

## Parish Life

**\*Share Lent Collection this weekend\***



### Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, April 5:**  
3:45-4:45 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
5:00 pm +Zinny Deen

**Sunday, April 6:**  
9:00 am InThanksgiving  
10:30 am In Thanksgiving (birthday J. Penaflorida)  
+Dominador & +Jun Jun Penaflorida

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING**

12:15 pm +Francis, +Mary Theresa, +Letchmi Thatheyu

**Tuesday, April 8**

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

6:30 pm +Corazon Falcon

**Wednesday, April 9**

9:30 am +James Purdon, +Kirsten Nina Roxas-Buebos

10:00-10:30 am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thursday, April 10:**

9:30 am +Allan, +Thomas, & +Donald Yap, +Fransiska Marijam

10:30-11:30 am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

10:30 - 4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (in Fr. Saulnier Room)

**Friday, April 11**

7:00 - 9:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

7:30 pm ILLUMINATE (Adoration, praise & worship)

**SECOND READING**

**GOSPEL READING**

**WEEKLY  
REFLECTION**

The Parish office will be closed Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** (April 12/13): Regular Saturday / Sunday schedule

**Holy Thursday** (April 17): 7:00 pm

**Good Friday** (April 18) 12:00 & 3:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** (April 19) 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** (April 20) Regular Sunday schedule



**\*\*Please be aware that incense will be used on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil and at the 10:30 and 12:15 masses on Easter Sunday,\*\***

**SUNDAY MISSAL AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE, \$7.00 each**

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

This Lent, you will have many opportunities to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our parish celebration will take place on April 11, in conjunction with Illuminate. Confessions will be heard from 7:00-9:00 pm, and Illuminate will begin at 7:30 pm. There are many other penitential services at other parishes as well (see below list). [Click here](#) to see an up-to-date list of all penitential services in our diocese.

In addition, Fr. JB is offering more frequent confession during the week (please see above liturgical schedule). If you can, please come to Reconciliation before April 11.



St. Bernadette: **Tuesday, April 8th at 7pm.**

St. Emile: **Thursday, April 10th at 7pm.**

St. Norbert: **Thursday, April 10th at 7pm.**



## This Lent, please give generously to SHARE LENT

On **Solidarity Sunday, April 6th**, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Turn Debt Into Hope** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

**Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.**

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, calls on economic policy-makers and governments to hasten the cancellation of unjust debts and advocates for an international financial reform. Countries in the Global South are the most affected by the consequences of war and the intensity and increased frequency of climate change disasters which further exacerbate the poverty crisis. — Archbishop Albert LeGatt (Solidarity Sunday Memorandum)

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give). To read Archbishop LeGatt's complete Solidarity Sunday Memorandum, please [click here](#).

**Thank you for your solidarity!**

## HOW YOU CAN SERVE DURING HOLY WEEK:

### HOLY THURSDAY

We are looking for twelve people to volunteer to have their foot washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. Following the Mass, we will have Adoration in the hall until midnight. This weekend, we will have **SIGN-UP sheets** available for both foot washing and Adoration.



### EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION ~BAKING NEEDED~

Every year, after the Easter Vigil, our parish hosts a reception to welcome those who just received their Sacraments of Initiation into our parish community. The parish and Knights of Columbus provide food and drink, but we also depend on the generosity of our parishioners to provide the desserts.

For this, we are requesting donations of loaves, cookies, dainties etc for the reception to be dropped off on April 18 or 19.

**Sign up on Sunday!**

## PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED!

Parking attendants are needed during our busiest masses (Christmas and Easter). With Holy Week fast approaching, we are looking for more people willing to volunteer for this ministry.

If you don't mind being outside, are friendly, and like directing traffic, this might be the perfect way to serve your parish.

Sign up after Mass if you can help!.



## BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

We will be having a special blessing of Easter food on **Saturday, April 19 10:30 am** in the parish hall.

This is an Eastern European tradition that is both enjoyable and symbolic, and one which many other people have adopted. If you'd like to learn more about this tradition, and how to put together your own basket, [click here](#).



## MEET YOUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Flora Nangira

#### Prayer Ministry Lead

The prayer ministry is committed to nurturing a deeper love for Our Lord, the Blessed Mother Mary, the Rosary, and the Catholic Church among the faithful. This mission is fulfilled through daily online gatherings dedicated to praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, reciting the Rosary, and interceding for the intentions of the parish community.

We extend a warm invitation for you to join us [online](#) for the Holy Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Schedule: Monday to Sunday  
Time: 9:00PM - 10:00 PM

### Michael Resendes

#### Adult Faith Formation

I have the great honour of serving as the ministry lead for Adult Faith Formation at MMOC. Through this ministry we strive, through retreats and faith gatherings, to help every parishioner to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and to fall deeper in love with the beauty and tradition of our Catholic Faith.

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on



your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. **Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.**

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to [Commissariat.ca/supporting-us](http://Commissariat.ca/supporting-us) and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

~Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

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## Youth and Young Adult Gatherings

**Youth Gathering – In Conjunction with Illuminate:** Calling all Youth in grades 7-12. The next Youth Gathering will take place on **Friday, April 11**, in conjunction with Illuminate! Join us for an evening of Reconciliation and Praise and Worship at 6pm. We also need volunteers to help usher. If you are interested, please e-mail Jason at [youth@mmoc.ca](mailto:youth@mmoc.ca)

**Young Adult Gatherings:** Calling all ages 18+. Our next Young Adult Gathering will take place on **Sunday April 6** from 6:30-8:45pm. Join us for fellowship, study of the Word of God and some dinner! Open to university students and young professionals.

## Payton's Comforters – Blanket Making Fundraiser

Thinking of a way to give meaningfully during this Lenten season?

Payton's Blankets is a local non-for-profit organization that creates hand-made blankets for hospitalized patients at The Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. Blanket making will take place on Thursday, April 10 from 7-9pm in the Fr. Saulnier Room. Cost is \$25 per blanket and your spot can be reserved after each mass.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 8. Registration can also be made by e-mailing Jason at [youth@mmoc.ca](mailto:youth@mmoc.ca). No knitting experience is required, and tax receipts will be issued by Payton's Comforters. A great and simple way to get the family involved as we near Holy week!

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## MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND LIFE

**Weekly Marriage Tip:** Lenten check-in: How can your family incorporate a spirit of Lent into your home? Maybe an extra prayer at dinner or a service project together?



**Are you celebrating a "Milestone anniversary" this year? (e.g. 5, 10, 20, 25 etc.). Scroll down to find more information (in Diocesan News Events section) on how to register for the special diocesan celebration on May 4.**

**Reflections for the Separated & Divorced:** How does a separated or divorced person fast? Like everyone else!

Give up harsh words. Use generous ones instead.

Give up unhappiness. Take up gratitude.

Give up anger. Take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism. Take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying. Take up trust in God.

Give up complaining. Value what you have.

Give up stress. Take up prayer.

Give up judging others. Discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness. Fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness. Take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving. Learn reconciliation.

Give up words. Fill yourself with silence and listen to others.

*From Lisa Duffy - A Road to Healing*

### Parenting Tip of the Week:

**Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life.**

Family is the most powerful influencer in any person's life. What we learn from our family has lifetime implications, influencing how we act, see ourselves and feel about others. As parents it is

important that we don't treat our children as mini-adults, but instead view them as a child of a certain age. There are normal patterns to children's brain development and when we understand those stages, we can more fully understand how to love, teach, discipline and support our children throughout their lives. Family and faith provide a solid foundation for each child when parents take the time to learn about their child's developmental age and ability.

## April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For the use of the new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Sacraments

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Are you planning to have your child baptized soon, or you are expecting? Congratulations!

Our next baptism preparation takes place **Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.** This preparation is for anyone who would like to have a child baptized this spring / summer. You can even attend during your pregnancy!

If you would like more information or to register, please email [theresa@mmoc.ca](mailto:theresa@mmoc.ca) or call 204-261-1579 ext. 6.



### FOR INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS

For infant baptisms, weddings, and funerals, please contact Theresa at [theresa@mmoc.ca](mailto:theresa@mmoc.ca).

For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for children & teens, please contact Audrey at [catechism@mmoc.ca](mailto:catechism@mmoc.ca).

For baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation for adults, please contact David & Shirley at [rcia1@mmoc.ca](mailto:rcia1@mmoc.ca).

## Parish Events

### PARISH LENTEN CHALLENGE

*Can **you** bring **40** cans for the  
**40** days of Lent?*

Try to bring 7 cans each week during Lent. The food collected will go to support Manitoba Harvest.

The Knights of Columbus will also accept cash or e-transfer donations to [kofcpay@mmoc.ca](mailto:kofcpay@mmoc.ca)



## 40 Cans For 40 Days Lent Food Drive

**Hunger Has No Season**

Can & pantry items accepted now in the atrium



**March 5— April 20**

Donations will support local food banks.  
E-transfer cash donations to [KofCpay@mmoc.ca](mailto:KofCpay@mmoc.ca)

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at MMOC

**Every second Monday at 2:00 pm.**  
**The next meeting will be Monday, April 7.**

The goals of the Grief Support Group are to be a compassionate presence, walking alongside each other to alleviate the pain of grief and reduce feelings of isolation. Because grieving is an isolating process, having companionship on the journey makes it more manageable.

This group is drop-in. No registration is required.



## APRIL CONNECTION CAFE - SPEAKER ON ADVANCE MEDICAL CARE PLANNING

Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges. Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

April's topic will be on **Advance Medical Care Planning & Decision Making**. Please join us for an informative evening and discussion as our guest speaker **Katarina Lee-Ameduri** will provide participants with an understanding of advance care planning and surrogate decision making. Specifically the presentation will highlight ethical principles that are important to Catholics as they navigate medical-decision making.

**Monday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church**

Cost is goodwill offering. [See mmoc.ca for more info and to register.](http://mmoc.ca)

# Friends in Faith **Connection Café**



Join us for an evening of practical tips, spiritual support and fellowship.  
Refreshments will be served.

## **Advance Medical Care Planning & Decision Making**

**April 7, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.**  
**MMOC Hall**

**Register online @MMOC.ca**

A goodwill offering is appreciated.

Future dates : May 5, June 2

Hosted by the Marriage, Family & Life Team





## **Illuminate – April 11, 2025**

### **Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on **Friday, April 11 at 7:30 PM**, at Mary Mother of the Church. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com).

Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

***Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 7:00 - 9:30 pm.***

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## **NEW PARISH MINISTRY OF CARE**

### **"COME AND SEE" GATHERING**

### **Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm**

Have you ever thought about serving in a Care Ministry? We are starting this ministry in our parish and its focus will bring to provide compassionate care to members of our community who are homebound, sick, or lonely. Please join us for this "come and see" evening to hear about our vision for this new ministry and let us hear your ideas and thoughts. We will meet Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Saulnier Room.

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## **ARTARAMA**

### **April 25-27**

**Artarama**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 5264, is one of Winnipeg's **premier art exhibition and sale** fundraising events, featuring 42 local artists.

In addition to the art exhibition and sale, there will be a **raffle draw** on art works donated by artist and a **café** serving coffee, juice, pie, cupcakes, sandwiches, etc.

The net proceeds from Artarama support MMOC and many local charities.



#### Dates

**Friday, April 25, 2025, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM,**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

We are also seeking the parish's help in this event. We would like to request donations of **BAKING or cash donation** (for those who want to help but no time for baking). **Sign up table will be set up at the atrium.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## **Spring Rummage and Garage Sale**

**Saturday, May 3**  
**8 am - 1 pm**

### **Easter Praise and Worship Evening – Chains Broken, Hope Risen**

Echo Valley invites you to **Chains Broken, Hope Risen**, an evening of Praise and Worship, as we celebrate the Easter season. This evening is open to all and free of charge and will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 7-9pm at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. Join us for an evening of song and prayer. A teaching and testimony will be shared by Fr. J.B Nguyen of MMOC. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.

**About Echo Valley:** An initiative of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry of MMOC, Echo Valley is a collective of vocalists and musicians that gather to praise God through song. Passionate about glorifying God through music, Echo Valley invites the wider community to encounter Christ through the gift of testimony, faith-teaching, prayer and music, as we continue to journey in Christian faith.

ECHO VALLEY  
PRESENTS:

*Chains Broken,*  
**HOPE RISEN**

Easter Praise and Worship  
Prayer | Teaching & Testimony | Praise & Worship  
**SATURDAY, 10 MAY 2025 — 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**  
Testimony and Teaching led by Fr. J.B. Nguyen

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*  
— John 8:36



Mary, Mother of the Church Parish  
85 Kirkbridge Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5S7  
**OPEN TO ALL. FREE ENTRY.**  
Love donations accepted at the door.

## **Faith Formation**

### **A TIMELY REFLECTION FROM RICHARD ROHR**



### **A Deep Well Within**

There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too. Dear God, these are anxious times... We must help You

[Read More](#)

## Diocesan News & Events



### Lenten Fish Fries Bring Parish Families Together

By: Ron Kuzlik This History of Lenten Fish Fries Friday evening fish fries during Lent have become a staple for many Catholic parishes. It all started prior to Vatican II...

[Read More](#)

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### Diocesan Chrism Mass – April 15, 2025

Everyone is invited to join us in this year's celebration of the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, D.D., a celebration during which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the upcoming year are blessed. This Mass will take place in the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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# Parish Ministry of Care



## FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION

**MAY 3, 2025  
1:30-4:30 PM**

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. BONIFACE  
151 DE LA CATHEDRALE AVE, WINNIPEG

**Please register by: April 28, 2025**  
**[bit.ly/ministry-care](https://bit.ly/ministry-care)**

**REGISTER NOW**



CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA  
ASSOCIATION CATHOLIQUE MANITOBAINE DE LA SANTÉ  
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Archidiocèse de  
**Saint-Boniface**  
Archdiocese



**Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**

**1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

# Marriage Enrichment Afternoon

at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Rd, Winnipeg)

## REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED

Offered by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface,  
with Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
and the Marriage Formation Team from  
St. Timothy Parish



**REGISTRATION: [bit.ly/May3Enrichment](https://bit.ly/May3Enrichment)**

Suggested Donation: \$20/couple (donations received at the event)

### THEME: Living Your Best Life in Love

Designed for married couples, this 2.5-hour Enrichment aims at enabling all couples to live their best life in love by growing in intimacy, and deepening their relationship. You will participate as a couple in two distinct yet connected activities. There will be no group sharing.



Info: 204-594-0274

[mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca)

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN: Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration – May 4, 2025

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year? (5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years or more). You are invited to participate in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration, on Sunday, May 4th, 2025! A mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Albert LeGatt at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 pm. Couples will be invited to renew their vows and to receive a special blessing. A reception will follow. Celebrating couples will receive an Anniversary Certificate signed by Archbishop LeGatt.



**DIOCESAN  
WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**  
**MAY 4, 2025**  
SAINT BONIFACE CATHEDRAL  
3:00 PM

**MILESTONE  
ANNIVERSARIES**  
5, 10, 15, 20, 25 YEARS  
AND MORE

REGISTRATION:  
[WWW.BIT.LY/ANNIVERSARY2025](https://www.bit.ly/ANNIVERSARY2025)



Archdiocese of Saint Boniface

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2025  
Information: Archdiocese of Saint Boniface Office of Marriage, Family & Life  
[mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca) | 204-594-0274

# COME ALIVE!

YOUTH CONFERENCE Presented by St. Emile Youth Ministry

## 2025

### EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH:

- Keynote speakers
- Games
- Meals
- Prayer
- Breakout sessions on prayer, dating, suffering and more!
- And much more!



**Saturday, May 10**

9:30 am – 9:00 pm



**St. Timothy's parish**

135 John Forsyth Rd



**Open to grades 6 to 12**

\*Gr. 6-8 and 9-12 splits during some sessions

Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/250045465143248>



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## Community News & Events

Grotto Theater Ministries presents

A LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENTEN EXPERIENCE

# Three Hearts as ONE



**MARCH  
28TH**

Saint Martin of Tours Parish

**APRIL  
4TH**

Notre Dame De Lorette Parish

**APRIL  
11TH**

Saint Malo Parish

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS AT 6PM IN SWAN LAKE & ST MALO  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7PM IN SWAN LAKE, LORETTE & ST MALO  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT. FREE WILL OFFERING. WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

Questions? Contact: [grottotheater@gmail.com](mailto:grottotheater@gmail.com)

## Walk for Jesus on Easter Saturday, April 19th, 2025

We invite you to the Walk for Jesus on Easter Saturday, April 19th, 2025, at 2 pm. The starting point will be at the Legislative building. Once the walking route is confirmed it will be posted on our Facebook page. We are looking to unite as many churches as we can to remember and honour the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how he sacrificed his life on the cross for all of us. We would like for the world to see the church of Christ come together in unity and love in the spirit of God. We would greatly appreciate your presence and church representation to walk with all of us and your prayers of course are always welcomed. [Click here](#) to see the poster for April 19th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Todd at (204) 290-9033. God bless you. - Walk for Jesus Winnipeg Group

# The Catholic School of Evangelization Annual Banquet



You're invited to attend our annual fundraising banquet! This is a time for us to gather together as supporters and to rejoice over the many ways our Lord is working through the CSE. The evening will consist of a good meal and a short program. This year we will feature special presentations by our Outreach and Camp teams, with a special time of praise and worship as well.

**NEW  
DATE**

## Date & Time

May 29, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00  
Doors open at 5:00

## Location

Paroisse Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens  
289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg, MB

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit

[catholicway.net/banquet](http://catholicway.net/banquet)



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École catholique  
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