





Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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Office Hours: As announced in schedule

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*

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – January 12, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — January 19, 2020

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Robert Polz

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Parish Stewardship Committee Facilitator: Loris Vendramelli

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Administrative Assistant: Joanna Mason

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Building and Maintenance Chair: Claude Precourt

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Parish Pastoral Council Facilitator: Laurette Burch

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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.



Pray at home today

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

JANUARY 18 - 25, 2020

"They showed us unusual kindness"

Acts 28:2

Join Christians around the world in praying the scripture texts, reflections and prayers prepared by our Maltese brothers and sisters for the eight days.

SERVICES ARE HELD AT TIMES INDICATED IN THE SCHEDULE BELOW Refreshments and fellowship following most services

SATURDAY, January 18 Pray at home today	Day 1 "RECONCILIATION: Throwing the cargo overboard" Acts 27:18-19, 21; Psalm 85; Luke 18:9-14
SUNDAY, January 19 7:30 p.m.	Day 2 "ENLIGHTENMENT: Seeking and showing forth Christ's light" CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE (with Church Leaders) EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 200 Dalhousie Drive, 204-269-2661, www.epiphanychurch.ca
MONDAY, January 20 7:30 p.m.	Day 3 "HOPE: Paul's message" KILDONAN UNITED CHURCH 187 Kilbride Avenue, 204-979-0510, kucmin@mymts.net
TUESDAY, January 21 7:30 p.m.	Day 4 "TRUST: Do not be afraid, believe" HOME STREET MENNONITE CHURCH 318 Home Street, 204-783-1721, www.hsmc.ca
WEDNESDAY, January 22 Pray at home today	Day 5 "STRENGTH: Breaking bread for the journey" Acts 27:33-36; Psalm 77; Mark 6:30-44
THURSDAY, January 23 7:30 p.m.	Day 6 "HOSPITALITY: Show unusual kindness" THE SALVATION ARMY SOUTHLANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH 85 Keslar Road, 204-946-9160, www.southlandschurch.com
FRIDAY, January 24 7:30 p.m.	Day 7 "CONVERSION: Changing our hearts and minds" SAINT JOHN XXIII ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 3390 Portage Avenue, 204-832-7175, www.johnxxiii.ca
SATURDAY, January 25	Day 8 "GENEROSITY: Receiving and giving"

For links to the full text of reflections and prayers and for other resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer, go on the web to: **weekofprayer.ca semainedepriere.ca**

Acts 28:8-10; Psalm 103:1-5; Matthew 10:7-8

ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION: An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 19th during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! A rehearsal will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 200 Dalhousie Drive, Winnipeg, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2020. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 19, 2020. For further information, you may speak with Fr. Robert Polz or call Michele Barr at 204-453-5016 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Parishes

All Clergy +R &

From: Archbishop Gagnon

Date: January 9, 2020

Re: Sunday of the Word of God

As you are aware Pope Francis has declared that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will now be known as "Sunday of the Word of God". On January 26, 2020, with local Churches throughout the world, the Archdiocese of Winnipeg will celebrate this occasion for the first time.

In the Motu Proprio dedicating this Sunday, *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis states: "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasures of his work and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (#2)

The Pope's call to observe the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as "the Sunday of the Word of God" falls in nicely with our Synod Implementation.

As you are aware a key recommendation of the Synod delegates is that "we encourage all the baptized to acquire a familiarity with sacred scripture. (#35) To that end we have been encouraged, as an Archdiocese, to incorporate *Lectio Divina* into our way of life. The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time might provide another opportunity to emphasize the importance of breaking open the Word of God or *Lectio Divina* with our parishes.

Parishes may wish to highlight the Sunday of the Word of God in many possible ways. Examples of how this can be done might include: preaching the Sunday homily on the Word of God in the life of all Christians, insert a notice in the parish bulletin or on the parish website about *Lectio Divina*, ensure that the Book of Gospels is used on Sundays, have a special blessing for the Lectors in the parish, encourage a daily reading of the Word of God.

This is the fist year that we will celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as "the Sunday of the Word of God." In the coming years we will continue to develop the way we celebrate this day in the life of the Church.

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12 – 26, 2020

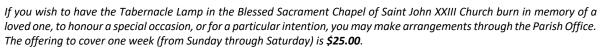
As circumstances suggest, the schedule published here may be subject to change.

Sunday, January 12	FEAST: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
5:00 pm Saturday	MASS – Angela Kalichak+, requested by the St. James C.W.L.
9:00 am	MASS – Keira Samantha Bond+, requested by the Bond family
10:15 am	CATECHISM CLASSES (begin in the parish hall)
10:30 am	MEETING WITH PARENTS of children preparing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist
11:45 am	MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
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Monday, January 13	FERIAL
	Parish office closed Monday
Tuesday, January 14	FERIAL
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
5:30 pm	Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a board meeting of the Manitoba Multifaith Council at Asper JCC
Wednesday, January 15	FERIAL
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
1:00 pm	Knitting Group Gathering (in room 10)
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	MASS – Intentions of Joseph and Gloria Medina (25 th Wedding Anniversary Jan. 14 th)
7:30 pm	Marriage preparation meeting
Thursday, January 16	FERIAL
•	Parish office closed Thursday
2:00 pm	MASS at Heritage Lodge LTC, 3555 Portage Avenue
•	– Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (bequest)
Friday, January 17	MEMORIAL: SAINT ANTHONY. Abbot
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10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Office open in the morning
10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting (in room 12)
7:30 pm	WPCU – DAY 4: Service at Home Street Mennonite Church, 318 Home Street
Wednesday, January 22	FERIAL
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
6:45 pm	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 pm	LITURGY OF THE WORD with the distribution of Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council presentation on The Bahá'í Faith
Thursday, January 23	FERIAL
11:30 am	Fr. Robert will attend a WPCU Church Leadership Luncheon hosted by the Archdiocese of St-Boniface
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Office open in the afternoon
3:00 pm	MASS – Special intention for Christian Unity
7:30 pm	WPCU – DAY 6: Service at the Salvation Army Southlands Community Church, 85 Keslar Road
Friday, January 24	MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop, Doctor
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Office open in the morning and afternoon
10:45 am	MASS at Sturgeon Creek I Retirement Residence, 10 Hallonquist Drive — Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (bequest)
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
7:30 pm	WPCU – DAY 7: WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICE at Saint John XXIII Church Refreshments and fellowship to follow.
Saturday, January 25	FEAST: THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
11:00 am	
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TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

Week of January 12 – 18, 2020 Keira Samantha Bond+, requested by the Bond family
Week of January 19 – 25, 2020 For the unity of Christians and the success of the local Week of Prayer





OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2020 ARE READY for parishioners of Saint John XXIII to pick-up in the parish office. Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. Visitors may use generic "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.



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

Darrell Aucoin, Gladys Barton, Annette and Maynard Bates, John Baziuk, Bill Camier, Marilyn Crakewich, René Defries, Alice Edwards, John Foucart, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Rosario Jequinto, Tracy Kingsland, Amanda Klaasen, Marie Mangin, Yvonne Mason, Deb McEnturff, Frances Mijker, Zonia Patson, Cynthia Patterson, Shirley Payment, James Polz, Larrie Pushka, Owen Robertson, Janice Skene and Helen Yankoski.

"Discernment is a grace. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them."

— Pope Francis

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE: You're invited to visit St. Mary's Academy, 550 Wellington Crescent, on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** for an Open House. The evening begins with short presentations, following that, guests are welcome to tour our campus and meet students, parents, faculty and alumnae. SMA is located at 550 Wellington Crescent – enter our grounds via Stafford Street, enter through the Alumnae Hall doors. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to meeting you!

KNITTING GROUP: The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** downstairs in Room 10. Over the years we have been creating "welcome baby" layettes to support mothers and babies assisted by *Villa Rosa* or *Thrive Community Support Circle* and sometimes for other worthwhile causes. **We greatly appreciate donations of yarn and other sewing materials.** Our group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons of each month. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhewitt@mymts.net



ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Join St. Paul's High School for their annual open house on **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.** at 2200 Grant Avenue (Multiplex Entrance). The evening will introduce you to the admissions process, allow you to tour the building, learn about its history and meet current teachers, students, parents, faculty and staff. Please note, St. Paul's is now accepting applications for the 2020/21 school year.

PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR ROSSBROOK HOUSE: Rossbrook House Foundation is hosting a Paint Night Fundraiser for Rossbrook House! **Thursday, January 30**th at **7:00 p.m.**; Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; 658 Ross Avenue. The cost is \$45 per person. All supplies are included. Go to rossbrookhouse.ca for more information and to register.

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Do you know any four year olds?
- Curious how they will interact in a Kindergarten environment?
 - How can I help my child be ready for Kindergarten?

St. Charles Catholic Church, 331 St. Charles Street, invites you to our **KINDER FAIR** on **Tuesday, February 4**th **at 6:00 p.m.** and our **Grades 1-8 General OPEN HOUSE** on **Tuesday, February 4**th **at 6:30 p.m.** The Kinder Fair will include hands-on activities for your child. We are a K-8 school, offering full day, every day Kindergarten, a Before and After School Care Program with no waiting list, violin enrichment, K-8 French, arts and drama, as well as a Kindergarten to Gr. 2 Learn to Skate Program. For more information, please visit our website at www.stccs.ca. Please call 204-837-1520 or email sec@stccs.ca to R.S.V.P.

Quality Education that is Intellectually Challenging and Faith Filled

ST. JAMES K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER: We hope you will join us for a spaghetti & meatball dinner on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** following the Saturday Mass at St. John XXIII Church. The net proceeds from the dinner, free will donations, 50/50 draw and Lotto Tree draws will be going to support the St. Charles Catholic School Violin Ambassadors music program. Some schools are dropping their music programs due to increasing costs. Let's not let this happen at SCCS. Knights will be selling tickets for the dinner or accepting free will donations over the next number of weekends. (As circumstances permit, some tickets also will be available at the parish office.) Tickets are \$10.00



adults, \$5.00 for youth under 12 and free for children under 5. All are welcome. Help us support the music program by selling out the dinner! For more information, you may contact Grand Knight Bob Smith at 204-414-0082.



DONATIONS OF SOCKS WANTED: The Catholic Women's League is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020. To mark this occasion, the St. James Assiniboia Council is partnering with "End Homelessness Winnipeg". We are sewing 1,000 tote bags which will be filled with socks, brushes, combs and water bottles. We are asking St. John XXIII parishioners to donate 1,000 pairs of new, warm, men's and women's socks. Socks may be dropped off at the St. John XXIII Parish Office before or after weekend Masses or during weekday office hours. Thank you for your support.



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MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL: The names of deceased loved ones were specially printed onto ribbons and attached to each ornament placed on our Memorial Christmas Trees. As previously announced, the ornaments would remain on the Christmas trees throughout the entire Christmas Season until Sunday, January 12, 2020 which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After the conclusion of the 11:45 a.m. Mass on January 12th and throughout the coming week(s), THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL ARE INVITED TO TAKE HOME THE ORNAMENTS THEY DONATED. Once again, we thank you for your support and for your prayers for our beloved departed!





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Reflection for Sunday, January 12, 2020

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Acts 10.34-38; Matthew 3.13-17

HERE AND NOW

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are there then. What about everybody else? Surely, it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were there then. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?



And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But you stand out as the particular person you are, where the Lord is concerned. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but you—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, here and now.

— Eleonore Stump

Reflection for Sunday, January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1.1-3; John 1.29-34

FAILURE

The First Reading gives us something rare in Scripture: a dialogue between God the Father and the Messiah he sent. But if you look at the verse numbers of our First Reading, you will see that Verse 4 has been omitted.

The preceding Verse 3 is God's line to the Messiah. my way of phrasing it would be, "you are my servant, and you will be a spectacular success; people will be able to see the glory of God by looking at you." This is a powerful expression of praise and affirmation, isn't it?

But guess how the Messiah responds to God in the omitted Verse 4? In the first of his two lines in Verse 4, the Messiah says (in my way of phrasing it), "I have labored in vain. I have used all my strength, and it has all been for nothing." This line is a powerful expression of failure, isn't it?

You can see why someone might have thought Christ's mission was a failure. The people passing by Christ on the cross certainly didn't see the glory of God in him then! And by the time of his death, the work of Christ's life had come only to this: he had a handful of disciples and a few women as hangers-on. If the goal was to bring salvation to the world, you can see that this result would look like total failure.

But here is the gist of what God says in Verses 5-6, in response to the Messiah's expression of failure in Verse 4: You are glorious in the sight of the Lord, and God is your strength. Just saving Israel is too small a success for you; you will bring salvation to all the ends of the earth.

The first communities of Christians and all the apostles were Jewish. By now there are Christian communities in every non-Jewish part of the earth, too. And so Christ's mission to bring salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles was a glorious success, as in the First Reading God predicted it would be. But all that success came only after the death of the Messiah.

Our success, like our glory, needs to be through God's strength, in God's sight, and in God's time. And that is why, in the second of his two lines in the omitted Verse 4, the Messiah says, "my judgment is with the Lord, and my work is with my God."

— Eleonore Stump

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Parish Christmas Fiesta Financial Report (draft) Saturday, January 4, 2020

RECEIPTS

Ticket Sales	\$1,720.00
Beverage Receipts	240.00
Silent Auction	440.00
50/50 Draw	110.00
Donation	65.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,575.00

EXPENDITURES

Liquor & Permit	<u>\$339.05</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$339.05

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

– Mahatma Gandhi