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Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

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(Sundays, September to May)
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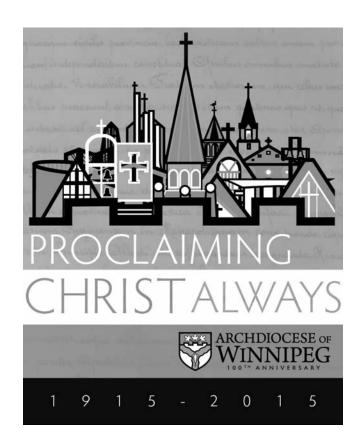
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Ages 3-6: Bi-Weekly during the 9:30am Mass

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Parish Office Hours Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm Closed for Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

For admittance to the Church or the School Office during office hours, please use the intercom button located at the Renfrew School Entrance, the Courtyard or the Parking Lot door.



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm (or by appointment)

Sacrament of the Sick: At home or in the hospital. Please call the Parish Office.

Baptism of Infants: Usually celebrated with the Community on the Day of the Lord. We encourage parents to participate in the preparation process as early as possible. Please call the Parish Office.

Initiation of Adults/ Children: Please call Parish Office for more information.

Sacramental Preparation for School-aged

Children: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Community. Information is available through the parish office, on line or in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to get married at St. John Brebeuf must contact Father Mark (ext 213) at least one year in advance. Marriage preparation and Church attendance is expected and required.

Funerals: Please speak to Fr. Mark <u>before</u> meeting with the Funeral Home.

Catholic Women's League: Meets at 12:30pm on the first Sunday of the month (October to May).

Knights of Columbus Council 1107: Meets at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month (September to June).

July 18/19, 2015: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 19	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Mimi Trainor
Monday, July 20	Weekday Ferial No Mass
Tuesday, July 21	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Harold Midgley
Wednesday, July 22	Memorial: St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Maureen Macaw
Thursday, July 23	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: +Lillian Van Walleghem 1:30pm: Shaftesbury Residence Mass
Friday, July 24	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Eutropia Gobenciong
Saturday, July 25	Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15am: +Mimi Trainor
Sunday, July 26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: Missa Pro Populo

Centennial Year Update:

- The Icon that was displayed at the Centennial Mass will travel this summer to the three designated pilgrimage churches (St. Francois Xavier Church, St. Francis Xavier, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Brandon, Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, Camperville). More parishes will be announced as the year continues. The Icon will be brought to St. Mary's Cathedral for the closing of the Centennial Year, December 4-6, and remain there. Prints of the Icon will be available to order.
- A celebration of Aboriginal Faith and Family will take place August 28-30, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Aboriginal Catholic Church.
- A Young Adult Retreat on Vocations will be held October 2-4 at St. Benedict's.
- Plans for Honouring of Religious Congregations are proceeding. Evening prayer will be celebrated on October 18 at St. Mary's Cathedral.
- An Academic Conference is scheduled for October 22
 -24 at St. Paul's College.
- St. Charles Parish is holding a musical cantata November 24.

Please visit www.archwinnipeg for more information.

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Receive the People- Jer 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Eph 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34

Today's Gospel opens after a period of great activity and ominous events. Jesus was rejected at home, so he went to other places and sent his disciples to preach in his name. They came back successful, but burdened and frightened by the martyrdom of John the Baptist. It was time for Jesus and his friends to regroup and discern God's will for them. Unfortunately, not every retreat plan works out the way one would hope -- not even for Jesus. God's will became clear the moment Jesus understood the people's need. No matter how much he would have liked time to relax, to hash it all out with his companions and to listen to them, the people's hunger trumped his preferences.

St. Louise de Marillac, foundress of the Daughters of Charity, taught her sisters to be willing to leave their prayer to serve the poor, conscious that they were leaving God for God. Such was Jesus' intuition in this case. He had wanted to go away to discern God's will and teach his disciples; the reality was that the people's hunger revealed God's will and Jesus' response was the teaching that his disciples needed most.

Jesus looked at the crowd who had come after him and saw people who had not found what they needed in the temple or synagogue. They were hungry for more than the religious leaders of the day were offering them, and they were willing to go to great lengths to find it. No wonder he responded to them! They wanted what he had and wished to share.

On that day in Israel, Jesus received the people who came after him as sheep without a shepherd. Who are those people today? It is fairly common knowledge that the largest denomination in the United States is the Roman Catholic Church and that the second largest "religious" group in the country consists of people who have left the Catholic church. If we look at that reality in the light of today's scriptures, we will find ourselves under an imperative.

Let's start with Jeremiah's "Woe to the shepherds ..." Every one of us in the church should listen to that warning because we are all baptized to carry on Jesus' mission, and that includes being shepherds for one another. We may have good crowds at the liturgy, and we can be proud of our Catholic charities -- including our schools, health care institutions and our many forms of outreach -- but what about the masses of people who remain hungry in every sense of the word? Are we responding?

Pope Francis prophetically names some of the hungers of our world when he says: We cannot ignore the fact that in cities human trafficking ... narcotics ... abuse ... of minors ... abandonment of the elderly ... various forms of corruption ... take place. ...What could be significant places of encounter and solidarity often become places of isolation and mutual distrust. Houses and neighborhoods ... isolate and protect [rather] than ... connect and integrate. The proclamation of the Gospel will be a basis for restoring the dignity of human life in these contexts, for Jesus desires to pour out an abundance of life upon our cities. ("Joy of the Gospel" #75)

Then, warning us against complacency, he says: Today we are seeing in many pastoral workers, including consecrated men and women, an inordinate concern for their personal freedom and relaxation, which leads them to see their work as a mere appendage to their life ... not part of their very identity ... the spiritual life comes to be identified with a few religious exercises which can offer a certain comfort but which do not encourage encounter with others, engagement with the world or a passion for evangelization. As a result, one can observe in many agents of evangelization, even though they pray, a heightened individualism, a crisis of identity and a cooling of fervor. These are three evils which fuel one another. ("Joy of the Gospel" #78)

At the end of that paragraph Francis, could just as well have said, "These are three hallmarks of inadequate shepherds."

So, what are we to do? First of all, pray; pray for good shepherds and for the grace and personal generosity to do our part. Then, like the daughters of Louise de Marillac, we must stand up, ready for God to send us to the hungry. Additionally, it's time to encourage others to respond to God's call for shepherds, to invite gifted women and men to be pastoral workers, religious or priests. We need full-time shepherds. We also need every baptized person to take part in continuing the mission of Jesus, advocating for the restoration of human dignity in our own desperately needy contexts. This will require lots of activity and trigger some ominous events, but the more we serve, the better we will get to know the Good Shepherd among us.

~Mary McGlone (used with permission)

July 25/26, 2015: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 26	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: Missa Pro Populo
Monday, July 27	Weekday Ferial No Mass
Tuesday, July 28	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Int. of Thomas Callaghan
Wednesday July 29	Memorial: St. Martha Disciple of the Lord 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Ruth Waters
Thursday, July 30	Weekday Ferial 8:50am: Morning Prayer 9:15am: Deceased Pemberton Family members
Friday, July 31	Memorial: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:50am: Rosary 9:15am: +Kevin Kelly
Saturday, August 1	Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5pm: Missa Pro Populo
Sunday, August 2	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10am: +Graham Turner

Congratulations and Blessings on:

Jim McDonald & Kayla Ketcheson Married on July 18, 2015

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Let us Pray for our sick, homebound and those who need our prayers:

Therefore...pray for one another, so that you may be healed (James 5:15)

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David Bruneau, Kathleen Foster, Mario Di Fonzo,
Irene Glass, Janice Harvey, Edith Heinrichs, Leslie Hiebert,
Kay Hunt, J.D., Carol Kruse, Paul L., Margaret Lafrenière,
Marvin Lavitt, Robert Lee, Debra M., Kelly M.,
Romulo Magsino, Trisha Magnus, Paul Mazur,
William Mendes, Monica Midgley, Evan Morton,
Eric Moscarella, Amparo Pagtakhan, Georgia Poirier,
Wally Ross, Adeline Schmidt, Kevin Sharer, Louise Soubry,
Brenda T., Geraldine Walker, Brian Woods
If someone in your family is ill and requests the prayers of the parish community,
please contact the Parish Office. Permission is needed to add/remove names.

Rest in Peace: +Peter Clarke (Husband of Mary Clarke)



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: God Provides- 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145, Eph 4:1-6, John 6:1-15

Today we remember the most famous picnic in religious history. How many people were there? Some say 5,000. Did that include women and children? We know for sure that there was at least one child -- girl or boy, nobody knows for sure -- who was vital to the story.

This event wins the prize as scripture's number-one picnic because the New Testament narrates a version of it six times: twice each in Matthew and Mark, once in Luke and once in John. But like every favorite family story, the details vary. Today we hear John's rendition.

John presents Jesus as so popular that a huge crowd was following him -- somehow, 5,000 people crossed the lake to be with him. That detail alone suggests that we may be in the realm of stretching the facts to make a point, a well-accepted technique in storytelling through the ages. Writers can exaggerate to tell truths that statistics can't reveal. While we recognize the sacred character of the scriptures, we also know that the evangelists were master storytellers deeply immersed in their religious tradition who honed their Gospel narratives long before delivering the final version. These efforts were a necessary part of their collaboration with the Holy Spirit in producing the scriptural texts. That's been Catholic teaching since 1943, when Pope Pius XII wrote the encyclical Divino Afflante Spiritu, opening the church to modern methods of scripture study.

As we hear the sixth chapter of John during the coming weeks, we also remember that this is John's eucharistic narrative. John does not talk about bread at the Last Supper; for him, the washing of the feet is the symbol of Jesus' example of self-giving on that night. John begins this account differently from Mark and the others. He doesn't portray Jesus teaching the crowds. For John, Jesus' action of nourishing is the first teaching. Explanations will follow in the rest of this chapter.

John's story involves a variety of characters. First, Jesus looks at the mass of people. Then he brings Philip into the action, asking him where they can buy food to feed that crowd. Philip responds as a pragmatist, not-so-gently reminding Jesus of the limitations of their funds. Then Andrew enters into the conversation, saying that there's a child who has five barley rolls and two fish. Altogether that adds up to seven morsels -- the number symbolizes completeness, but in this case it seems more like complete inadequacy.

Now we are in the heart of the story. Just when the disciples have pointed out the absurd limitations of their ability to respond, Jesus has them tell the people to recline in preparation for a feast. While thousands look on, Jesus took the food and prayed. John says that Jesus "gave thanks." That implies that he acknowledged that the food he held came from God and belonged to God. Once the child handed it over and Jesus gave thanks over it, it was recognized as God's food, and it was therefore God's goodness that the crowd was going to share.

No evangelist describes how the bread multiplied. Whether the sharing of the poorest participant moved the others to open their secret stores, or whether it was like the manna in the desert that appeared at just the right moment, is a mystery. The how of it is not the point John wants to make. The point is that God met the hunger of the people, beginning with the unstinting generosity of one of the least among them.

What does this story mean to us today? Some understand it like the miracle portrayed in the movies when bread shoots out of baskets like popcorn. That interpretation gives God the responsibility to do everything. Many people who know poverty see it a different way. People who have passed the end of their rope and still survive, recognize this as an example of God's providence. They can tell story after story about how God sent someone at just the right moment: how someone found the money for rent on the morning before the eviction, how a donation came in on the day that the orphanage ran out of food ... how God comes through again and again, through some often unsuspecting, usually unexpected, generous soul.

This story is good news because it tells us that God is concerned about people who hunger. It is good news because it reminds us that God can work wonders with the little we have if we are willing to give it all. It is good news because it reminds us that with God in our midst, we can always make a banquet out of what seems to be pretty poor fare.

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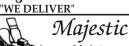
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