



Parish Life

MAY 4, 2025 - Third Sunday of Easter



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, May 3:

5:00 pm +Andrea Francesco Aiello

Sunday, May 4:

9:00 am For all parishioners

10:30 am Intentions of Judy & Lou Mackey

12:15 pm +Reynaldo Oriel

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

Tuesday, May 6

3:00 pm Funeral Mass of Julio Zaragoza

6:30 pm +Amanda & +Norman Claeys

Wednesday, May 7

9:30 am +Esperanza & +Rosendo Mercado

Thursday, May 8 **9:30 am** +*Cory Juan*

Friday, May 9 6:30 pm +Taurino Gasmen

Confession available Thursday 10:30 - 11:30, Friday 6-6:30 pm, and Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

SECOND READING

GOSPEL READING

WEEKLY REFLECTION

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

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"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep." (JOHN 21:17)

How often in stewardship do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

OUR TRIDUUM VIDEO

You may have noticed some indivuals filming during our Holy Week and Triduum celebrations. Here is the result of their wonderful work. Please enjoy this video.



SUNDAY MISSAL AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE, \$7.00 each

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND LIFE

Weekly Marriage Tip: "I prefer a family with tired faces from generous giving, to a family with faces full of makeup that know nothing of tenderness and compassion." – Pope Francis



Reflections for the Separated & Divorced: Rejoice! He Is Risen! *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every*

matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."—

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Today is a day to rejoice. No matter what your situation, hope lies in the very thing we celebrate today – the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His triumph over sin and death. - Lisa Duffy - A Road to Healing

Parenting Tip of the Week: 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.

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National Family and Life Week – May 11 to 18, 2025

"Abound in hope!" This powerful message from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans is the theme for National Family and Life Week 2025, which begins on Sunday, May 11th, and concludes on Sunday, May 18th.

As we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year, let us reflect on the gift of hope God gives us through our families. All families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones. This week is an opportunity to promote life and live out our call to love each other within our homes, communities, and the world. May God's loving care inspire all families to abound in hope, living our call to holiness as missionary disciples. Let us not just be glimmers of hope but beacons of hope! As St. Paul encourages, "abound in hope!"

For an in inspirational video, a full multimedia pastoral toolkit, printable activities for children, youth and families, prayers, homily suggestions and prayers of the Faithful, as well as illustrations and quotes to share on social media, visit the CCCB website by **clicking here.**

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at MMOC

Every second Monday at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 12.

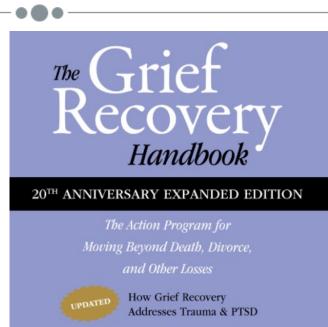
The goals of the Grief Support Group are to be a compassionate presence, walking alongside each other to alleviate the pain of grief and reduce feelings of isolation. Because grieving is an isolating process, having compainionship on the journey makes it more manageable.

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



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.



John W. James & Russell Friedman

Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering. See mmoc.ca for more info and to register.

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 <u>April 26 & 27 May 3 & 4, 2025</u> in the <u>Atrium</u>.
- 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!

May 5, 2025

For tickets contact: Faith Anderson faithandersoncwl@gmail.com

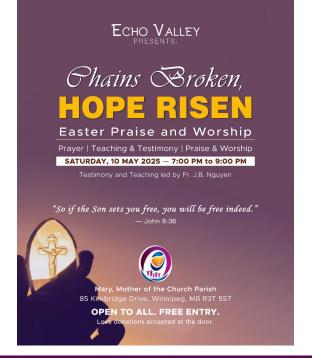
Tickets for the Spring Luncheon will be on sale after all masses this weekend!

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.



Faith Formation

THE NEXT CONCLAVE

EWTN Global Catholic Network The EWTN Global Catholic Network joins the world in mourning the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please join the EWTN family and the Church worldwide in praying for the repose of His soul and for His Successor. Throughout this period of official Church mourning, EWTN will pre-empt its regular schedule to offer exclusive programming, including live coverage from the Vatican, prayers and a variety of specials highlighting the life of Pope Francis.

You can get the <u>updated schedule at this link</u>. In coming weeks, as the Church transitions into the Papal election process and eventually the announcement of a new Pope, you can log onto <u>www.ewtn.com</u> for up-to-date news and programming announcements. You may also visit our interregnum page by <u>clicking here</u>.

How to access EWTN...

- On the EWTN website (free access): https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/canada
- On YouTube Live (free): https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholictv/streams
- On mobile devices: Free download on Google Playstore or Iphone app store
- On streaming sites: Refer to https://www.ewtn.com/apps
- On social media: Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ewtnonline/
- On cable (subscription): https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONCLAVE:



8 Powerful Ways to Pray for the Conclave Gathering on May 7 to Elect the Next Pope

This is a crucial time for Catholics to come together and pray for the cardinals who will elect the next pope. Here are eight ways we can pray for the upcoming conclave. The College of Cardinals will gather for a conclave to choose our next pope on May 7, 2025.

Read More

Diocesan News & Events

Video – Bishop LeGatt's Easter 2025 Message

As we journey through this Holy Week and prepare ourselves to encounter Christ anew through the Easter Triduum this weekend, Archbishop Albert shares with the entire archdiocesan family his 2025 Easter wishes. Let us truly encounter the risen Lord in a new and even fuller way, and let us be Easter people, not just on Sunday, but every day. To you and yours, Happy Easter! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Allelulia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



100k Flags Display

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Join us on Thursday, May 8th, as we cover the beautiful St. Boniface Cathedral grounds with

100k brand new flags, representing the lives lost to abortion every year in Canada - over 4 million since abortion was decriminalized in 1969.

The schedule of events for the day is:

- 9:00am -Flag planting begins
- 11:00am -Prayer service
- 11:45am -Lunch
- 12:30pm -Seminars
- 4:30pm -Flag clean-up



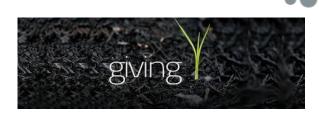
* Flag planting requires 200 volunteers and clean-up requires 100 volunteers. Thank you for your consideration in helping to honour the preborn lost to abortion this past year!

Community News & Events

The Catholic School of Evangelization

Annual Banquet





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