

PARISH BULLETIN*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 15, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 22, 2023

The schedule published herein continues to the weekend of January 29, 2023



Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

3390 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3K 0Z3

Telephone: 204-832-7175 • Fax: 204-885-2447

Email: office@johnxxiii.ca • Website: www.johnxxiii.ca

Office Hours: On designated afternoons 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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

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.**

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

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Robert Polz

204-832-7335 rpolz.johnxxiii@gmail.com

Pastoral Assistant: Sharon Camier

204-832-7206 sharon@johnxxiii.ca

Trustee: Loris Vendramelli

204-888-8200 lvendro8@gmail.com

Trustee: William Gould

204-832-7175 william.d.gould@gmail.com

Custodian: José Barrera

204-888-9340

Music Ministry: Donna Vendramelli

204-888-8200 d_vendramelli@mymts.net

Building and Maintenance Chair: Brad McKay

204-795-6788 br.mckay@outlook.com

Parish Pastoral Council Facilitator: Laurette Burch

204-885-6988 burchd@mymts.net

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 on Sunday mornings 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.

VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
SAINT JOHN XXIII PARISH HALL



DOORS OPEN 5:15 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM

DANCE 7:30 PM TO 10:45 PM APPROX.

CASH BAR, 50/50 DRAW, DOOR PRIZES

LIVE MUSIC BY
ROBERT ANDREAS & THE REDEMPTION BAND

ADMISSION: \$50 PER PERSON



Proceeds in support of Saint John XXIII Parish and its "Building 'God's Home' Fund"

A limited number of "Youth/Volunteer" tickets are available at the reduced cost of \$25 per person for youth and/or adult volunteers willing to help out with preparations and/or cleanup.

TO OBTAIN TICKETS CALL OR TEXT:

Derek Lobo 204-296-0269 or
Michael Villarica 204-960-6357 or
call the parish office 204-832-7175
or email office@johnxxiii.ca

*Seating capacity is limited,
so get your tickets early!*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**



KINDERGARTEN
KINDER FAIR
TUESDAY JAN 31, 2023
6:00 PM

GR. 1-8 GENERAL
OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY JAN 31, 2023
6:30 PM

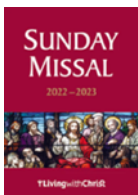
EXPLORE THIS DYNAMIC GEM ON THE
WEST SIDE OF WINNIPEG
Educating children of today's world: a journey with
Christ in excellence, love and transcendence.
KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 8

**TO RSVP,
CALL OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL**

331 ST. CHARLES STREET, WINNIPEG, MB
204-837-1520
sec@stccs.ca

www.stccs.ca

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: We have begun our program of proximate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. So long as circumstances permit, we plan that our next First Communion Celebration will be held in early June. If there are any other families with children of eligible age for these sacraments, please contact our pastoral assistant, Sharon Camier, asap for further information and to register.



Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2022 – 2023
Copies available at the parish office - Price \$6.95 each

Current English translation of the Roman Missal, COMPLETE Scripture readings for Sunday Masses, Musical acclamations by Canadian composers, Reflections for all Sunday liturgies, Monthly Calendar of Saints, Inspiration from the Saints, Papal Prayer Intentions for each month of the year, Guide to celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayers and hymns for various occasions. Living with Christ is completely edited and produced in Canada.

Copies of the following are available at the parish office for a very reasonable cost as noted:

NRSV Bible – Catholic Edition, hardcover	\$20.00 per Bible	<i>(\$40.00 for LARGE PRINT edition)</i>
Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL 2022 – 2023	\$6.95 per copy	
Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition	\$5.00 per copy.	

"You will know your vocation by the joy that it brings you." — Dorothy Day

All are welcome to participate with church leaders in the

CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 22, 2023

7:30 pm

SAINT JOHN XXIII ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world from **January 18 - 25, 2023**. The theme and resources for 2023 have been prepared by a group of Christians convened by the Minnesota Council of Churches in the USA. In the context of praying together for Christian unity, the 2023 theme, **"Do good; seek justice"** (Isaiah 1:17), invites us to reflect on what unites us and to commit ourselves to confront oppression and division amongst humanity. God expects us as Christians to unite in a shared responsibility for equity for all God's children as we bring the Good News of God's love in Christ to a broken world in need of healing. **In Winnipeg the 2023 Week of Prayer will be marked by a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church.** All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with Archbishop Richard Gagnon and other church leaders and to pray in a special way throughout the entire week of prayer. For more information, please see the Week of Prayer posters on the church bulletin board or speak with Fr. Robert Polz who is the ecumenical officer for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg.



ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION

An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 22nd 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! **The second rehearsal will be held at Saint John XXIII Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 15, 2023.** Those interested in joining the ecumenical choir are welcome to come out for the second choir rehearsal this Sunday afternoon even if they missed the initial rehearsal held last Sunday. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 22, 2023. For further information, you may call Michele Barr at 204-453-5016 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 15 – 29, 2023

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

Sunday, January 15	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm Saturday	MASS – Bill Camier+, requested by José Barrera
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – Matt and Emily Bostwick+, requested by Bev and Steve Hewitt
10:15 am	Sacramental Preparation Session for First Reconciliation (parish hall)
11:45 am	MASS – "Pro populo" / Intentions of parishioners
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ECUMENICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL for the Week of Prayer (in the church)
Monday, January 16	FERIAL
	Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
Tuesday, January 17	MEMORIAL: SAINT ANTHONY, Abbot
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
12:10 pm	MASS – Souls in Purgatory+, requested by Tualla family
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
Wednesday, January 18	FERIAL – OPENING: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (January 18-25)
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	MASS – <i>Special intention for the Unity of Christians</i> <i>No Catechumenate (RCIA) Session this evening</i>

Thursday, January 19	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intentions of Debbie Lane (health), requested by Mona Harper</i> <i>Fr. Robert and other archdiocesan delegates are scheduled to participate in the North American Continental Virtual Assembly for the 2021-2024 Synod on Synodality</i>
2:00 – 4:30 pm	
Friday, January 20	FERIAL
12:00 pm	Praying of the Angelus
12:10 pm	MASS – <i>Helen Daignault+, requested by Mona Harper</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
Saturday, January 21	MEMORIAL: SAINT AGNES, Virgin, Martyr
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – <i>Bill Camier+, requested by Mona Harper</i>
Sunday, January 22	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – “SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD”
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
11:45 am	MASS – <i>Bill Camier+, requested by George and Olga Bonnefoy</i>
7:15 pm	Musical Prelude to the Ecumenical Worship Service (livestreaming to begin)
7:30 pm	ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Reception will follow the ecumenical worship service downstairs in Room 9</i>
Monday, January 23	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) – <i>Pat Schwetik (health), requested by Mona Harper</i>
Tuesday, January 24	MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop, Doctor Mass (offered in private) – <i>Linda Jones (health), requested by Mona Harper</i>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
Wednesday, January 25	FEAST: THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE – CLOSING: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY <i>No Mass scheduled today – Pastor is away</i>
6:45 pm	OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
7:00 pm	LITURGY OF THE WORD with the distribution of Holy Communion
7:40 pm	Catechumenate Session – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Thursday, January 26	MEMORIAL: SAINT TIMOTHY and SAINT TITUS, Bishops <i>No Mass scheduled today – Pastor is away</i>
Friday, January 27	FERIAL <i>No Mass scheduled today – Pastor is away</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
7:30 pm	DIACONATE ORDINATION at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg <i>Celebration of the Ordination of Romeo Suban to the Permanent Diaconate. All are welcome!</i>
Saturday, January 28	MEMORIAL: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, Priest, Doctor
4:00 pm	MASS for Sunday – <i>Bill Camier+, requested by Knights of Columbus St. James Council</i>
Sunday, January 29	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	MASS (livestreamed) – <i>Angela Kalichak+ (bequest)</i>
11:45 am	MASS – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
1:15 pm	Confirmation Preparation Session (parish hall)

As circumstances permit, especially for the pastoral needs of those who are sick or shut-in, we do our best to **LIVESTREAM SUNDAY MASS** from Saint John XXIII Church each weekend. 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. *If you are technically inclined and willingly to assist as a livestream technician, please contact Father Robert or Sharon Camier.*

“The Lord was baptized ... to cleanse waters, so that those waters ... might have the power of Baptism.” — Saint Ambrose of Milan

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for the expressions of sympathy and kind words of encouragement extended to us on the recent passing of John's father, Bill Camier. The ornaments purchased in Bill's name for the Memorial Christmas Trees and the Mass Intentions offered are truly appreciated. We are deeply touched and blessed by the outpouring of love and support shown by our Saint John XXIII parish family. With gratitude, John and Sharon Camier

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, Barry and Sharon Burke, Ken Burke, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, John and Marina Foucart, René Gobeil, Helen Hallack, Darryn Hellofs, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Angela Krassie, Violet Lebedeff, Marie Mangin, Norman Mangin, Tim Mangin, Frances Mijker, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Owen Robertson, Carol Ann Robinson, Jerome Strachan, Joe and Maria Wallack, and Helen Yankoski.



TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

January 15 – 21, 2023 That the Lord will send the Holy Spirit into the hearts of all people so that the world might know true peace through his abundant mercy

January 22 – 28, 2023 That all Christians may come to serve the Lord in unity of faith

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.



ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to All! Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 24, 2023** at St. Charles Church at 2:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing as many members come out as possible despite the cold winter weather.



Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure

Your assistance is very much appreciated – every gift, great or small, helps!

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.

Alternatively, you may donate to St. John XXIII Parish via the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP on your mobile device. Go to the Apple APP Store or Google Play Store to download the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP. See info on page 8.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023: In this New Year, please use 2023 envelopes only. Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes. Donations also may be made via the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP.

HARVEST MANITOBA: If you are able to help in the ongoing food drive for Harvest Manitoba, please donate by placing food items in our parish's Harvest donation box 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. Alternatively, food donations may be placed in Harvest donation bins found at local food retailers: e.g. Save on Foods, Sobeys, and Safeway. **THANK YOU to parishioners of Saint John XXIII for your continued support of Harvest Manitoba. Your generosity is most appreciated!**



KNITTING GROUP: The next gathering of the Knitting/Crocheting Group will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** 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. For further information, you may contact Beverly Hewitt at 204-885-1202 or bevhe Witt@mymts.net



CALLING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVICE: Every baptized person is endowed with indispensable gifts for the service of the Church and the world. Especially as we emerge from the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is time for us to rebuild participation in the liturgical and other ministries of Saint John XXIII Parish. As described in detail in previous recent bulletins, this includes Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Hospitality Ministers (Ushers), Music Ministers, Readers (Lectors), Sacristans and others who assist in liturgical art and environment. Please prayerfully consider your participation as a full member in the life of our parish. **If you are willing to help in any of the liturgical or other ministries of the parish, please contact our pastor, Father Robert Polz, and/or our parish pastoral assistant, Sharon Camier, or any other member of our parish pastoral team.**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

God's just servant is raised up as a light to all the nations.

Psalms 40:1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9

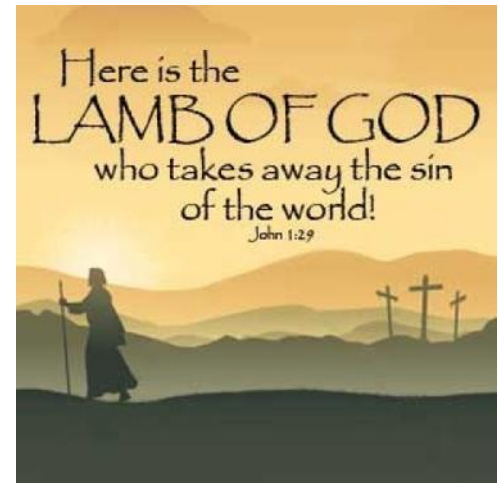
God's law is in the heart and the divine song in the mouth of the one who does God's will.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Bearing the name of Jesus commits us to the way of holiness.

John 1:29-34

The Holy Spirit identifies the Lamb of God to John.



EXPLORING THE WORD

Can I see some identification?

Who are you, really? Most of us can't give a one-word answer to that question. Consider all the words you use to define your place in the world and your role in the greater community: clergy, child, parent, sibling, friend; doctor, farmer, plumber, caregiver; boss, employee, volunteer; citizen or immigrant; sports enthusiast or Netflix nut; Catholic, Christian, child of God.

If you sat down and wrote out all the things you are and all the roles you play in the lives of others, it could take a while. No one word describes us because human life is multifaceted. Only when we take all of these terms together do we approach an accurate portrait of who we are and what we're doing here.

Name it and claim it

The naming process is just as complex when it comes to religious identity. Most of us are quick to whip out the category of our religious affiliation and leave it at that. But the personalities of the Bible did not have access to convenient terms like Catholic, Christian, or even Jew for most of the span of salvation history. *Hebrew* was a catchall category for wandering people without a land of their own. *Israelite* was first a genealogical and later a national identity as much as a religious one. In biblical times, it was more important that you could name your relationship to God than to a religious system or a creedal stance.

Some clearly preferred identifying themselves in terms of lineage, as children of Abraham. Because Abraham was God's man, this association had a lot of prestige. Being followers of Moses and his law made this identity more precise. These were the chosen people, the children of God. Isaiah's prophecies further spell out that the nation is God's servant in purpose and in loyalty. Yet the title *servant* seemed to clash with the role of offspring and heir, so Isaiah is quick to add that "it is too little" to be merely a servant. The nation is God's light to all nations on Earth.

There's a big difference between understanding yourself as a member of St. Imelda's Parish, say, and perceiving yourself as a light to the world! How we name and claim our religious identity is significant. It shapes how we respond: as nominal players or eager participants.

Paul's vigorous identity

Born as a Diaspora Jew, Paul had two identities from the start: Saul, his synagogue name, and Paul, his Greek name as a citizen and businessman of Tarsus. He added a third, Pharisee, which means "separated." His Pharisee parents had adopted the affiliation of that exclusive Jewish subset—not more than 6,000 in the time of Herod—because they desired to adhere more closely to God's laws than the average believer.

Although Paul never abandons any of these identities, he continues to engage more: apostle, prisoner, and finally slave of Christ. Paul was as content to embrace an authoritative title like apostle as he was to adopt a normally demeaning role as slave. Worldly connotations no longer held much interest for a man as deeply committed to the gospel as he was.

In the same way, Paul made claims for the communities in his care, as when he calls the conflict-ridden group in Corinth the “church of God.” Like the wise parent who does not tell a misbehaving child she is “bad,” Paul invites the Corinthians to consider their best identity and to live up to it. Many of us do tend to live up or down to the expectations others set for us. Paul doesn’t always follow the creed of affirmation, however, as when he calls the Galatians “stupid and foolish people!” Even a wise parent can be driven over the edge at times.

Johannine names

The start of John’s gospel is teeming with messianic titles, as if the evangelist wants to get all of his theological cards on the table up front. He presumes his audience knows the gospel story. What John offers instead is an interpretation of the history that functions as a theological reflection on the identity of Jesus. In short order, John lays out many terms for our consideration: Word, light, divine Son, Christ, Messiah, Elijah, the Prophet.

Many of those terms are initially levied at John the Baptist, who quickly deflects them. He points instead to the one who is coming who ranks ahead of him and cosmically preceded him. The evangelist’s insistent portrayal of this mistaken identity reminds us that at the end of the first century and certainly in the Johannine community, many still followed John or were confused about the relationship between John’s ministry and that of Jesus. Both were great preachers with large followings who suffered the death of martyrs. This gospel firmly establishes that John was merely the witness, not the light but only the messenger of the light.

The careful Johannine subordination of John the Baptist contrasts with the easy relationship between Jesus and John in the other gospels. If anything, Luke seeks to establish a tighter bond between the two—they are presented as kin, cousins. And all the synoptic gospels indicate that Jesus took up John’s message about the Kingdom word for word. John’s gospel dispels that closeness. John the Baptist says—twice—that he did not know Jesus before the day he saw the Spirit descend on him. Forget all the sweet portraits you’ve seen of the cousins playing together at their mothers’ feet. If they were kin, they weren’t the sort that spent the high holydays together.

When John finally sees and recognizes the one he’s been waiting for, he could have called him by any number of messianic names. He chooses this one: Lamb of God. For the attentive listener, this name evokes the suffering servant of Isaiah who is led to the slaughter by his enemies. It also naturally implies the power of the paschal lamb to mark a people with its blood and to preserve them from death. For the Johannine community, this image would attain its most memorable stature in the Book of Revelation, when the Lamb Who Was Slain becomes the light of the eternal city of God. If you had to describe Jesus in three words, these are scripturally among the richest.

APPLYING THE WORD

Finding the right name

Now that we’ve had a chance to reflect on the dynamism contained in the terms and titles we choose for naming, we may want to go back and erase or add to the names we’ve selected for ourselves. Is Catholic or Christian enough? Is *servant* claiming too much? Are we children of God more than children of this age?

– Alice Camille

Alice Camille is a religious educator, scripture commentator, and author of many books including **This Transforming Word** and other titles found at alicecamille.com
Reprinted with permission from PrepareTheWord.com

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

January 22, 2023

Isaiah 9:1-4

Where there has been only darkness
a light comes to restore joy and dispel gloom.

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

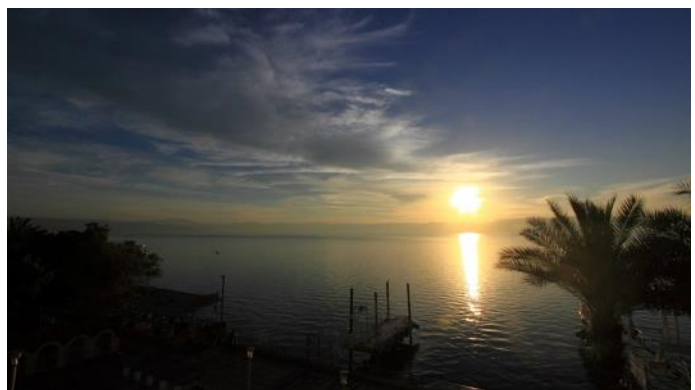
We have nothing to fear: The Lord God is our light.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17-18

Do we follow God or merely an earthly messenger?

Matthew 4:12-23

The ministry of Jesus begins as he issues the call for others to follow him.



MEDITATION

From Darkness and Death to Light and Life

Do you know the joy and freedom of the *good news* (Gospel) of the kingdom of God? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation (non-Jewish nations).

Jesus brings the light and truth of salvation to the world

The prophet Isaiah foretold that *the good news of salvation* would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

The "good news" brings peace, hope, truth, promise, immortality, and salvation:

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the *good news* which Jesus brings? It is the good news of *peace* - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of *hope* - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of *truth* - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of *promise* - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of *immortality* - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of *salvation* - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust and obedience. [...]

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life. — Don Schwager

The above is an excerpt of a meditation for this Sunday found on the website www.dailyscripture.net

"The essential thing is always to begin again, despite everything and against everything, and never to be discouraged." — Blessed Maurice Tornay

Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg has produced a mobile application that will connect you with your faith community, anytime, from anywhere, using your Apple device. The objectives of this app are to: keep the members of our parish communities connected; provide new ways of supporting the parish and the Archdiocese; and inspire the People of God toward service, through our messages of hope.

Please encourage your family members and fellow parishioners to download and install this app and ensure you engage with your community through your home parish page. With this application, you will be able to:

- conveniently make or maintain your regular Church offering to support your parish;
- contribute to Sharing God's Gifts and so support the ministries and pastoral mission of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg;
- conveniently find the Archbishop's messages of hope that inspire us;
- obtain your donation tax receipts in a more convenient manner; and
- find contact information for your parish and the Archdiocese to help you stay connected.

FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE, GO TO THE APPLE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORE
[DOWNLOAD ON YOUR APPLE DEVICE HERE.](#) | [DOWNLOAD ON YOUR ANDROID DEVICE HERE.](#)



For news and events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, go to the website: www.archwinnipeg.ca