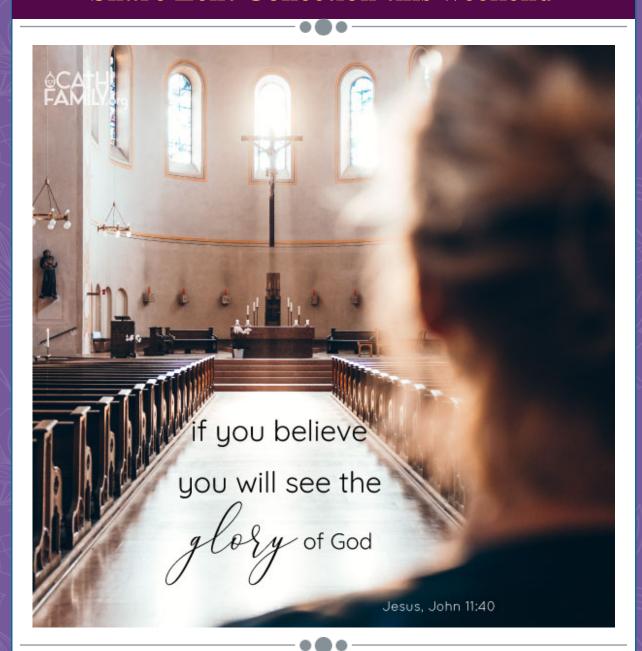




# Parish Life \*Share Lent Collection this weekend\*



#### **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, Apri 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 opportunties 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.

MMOC (with Illuminate): Friday, April 11th at 7 pm.



#### This Lent, please give generously to SHARE LENT

On **Solidarity Sunday, April 6th**, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's T *urn 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 <u>devp.org/give</u>. To read Archbishop LeGatt's complete Solidarity Sunday Memorandum, please <u>click here</u>.

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

#### **Praver 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

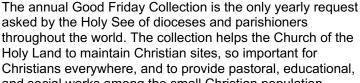
#### Michael Resendes

#### 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

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 <a href="Commissariat.ca/supporting-us">Commissariat.ca/supporting-us</a> 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

#### **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

**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?

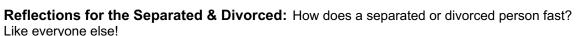
Payton's Blankets is a local non-for-profit organization that creates hand-made blankets for hospitalized patients at The Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. Blanket making will take place on Thursday, April 10 from 7-9pm in the Fr. Saulnier Room. Cost is \$25 per blanket and your spot can be reserved after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

Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 8. Registration can also be made by e-mailing Jason at youth@mmoc.ca. 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!

#### 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.



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 or call 204-261-1579 ext. 6.



#### **FOR INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTS**

For infant baptisms, weddings, and funerals, please contact Theresa at theresa@mmoc.ca.

For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation for children & teens, please contact Audrey at catechism@mmoc.ca.

For baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation for adults, please contact David & Shirley at 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



#### **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 compainionship 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.

# 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, <a href="https://www.illuminatemb.com">www.illuminatemb.com</a>.

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.

# 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.

### ARTARAMA April 25-27

**Artarmana**, 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!** 

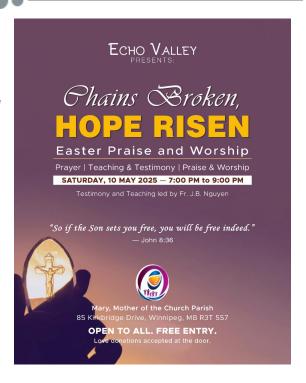
#### **Spring Rummage and Garage Sale**

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.



#### **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



#### **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** 

#### 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.

# 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

**REGISTER NOW** 







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

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

#### 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.



Register at:

https://form.jotform.com/250045465143248







**Community News & Events** 



#### 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 to feel free contact Todd at (204) 290-9033. God bless you. - Walk for Jesus Winnipeg Group

### The Catholic School of Evangelization

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