



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 *

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 5, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) – May 12, 2019

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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.



2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

This year's March for Life (Manitoba) continues the tradition of coinciding with the National March for Life in Ottawa. **On THURSDAY, MAY 9th we will begin with MASS with the Archbishops at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. and then proceed to the Legislative Building for a peaceful, respectful rally to recognize the dignity of all life from conception to natural death.** The rally will begin at 11:45 a.m. on the front steps the Legislative Building, followed by the March at 12:00 noon.

YOUTHINK WORKSHOP

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us" – Romans 12.6

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

YouThink Workshop is open to all youth and young adults ages 15 years old and up who have a passion for their talents or would like to discover and learn new talents in: Writing, Music, Dance, Video, Photography and Social Media. How can you use these talents to express your faith in and outside of the Catholic Church? Register and find out and meet other youth and young adults just as talented as you! Registration fee: \$5.00 **For more info, visit www.archwpgyouthink.com**

56th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Church will mark the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2019. We would like to unite our prayers to those of the Universal Church in asking the Lord to "send labourers into His harvest" (cf. Lk10.2), that He would raise up from our midst many priests, religious and deacons who would serve God and His people with their whole hearts. **Let us come together as the Church of Winnipeg and pray for this intention at a Holy Hour for Vocations, presided by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, to be held on Sunday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral.** For further information, please contact the Vocations Director, Fr. Peter Nemcek, at 204-947-0294 or vocations@archwinnipeg.ca

National Week for Life and the Family – May 12-19, 2019

In Manitoba, the National Week for Life and the Family Tri-Diocesan Committee promotes several events and actively works to enrich faith and community throughout the National week in May, but also extends the celebration to both before and following the National week.

The theme for 2019 is: "Listening to the Gospel as a Family"

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 all are invited to join Archbishop Richard Gagnon for a special **MASS FOR LIFE** to be held **at 7:00 p.m. at Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard.**

Living Rosary preceding Mass at 6:30 p.m.

For information on other local events, activities and initiatives go to the website: lifeandthefamily.com

PLASTIC CONTAINERS NEEDED: *The Missionaries of Charity (i.e. Saint Mother Teresa's Sisters) regularly distribute food to those in need, especially soup. To do this, the sisters have an ongoing need for donations of various sized containers with lids, e.g. bigger yogurt containers, margarine tubs, plastic coffee containers, etc. Plastic carry bags, grocery bags, are also needed for people to place food containers in to carry with them. If you have containers and/or bags to donate, please drop them off at our parish office during regular office hours or before or after Sunday Masses. Thanks for your help!*

2019 Sharing God's Gifts



Over \$28 million raised for pastoral ministries and parish priorities!

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

Make Your Gift or Pledge Today

“Embracing Discipleship”

Sharing God's Gifts is an Archdiocesan-wide Appeal which seeks to provide resources for both Diocesan and individual parish needs.

In the last four years close to \$1,000,000 has been returned to parishes in the form of rebates.

Sharing God's Gifts can be a wonderful opportunity for the parish community to work together in a spirit of stewardship, toward a goal or project that will benefit your parish and sustain your legacy. The Archdiocese in turn, can continue its important work on priorities such as Home Missions, Catechetical Programs, Youth, Lay Formation, Vocations, social justice initiatives, just to name a few. You play an important role in the success of this important annual endeavor. We are grateful for your support and your involvement.

Sharing God's Gifts is to be a mutual effort involving all parishioners. We all need to show our willingness before God to join this venture of faith by saying “We will participate in Sharing God's Gifts in a spirit of love and generosity.”

Archdiocese Appeal Goal for 2019 is \$1,000,000

The total amount of the Offertory Income of Parishes and Missions in the Archdiocese for 2017 was \$10,098,259. Saint John XXIII Parish offertory income for 2017 was \$270,581. This is 2.679 % of the total Parish income in the Archdiocese for 2017.

Therefore, our Parish's Appeal Target for 2019 is 2.679% x \$1,000,00 = \$26,790

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 2019. 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 in forming a Parish Sharing God's Gifts Leadership Team. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP US OUT, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. Thank you for your support and for your prayers.

LECTIO DIVINA – Resuming May 15th on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room

**MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER FOR THRIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CIRCLE
and conclusion of Spiritually Adopted Baby Program**

The baby you spiritually adopted last September will be born in May. To celebrate the symbolic birth of the babies we have supported through our prayers over these past nine months, parishioners are invited to participate by picking up a Pro-Life pin or mini rose from the bassinet display to be set up in the south church entrance. Donations are gratefully accepted and will be forwarded to Thrive Community Support Circle. Special Thrive Community Support Circle donation envelopes will be made available Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12, 2019. Throughout recent months, our community's Knitting Group has created lots of wonderful items for our Mother's Day Weekend Baby Shower. **If parishioners wish to purchase further baby gifts such as receiving blankets, bibs, vests, etc. these may be brought to the parish office prior to Saturday, May 11th.**

RESPECT LIFE OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF LIFE'S VISION

To make an offering in support of *Life's Vision*, please use the special envelopes available in the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance and make cheques payable to “Life's Vision”, or you may donate online with Visa or MasterCard pre-authorized payment options. For further information, call 204-233-8047 or go to lifecollective.io/lifes-vision-wpg

“FLORES DE MAYO” (FLOWERS OF MAY)

MAY FIESTA IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Saint John XXIII Church

Children, Youth, Adults: Come out and celebrate our love for the Mother of Jesus and enjoy good food, fun and Christian fellowship!

Marian Devotions including the Rosary and the Offering of Flowers at 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Potluck Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Youth / Adult – Admission: \$10 per ticket

Child (12 & under) – Admission: Free ticket



Admission to the dinner is by ticket and by the donation of your favourite food dish to share. For tickets and/or further information please contact one of the following persons:

Gemma Minerva	204-291-5320	gemma_minerva@yahoo.com
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Nina Turner	204-832-7260	npturner@mts.net
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Our May celebration in honour of Our Lady is another opportunity to support the needs of our parish and to celebrate the diversity of our community with a variety of food dishes, music, entertainment, and other various spiritual and fun activities. In preparing dishes to share for the potluck dinner, please be sure to bring items to the church in a manner that protects food quality – i.e. preference is given to foods that are not prone to spoil and do not need cooking on site. It is important that we follow proper food handling procedures for the safety and enjoyment of all.

If you are willing to donate something suitable for the silent auction, please contact the parish office.

We also need volunteers to help set-up the hall, assist in the kitchen, and to join in the cleanup after the festivities have concluded. If you are able and willing to help out, please contact Nina Turner and/or Sharon Camier.

Thank you for your continued support!

“Nothing more pleasing can be sung, nothing gladder can be heard, nothing sweeter can be thought, than Jesus, Son of God.” – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

SCHEDULE FOR MAY 5 – 19, 2019

N.B.: As circumstances suggest, the schedule below may be subject to change.

Sunday, May 5

3:45 pm Saturday

5:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am

10:15 am

10:15 am

11:45 am

1:15 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIVING ROSARY – all are welcome to participate (Sponsored by CFC Gift of Life Ministry)

Pastoral Visit of Most Reverend Richard Gagnon to Saint John XXIII Parish

MASS INCLUDING CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

– Reception to follow downstairs in the parish hall

N.B.: Because of Confirmation and the Pastoral Visit of the Archbishop, the regular CFC West 3 Prayer Assembly is cancelled this evening. Parishioners, CFC members, friends and family of the confirmation candidates are all encouraged to participate in Mass with the Archbishop at 5:00 p.m.

MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners

CATECHISM CLASSES – Last classes before summer break (begin in the parish hall)

Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist (in room 12)

MASS – Shirley Benedicto+, requested by Maria Cordova

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 8 – Couples for Christ (in the parish hall)

Monday, May 6	MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada <i>Parish office closed Monday</i> <i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a board of directors meeting at St. Paul's High School</i>
4:30 pm	MASS – Loretta Bertouille+ (2nd Anniv.), requested by the Bonnefoy family
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General meeting (<i>in parish hall</i>)
7:30 pm	
Tuesday, May 7	FERIAL <i>Fr. Robert is on-call for Emergency Sacramental Coverage at Grace Hospital until noon May 10th</i>
9:00 am	Recitation of the Rosary
9:15 am	MASS – Heather Endacott+, requested by Linus Endacott
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
Wednesday, May 8	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	<i>Fr. Robert and Sharon are scheduled to attend a Central Deanery Meeting at St. Patrick's Parish</i>
5:00 pm	Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank (<i>in room 12</i>)
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – Albin Joseph Polz+, requested by Marnie and Bob Puchniak
Thursday, May 9	FERIAL <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i>
10:30 am	MASS – at St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue
11:45 am	MARCH FOR LIFE – gathering at the Manitoba Legislative Building Grounds
Friday, May 10	FERIAL
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:45 am	MASS at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street <i>– Gemma Lafrenais+ (1 month anniv.), requested by the family</i>
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Saturday, May 11	FERIAL
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	YOUTHINK WORKSHOP (<i>in parish hall and designated meeting rooms</i>)
5:00 pm	MASS – Elizabeth and Albin Polz+, requested by Dolores and Steve Zegalski
Sunday, May 12	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS MOTHER'S DAY – CANADA HEALTH DAY
9:00 am	MASS – Intention for all mothers, requested by the Knights of Columbus St. James Council
11:45 am	MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
1:15 pm	CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM Session 9 – Couples for Christ (<i>in the parish hall</i>)
Monday, May 13	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL: OUR LADY OF FATIMA
11:15 am	Recitation of the Rosary
<u>11:30 am</u>	MASS – Keira Samantha Bond+, requested by anonymous
Tuesday, May 14	FEAST: SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (<i>in room 12</i>)
6:30 pm	<i>Fr. Robert will attend the AGM of the Manitoba Multifaith Council at St. Mark's Lutheran Church</i>
7:00 pm	MASS FOR LIFE – at Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard, Winnipeg
Wednesday, May 15	FERIAL
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering (<i>in room 10</i>)
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – Richard Toal+, requested by Irene and Bill O'Byrne
7:30 pm	LECTIO DIVINA or "Breaking Open the Word" (ALL WELCOME – in the Guadalupe Room)

Thursday, May 16	FERIAL <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i> Liturgy of the Word at Heritage Lodge, 3555 Portage Avenue
Friday, May 17	FERIAL – Note change from previously published schedule: no morning Mass Friday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open
10:00 am	Baptism Preparation Session
1:00 pm	FUNERAL LITURGY – David Thomas Critchley+ <i>Rite of Committal to follow at Assumption Cemetery, then a reception in the parish hall</i>
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (<i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i>)
Saturday, May 18	FERIAL
5:00 pm	MASS – Alex and Tillie Lavallée+, requested by Mona Harper
Sunday, May 19	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
11:45 am	MASS – Pat and Paul Kolomic+, requested by Poclen/Kolomic family

Sunday, May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5.28-32, 40b-41

We are witnesses to these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+12a+12b

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

Revelation 5.11-14

Worthy is the Lamb that has been slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might.

John 21.1-19

Jesus took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.



SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

Do You Love Me?

Jesus asks Peter a question in Sunday’s Gospel. How would you feel if he asked the same question of you?

The former disciples were milling around on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius. (John 21:15) Jesus had appeared to them twice before, but they did not yet understand. They had not yet received the Holy Spirit. They were at loose ends.

Peter got tired of standing around so he said, I’m going fishing, anybody want to come? They joined him gladly and they fished all night. This might seem crazy from our point of view, but maybe not from theirs. Maybe, among other things, it was a way to handle stress.

The break of day revealed a man standing on shore. John, the mystic, the one Jesus loved especially well, whispered hoarsely, “It is the Lord”!! Peter hurled himself into the water and wobbled the hundred yards to shore, leaving to someone else the job of bringing the boat in. It seems that Peter, the denier, actually loved Jesus very much.

And that is the question. Can you say that you love Jesus very much? Jesus looks at your face and addresses you by your name. “Do you love me more than these?” Such a question. What will you say? Answer the Lord when you are ready, even if it isn't perfect. Put it into words. Don’t read further till you have done this.

When he hears your response, listen to him say to you, “feed my lambs.” Phew. Thank God the trial is over and you don’t have to deal with any more questions like that.

He asks you again, by name, “do you love me?” How would such a repeated question affect you? For his part, Peter came emotionally unglued. He said loudly, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Our hearts go out to him, and also to you since you also have been asked a second time. What is your answer now? Put some thought into it. After your answer, Jesus replies, “tend my sheep.” Then, yet again, not just twice but a third time, he asks the tender, unnerving question—before you have had time to settle your mind and heart. “Do you love me?” Let it echo inside you.

Does he suspect that you really do not love him? You need to know. So, consider your daily attitude toward Jesus and toward God. Do not say your answer lightly. Offer it quietly in prayer to Jesus, or out loud if you wish. Take your time. Pay attention to how it feels to say it. Maybe you will reply as Peter did, “Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.” Or do you have another answer? Something like, Lord, you know everything, you know that I want to love you, but also that I want to have a good life too. You see the fear and the running away and the distraction that I live by—are you going to condemn me for them? I want to love you but ...” Jesus answers, “feed my lambs.” Stay with it. Think about it. Pray about it. Doesn’t it mean that we who are sinful can be part of Jesus’ mission? We don’t have to be perfect? We are forgiven? If the answer is yes, then let us act as the Body of Christ always does. Feed his lambs.

– John Foley, SJ

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Sunday, May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 13.14, 43-52

We are now returning to the Gentiles.

Psalms 100.1-2, 3, 5

We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.

Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life.

John 10.27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.



Excerpt from the

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2019 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

“The Courage to take a risk for God’s promise”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After the lively and fruitful experience of the Synod devoted to young people last October, we recently celebrated the Thirty-fourth World Youth Day in Panama City. These two great events allowed the Church to be attentive both to the voice of the Spirit and to the life of young men and women, their questions and concerns, their problems and their hopes.

Building on what I shared with the young people in Panama, I would like to reflect, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on how the Lord’s call makes us *bearers of a promise* and, at the same time, asks of us the *courage to take a risk*, with him and for him. I will do this by reflecting briefly with you on these two aspects – promise and risk – as they appear in the Gospel account of the calling of the first disciples by the sea of Galilee (Mk 1:16-20).

Two pairs of brothers – Simon and Andrew, and James and John – are going about their daily tasks as fishermen. In this demanding work, they had learned the laws of nature, yet at times, when the winds were adverse and waves shook their boats, they had to defy the elements. On some days, the catch of fish amply repaid their efforts, but on others, an entire night’s work was not sufficient to fill their nets, and they had to return to shore weary and disappointed.

Much of life is like that. Each of us tries to realize his or her deepest desires; we engage in activities that we hope will prove enriching, and we put out on a “sea” of possibilities in the hope of steering the right course, one that will satisfy our thirst for happiness. Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, while at others, we need courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves, or we are frustrated at seeing our nets come up empty.

As with every call, the Gospel speaks of an encounter. Jesus walks by, sees those fishermen, and walks up to them... The same thing happened when we met the person we wanted to marry, or when we first felt the attraction of a life of consecration: we were surprised by an encounter, and at that moment we glimpsed the promise of a joy capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives. That day, by the sea of Galilee, Jesus drew near to those fishermen, breaking through the “paralysis of routine” (*Homily for the XXII World Day for Consecrated Life, 2 February 2018*). And he immediately made them a promise: “I will make you fishers of men” (Mk 1:17).

The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting

for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a “miraculous catch”, it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us. [...]

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us.

From the Vatican, 31 January 2019

Memorial of Saint John Bosco

FRANCIS

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For the full message, go to the Vatican website www.vatican.va

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Max Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Bill Camier, René Defries, Lynda Dodd, John Foucart, Darryn Hellofs, Rosario Jequinto, Tracy Kingsland, Amanda Klaasen, Joanna Mason, Deb McEnturff, Cynthia Patterson, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, James Polz, Owen Robertson, Janice Skene and Helen Yankoski. *Thank you for your consoling prayers and support!*

TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

Week of May 5 – 11, 2019

Ivor Mason+, requested by Joanna Mason

Week of May 12 – 18, 2019

For a greater respect for human life and family values

*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.*



KNITTING GROUP REQUEST: Members of the Knitting Group continue to knit during the summertime. However, they are completely out of yarn! **They would greatly appreciate donations of yarn so they can continue knitting winter mitts and other items.** For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net

FINANCIAL REPORT for year ended December 31, 2018: This weekend the financial report for 2018 is being made available to parishioners. Fortunately, in 2018 we finally were able to pay off the amount outstanding to the Archdiocese for 2017 Assessment. However, we need to keep in mind that we are about a year behind since we still owe \$30,390 towards 2018 Assessment, to say nothing of \$43,290 invoiced for 2019 Assessment. We plan to convoke a meeting of our Parish Finance Council soon, as circumstances permit, to look more closely at our circumstances and to discern priorities and ways to continue to improve our financial situation. To this end, we also will reconvene the Fundraising and Development Committee before the summer to discuss and begin necessary preparations for upcoming fundraising events in 2019.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2019 ARE AVAILABLE for regular parishioners of Saint John XXIII to pick-up in the parish office following Masses on the weekend or on weekdays. **IN 2019, PLEASE USE 2019 ENVELOPES ONLY.** Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. Visitors may use “My Offering” envelopes available in the pamphlet rack at the church entrance. **New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.**

GOING DEEPER: A WORKSHOP WITH DR. DIANA BUTLER BASS: An ecumenical learning and friendship building opportunity with Anglicans, Lutherans, Mennonites, Ukrainian and Roman Catholics, United Church folk, and others. **May 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Canadian Mennonite University Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Boulevard, Winnipeg. Registration \$40.00 includes May 7th Ted Talk-style presentations and May 8th Going Deeper Workshop with Diana Butler Bass. For further information and to register visit cmu.ca/emergingperspectives Pay with credit card online or cash/cheque accepted at door.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE MOTHER’S DAY TEA will be held on **Saturday, May 11th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** * Bake Table * Silent Auction * Crafts * Photo Opportunity. Tickets: \$10 person, Children 5-10 yrs \$5, under 5 yrs free. For tickets, call Kaelyn at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Office at 204-832-6122 or Martha at 204-832-5664. Tickets also available at the door.

THE WORD AMONG US *Daily Meditations for Catholics*: Copies of the Easter 2019 issue are available at the counter in the parish office. Price \$5.00 each. Canadian Edition with CCCB approved Mass readings.

For further news and 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