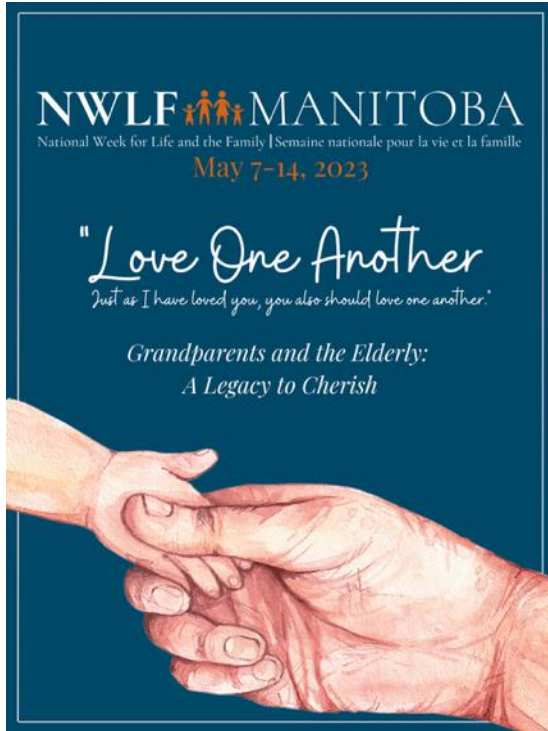


PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 23, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) – April 30, 2023

The schedule published herein continues to the weekend of May 7, 2023



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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.

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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 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.

National Week for Life and the Family 2023

Grandparents & The Elderly: A Legacy to Cherish MAY 7-14, 2023

In Manitoba, the NWLF involves a tri-diocesan effort (Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, and Archeparchy of Winnipeg). The theme this year is: ***Grandparents and the Elderly: A Legacy to Cherish.*** Our theme follows the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops scriptural focus for the NWLF, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” John 13:34

The Archbishops of Winnipeg are asking each parish to celebrate “Grandparents and the Elderly” within our families, communities, and parishes. We all are invited to join together in marking this momentous year by celebrating the experience and wisdom of the elderly and their important role in passing on and preserving the Catholic faith through generations.

Additionally, the **March for Life** this year will be on **May 11, 2023**. Further information regarding this event will be found on each Archdiocesan website closer to this date.

To mark the National Week for Life and the Family 2023,
Saint John XXIII Parish in Winnipeg
will honour and pray for grandparents and the elderly
of our parish, families, and community during our annual

“FLORES DE MAYO” FIESTA SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

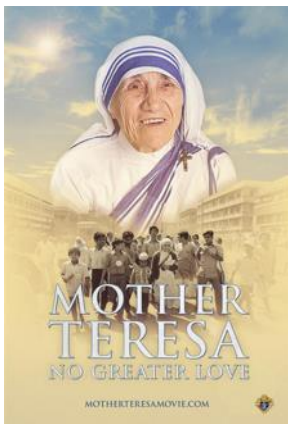
- **ROSARY CELEBRATION** will be held at 10:15 a.m.,
i.e. between Masses on Sunday morning.
- The **INTENTION** at the 11:45 a.m. Mass will be offered specifically for grandparents and the elderly of our parish, families, and community.
- Following the 11:45 a.m. Mass a parish **FAMILY CELEBRATION** will be held in the parish hall.



If you are willing to help in the celebration (a food dish to share, soft drinks, juice, children's activities, food service or clean up, etc.) please let us know as soon as possible and in which area(s) you would like to help. You may contact Sharon Camier through the parish office at 204-832-7175 or email sharon@johnxxiii.ca, or you may contact Elona Paragas at 204-930-2426.

***Be sure to invite and bring your grandparents and elderly loved ones to our celebration.
Thank you so much. We look forward to seeing you at our FLORES DE MAYO FIESTA!***

To learn more about the National Week for Life and the Family and further details for local events,
please go to the NWLF Manitoba website www.lifeandthefamily.com



Free public viewing of the movie: “MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE” at St. John XXIII Church on Friday, May 12th at 7:00 pm

**Coffee, cookies, and fellowship to follow. Sponsored by the St. James Knights of Columbus
and the St. James Assiniboia Catholic Women’s League. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on 5 continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times. Starring: Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, Bishop Robert Barron, Sister Prema, Jim Wahlberg, George Weigel, Sister Mary Bernice, Patrick Kelly, Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk; Directed by: David Naglieri

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 23 – MAY 7, 2023

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

Sunday, April 23 4:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS – Leonne St. Marie+, requested by Steve Hewitt MASS (livestreamed) – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist (parish hall) MASS – In thanksgiving, requested by Celestino family Confirmation candidates guided pilgrim tour of Blessed Velychkovsky Martyr’s Shrine at St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, 250 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg
Monday, April 24 4:30 pm	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) – Fr. Raphael Glofcheski+ (bequest) Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a St. Paul’s High School Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, April 25 10:30 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	FEAST: SAINT MARK, Evangelist Mass (offered in private) – Souls in purgatory, requested by Blaquera family Fr. Robert is scheduled to chair an archdiocesan Council of Priests meeting Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Manitoba Multifaith Council Board of Directors meeting
Wednesday, April 26 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	FERIAL OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS MASS – Reynaldo Santos+, requested by Blaquera family
Thursday, April 27 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	FERIAL Mass (offered in private) – Intentions of Yves Raymond, requested by Gisele Hutchinson Fr. Robert is scheduled to participate in a meeting of the Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism (WDECE) 2023 Caritas Award Dinner at Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard
Friday, April 28 10:00 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	FERIAL MASS at Golden West Centennial Lodge, 811 School Road – Angela Kalichak+ (bequest) Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, April 29 9:30 am – 3:00 pm 11:30 am – 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	MEMORIAL: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor Confirmation Rally at Immaculate Conception Church, 181 Austin Street North CFC Christian Life Program – Session 1 (downstairs in room 9) MASS for Sunday – Intentions of Noreen Elliott and Lori Thompson, req. by Mona Harper
Sunday, April 30 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – “GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY” MASS (livestreamed) – Ana Maria Casillas Navarro+, requested by her husband John Powell Sacramental Preparation Session for First Eucharist (parish hall) MASS – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners
Kindly keep in your prayers the Archbishop and Priests of the Archdiocese who are away on their annual retreat this week	
Monday, May 1	OPTIONAL MEMORIAL: SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER Mass (offered in private) – For priests of the archdiocese, req. by Alfred and Marietta Gendive
Tuesday, May 2 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	MEMORIAL: SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop, Doctor Mass (offered in private on retreat) – Ken Resch (70 th birthday), requested by Sharon Camier Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance
Wednesday, May 3 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	FEAST: SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES, Apostles Mass (offered in private on retreat) – In thanksgiving, requested by Mona Harper OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS LITURGY OF THE WORD with the Distribution of Holy Communion

Thursday, May 4	FERIAL Mass (offered in private on retreat) – <i>Souls in purgatory, requested by Blaquera family</i>
Friday, May 5	FERIAL Mass (offered in private on retreat) – <i>Intentions of all parishioners, req. Alfred and Marietta</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday, May 6	MEMORIAL: SAINT FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL, Bishop, Patron of the Bishops of Canada 11:30 am – 3:30 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm CFC Christian Life Program – Session 2 (downstairs in room 9) RECITATION OF THE ROSARY MASS for Sunday – <i>Léona Gaudry+, requested by Gaudry-Braun family</i>
Sunday, May 7	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 12:45 pm MASS (livestreamed) – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i> <i>Preparation of children (angel wings, pole bearers etc.) for the recitation of the rosary</i> FLORES DE MAYO FIESTA – Recitation of the Rosary with children and families MASS – <i>For the intentions of grandparents and the elderly of our parish and families</i> FLORES DE MAYO FIESTA – Family Celebration in the parish hall (details forthcoming)

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, George Bonnefoy, Freda Broughton, Barry and Sharon Burke, Ken Burke, Donna Burns, Alan and Cathleen Critchley, René Defries, Randy Fiks, 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

April 23 – 29, 2023 Special intentions, requested by a parishioner
April 30 – May 6, 2023 Special intentions, requested by a parishioner

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.



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.**

“God loves you, is present in you, lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you, and offers you an understanding and compassion which are like nothing you have ever found in a book or heard in a sermon.”

— Thomas Merton

“You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.”

— Ezekiel 34:31

COUPLES FOR CHRIST
WEST 2 CHAPTER

ZEAL for GOD's Righteousness
Romans 10:2-3

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)
April 29, 2023 @ 11:30 am
St. John XXIII Roman Catholic Church
3390 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Please contact:
Bro. Vince 204-890-4984 / Sis. Jules 204-898-4497
Bro. Nelson 204-294-9096 / Sis. Medy 204-881-4425

Registration is free and child minding is available.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22b-28

Peter speaks confidently to his fellow Jews
about the Resurrection of Jesus

Psalms 16:1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

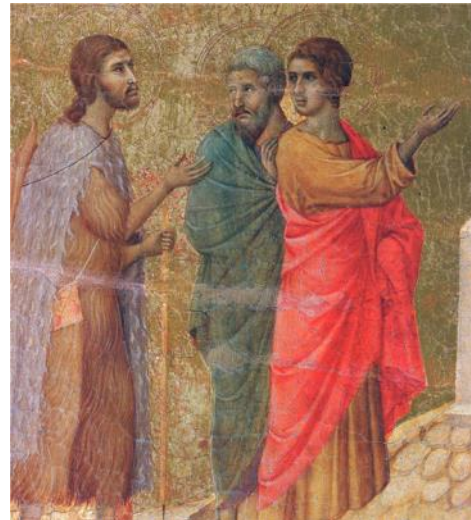
The fear of the netherworld
can have no place in one who holds fast to God.

1 Peter 1:17-21

Ransomed by the Blood of Christ,
our faith and hope are now in God.

Luke 24:13-35

We cannot recognize the presence of Christ
without a share in the breaking of the bread.



Christ on the road to Emmaus, fragment, 1311 by Duccio

EXPLORING THE WORD

Mealtime insights

They were good walkers, those two headed out for Emmaus. Seven miles stretched between Jerusalem and that little village, and the day was already on the wane. After an agonizing week of triumph turned to failure and hope crushed by grief, they had decided to cut their losses and go home. Away from Jerusalem and scenes of horror. Back to a life of routines and realistic expectations. They would have left yesterday, probably, if not for the Sabbath prohibition about not going more than 3,000 feet, less than one mile, on the day of rest.

This morning's events were the last straw for them. While the community of former disciples were still deep in mourning, some women from their group brought back the dreadful news that the tomb of their dead leader was empty, the body missing. They also talked about angels and nonsense. When the men checked out their story, they did find the tomb open and the body gone. But that was all, of course. No sign of life, no reason to hope. The whole affair just kept getting worse, when it seemed that nothing could be more awful than it already was.

In this little vignette unique to Luke, all the great Lucan themes are reiterated one more time: the significance of the journey, the requirement of new sight, the meal as teachable moment, and discipleship as a vocation to hospitality above all. If you were going to save five stories from this gospel that encompassed the whole message, this one would be a keeper.

Taking the journey

Everything worth having in Luke's gospel is worth walking for. From the time Jesus patrolled the shores of Galilee until Paul lands in Rome at the end of Acts, Luke defines discipleship as those willing to walk with Jesus. If you want to stay put, if you plead domestic obligations of any kind, Jesus won't insist. But he will keep walking and you will find yourself left in the dust.

The problem with the Emmaus couple is not their reluctance to move. On the contrary, they hurry off with commendable speed—but in the wrong direction. It's Easter Sunday. It's the third day of such great promise. It's the day when death loses its sting, graves open, and angels sing *alleluia*. People of faith should be rejoicing. But these two are running away as if from a crime scene, which is exactly how they view it.

Journey language peppers the story. We are told in no uncertain terms that this pair is "going": away from Jerusalem, away from the community of faith, away from their identity as disciples and believers. Jesus draws near and "walks with them." One could not ask for more, unless one were blind to the opportunity. They are. When Jesus prepares to "go on farther" than they are, they hold him back. They are not prepared to go farther—not yet. But as soon as they realize who this man is who has become a stranger to them, their first impulse is to rush back to Jerusalem the whole seven miles the same night. As they go and after they arrive, they do not cease to talk about what had taken place "along the way"—always code language for the journey of faith. Jesus is the way. And through this encounter they find their way back to their true identity.

A matter of seeing

If seeing is believing, then the Emmaus pair is in double trouble. They neither believe nor see. Consider how their lack of faith prevents them from recognizing Jesus even when his name has been on their lips all day. They talk about the vision the women saw, and what the other disciples failed to see when they reached the tomb. When they finally do recognize the stranger who companions them, he vanishes from their sight. Once faith is restored, literal sight is unnecessary. And of course: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed!"

Certain surprising things do *not* open their eyes along this reverse journey from faith to doubt. Knowing the creed by heart doesn't help: They practically recite it to Jesus as they put miles between themselves and the community. Having the facts straight about what happened on Easter morning is no good either: "The facts" fail to persuade. Hearing the report secondhand isn't useful—note that "some of those with us went to the tomb," but this pair chose not to.

What is more helpful is having scripture opened for them from beginning to end, as Jesus does. Is this a good word for Bible study, or catechesis in general? The lesson does seem to provide enough incentive to open hearts, if not exactly eyes. It reminds the Emmaus couple of their obligation to hospitality, and they invite Jesus to stay. This is where Franciscan scholar Robert Karris gets it right: The best way to find Christ is in the act of generous giving. Of course, the ultimate act of generous giving is the Eucharist. When Jesus returns their hospitality in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are finally opened wide enough to know their Lord.

What's most exciting for us readers of the story is that we can recall what Jesus said at his Last Supper: He would not share a meal with his friends again until the Kingdom comes. The implication for us is to recognize that, in the breaking of the bread, the reign of God is here!

APPLYING THE WORD

The gentle power of the meal

Sometimes a scripture commentary is so good it deserves to see the light of day beyond the scholars. Karris quotes R. H. Smith here in the last word on the significance of the Emmaus story: "So the lordship of Jesus is not known or manifested in acts of war or vengeance or in dreadful and mighty signs, but is attained through a cross and expressed in a meal—an act of hospitality, peace, brotherhood and sisterhood. The power of heaven is waiting for us at the table. — Alice Camille

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

April 30, 2023

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36b-41

The crowds repent as Peter accuses them of crucifying their own Messiah.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

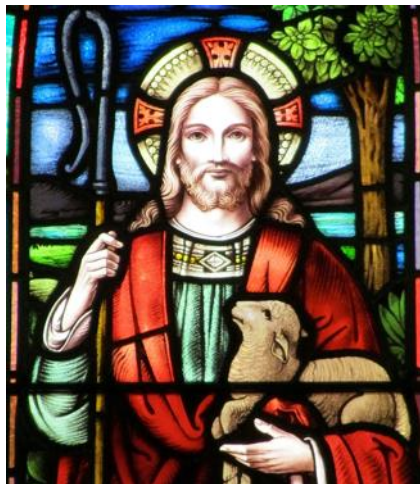
God remains at the side of those who are faithful like a loving shepherd.

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Those who once strayed may yet return to the guardian of their souls.

John 10:1-10

Jesus is both shepherd and sheep gate,
leading and admitting those who know his voice.



EXPLORING THE WORD

The cost of leadership

In a free society, people will always complain about their leadership. Whether we're talking about the president of the United States or the person in charge of the preschool program, the person in command is automatically a target for disapproval and disappointment. It's not a bad thing to hold our leaders accountable, as far as that goes. The real scandal is never who did what in the White House or the diocese. Rather, it's that rarely do those in seats of authority embrace full responsibility for "what they have done and failed to do."

Criticizing the leadership is our right, of course. But our responsibility is also to nurture, discern, and install good leaders—a task fewer of us seem as anxious to embrace. In the corridors of power, decisions are made that affect the future for all of us. Our government, our church, and our commercial enterprises must be guided by wise men and women invested in upholding the common good, not simply the status quo or the bottom line.

Enter Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is our annual opportunity to reflect on the role leaders play in our global and local communities. It's also a time to consider how each of us is obliged to contribute our own leadership to the pool of authority and not just to bellyache about the folks in charge.

People make mistakes

Leaders are people, not gods. Yet when the church appoints them or we elect them, we expect these anointed ones to perform beyond human limitations and imperfections. We anticipate their arrival into public service to be free from

temptation and beyond mortal weakness. If they can't read the future, they better do a pretty good imitation of it for our benefit. Leaders are supposed to be better than we are in character, wisdom, and foresight.

And it's no mistake to expect a lot from leaders. After all, what does it mean to lead if *not* in ways of character, wisdom, and foresight? But when our leaders fail us, as they often do, we drag them from the pedestal of the superhuman and condemn them to the dungeon of the subhuman. In both instances, we fail those called to lead us. We do not give them the support and cooperation they need as mortals, nor do we offer them the compassion they deserve as sinners.

Recall the Pentecost street scene from Acts. Peter and the Eleven remind the Jerusalem crowds of how privileged a people they are, the nation that serves as a light to all nations. Yet they failed miserably in their calling when they put to death their own Messiah. What nation can be a light when it fails to illuminate its own darkness? As the story goes, 3,000 people within the sound of Peter's voice were cut to the heart by his words. "What are we to do, my brothers?" they pleaded. "Turn," he advised. "Turn around."

Peter knew well of what he spoke, having so recently repented his own ignorance in relationship to his Lord. If leaders and those led could embrace the mutual call to repentance and renewal, instead of the usual rounds of recrimination and protestation of innocence, perhaps we could move forward into the future more purposefully. There is no better leader than one who knows he/she is also a sinner.

Where do we find good leaders?

When people hassle our local pastor about the church hierarchy's many failings in recent years, he always says, "So how many children did your mom send to the priesthood?" His point is direct but clear. Many Catholics, quite content to carp on the church's disappointment du jour, have never given equal time to contemplating their own call to leadership within the community of faith. And often the same people would actively discourage their children from exploring a religious vocation and, presumably, improving on the leadership pool for the future.

Many years ago, my parents refused to entertain the idea of me entering a religious order even though they pride themselves on their Catholic identity. My father actually called such a way of life a "waste." Many parents I talk to think nothing of actively prepping their children for med school, the law, or business. But they blush at the idea of inviting their children to think of a vocation to the church as if it's unfair to "pressure" them in these matters. The likely truth here is that all of us have learned to define success in worldly terms. A life of service is indeed a waste if the mortal goal is to make as much money as possible.

If we want good leadership in the church, we have to pray for it, yes. And we also have to challenge ourselves to be such leaders and to groom such leaders in our midst fearlessly. In the same way, if we want just government, character-building educators, ethically minded business leaders, we have to take our leadership into dialogue with city hall, the public schools, and the marketplace. Do we inadvertently talk in opposition to such groups in our assembly, in careless dismissals of the "rich and powerful," as if such folk are intrinsic enemies to the gospel? Or do we run faith-sharing groups, days of recollection, and other faith formation opportunities geared precisely for the special needs of such leaders? Some of these folks are Catholic and are already sitting in our pews. Others aren't but might be looking for a community to support their values and partner with them in the ongoing process of moral discernment.

APPLYING THE WORD

I am the gate for the sheep

The preacher often serves as the gatekeeper of the assembly. This is the voice they hear beckoning them with words of life. The prophetic challenge, the call to moral living, words of encouragement and consolation all come to the faithful on Sunday morning. If anyone is charged with the responsibility to raise up leaders in every aspect of our society, it's the one who issues the proclamation of the gospel every week. Parents have to do their part. So do teachers and mentors and employers and politicians. But who has the distinct advantage of having all of these people together in one room each week? Not to mention a microphone in hand?

Jesus gets to be the gate; we just have to make sure the gate is opened and the invitation is issued. Let's invite everyone not simply to dissect our leadership but to divert some of this energy into providing the leadership we'd like to see. Behind every genuine leader is the next generation of leadership, watching and learning and imitating.

— Alice Camille

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The following items 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	\$4.00 per copy	<i>(reduced price)</i>
Living with Christ Missalette – monthly edition	\$5.00 per copy	
Candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	\$6.00 per box	<i>(each box contains two candles)</i>

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Oliver Omega will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Friday, June 9, 2023 at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

PARISH FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION on Sunday, June 11th during the 11:45 am Mass

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Saturday, June 17th during the 4:00 pm Mass

Pastoral Visit of Archbishop Richard Gagnon

Reception to follow honouring the newly confirmed and Archbishop Richard on his 75th birthday

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

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 COLLECTION BASKET passed by the ushers to those sitting in the pews during Sunday liturgies. 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". ***In this New Year 2023, please use 2023 envelopes only. Thank you.***

PAD OPTION: Alternatively, we encourage parishioners 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 OPTIONS: 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.

INTERAC e-Transfer: If you to donate via e-Transfer, go online and login to your online banking account. Select send an Interac e-Transfer (or autodeposit etc.) Complete all the necessary information including the amount of your contribution. **For name of recipient you may use ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH and be sure to use this email address: finance@johnxxiii.ca** Review details and Confirm (Send) to submit your contribution. Transfers sent to finance@johnxxiii.ca will be automatically deposited to the account of TRUSTEES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT JOHN XXIII at RBC Royal Bank.

If you don't mind, after submitting your contribution via Interac e-Transfer, please send a personal follow up email to the parish finance office at finance@johnxxiii.ca. In your email please indicate: a) Subject line: E-TRANSFER INFO, b) Your name, c) Your bank name, d) Amount of contribution and, if not a donation, indicate what the payment was meant to cover. Your follow up email helps to ensure we have the necessary information we need to enter correctly your contribution into our records, especially so that charitable contribution amounts may be included in your income tax receipt issued at year end.

New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register with the parish and to arrange for pre-authorized debit or a box of regular offering envelopes.

Archdiocese of Winnipeg Mobile APP

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.



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