

PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – April 17, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – April 24, 2022



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and at other times for pre-arranged appointments

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

As circumstances permit, on Friday afternoons or by appointment

REGISTRATION FOR LITURGIES IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

Individuals may continue to use face masks based on their preference, personal risk, or other reasons.

Please continue to follow the rules of good hygiene including hand washing/sanitizing and cough etiquette.

For the safety and comfort of all, please self-screen before coming to church. **Stay home if you are sick.**

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FAITH FORMATION:

Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information concerning catechism materials for lessons to take place in the home setting and/or at church as circumstances permit.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST): Contact our Pastoral Assistant 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.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 17 – MAY 1, 2022

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

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 14 7:30 pm	HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Friday, April 15 3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY – UNIVERSAL DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Saturday, April 16 8:30 pm	HOLY SATURDAY SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER
Sunday, April 17 9:00 am 11:45 am	EASTER SUNDAY – SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY MASS – <i>Fernand Reesink+, requested by Reesink family</i> EASTER SUNDAY MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>

Monday, April 18	SOLEMNITY: MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intentions of Odie and Bernadette and family, requested by Blaquera family</i>
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Tuesday, April 19 12:00 pm 12:10 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	SOLEMNITY: TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Praying of the “Regina Caeli” MASS – <i>Monica Bird (health), requested by her parents Wally and Janet Williams</i> Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
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Wednesday, April 20 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	SOLEMNITY: WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS MASS – <i>Deceased members Chapman family, requested by Linus Endacott</i>
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Thursday, April 21	SOLEMNITY: THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Mass (offered in private) – <i>In thanksgiving, requested by Gatpandan family</i>
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Friday, April 22 12:00 pm 12:10 pm 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	SOLEMNITY: FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Praying of the “Regina Caeli” MASS – <i>Paula Sibrian+, requested by George and Olga Bonnefoy</i> Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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Saturday, April 23 11:00 am – 4:00 pm 4:00 pm <i>Following Mass:</i>	SOLEMNITY: SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER KFC KIDS DAY – Winnipeg Area CFC (parish hall) MASS (livestreamed) for the Second Sunday of Easter – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i> EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT including recitation of the CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
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Sunday, April 24 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am	SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – “SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY” MASS – <i>Matthew and Emily Bostwick+, requested by Bev and Steve Hewitt</i> Sacramental Preparation Session for First Reconciliation (parish hall) MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
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Monday, April 25 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	FEAST: SAINT MARK, Evangelist Mass (offered in private) – <i>Samuel Mateo+, requested by Blaquera family</i> <i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a St. Paul's High School Board of Directors meeting</i> <i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council Community Relations meeting</i>
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Tuesday, April 26	FERIAL
10:30 am	MASS (livestreamed) – <i>Special intention with Saint Charles Catholic School uploaded from Saint John XXIII Church</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
Wednesday, April 27	FERIAL
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Matthew and Emily Bostwick+, requested by Bev and Steve Hewitt</i>
Thursday, April 28	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intentions of Umali family, requested by Blaquera family</i>
Friday, April 29	MEMORIAL: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor
12:00 pm	Praying of the “Regina Caeli”
12:10 pm	MASS – <i>Deceased members Hunter family, requested by Linus Endacott</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
3:00 pm	Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6:00 pm	CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
Saturday, April 30	MEMORIAL: SAINT MARIE DE L’INCARNATION, Religious
3:30 pm	RECITATION OF THE ROSARY (livestreamed)
4:00 pm	MASS (livestreamed) for the Third Sunday of Easter – “Pro populo” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
Sunday, May 1	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:00 am	MASS – <i>Alicia Ymas+, requested by Minerva family</i>
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist (parish hall)
11:45 am	MASS – “Pro populo” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i>
1:30 pm	CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – <i>Lara Lauren Manlupig</i>

LIVESTREAMED SUNDAY MASS AT SAINT JOHN XXIII CHURCH

We continue to livestream Sunday Mass from Saint John XXIII Church each weekend at 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon especially for the pastoral needs of those in our community who are sick or shut-in. **Beginning Saturday, April 30th, the Rosary also will be livestreamed at 3:30 pm on Saturday afternoons immediately before anticipated Masses for the Sundays of the month of May.** To access livestreaming of parish liturgies via YouTube and/or an archive of liturgies posted online, go to links found on the home page of our parish website www.johnxxiii.ca



PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

We already have begun our program of proximate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. So long as circumstances permit, we hope that this year’s First Communion Celebration will be held before the end June. **If there are any other families with children of eligible age for these sacraments, please contact our pastoral assistant, Sharon Camier, for information and to register.**

Please pray for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:

Dora Auger, Gladys Barton, Annette and Maynard Bates, Monica Bird, Freda Broughton, Ken Burke, Bill Camier, Harold Cook, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, John and Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Rosario Jequinto, Julius Kapalka, Angela Krassie, Brett Lawrence, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Frances Mijker, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Owen Robertson, Carol Ann Robinson, Jerome Strachan, Nina Turner, Joe and Maria Wallack, and Helen Yankoski.



TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

April 17 – 23, 2022 Intentions of the Zhanel family, requested by Henrietta Zhanel

April 24 – 30, 2022 For peace in Ukraine and the repose of the souls of all those who have died

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. Call or email for assistance. The offering to cover one week (from Sunday through Saturday) is \$25.00.





DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE RELIEF EFFORTS FOR UKRAINE

Development and Peace is joining the Caritas Internationalis family, the CIDSE network and organizations like the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in responding to Caritas Ukraine's call. We have made an immediate allocation of \$75,000 to help with the provision of food, shelter, medical care and transport to safe locations. As the conflict goes on, much more funding will be required to meet Ukrainians' needs. Development and Peace therefore calls on Canadians to give generously. **Donations can be made on our website, by calling 1-888-664-3387 or by mailing us a cheque drawn in favour of Development and Peace and marked *Emergency Ukraine*. For further information go to www.devp.org/en/**

HOW CAN I HELP UKRAINE NOW!?

The website of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg has posted a helpful page with suggestions and links encouraging the faithful to **1. PRAY, 2. LEARN & KNOW THE TRUTH, 3. DONATE, and 4. assist REFUGEES** via CNEWA Canada (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). For further details go to www.archeparchy.ca or directly to the information page http://archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1118

KNITTING GROUP: The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** downstairs in Room 8. 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.** For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhewitt@mymts.net



HARVEST MANITOBA: If you are able to help in the ongoing food drive for Harvest Manitoba, please donate by placing food items in the yellow Harvest donation bin found at local food retailers: e.g. Save on Foods, Sobeys, and Safeway. Alternatively, our parish's Harvest donation box is located under the pamphlet rack at the south church entrance. Dry food donations may be deposited there when you come to church for liturgies. Please be sure to follow safe protocols. ***Thank you to parishioners of Saint John XXIII for your continued support of Harvest Manitoba. Your generosity is most appreciated!***



Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH OFFERINGS: You may place your offering envelopes in the OFFERING BOX which is located on the table in the narthex near the main aisle. Or you may mail your contribution to the parish via CANADA POST. Or you may leave a message with the parish office to make arrangements with one of our parish staff to drop off your offertory donations at a safe drop off location. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to "St. John XXIII Parish".

PAD OPTION: Alternatively, we encourage you to consider being an "intentional giver" by registering for PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT. Please leave a message at the parish office and someone will contact you and assist you.

ONLINE OPTION: If you wish to donate to the parish ONLINE, a link to CanadaHelps.org can be found on our website. Go to www.johnxxiii.ca and click on the DONATE NOW tab at the top of the *Links* column on the home page.

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

For those oppressed by the devil,
Jesus came with the Holy Spirit and power.

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Today we are filled with joy,
because the rejected one
has become the exalted one.

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Hidden in Christ, our lives can never be lost.

John 20:1-18

The empty tomb holds
a universe of mystery in its cavity.



EXPLORING THE WORD

This is the day

What do we do with *nothing*? This may seem like a meaningless question at first. Nothing is a vacuum, an absence, a void. You can't do anything with nothing. If you've got nothing in your pocket, for example—or nothing in your heart, your home, or your life—that kind of emptiness is a real poverty. On that original Easter morning, the sight of the empty tomb must have seemed like that, at first glance. A great void, a terrible absence, an aching poverty of presence, power, and hope.

If being with Jesus was the experience of absolute fullness, then the empty tomb was a chasm as wide and lonely as hell. Jesus had brought all the realities of heaven into every moment, the power and wisdom and glory of God into the present hour. He called that experience of totality “the Kingdom,” a place where healing is possible, forgiveness is real, and faith is the only sensible response. Imagine having walked with Jesus, seen his authority, heard his teaching, been touched by his healing hands. And then imagine what it was like to lose all of that, to peer into a small dark hole from which even the shrouded body of the one who was your leader seemed to have vanished.

What can you do with nothing? Some will always find this condition grounds for despair. But even this choice betrays the truth of the matter: Nothing is, in its essence, fertile ground. Nothing is the place where something begins. In fact, if we take Genesis seriously, nothing is the condition from which everything that exists sprang into being. The spirit of God breathes over the void, and light illuminates the darkness, and life itself yawns, stretches, and moves.

You know what has happened

We find ourselves in the same situation as Peter's audience at the home of Cornelius: We know all about what happened that Easter morning—or at least, we know what others have said about it. We know, from the privileged distance of 20 centuries, why that tomb is empty on this fateful morning. But like that early, eager household of Gentiles, we may still find ourselves in a holding pattern, not really sure what this emptiness means—what it means for us, that is. OK, so Jesus is risen, *alleluia*; card-carrying Christians by and large don't dispute this aspect of the story.

But many of us still share the incomprehension of Mary, Peter, and the beloved disciple who come to the tomb, poke their heads in, see nothing, and don't know what to make of it. We know what has happened, what faithful people down through the centuries say has happened. We recite the consequence of this event in every creed: the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. But seldom do we translate that great absence on Easter morning into something less burdened by the soporific effect of religious language.

What if we went for something more immediate and obvious? Easter transforms nothing into everything. In this sense, it's a genesis event, as open to possibility as the first creation was. Easter translates emptiness into fullness, death into unending life, despair into boundless hope.

Consider all the secret places where emptiness dwells in the human heart: in lonely marriages, in singleness, in widowhood; in unemployment or soul-deadening labor or unrealized dreams; in the lives of the poor who do not have what they need and the rich who are choking on excess; in families that are broken and alienated from one another; in the lives of those who are never touched and never hear a kindness spoken; in hospitals and nursing homes and forgotten apartments where depression exercises its bitter rule; in the private souls of those who struggle with their sexual identity; in the world of a neglected child or a single parent; in those trapped by the shame of alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling, pornography;

in those who have lost a child, a spouse, a beloved friend; in the lives of the sick and disabled who have to learn to go on without the use of legs, arms, reliable organs, or the illusion that this life will last forever.

This, too, is the empty tomb into which each of us must sooner or later peer and enter. We have to speak our most personal questions into this space and hear them echo back to us. What we understand in the presence of nothingness, along the borders and limitations of our humanity, has a lot to do with what we understand about Easter Sunday morning, when we stand with the disciples in the mouth of nothing and have to determine what we really believe.

APPLYING THE WORD

We are witnesses

Here's the thing: Today it doesn't matter what Mary saw, what Peter thought, what the other disciple understood on Easter morning. It doesn't matter that they were able to say, with absolute conviction, "We have seen the Lord!" What matters *on this particular Easter Sunday* is the testimony that you and I are able to give. We cannot simply repeat the witness of others. We must testify to what we have seen and experienced ourselves. This means we have to go down to the empty places in our lives and seek and find the Risen Lord there.

Because if we don't find him there, we won't find him anywhere. And if we haven't encountered him yet, then in all seriousness, sisters and brothers, we should make the fostering of that encounter the central goal of our lives, starting today. No aspect of our lives is more important than our personal experience of the Risen Lord. We have to walk with Jesus, hear his teaching, feel the healing and embrace of his forgiveness in the darkest aspect of our lives where nothing seems to live.

We'll know it's Jesus when faith becomes the only sensible response to what we have seen and our hands have touched. When Easter morning lives in us, we can gaze fearlessly into the places in this world that seem to be inhabited by nothing. We will perceive the spirit of God already breathing on that void, and we will be filled with hope. — Alice Camille

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Solemnity of the Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Even the shadow of Peter holds healing power after the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 118:2-4, 22-24, 25-27a

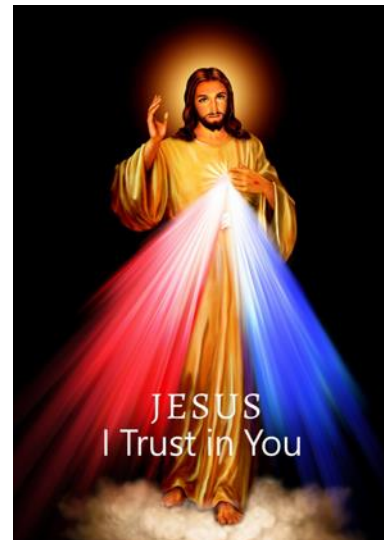
The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John of Patmos encounters the one who died and yet lives.

John 20:19-31

The forgiveness of sins is the greatest power on Earth, yet it comes in a breath.



EXPLORING THE WORD

What the world needs now

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, which is news to Catholics who have not paid much attention since the year 2000, when Pope John Paul II inaugurated this feast to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter each year. The designation has its basis in a revelation to Sister Faustina Kowalska, the Polish sister who died in 1938, concerning the extravagant abundance of compassion available in Jesus Christ. But it would not be necessary to appeal to a private revelation to know that we follow a Lord whose Sacred Heart is on fire with love and mercy for sinners. The cross of Christ, that most public of declarations, is on display around the world to remind us that the breadth and depth and height of divine compassion is beyond humanity's wildest estimations.

The mark of the nails

It seems important to register this often-misplaced fact: Jesus didn't just "die" on the cross. He was killed there. The Crucifixion was not an accident, a tragedy, or an inscrutable illness. It was an execution, a planned event, an orchestrated decision on the part of religious leaders, political players, a traitorous follower, cowed and scattered disciples, disinterested

soldiers, and a cast of thousands who were content to listen to Jesus, receive his teaching and healing, eat his bread, and then go home and cover their eyes when he was unjustly seized, condemned, and executed.

We don't call it murder, technically, when the state does it. Even less do we call those who simply stand aside and let a man be killed murderers. But what happened to Jesus wasn't just a terribly sad occurrence. His death was caused, rationally and deliberately, by people who found it profitable and expedient to have him dead. It served their ends to have Jesus crucified, exterminated, and buried. They didn't know that heaven might find a way to co-opt their ends into beginnings, of course. No one was asking if God might be served by the means they were deliberating.

In other words, what happened to Jesus was the exact opposite of mercy. It was a calculated killing much more in keeping with the Holocaust of the Second World War, or the exterminations in Armenia, Rwanda, Darfur, or wherever ethnic cleansing of one kind or another is deemed desirable. Such killing of innocents for profit is something that begins in boardrooms and government offices, discussed for its pros and cons, voted on, signed and notarized by professionals, and implemented by mercenaries. Everybody gets a quiet moment with a bowl of water and a towel to wash his or her hands before going home. No one is responsible for the death of innocents when it is accomplished by institutions. And institutions have no capacity for mercy. Only people, made in the image and likeness of the God of mercy, can show mercy.

Whose sins you forgive

Mercy is not shown to those who die by institutional decree, whether on the battlefield, in prison, or through social policies that make the "welfare" of the poor sound like an obscenity. But before Jesus died, mercy alone was on his lips—"Father, forgive them," and "Today you will be with me in Paradise." And when the Risen Lord returned, mercy was once more his agenda: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." The one who was vigorously denied compassion became the one true source of hope for all in need of mercy being shown to them. To those troubled by grief or guilt, Jesus says, "Peace be with you." To those who struggle with doubt, Jesus says, "Put your finger here, and believe." Clearly, divine mercy isn't meted out only to the deserving, or to those who have paid their debt to God or society in kind. Divine mercy is offered to those who need it, precisely because they need it. All we have to do is want it, ask for it, and believe it.

If we had a choice between a world governed by divine mercy or the institutional elimination of defined enemies, which would we choose? It seems many of us want both, frankly, which we demonstrate in our attitude toward capital punishment, immigration policy, military action, and social responsibility toward the marginal members of society. But the mercy of God cannot coexist with the spirit of self-righteousness, prejudice, vengeance, or indifference. If we want divine mercy, we have to repent the spirit that leads to institutional injustices in every generation.

APPLYING THE WORD

I hold the keys

When arguing the morality of almost any social policy you can name, the premiere impediment to a compassionate response seems to be the same: the fear that bad people will escape punishment and undeserving people will reap unfair benefits. If Christian people are really concerned about these matters, they should rest assured that the "first and the last, the one who lives" is on top of the situation. Evil will be punished and wrong will be redressed—God the just judge will see to it and vengeance is therefore in the best possible hands.

As for the undeserving receiving what they have not earned, well, perhaps we ought to be more grateful for that. As sinners in the hands of a God of mercy, it's a very good thing that we don't get what we each deserve. Instead, we stand to receive what Sister Faustina envisioned, the extravagant mercy of a Lord willing to undergo condemnation, suffering, and death for the sins of a world that has yet to learn the quality of mercy.

— Alice Camille

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"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

— Saint Pope John Paul II

"Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God."

— Saint John Vianney

We still have copies of the following available at the parish office for a very reasonable cost as noted:

Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2021 – 2022
NRSV Bible – Catholic Edition, hardcover
Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition

\$5.00 per copy (reduced price)
\$20.00 per Bible
\$5.00 per copy.

LISTENING SESSION QUESTIONNAIRE

In association with the Synod of Bishops on Synodality called by Pope Francis, and as a follow-up to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg's first Synod which ended Pentecost 2018, LISTENING SESSIONS were held in our parish on Sunday, January 30th and February 27th in Saint John XXIII Church. During the session, our facilitators presented a series of questions that ask us to consider how God is calling us to better support and accompany one another in the journey of faith. Information gathered during the Listening Session will not only guide our Parish Pastoral Council in discerning a Parish Pastoral Plan, but also will form part of a larger document to be discussed in Rome at the Synod of Bishops on Synodality in October 2023. This is an historic event. Every baptized Christian is being asked to help discern how the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to live out its mission in this third millennium. Listening Sessions are winding up throughout parishes of the Archdiocese since as the final reports are due May 1, 2022. **Any parishioners of Saint John XXIII Parish who were unable to attend an in-person session are encouraged to submit ASAP a hard copy of the questionnaire which is available through the parish office. Alternatively, you may go online and complete a simplified on-line questionnaire.** The online survey can be accessed following this link:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf65tnCOi6d7n6kd4MgJZepyUN-xXi9Ln5WExjccGalWA_p-w/viewform

You are encouraged to share this invitation and information with others, including those you know to be estranged from the Church due to illness, past hurts, or other circumstances. **For further information, please contact Laurette Burch, Janine Gaudry, Sharon Camier and/or Fr. Robert Polz through the parish office.**

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS APPEAL

Please be advised that our Parish's Appeal target for 2022 is \$28,737.00.

This Parish Appeal goal is based on our parish offertory income received in 2020, i.e. two years past. Our total parish income represents 2.87% of the total parish income in the Archdiocese. The overall Archdiocesan goal for the 2022 SGG Appeal is \$1,000,000.00. Therefore, our goal for 2022 is 2.87% of the overall goal of \$1,000,000.00.

Please note that as in prior years, if a parish exceeds its goal, the amount raised over your goal will be refunded to the parish. Our parish's adjusted and then 10% reduced Appeal target for 2021 was \$24,102.00. In March 2022, we received from the Archdiocese a cheque in the amount of \$1,801.25. This money received was for the amount raised in excess of our parish's Sharing God's Gifts target as of December 31, 2021.

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

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL is excited to be participating in this year's **Winnipeg Kinsmen - KinKar Raffle**. SCCS will receive 50% of the sales for all tickets purchases thru our link. This year's KinKar Raffle has not just one but three amazing prizes: **Prize #1 – 2022 Ford Maverick Lariat AWD (subject to availability) OR \$25,000 Cash (Winner's Choice).** **Prize #2 – An all-inclusive trip for two to Churchill Manitoba to experience a Beluga Whale watching expedition and other tours.** **Prize #3 - \$5,000 in gift cards to shop local.** Please use the link below to purchase tickets and share with friends and family:

https://www.fundingchange.ca/wpgkinsmen/YdS_SkRjkSCBgzzl/YiENie_IBxJB76R6

Thank you for the continued support! St. Charles Catholic School Fundraising Committee.

ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: General meeting will be held on **April 26, 2022** at St. Charles Church at **2:00 pm**. There will be no Mass beforehand, but we will have a short meeting followed by the packing of bags for the "Homeless Project". So will need your help. We continue to follow the basic Public Health orders: stay home if you are ill, sanitize hands and the recommendation of wearing masks. Please continue to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers as the situation there is still very troubling. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. A blessed Easter to all!

***"Jesus' Resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from Earth to heaven but to colonize Earth with the life of heaven."** — Nicholas Thomas Wright*