

Parish Life



Today, the Church in Canada and throughout the world rejoices, as His Eminence Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost, O.S.A., after being duly elected by the College of Cardinals, has accepted to become the 267th Bishop of Rome, successor of Saint Peter, and vicar of

Christ on earth!

Taking the name Leo XIV, the Roman Pontiff, as the successor of Saint Peter, is the “perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the Bishops and the whole company of the faithful” (Lumen Gentium, no. 23). As our loving shepherd and spiritual guide, Pope Leo XIV’s ministry is to orient Christ’s flock toward the kingdom of heaven, where the citizenship of Christians truly lies (cf. Philippians 3:20-21).

Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 14 September 1955. As a member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), in which he held various leadership positions, he dedicated many years of service to the Augustinian missions in Peru as a priest and seminary professor. He was eventually appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, by Pope Francis. As a Bishop of the Church in Peru, he served as Vice President and member of the Permanent Council of the Peruvian Bishops’ Conference. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops and elevated him to the College of Cardinals. Pope Leo XIV holds a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Commenting on this historic moment, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, asks the faithful to embrace the new Pope: “I encourage the faithful in Canada to unite with their local Ordinary in welcoming Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father, and to remember him daily in their prayers so that he may embark on his Petrine ministry with fidelity, confident that the Lord will help him.”

As the Church in Canada rejoices today with Christians throughout the world, let us remember our new Holy Father in prayer, that despite the considerable weight of his role and responsibilities, his yoke may be easy and his burden light (cf. Matthew 11:28-20). May God grant strength and wisdom to our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, be ever at his side, guarding him with her mantle of protection.

(From the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)



**The sheep that belong to me
listen to my voice;
I know them and they
follow me.**

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Jesus, John 10:27

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, May 10:
5:00 pm *In thanksgiving*

Sunday, May 11:
9:00 am *For all parishioners*
10:30 am *+William & +Patrick Pasiescka*
12:15 pm *+Antonia & +Francesco Aiello*

Tuesday, May 13
6:30 pm *+Ramon Arboleta*

Wednesday, May 14
9:30 am *+Sidney Cairo*

Thursday, May 15
9:30 am *+Elizabeth Aaron & +Craig Jacques Aujero*

Friday, May 16
6:30 pm *+Marcelo Narvaez*

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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:

May 11, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." ~Acts 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his stewards with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP!

Can you help out on **Saturday morning**? Meet in the parish parking lot at **7:30 am** as we are doing a parish yard spring clean-up!

Many hands make light work, so we are looking for lots of strong people. Wear **gloves** and (if you have equipment) please bring **rakes, shovels, spades, leaf blowers, chain saw, and wheelbarrows**. We could even use an extra **lawnmower**.

Refreshments provided, and we will probably be done before lunch!



OUR THANKS TO YOU

The **Knights of Columbus Garage Sale** and the **CWL Rummage Sale** were held on Saturday, May 5th. Many items were donated, and the event was well attended. The CWL and the K of C at Mary Mother of the Church extend their **sincere gratitude** to parishioners, MMOC staff, volunteers, and members of the surrounding community for their participation and support. We look forward to having you join us for our upcoming garage and rummage sale in September.

~~CWL & Knights of Colombus



Do you love to garden?

We are seeking one or two people to care for our outdoor flower beds. Duties would include watering, weeding, and general plant care. Our current gardener is willing to train and assist you. Time commitment: 2-4 hours per week.



If you can help, or have any questions, please call the parish office at 204-261-1579.

E.R.I.K. Kits Available

An Emergency Response Information Kit (**E.R.I.K**) can assist emergency responders in situations where a patient may not be able to communicate their conditions, medical history or allergies. It provides essential information so responders can provide the correct care in an emergency medical situation.

The kit is ideal for seniors, chronically ill persons, those who live alone or have caregivers, and those living with speech or language difficulties. Once completed, the kit should be placed on your fridge door, where emergency crews have been trained to look for it, ensuring it is readily available if needed.

The production of 100,000 copies of the **Emergency Response Information Kit (E.R.I.K)** was made possible by funding from the Government of Manitoba. The **Manitoba Association of Seniors Communities** coordinated the assembly of these kits by volunteers at the **55+ Program** at the **Centro Caboto Centre**.

If you would like one of these kits, please stop by the parish office. There is no cost to you.



Our E-Connections newsletter will not be published for the next two weeks, as Theresa will be away on holidays. Please check our website, www.mmoc.ca, to keep up-to-date with parish events and changes to our mass schedule.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND LIFE

Weekly Marriage Tip: “Love is not easy, it is not easy, but the most beautiful thing is when a man and a woman can offer each other true love and offer it for life.” – Pope Francis



Parenting Tip of the Week: Stop for a moment and ask yourself, “What do I want my child’s and my relationship to be?” If you want to be close to your children there are ways to create a strong bond. Are you spending time each day talking, do you do fun things together, do you pray together? If you do these three things with your child, a solid bond will develop between you, no matter the age of your child. *(From Diocese of Hamilton)*

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 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

ONLINE ROSARY

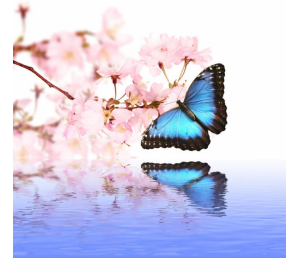
The prayer ministry is committed to nurturing a deeper love for Our Lord, the Blessed Mother Mary, the Rosary, and the Catholic Church among the faithful. This mission is fulfilled through daily online gatherings dedicated to praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, reciting the Rosary, and interceding for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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at MMOC

Every second Monday at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 12 and May 24.



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.

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.

BLESSED GENERATIONS – Honouring the Elderly - May 31

In celebration of the *Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents, and the Elderly* (May 30–June 1), we invite you to join us for Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Following Mass, a celebration hosted by our youth and young adults will take place from 6:30–8:30 PM in the parish hall, dedicated to honouring our grandparents, grandparent figures, and the elderly. The evening will include fellowship, refreshments, and entertainment by the talented young people of our parish.

Please extend this invitation to your grandparents, elders, and spiritual grandparents—those who have made a meaningful impact on your life and faith. All are welcome! **Kindly register by May 26, 2025** at: bit.ly/blessed-generations-2025. Visit www.mmoc.ca/events or contact: nadine@mmoc.ca or youth@mmoc.ca for more information.

Blessed Generations

Honouring Our Elders: A Youth-Led Celebration!



Saturday, May 31, 2025
Mary Mother of the Church

Mass: 5 pm

Refreshments & Entertainment: 6:30-8:30 pm

REGISTER NOW



Register by May 26

bit.ly/blessed-generations-2025

For more info: www.mmoc.ca/events

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

**BLESSED VELNYCHOVSKY MARTYR'S
SHRINE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

For Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis has asked that around the world, Catholic Bishops designate certain locations within their territories as Jubilee Sites.

The Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine has been designated as a Jubilee Site. You are invited to make a formal pilgrimage to the Shrine especially this year to partake of a special outpouring of grace and mercy.



Don't miss the opportunity to go on this short pilgrimage on **Saturday, June 14** to St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church where we will visit the shrine of Bl. Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky and tour the museum. We are departing MMOC at **9:30 am** and returning at **12:30 pm**. Tickets are **\$20** and include our bus transportation, tour, and a donation to the shrine. It is sure to be a moving experience. Tickets will be available at the end of May and space is limited.

Who is Blessed Bishop Velychkovsky and why is his shrine in Winnipeg?

He may not have been born in Canada, but he was exiled and died in Winnipeg, and a national shrine of Canadian martyrs is named for him. Blessed Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky was a Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishop martyred for the faith after the Soviet Union's takeover of Ukraine during World War II.

Considered the "Father of the Underground Church" in Ukraine, Bishop Velychkovsky was imprisoned and severely tortured by the Soviets. Exiled to Canada, within a year he died of his injuries in 1973. He was beatified a martyr by Pope St. John Paul II in 2001, and his body, exhumed in 2003, was found to be incorrupt.

The Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine, dedicated to this great man of faith, was Canada's second shrine built to honor martyrs. (Canada's National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs was the first.) Built in 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Velychkovsky Shrine contains the remains of his body. It is a place where pilgrims come to pray, ask for Bl. Vasyl's intercession, and visit the shrine's museum.

[Learn more about the shrine](#)

Diocesan News & Events

Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home Thursday May 22

Join us for a **Special Tenth Anniversary Event of Laudato Si'** in this Year of Jubilee!

The event takes place on **Thursday May 22, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM BY ZOOM**. Celebrate a decade, as Sister Lorraine St-Hilaire, sjm expertly guides us through the key points of this essential document, deepening our understanding and reawakening our call to "care for our common home." Don't miss the launch of our follow-up series as we present a sneak peek of our upcoming series, designed to give you space to reflect and engage fully with the document in the context of today's world. **Full Series begins October 16 2025 – Mark your calendars!**

FOR THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER LAUDATO SI' OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME, [CLICK HERE](#)

FOR POSTER, [CLICK HERE](#)

Please Register by May 12th by [clicking here](#) or email khризai@archsaintboniface.ca or call 204 594-0273

MANITOBA Walk for Life 2025



Free BBQ
1:00-2:00pm

Speakers
2:00-2:30pm

Walk
2:30-3:00pm





Bring a Box of Diapers!

For More Information:
lifeculture.ca/walk

Sunday, May 25th

Location:
KR Barkman Park
Steinbach

Manitoba Walk for Life – May 25, 2025 at KR Barkman Park | 515 Main St., Steinbach

You're invited to join us for the **annual Manitoba Walk for Life**—a joyful celebration of life and Manitoba's largest pro-life gathering! This event is a meaningful and compassionate way to stand in support of life and show love to single moms in our communities. The Walk for Life is not a protest—it's a public, peaceful celebration that affirms the **inherent value of every human life**. Let's walk together in hope, love, and unity!

1:00 PM – Enjoy a **FREE BBQ**
2:00 PM – Be inspired by **guest speakers**
2:30 PM – The **Walk for Life** begins

Collect baby items or gift cards at your church throughout May to support local families, and bring them to the Walk on May 25. Consider sharing a life affirming message and inviting your parish to join the event.

Prefer a comfortable ride? **Coach buses** (\$15/seat) will depart for the Walk for Life from **Polo Park** (Portage & Sames) and **St. Emile Parish**. To reserve a seat, call **Carol at 204-452-2459** by **Tuesday, May 20**. Please arrive by **11:45 am**, buses leave promptly at **12:00 pm**.

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Community News & Events

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Effatha 2025

Join us for the **First Annual Parish Feast of St. Jude Syro-Malabar Catholic Church**, Winnipeg — a joyful celebration of faith, unity, and tradition. **All proceeds will support the construction of our parish's spiritual home.**

Experience a blessed day filled with **Holy Qurbana, vibrant cultural performances, heartfelt community fellowship, and a grand gala dinner.**

Let us come together as one family in Christ, united in God's love, as we build our future together — hand in hand, heart to heart.

□ Get your tickets:

<https://tinyurl.com/Effatha2025>

□ For cheque or cash payments, please contact us

at **Events@stjudewinnipeg.onmicrosoft.com** or call □ 204-558-4371.

[St. Jude Syro-Malabar Catholic Church](#) currently worships at St. Emile Parish, but their growing parish is in the beginning stages of planning to build their own church.

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is one of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with the Pope and the worldwide Catholic Church. It follows the East Syriac liturgical tradition and has its origins in the apostolic missionary work of St. Thomas the Apostle, who is believed to have arrived in India in 52 AD. This Church is the biggest of Eastern Catholic Churches, with over 4.6 million of followers primarily in India, particularly in the state of Kerala, and a growing diaspora worldwide. *(From CoffeeWithDamian.com)*

This fundraising event begins at 3:00 pm on May 25 with a Mass, and then cultural performances at 4:30 pm and a delicious catered dinner to follow. If you would like to buy tickets, follow the link above, or come see us in the MMOC parish office -- we have a few

St. Vital Parish
1629 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg

REVIVAL NIGHT

A night of freedom, hope, and joy

SATURDAY MAY 31
6:30 PM

Experience revival through
worship, a talk, Adoration,
and more. Invite your
friends! All are welcome

Bridgefolk Conference 2025:
Ecumenical Dialogue in an Age of Polarization
July 24-27, 2025
First Mennonite Church, Winnipeg

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 look at 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 as well as small groups in which to practice these tools. For more information and to register: www.bridgefolk.net

**BRIDGEFOLK
CONFERENCE
2025**

July 24 - 27, 2025
First Mennonite Church
Winnipeg, Canada

**ANABAPTISM AT 500:
Ecumenical
Dialogue
in an Age of**

POLARIZATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Jennifer Otto,
Associate Professor
of Religious Studies
at the University of
Lethbridge, Alberta,
Mennonite member
of Bridgefolk board



Fr. John Klassen, OSB,
Abbot of Saint John's
Abbey (2000-2024) and
Catholic co-chair of
Bridgefolk board (2002-
2024)

FEATURING

- Hymn Sing: Singing through the centuries
- Footwashing and agape meal liturgy
- Workshop on respectful dialogue skills

REGISTRATION FEE
CAD \$250 (\$200 before June 12)
Conference details and registration information at the
Bridgefolk website: **Bridgefolk.net**



Donations graciously accepted

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