



Parish Life

APRIL 27, 2025 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY





Prayer upon the Death of Pope Francis

*O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven*

*the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Therough our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May he rest in peace.
Amen.*

*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed,
though the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen*



You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those
who have not seen and
yet believe.



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Jesus, Jn 20:29



Liturgical Schedule

Friday, April 25
6:30 pm MASS CANCELED

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

7:30 pm *Mass for Pope Francis at St. Boniface Cathedral*

Saturday, April 26:
5:00 pm +*Felician Rodrigo*

Sunday, April 27:
9:00 am +*Ryan Kraemer*
10:30 am +*Sidney Cairo*
12:15 pm *For all parishioners*

Tuesday, April 29
6:30 pm - NO MASS

Wednesday, April 30
9:30 am NO MASS

Thursday, May 1
9:30 am NO MASS

Friday, May 2
6:30 pm NO MASS

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

GOSPEL READING

**WEEKLY
REFLECTION**

There will not be any Masses, Confession or Adoration the week of April 28 - May 2.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:
April 27, 2025 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"
~John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his stewards. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

During the week of April 28 - May 2, the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface will be on retreat. Let us pray for Fr. JB, and his brother priests, that they find this week to be a fruitful experience of prayer, rest, revitalization, and fellowship.

A Message from FR. JB

Happy Easter - The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

I would like to express my deep gratitude to our beloved volunteers who participated in different ministries during Holy Week celebrations.

Our celebrations could not have been as solemn and beautiful without your involvement. Your generosity and dedication are seemingly endless. I believe that in service you have allowed the risen Lord to bring a new life to our parish. Our church was full for each celebration. It is a

blessing for us all to worship as part of such a vibrant and joyful community.

May the paschal joy and love continue to overflow on you and your loved ones!



Gratitude from the Parish Pastoral Council:



Thank You



I want to thank all that participated in making our Easter Vigil a success. It was a pleasure to working side-by-side with many volunteers from the parish. The donation of your time and effort is very much appreciated. Thank you to all that donated dainties, cookies, and tasty desserts.

~Blessings, Deborah Woodbeck, PPC Chair

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT

The Knights of Columbus of Mary Mother wished to extend their sincere **gratitude and thanks** to the our very generous parishioners for making the 40 Cans for Lent project a wonderful success.

We managed to collect 2800 lbs. of food this year. It was delivered to Harvest Manitoba to assist in feeding the hungry of our city. **Thank you very much for your generous contributions!**



SUNDAY MISSAL AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE, \$7.00 each

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND LIFE

Weekly Marriage Tip: Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Tonight, gather your family to say a special prayer for your family's continued growth in faith, strengthening, and trust in the Risen Lord.



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.

Parenting Tip of the Week:

Easter is a perfect time to help our children recognize that God loves, understands and cares for every person – it was true at the time of creation and it is true today. Help them to comprehend that Jesus loved us so much that he died for every person to save us from sin, so that we could be with him always. Remind them that after the Cross comes the Resurrection, where joy replaces sorrow. Everlasting joy is the promise of our faith and we

are called to live in such a way that others will see the joy we have as sons and daughters of God.

Sacraments

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

Volunteers needed for the Rummage Sale!
Can you help out on May 1, 2, or 3?

See information below.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) and Knights of Columbus
of

Mary, Mother of the Church
will be holding a



Spring RUMMAGE and GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



ALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

DONATIONS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AS FOLLOWS:

- small appliances
- clothing - baby, children, youth and adult
- toys
- linens
- dishes, pots and pans, etc.
- glassware
- books
- miscellaneous household items



NO FALL/WINTER CLOTHING

Items can be delivered for the Rummage Sale: Thursday, May 1 and
Friday, May 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you can help on May 1, 2 or May 3
please contact Faith Anderson (204-612-6664) or email
faithandersoncwl@gmail.com.

WE ARE ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE GARAGE SALE:

Dining room tables, chairs, and stools; dressers, chest of drawers,
bedside tables and ottomans; couches, recliners, coffee tables; office
chairs, desks and filing cabinets; working computers and peripherals;
yard/garden tools and patio furniture; summer sports equipment

- Donations for the Garage Sale can be dropped off at the church garage on
Wednesday, April 30th, Thursday, May 1st and Friday, May 2nd from 6:00
p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you have larger items that need to be picked up call
Serge (204-226-1495) or Gil at (204-955-3356).



**PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS
YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY
ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**

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.

ARTARAMA

2025

ART SHOW AND SALE

APRIL 25-27

85 KIRKBRIDGE DRIVE

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** (pie, cake, muffin, cookie, squares, etc.) or Cash donation (for those who want to help but no time for baking).*

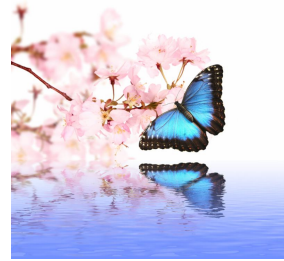
Sign up table will be set up at the atrium. Or, simply drop off your baking at the kitchen on Thursday (24th), Friday (25th) and Saturday (26th). Please attach a label "Artarama" with the name of your baking and "nut alert" if there is nut ingredient.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at MMOC

Every second Monday at 2:00 pm (except April 28). The next meeting will be Monday, April 28.

For April 28 only, the Grief support group will meet from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the multi-purpose room at 132 Marrington Drive.

This is the building immediately west of MMOC.



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.

CAMP NUTIMIK, WHITEMOUTH, MB

MAY 2-4, 2025

COST: \$170

ALL ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDED

*Youth and Young Adult Ministry of Mary, Mother of the Church
invites you to a Young Adult Retreat for all those ages 18+*

CAMP SPES

**"BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH." - ISAIAH 40:31**

- *Prayer*
- *Fellowship*
- *Speakers and Testimony*
- *Celebration of Holy Mass*



Register today before April 28

**For more information, please visit www.mmoc.ca
or e-mail youth@mmoc.ca**

Christ is our Hope! The Young Adult Retreat will take place Camp Nutimik from May 2-4, 2025! We will be gathering at MMOC for 6pm with a mass on Friday and then arriving on Sunday in the afternoon by 4pm. It will be a great time of leisure, rest in the Lord, Study of scripture, celebration of the Holy Mass and fellowship! Cost is \$170 and covers all accommodations including transportation, meals and lodging. All those ages 18+ are invited! Our Theme is Camp Spes – On the joy of Christian Hope! Looking forward to a wonderful together in one of the most beautiful places in Manitoba! 😊

The information to register and all other pertinent information can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kA0dWVu-mk-fYwD7CrcxT1zFwtLNRKpBqHQG1YcyX75UNzhDQzdUSEc4RTZEUVdCRIRSR1pLQVZaSS4u>

CONNECTION CAFE

Monday, May 5 at 7 pm

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.

May's topic will be on Grief – **Steps for Moving Beyond Your Losses in Life**. Please join us for an informative evening and discussion as our guest speaker Lila Larson, Grief Recovery Specialist will lead you through the steps to move beyond the losses in your life, including: ***What is Grief, 40+ Loss Types/Triggers, Responses and Taking Action.***

Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering. See mmoc.ca for more info and to [register](#).

The Grief Recovery Handbook

20TH ANNIVERSARY EXPANDED EDITION

*The Action Program for
Moving Beyond Death, Divorce,
and Other Losses*

UPDATED

How Grief Recovery
Addresses Trauma & PTSD

John W. James & Russell Friedman

Narrated by Derek Botton

**Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Council
The Catholic Women's League of Canada**

cordially invites you to attend the

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

DATE: Saturday, May 10, 2025
PLACE: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall
85 Kirkbridge Drive (Fort Richmond – South Pembina Highway)
MASS: 11:00 a.m.
LUNCH: 12:00 noon

GUEST SPEAKER BRENDA ARAKAZA

President, Development and Peace, Caritas Canada

TICKETS: \$25.00 PER PERSON

- Tickets will be sold after all Masses on **April 26 & 27 May 3 & 4, 2025** in the **Atrium**.
- Tickets can be purchased using **e-transfer**: mmoc.cwl.president@gmail.com
– your ticket will be put aside for you at the luncheon.
- Cheques are made payable to: **Mary Mother of the Church CWL**.

**PLEASE ADVISE ANY DIETARY NEEDS
WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TICKET.**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME TO
ATTEND!**

**DEADLINE FOR TICKETS
May 5, 2025**

For tickets contact: **Faith Anderson**
faithandersoncwl@gmail.com

**Tickets for the Spring Luncheon will be on sale
after all masses this weekend!**

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

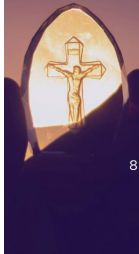
Easter Praise and Worship

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

VIDEO OF THE WEEK

What the Death of Pope Francis Teaches Us

In the wake of Pope Francis' passing, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares a powerful reflection on loss, legacy, and the enduring mission of the Church. He reminds us that while every soul is uniquely irreplaceable, the roles we hold can be entrusted to others because our identity is rooted not in what we do, but in who we are. May this truth bring you great hope as we look ahead to the future of the Church and reflect on our own lives.



Diocesan News & Events

This week is National Infertility Awareness Week.

Did you know that 1 in 5 women struggle with infertility (CDC)? Couples carrying the cross of infertility are in our families, among our friends, and in our pews. They need to know that they have many gifts to bring to our parish, that their marriages are life-giving in many beautiful ways, and that God has not abandoned them—and neither have we. If you know someone struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss, resist the temptation to offer solutions

or make predictions about what will happen if they “just pray a little harder.” Instead, show these couples your support by listening to them, praying for them, reminding them that God is with them, and that they are not alone. For more resources and support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.

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.



TO REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/anniversary2025> Contact person: Marie Brunet, Marriage, Family & Life Office; (204) 594-0274 / mfl@archsaintboniface.ca.

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



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

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

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

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.

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



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