

## PARISH BULLETIN

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – June 22, 2025**

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES – June 29, 2025**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – July 6, 2025**

*The schedule published herein continues to the weekend of July 13, 2025*

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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

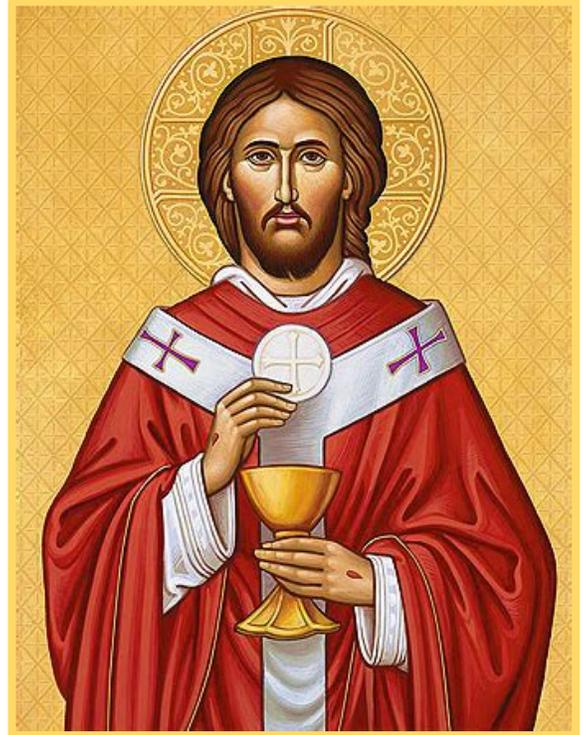
*As announced in the schedule in this bulletin.*

##### ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

For emergencies, you may contact the parish office.

##### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

*As circumstances permit, on Wednesday evenings,  
on Friday afternoons or by appointment.*



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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.



## PASTORAL VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Saturday, June 21, 2025, 4:00 pm

On June 21<sup>st</sup> we joyfully welcome to Saint John XXIII Parish our Archbishop, His Grace, Most Reverend Murray Chatlain, who will preside at the 4:00 pm celebration of the Eucharist and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on twelve of our young people. Immediately following the liturgy, a reception will be held downstairs in the parish hall to honour the newly confirmed and also to provide an opportunity for us to greet our new Archbishop and for him to get to know us.

### ***“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”***

*Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the young people of our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 21, 2025:*

**ADONAI EZEQUIEL ACEVEDO PENA, EMMANUELLA IHOTUGOCHO AKOR, JEANLEIGH FAITH C. ARENAS, JEREMY FREYLOUIS CASTILLO ARENAS, MISHKA POLINA R. BERNARDO, JOSEPH MIKAEL BRINGAS, JADE MIRIELLE F. CASTILLO, ZEPHAN ION M. DELOS REYES, ZACQUI N. FERNANDEZ, AVE LOBO, GREGOR M. SALCEDO, FLORENCE ELIZABETH S. SANCHEZ**



*Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are also extended to two more of the young people of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, June 27, 2025:*

**HOLLY NIKOLE HIEBERT, MARGARET SUZANNE YOST**

### ***Happy Are We Who Come to His Table!***

***“All praise to you, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament!”***

*Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the young people of our parish who are receiving their first Holy Communion at 11:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 22, 2025, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:*



**ANDREA CHIZITEREM AGU, MELVIN KAMSIYUCHUKWU AGU, BERLINDA ZINACHI AGU, ADRIEL ELISEO ARTOLA, ROY ADAM AKOR, JANNAH MAINE CABURNAY, AVA ABRIELLE N. FERNANDEZ, FREDRICK JOHN GOULD, KYLE MICHAEL GOVEAS, MOIRA BEATRIZ M. JAVIER, ASHLYN DAWN BETH KISELBACH, JILIAN ELAINE MADAYAG, RAFAEL MONTUBIG, GRETA MARIE M. SALCEDO, SHUNYUAN (PAUL) SHANG**

# SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 22 – JULY 13, 2025

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

<b>Sunday, June 22</b> 4:00 pm Saturday  9:00 am 11:45 am	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> <b>MASS FOR SUNDAY</b> including the conferral of the <b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b> <i>Reception to follow in honour of the Archbishop and the newly confirmed (parish hall)</i> <b>MASS (livestreamed)</b> – <i>Julio Vasallo+</i> , requested by <i>Medina family</i> <b>MASS</b> includes the first reception of the <b>Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist</b> by several children of the parish – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i> <i>Reception to follow in honour of the first communicants (parish hall)</i>
<b>Monday, June 23</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Celestina Minerva+</i> , requested by <i>Minerva family</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b> 10:30 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> <i>Fr. Robert is scheduled to attend a Marriage Tribunal Judging Session in St. Boniface</i> <b>Office Hours</b> – call or ring door buzzer for assistance <b>MASS</b> – <i>Dianne Hanchiruk+</i> , requested by <i>a friend</i>
<b>Wednesday, June 25</b> 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> <b>MASS</b> – <i>Gladys Wilson+</i> , requested by <i>Janet Jack</i>
<b>Thursday, June 26</b>  1:30 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Ronnie Quisido+</i> , requested by <i>Minerva family</i> <i>Fr. Robert will participate in a Western Diocesan and Eparchial Coordinators of Ecumenism meeting</i>
<b>Friday, June 27</b>  1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS</b> Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>MASS</b> including the conferral of the <b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b> – <i>For the intentions of Fr. Robert Polz and all who serve God’s people as Priests,</i> <i>requested by the Parish Vocation Ministry Team</i>
<b>Saturday, June 28</b> 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	<b>MEMORIAL: IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <b>LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 6</i> ) <b>MASS for Sunday</b> – <i>Alice Fleury+</i> , requested by <i>Olga Bonnefoy</i>
<b>Sunday, June 29</b> 9:00 am 11:45 am 1:15 pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles</b> <b>MASS (livestreamed)</b> – <i>Herminia Ang+</i> , requested by <i>Medina family</i> <b>MASS</b> – “ <i>Pro populo</i> ” / <i>Intentions of parishioners</i> <b>Confirmation Session “Confirmed for Life”</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 9</i> ) <i>This concluding session will include distribution of Confirmation Certificates</i>
<b>Monday, June 30</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>James Stephen Polz+</i> , requested by <i>Fr. Robert Polz and family</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b>	<b>FERIAL – CANADA DAY HOLIDAY</b> <i>Note: Fr. Robert is unavailable July 1-3 due to preparations/recovery from an endoscopic procedure</i> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 2</b>  6:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i> <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> <b>Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion</b>

<b>Thursday, July 3</b>	<b>FEAST: SAINT THOMAS, Apostle</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Special intention</i>
<b>Friday, July 4</b>	<b>FERIAL – FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</b> <i>Fr. Robert is on-call for emergency sacramental ministry at Grace Hospital until 11:59 pm Monday</i> Praying of the Angelus <b>MASS</b> – <i>Jordan Braun+</i> , requested by <i>Donna and Loris Vendramelli</i> <b>Adoration Time</b> ( <i>monstrance on altar in main worship space</i> ) Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday, July 5</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm <b>LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 6</i> ) 4:00 pm <b>MASS for Sunday</b> – <i>Intentions of the newly confirmed, req. by St. James Assiniboia CWL</i>
<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9:00 am <b>MASS (livestreamed)</b> – <i>Marina Reyes Cruz+</i> , requested by <i>Federico Reyes</i> 11:45 am <b>MASS</b> – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>
<b>Monday, July 7</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intention TBA</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 8</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Melchoir Minerva+</i> , requested by <i>Minerva family</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 9</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> 6:45 pm <b>OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS</b> 7:00 pm <b>MASS</b> – <i>Alexandra Crozier+</i> , requested by <i>Laurette and Doug Burch</i>
<b>Thursday, July 10</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> Mass (offered in private) – <i>Intention TBA</i>
<b>Friday, July 11</b>	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT BENEDICT, Abbot</b> 12:00 pm Praying of the Angelus 12:10 pm <b>MASS</b> – <i>Ruben Precioso+</i> , requested by <i>José Barrera</i> 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Office Hours – call or ring door buzzer for assistance 3:00 pm <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b>
<b>Saturday, July 12</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm <b>LEGION OF MARY Praesidium Meeting</b> ( <i>downstairs in room 6</i> ) 4:00 pm <b>MASS for Sunday</b> – <i>Intentions of Fr. Gerry Sembrano (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), requested by Legion of Mary Virgin Most Faithful Praesidium</i>
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9:00 am <b>MASS (livestreamed)</b> – <i>Velma Matias+</i> , requested by <i>Rose and Ron Gira</i> 11:45 am <b>MASS</b> – <i>“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners</i>

### TABERNACLE LAMP OFFERING

June 22 – June 28	Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested by Vicky, Evelyn, Luz and Julie
June 29 – July 5	Intention TBA
July 6 – July 12	Intention TBA

*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.*



**“A generous spirit is itself great wealth.”** —Saint Leo the Great

**PLEASE PRAY for the loved ones of our community in need of healing and comfort:**

***Monica Bird, Betty Connor, Bev and Steve Hewitt, Larry Kuyzk, Brett Lawrence, Kristy O'Toole, John Powell, Fr. Barry Schoonbaert, Jerome Strachan, Joe and Maria Wallack.***

Please note that we continue the process of cleaning up our prayer list and several weeks ago started from scratch. If you wish your name or any of your loved ones to be included in our revised list, please notify the parish office. Be sure to obtain the consent of persons concerned before submitting their names.



## **Reflection for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – June 22, 2025**

### **Our place at the table**

The wonderful season of Easter surrenders each year to what might feel like a dull doctrinal thud: the triple threat of Pentecost, Trinity, and Corpus Christi. It's like pushing away from a satiating banquet only to be invited on a heavy theological sojourn: Sorry, but it's hard to think big thoughts after a feast of these proportions! We know that church, Trinity, and Eucharist are important ideas, and we are, after all, the church that's espousing and celebrating these notions. But do we need to hand over three entire Sundays each year to a survey of these great elements of Christianity?

We do. The church calendar invites us to deepen our faith with a wheel of opportunities: consolation in Advent, repentance in Lent, affirmation in Easter, and evangelization throughout Ordinary Time. During this short stretch of "idea feasts" we're also asked to do some catechesis. It's not that Catholics are unacquainted with the weighty doctrines we celebrate—although a surprising number may falter if asked to explain them. But in paying lip service year-round to these doctrines in our profession of faith, we may take them for granted if we don't explore their deeper meaning from time to time. Like any relationship, one that's ignored remains superficial or becomes irrelevant.

What Paul tells the Corinthians about the Eucharist sets the stage for everything else we may say about it. Jesus offers this gift "on the night before he was handed over." Like any gift, it has a clear context. Our Eucharist can't be understood outside of its proximity to the Passion and death of Jesus. Christ makes his great self-offering before anyone else can lay claim to his life. When we proclaim this great truth, we proclaim his death. When we drink this cup, we share his death. Eucharist is thanksgiving: What we are grateful for is that Jesus laid down his life for his friends—you and I among them.

As theologian Eugene Laverdiere points out, the giving and taking of Eucharist is far from a passive event. Jesus intends it, and we signal our intentions by our participation. Jesus gives his life—no one takes it from him without his permission. When we accept his life in the Eucharist, we join with Jesus in saying to the world: "This is my body, my life, and it is for you." We shouldn't take it if we don't mean it. We'd be fools to take it if we aren't prepared to do as we are saying. It's a big, hungry world out there, as the gospel story reminds us. Jesus invites us not to simply spread his Eucharist around but to "give them some food yourselves." Receiving consecrated food makes us consecrated people. This feast reminds us: It's time to live up to our reputation.

—Alice Camille

***"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord."***

—John 6.57

***"It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible."***

—Saint Vincent de Paul

## **Reflection for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – June 29, 2025**

### **Man of action, man of reason**

It's not often that a human being is big enough to trump a Sunday observance! But the two men we honor today do just that; Mary and John the Baptist are the only others with the liturgical clout to do the same. Consider that Saints Peter and Paul, taken together, *are* the church—that is, they embody two significant aspects of church which incorporate the whole and cannot be separated without losing something vital. Those aspects might be defined as action and reason. Peter is a doer, and Paul is a thinker. One trait isn't much good without the other.

Peter, the man of action, operates on a hair-trigger of responsiveness whenever a challenge arises. A preacher passes along the shoreline and says, "Come follow me"—and Peter is gone before the boat is sufficiently docked. Peter drops his nets into the water upon the Lord's command even after a night of fruitless efforts, dragging in a miracle catch as a result. He leaps into the water and tries to walk across its surface because Jesus invites him to. He blurts out: "You are the Christ," which is a very dangerous thing to say in Roman-occupied Israel.

Peter is the disciple who draws a sword when Jesus is ambushed at the Garden of Gethsemane; a servant's ear is sacrificed before Jesus calls him off. Peter swears impulsively that he will never, ever deny his Lord—and then denies him three times before the night is out. Three days later he runs at once to the tomb because of a report that it's empty. He will soon leap from a boat and swim to shore at a sighting of Jesus. The Holy Spirit hardly rushes into the upper room in tongues of fire before Peter is out in the street, telling what he knows to the astonished morning crowds. Peter never thinks, he acts—and his impulsive actions are both courageous and sometimes wanting in premeditation. Which is where Paul comes in.

Paul is a scholar: a man of law, philosophy, and debate. He spent the first half of his life contemplating right action according to the school of the Pharisees. This led him to the decision to persecute Christians, which was the only logical conclusion (staying in your head all the time can lead to a disastrous lack of proportionality). But then an experience "on the road" derails Paul's rational convictions. The mystical element can do that to a person.

Paul continues to think his way through the Judeo-Christian conundrum. How do you reconcile the demands of divine law and divine mercy? How do you live in the Kingdom while remaining in the world? Paul hits the pause button on Peter's relentless action. He knows that theological reflection can sometimes change the course you're on completely. —Alice Camille

***"I die the King's good servant but God's first."***

—Saint Thomas More

## Reflection for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 6, 2025

### The marks of Jesus

Too much ink has been spilt already deciphering the "marks" Saint Paul bore on his body. Was he the first recorded stigmatic? The consensus is: highly improbable. His metaphor makes perfect sense without lobbing on that phenomenon. Paul contradicts the emphasis of his own religious training on circumcision by insisting that the marks he's earned in Christ outrank it. And considering his arrests, beatings, flogging, and a stoning, the marks on Paul were visually impressive enough.

The Body of Christ continues to bear many marks, among them four of a more cheerful nature. "One, holy, catholic, and apostolic" are the official marks of the church. You know it's church when these four attributes are present. Unity is present in the source, Jesus himself, before anyone does a thing to confirm or contradict it. Yet the church must also *demonstrate* unity, the precious gift squandered each time a group of unhappy Christians splinters off to attempt church elsewhere. By definition we can't be church that way. In forfeiting our unity, we lose our identity, for the Body of Christ needs all its parts to function effectively in the world.

Second, church is holy. We see this aspect most persuasively in the lives of saints but also in all the sanctifying signs: sacraments, worship, prayer, religious life. Most of all, the church's holiness is manifest in the charity of its members: "See how these Christians love one another!"

Third, the church is catholic. Not merely with a capital C as the Church of Rome is known but also the small-c community of believers who espouse our universal mission across time, culture, and all petty differences. The church belongs to the world, not only to its members. Our mission is for the human race and not only for Catholics who share its ideology and enjoy its tangible benefits.

Finally, the church is apostolic, founded on the witness of the apostles, which continues to be shared through a faithfully transmitted creed.

Luke betrays his early catholicity in the story of the 72 disciples. Expanding on Matthew's mission of the 12 apostles, Luke sends out a greater number symbolically representing not only Israel's 12 tribes but the Table of Nations from Genesis 10 as well. This gospel is for all people, and the ministries of the church—healing, teaching, preaching—are not intended for insiders. These disciples show their unity by traveling in pairs, revealing their holiness in not jostling for better homes and finer meals. Their apostolic nature is obvious: They are sent by Jesus and return to him faithfully. If we want to know how well a parish or other faith community is mirroring "real church," we need only check to see if the marks of Christ are as visible on us.

—Alice Camille

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***"Resisting all forms of indifference, it appeals to consciences ... ever attentive to the cry of the poor, the needy and the marginalized, as well as to contemporary challenges, ranging from the protection of creation to artificial intelligence."***

—Pope Leo XIV (to world diplomats, May 16, 2025)

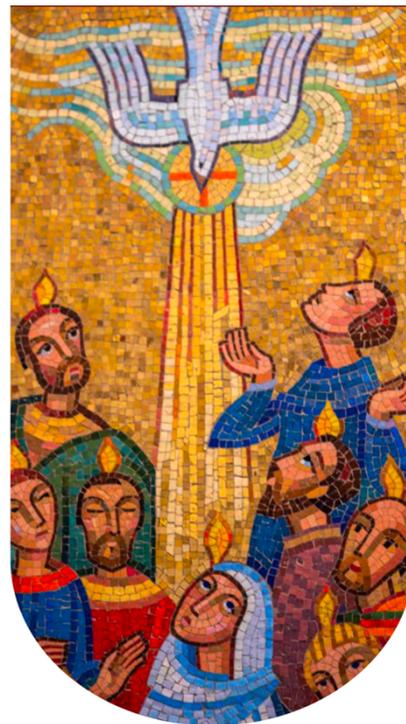
Recently a priest who is a good friend of our pastor forwarded to him information on the recently published pastoral letter from Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Fr. Robert Polz thought parishioners of Saint John XXIII Parish might be interested in accessing Cardinal Leo's letter for their own faith-filled and spiritual reflection.

### ***"That Blessed Upper Room"*** **Pastoral Letter from Frank Cardinal Leo**

Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, has released *"That Blessed Upper Room,"* a pastoral letter inviting the faithful of the archdiocese to reflect together on the significance of The Upper Room in our lives, our families and in our communities of faith as this story is so directly connected to pivotal events in the life of Jesus and of the early Church. The letter is divided into nine chapters, drawing on dimensions of our Catholic Christian life. In the words of Cardinal Leo:

*"This resource can be the object of a parish sharing group or an informal gathering of friends. The reflections can be used as inspiration for summer reading or for Advent or Lenten activities or for a personal retreat. You can, for instance, take one question per day and let it accompany you or set some quiet time per week, a short 15 minutes, to read a paragraph and ask yourself a question that is proposed. Studied and reflected upon individually or in community, whether in families, parishes, schools and religious houses, I pray that this small contribution will help readers and faithful come to a more profound sense of faith, a more mature relationship with the Lord and to a transforming experience of grace."*

A short video introduction and the full pastoral letter can be accessed by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/thatblessedupperroom](http://www.archtoronto.org/thatblessedupperroom).  
Feel free to share the letter with family and friends.



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### **Pilgrimage at Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine – June 26 and 27, 2025**

Join the community of St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine for a celebration on Blessed Vasyl's Feast Day and use this opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the shrine! There is programming on Thursday evening and all day Friday. Visit their website for more information: <https://bvmartyrshrine.com>

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### **Manitoba's Award-Winning Passion Play – July 4-6 and 11-13, 2025**

Manitoba's Award-Winning Passion Play is celebrating 25 Years this summer of presenting the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Pembina Valley, near La Rivière, Manitoba. Bring your lawn chair and experience the Life of Christ unfold before your eyes in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets are available online at [www.passionplay.ca](http://www.passionplay.ca) or by calling 1-888-264-2038. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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### **Pilgrimage to Sts. Volodymyr and Metropolitan Cathedral – July 12, 2025**

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral of Sts. Volodymyr and Olha in Winnipeg (115 McGregor St.) warmly invite all to experience the richness of the Eastern Christian liturgy and spirituality. Our Cathedral is one of three designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manitoba. We welcome individuals and groups from your parish to visit us during the week from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and on weekends from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. To book a tour, please get in touch with the parish office by phone at 204-589-5052 or by email at [office@stvo.ca](mailto:office@stvo.ca).



Visitors may take part in a guided tour of the Cathedral, attend a prayer service in English or Ukrainian, and receive a blessing or anointing. Discover the Beauty of the Eastern Catholic Tradition! Come to the Cathedral of Sts. Volodymyr and Olha, for our Parish Feast Day Pilgrimage (July 12) to receive the Plenary Indulgence, pray with us, and encounter the unity and diversity of the Catholic Church. All are welcome!

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### **Bridgefolk Conference 2025: Ecumenical Dialogue in an Age of Polarization – July 24-27, 2025**

This year, the Bridgefolk Conference will be held at First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Bridgefolk is a grassroots ecumenical movement of Mennonites and Roman Catholics committed to "proceeding through friendship." Newcomers are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. The conference will examine Anabaptism from Mennonite and Catholic

perspectives, what's changed in 500 years, and implications for ecumenical dialogue today. Mennonite keynote: Dr. Jennifer Otto, Associate Professor in the Department of History and Religion at the University of Lethbridge. Catholic keynote: Fr. John Klassen OSB, retired abbot of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. The conference will also feature a panel discussion on ecumenical dialogue and work, a workshop on respectful dialogue, and small groups to practice these tools. For more information and to register: [www.bridgefolk.net](http://www.bridgefolk.net).

### **Pilgrimage at St-François Xavier Church – July 27, 2025**

All are welcome to join the parish of St. François Xavier on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for their 9:00 am Mass. The morning will start outside with a procession into the church. After Mass, there will be coffee and fellowship. All are welcome to join! St-François Xavier Church is a [Pilgrimage Site](#) for the 2025 Jubilee. Making a pilgrimage, attending Mass, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father will help pilgrims receive the plenary indulgence. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Website: [www.sfxrcparish.ca](http://www.sfxrcparish.ca)

### **Register now for The Summons 2025-2026 Session**

Starting in September, *The Summons* is a 10-session (Sept–May) Archdiocesan faith formation process designed for ANY adult who desires to grow spiritually and personally in our Catholic faith. We gather on one Saturday per month (9:00 am – 3:30 pm) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg with like-minded adults to search and go deeper into our Catholic faith. For the brochure, the dates, and registration, please visit <https://www.catholicadultformation.com/>. Information sessions are available for those interested in finding out more. [Click here for more information](#) or go to [www.catholicadultformation.com](http://www.catholicadultformation.com) For additional questions, please get in touch with Fr. Eric Giddins, Director of The Summons, at 204-832-1993 or [summonsformation@gmail.com](mailto:summonsformation@gmail.com).

### **Have You Ever Considered Working in a Catholic School?**

Are you a student teacher, a certified teacher, or someone interested in becoming an educational assistant and gaining on-the-job training? St. Charles Catholic School, located in St. James, is a vibrant and faith-filled K–8 school community rooted in Catholic values. We are committed to nurturing the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of every student—and that starts with dedicated, caring staff. If you've ever wondered what it's like to work in Catholic education or have questions about how to get started, we'd love to hear from you! Visit our website at [www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca) to learn more about current opportunities. Come grow with us—your vocation may begin here.

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### ***Saint John XXIII Parish Stewardship of Treasure***

**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. For donations to the parish, please make cheques payable to “St. John XXIII Parish”.

**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](http://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 prefer 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](mailto:finance@johnxxiii.ca)** Review details and Confirm (Send) to submit your contribution. Transfers sent to [finance@johnxxiii.ca](mailto: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. **When making your contribution via Interac e-Transfer through your financial institution, please be sure to INDICATE IN THE MESSAGE/MEMO line what your payment is for.**

***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.***

A sincere thank you to parishioners for your continued and generous stewardship!