available to help, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support!

THE WORD AMONG US DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR CATHOLICS June 2018 and July/August 2018 issues both available Price \$5.00 each CAD

The most popular and best value for parishioners.

- Daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy.
- Daily meditations.
- This edition offers you a convenient and easy to use resource for every day of the month.
- Canadian Edition with CCCB approved Mass readings.



RUMMAGE SALE: The next rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 15, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Saint John XXIII Parish Hall (gym). We are grateful for your donations of items for sale. Jewellery sells especially well. (N.B.: We can't use old TV sets or large items.) We always welcome more volunteers to set up in the morning, during the sale itself, and especially to pack items away in the evening after the sale. Please bring your items to the church during office hours.

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

A special lamp which indicates and honours the presence of Christ is to shine continuously before a tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved (canon 940).

If you wish to have the Tabernacle Lamp in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of Saint John XXIII Church burn in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a particular intention, you may make arrangements through the Parish Office. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is \$25.00. As circumstances permit, notice of your prayer intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

Week of June 10 – 16, 2018: Keira Samantha Bond+, requested by the Bond family

Week of June 17 – 23, 2018: Deceased members of the Resch family, requested by Sharon Camier



Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Gladys Barton, Bill Camier, John Foucart, Rosario Jequinto, Deb McEnturff, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment and James Polz.

We are in the process of refreshing and updating our Parish Prayer List. Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to help us update the list to include the names of those parishioners, relatives and friends currently in need of prayer. Please remember that to have names added to the list and printed in the bulletin and/or posted online we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you for your help and for your prayers of intercession.





This year's theme for Sharing God's Gifts is

"Together in Mission".

Sunday, June 10, 2018 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 3:8-15

I will put enmity between your offspring and the woman's offspring.

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8

With the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

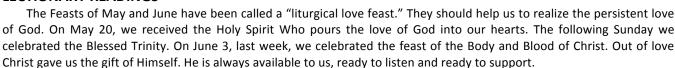
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

We speak since we are grounded in faith.

Mark 3:20-35

The end of Satan has come.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ON LECTIONARY READINGS



This past Friday, we commemorated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the revelations of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus promised, "Sinners shall find My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy. I will console them in all their troubles." What we hear in the Word at every Mass should be a source of inspiration and affirmation about the love of God toward us.

Adam and Eve were certainly aware of God's love. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, when they "hear" that God is in the garden, they know full well that He wants to be with them. It is difficult for us to conceive of how intimate and close God was to that first couple. What made them "afraid" of God was sin, something that probably makes all of us afraid of the Lord at times. Ever since Adam we as humans have tended to run from God's presence and we surely do not always wish to listen to His Word.

Nevertheless, we must always keep in mind that we are made in God's image, so as fearful of Him as we may be, we still want to be in the presence of God. As we note in the reading, Adam tried to blame Eve for his sin. That is something we may tend to do as well — blame others for our sins and faults. In 2 Samuel, David declares, "I have sinned against the Lord." Each of us has to consider taking that responsibility for our actions as David did.

St. Paul had a way with words to be sure. During Paul's lifetime many felt Paul's life was a failure. At the height of his success in life, he chose to leave it for a career that from our perspective is much higher. We view St. Paul as the great evangelizer and the equivalent of an Apostle. Paul left a comfortable life for a life of hardship, suffering and persecution.

His message to us and to the Corinthians in this reading is that faith creates testimony. Paul believed deeply that God had a purpose in his, Paul's, sufferings. Paul understood and embraced and truly believed in resurrection. All the trials he faced, and all the trials we may face, are trivial in relationship to the life that is to come. Suffering can destroy us; they could have destroyed Paul. Paul recognized that we tend to see the outward, not necessarily the unseen eternal things. He speaks, nevertheless, of the "eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." That is where his focus was and where our focus needs to be — not the present but what is in our future.

President Abraham Lincoln is often given credit for saying "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This was the theme of a speech he gave when he was nominated for the United States Senate in 1858. However, we see it in today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark: "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Jesus is quoted as saying that in all three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

Lincoln was a man familiar with scripture, and he knew that Jesus said this. He also knew most likely that most of his audience knew that. Jesus gave this answer to the Pharisees in all three instances in the Bible, including today's reading. It was a response the Lord made when accused of being the agent of Satan. It is a logical thought because we all know that any community, including our parish, which is divided will run into problems. Success and cohesion, whether in a family or in an organization or the Church itself, is reliant upon congruency. We face this in many ways in daily life all the time. It does not matter whether it is a sports team, a government, a family, or our own minds, things must work together in order to accomplish goals. God expects unity among believers because once conflict enters into the picture, the whole organization becomes weaker. That is part of what stewardship demands of us. There are times when each of us must place his or her personal preferences to the side for the good of the group. That is never easy to do, but to be the kind of



community we wish to be and need to be it is absolutely necessary. Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." Indeed!

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Sunday, June 17, 2018 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will make high the low tree.

Psalm 92:1-2, 12-13, 14-15

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

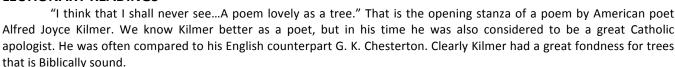
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether in the body or away from it we make it our aim to please the Lord.

Mark 4:26-34

The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

STEWARDSHIP RELFECTION ON LECTIONARY READINGS



Trees have always had significance in the Bible. They are first mentioned in the second Book of Genesis with the "Tree of Life." Along with mountains and the sea, trees are bigger than we are; they stand when we fall, and they endure when we pass away. Yet, unlike the sea and the hills, we can muster the power to overcome trees. We can chop them down and put them to use.

In today's readings trees are significant from a number of standpoints. One of our problems in Biblical interpretation lies in our inability to see the world as charged with the power and glory of God. We decide that, for example, the "tree of life" means something in particular. Yet, we can feel trees and smell them in many instances. Trees are important in today's readings.

The First Reading from Ezekiel makes reference to a tree to be planted by God: "I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain." This is Ezekiel's version of the prophecy by Isaiah: "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch will grow out of its roots." In other words, from something that was thought to be dead, God promises to bring forth a wonderful and productive growth — Jesus.

St. Paul offers another perspective of being a branch or a limb from a tree. The Body of Christ, the Church, can also be compared to a tree with many branches, perhaps each serving a different purpose, but all combining to produce the whole. That is what we as a Church are like and why each of us in his or her own way is important to the total. It is all held together by the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in Paul's life gave him great confidence, a confidence he feels we should share. When Paul writes, "We are always courageous," we must realize that the Greek word translated as "courageous" can also be translated as "confident." With the confidence he had, Paul knew that God was at work within him. Paul reminds us often that this confidence comes from the realization that we are to "set our minds on things above, not things on earth.

Thanks to the Lord we are part of the Body of Christ, what might be termed the great Tree of Life.

At the Heart of our Gospel Reading from St. Mark is the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Speaking of this seed, Jesus says, "But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches." Our Lord and Savior is the perfect teacher. It was through parables that He was able to present profound spiritual truths. His parables were often intended for simple people, but also to an agrarian population — that is, people familiar with agriculture and agricultural terms.

The mustard seed and mustard plant were something that would have been familiar to most of His listeners. As is the case with everything Jesus said, scholars have studied and examined and developed opinions on what He meant. The mustard seed was not the smallest seed, and the plant it produced was not the largest, but yet even to this day there are



wild mustard plants over ten feet tall near the Jordan River. Jesus was most likely referring to black or white mustard seeds and plants. Mustard, as we know it, was made by grinding the seeds.

There were three important features of the mustard plant that the Lord knew his audience would understand — the small size of the seed, the large size of the plant, and the rapid germination and growth of the plant. That is part of the importance of all trees and large plants as they tend to come from seeds, perhaps not always tiny ones, but they come to life and they grow. That is what is supposed to be happening to us as well.

The last stanza of Kilmer's famous poem about trees is the most telling. It is, "Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree." Only God can truly make us what we are to be and what we are called to be.

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TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: JUNE 10 – 24, 2018

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

Sunday, June 10 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Saturday MASS – Ronald Wells+, requested by the St. James Knights of Columbus

9:00 am MASS – Cecilia Prucyk+, requested by Daniel Quesnel 11:45 am MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners

1:15 pm Celebration of the Baptism of

Jacob (Jack) Elias Nelson Herscovitch and Ronald James (RJ) Carlito Herscovitch

Monday, June 11 MEMORIAL: SAINT BARNABAS, Apostle

Parish office closed Monday

Tuesday, June 12 FERIAL

Parish office closed Tuesday morning

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office open in the afternoon 10:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)

7:00 pm Parish Finance Council meeting (Guadalupe Room)

Wednesday, June 13 MEMORIAL: SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest, Doctor

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open

10:30 am Central Winnipeg Deanery Meeting hosted by Saint John XXIII Parish
5:00 pm MASS – 60th Anniversary St. James Knights of Columbus Council #4557

also intention for Fr. Robert Polz (30th Anniv. of Ordination), req. by St. James Knights

6:45 pm OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm LITURGY OF THE WORD at Saint John XXIII Church

Thursday, June 14 FERIAL

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open

12:00 noon Wedding Rehearsal – Nelson Ramirez and Maria Mendoza

7:30 pm MASS – Keira Samantha Bond+ (1st Anniv.), requested by her family

Friday, June 15 FERIAL

9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary

9:15 am MASS – Joao Alho+, requested by Maria Alho

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open

3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

5:00 – 7:00 pm RUMMAGE SALE (in the parish hall)

7:30 pm Fundraising and Development Committee Meeting (meeting room TBA)

Saturday, June 16 FERIAL

1:00 pm CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE of Nelson Isabel Ramirez and Maria Eloisa Mendoza

5:00 pm MASS – Olinda Viera+, requested by Cecilia and Julio Santos

Sunday, June 17 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am MASS – Lyndon and Bill Michalchuk+, requested by Wanda, Sasha and Jared

11:45 am MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners

This Mass includes Celebration of the Baptism of Kyla Izabela Palattao

Monday, June 18 FERIAL

Parish office closed Monday

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

Tuesday, June 19FERIAL

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Office open

10:00 am Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)

Wednesday, June 20 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 – Special intentions of Louise Lane, requested by Mona Harper

Thursday, June 21 MEMORIAL: SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open

2:00 pm MASS at Heritage Lodge, 3555 Portage Avenue

- Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+, bequest

Friday, June 22 FERIAL

9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary

9:15 am MASS – Ronald Wells+, requested by Linus Endacott

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Office open

10:45 am MASS at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive
 3:00 pm Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Saturday, June 23 FERIAL / VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

5:00 pm MASS – Intentions of newly baptized and confirmed, reg. by the St. James Assiniboia CWL

6:00 – 9:30 pm COUPLES FOR CHRIST West Cluster Assembly (in the parish hall)

Sunday, June 24 SOLEMNITY: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00 am MASS – Sybil and Vernon Lewis+, requested by Margaret and Jerome Strachan

11:45 am MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners

Collections – deposited May 2018

PAD (Pre-authorized debit)	\$	7,943.00
Regular Envelopes		9,481.00
Other Identified		822.75
Loose Collection		1,315.80
In Memoriam		100.00
OMPH Devotions		45.00
Other Donation		40.00
Flowers & Decorations		200.00
TOTAL	Ś	19.947.55

All parishioners are encouraged to consider registering for pre-authorized debit (PAD). New parishioners are kindly asked to contact the parish office a.s.a.p. to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.

Special Collections – deposited May 2018



When making your offering at Mass, please use current 2018 parish offering envelopes only. Please do NOT use offering envelopes from previous years. Visitors may use unnumbered "My Offering" envelopes available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance. Thank you for your continued support.

"Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message." — Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-90)

FURTHER EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND

CATHOLICA 200 JUBILEE MASS JULY 15th, 2018: Calling all music ministers, singers and musicians! Come and join the St. Boniface Diocesan Choir for the special Catholica 200th Anniversary Outdoor Mass on Sunday, July 15th at St. Boniface Cathedral presided by Cardinal Lacroix. There will be **two rehearsals** at St. Boniface Cathedral on **Mondays, June 11th and June 25th at 7:00 p.m.** For any questions or to confirm participation please contact Shawn Coughlin via email academymusic@shaw.ca or Normand Forest at pnforest@hotmail.com by June 8th. Music may be obtained in advance upon request.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY ALUMNAE & FRIENDS KITCHEN PARTY will be held on **Friday**, **June 15**, **2018** from **6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of culinary instruction and hands-on cooking with Mrs. Deb May. Tickets are \$50 each and include appetizers, wine and a meal to take home. Everyone welcome. Purchase tickets at **https://tinyurl.com/y8j7ad64**

RCIA WORKSHOP... CONVERSATIONS & DISCOVERY: The Archdioceses of Saint Boniface and Winnipeg are hosting an RCIA Workshop ... Conversations & Discovery on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are happy to announce Dave and Sandy Marshall, Western Conference for the Catechumenate Executives are back. We hope that in this workshop we will be able to acquire the skills to build an evangelizing parish that involves the entire community and learn to recruit and build a thriving RCIA team that is focused on disciple formation as our response to our own calling of missionary discipleship. Please bring your Blue Book - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RSVP before June 15, 2018 to Judith Vasquez at 204-452-227 ext 243 or email catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca

SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, 'WALK AND TALK': Wednesdays, July and August, 2018, Norwood Hotel, leave west parking lot door at 7:00 p.m., walk to the 'Forks', and back to the Norwood hotel lounge, about 8:00 p.m., until approximately 9:00 p.m. Come to just the walk, or the lounge, or both. See website for more information www.beginningexperience.ca or call 204-275-3090, or email contact@beginningexperience.ca

ST. BENEDICT'S MONASTERY AND RETREAT CENTRE: Summer Fullness is a silent, directed retreat offering you an opportunity to rest, reflect and pray as well as meet with a spiritual director daily, if desired. July 2-7 or part of the week as you can. Sisters Mary Coswin and Marie Baker, OSB will lead the retreat. **Centering Prayer Retreats** led by Sr. Sandra Stewart, RNDM, for persons who have been practicing Centering Prayer for some time. A time of silence, prayer together and ongoing learning through DVD presentations. For more information or to register contact **St. Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R4A 2A1, 204-338-4601.**

THE SUMMONS begins again in **September 2018** in Neepawa. This is a two-year Archdiocesan faith formation process designed for ANY adult who desires to grow both personally and spiritually through our Catholic faith. The Summons provides an adult environment for participants to be transformed by God's grace, enriching their faith and lives through learning, community, and prayer. Please contact Fr. Eric Giddins, Director of THE SUMMONS, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish at 204-832-6122 or egiddins@mts.net for more information.

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





July 15 2018

On the grounds of St. Boniface Cathedral, the Archbishop's residence and the University of St. Boniface

9:30 am

Historical Re-enactment of the arrival of Bishop Provencher at Joseph-Royal Park, Taché Ave and Provencher Blvd

Historical dress welcome

11:00 am

Solemn Mass presided by Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix*
Bring a lawnchair; limited seating provided

1:00 pm

Afternoon of multicultural and family activities

Children's entertainment, crafts and games, multicultural dance performances, bands, Manitoba Living History Society encampment, choirs, beer garden, food trucks, street performers, USB Alumni Rendez-Vous

7:30 pm

Thank you - Megwetch for Humanity - Merci*
Broadcast performance inspired by the Seven Teachings of the First Nations peoples Featuring: Tom Jackson, Brad Roberts, Zachary Richard, Connie Kaldor, Heather Bishop, les sœurs Campagne, Martha Wainwright, World Village Music Choir, Luc De Larochelière and more!

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All sister Christian churches, friends of all faiths and spiritualties, and all members of the community are invited to join in the celebration on July 15th. *Mass and evening concert being livestreamed on Salt and Light Television and website

Please check with your local parish for possible group transportation options or the website for parking and shuttle information.

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