

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

## Archdiocese of Winnipeg



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### **Mass Times:**

Sunday Eucharist:  
Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
Weekday Eucharist:  
Monday to Friday 12:10 noon  
1st Friday - Adoration - 9:30 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Holy Names House of Peace located at  
211 Edmonton Street  
Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – Noon  
Saturday : 10:00 am – Noon  
Or Upon Request

### **Ordained Ministers:**

Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles  
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Marcelino Bandico  
Deacon: Reverend Mr. Rudy Le Maître  
Sacramental Assistant: Reverend Ken Barclay (Retired)

### ***Mission Statement***

*As the Cathedral parish of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, we welcome and serve all people on their faith journey as we promote and celebrate the Catholic faith in the living Christ. Through excellent liturgy, we are inspired to embrace social justice and diversity, and foster personal growth. In an atmosphere of acceptance, we encourage hopefulness, love and transformation.*



## Mass Schedule

**MONDAY, December 11/17 Ferial**  
12:10 pm - Anna Matilda Carlos/ Lorna Castillo

 -Pablo Aquino Garcia

**TUESDAY, December 12/17 Feast, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
12:10 pm - † Justus Pelland/ Brenda Letain

 -Christine Fogg

**WEDNESDAY, December 13/17 Memorial, St. Lucy**  
12:10 pm - † Soledad Macaraig/ Arano Family


**THURSDAY, December 14/17 Memorial,**  
St. John of the Cross  
12:10 pm - † Michael Murphy/ Winnie Murphy

**FRIDAY, December 15/17 Ferial**  
12:10 pm - † Bernardina Pajar/ Ron Wortman


 - Beatrice Frederick

**SATURDAY, December 16/17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
\*10:30am - Children's Catechism Advent Pageant -  
All are invited to attend

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving - Claire Abrenica & Family  
- † Leticia Nario-Tolentino/ Nario Family  
Fr. Geoffrey Presiding

 - Mercedes T. Matriano  
- Joseph Federwich  
- Leticia Nario-Tolentino

**SUNDAY, December 17/17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
9:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
Fr. Marcelino Presiding  
11:30 am - For the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
Fr. Marcelino Presiding

 Remembered on our Tree of Life

**Liturgical Staff:**  
Director of Music: Ian Campbell  
Sacristan: Connie Nepomuceno

**Support Staff:**  
Administrative Assistant: Nicholas Barker  
Caretaker/ Building Maintenance: Rickey LaPointe  
Operations Business Manager: Eva Dunlao

**Faith Formation:**  
Children's Catechism: Nicholas Barker  
Young Adult Ministry: Bénédicte Le Maître

**Parish Councils:**  
Finance: Bill Wachko

**Affiliated Organizations:**  
Catholic Women's League: Eileen Rieger  
Knights of Columbus: Art Lopuck  
Legion of Mary: Linda Delapena

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him."



John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance—clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits—feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity—"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously. Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

**Lector's Schedule:** December 16th and 17th - Group 5  
\*Please Pick the new Lector Schedules in the Sacristy.



### Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Calendar of Events**

- Dec 10 - Pancake Breakfast hosted by KofC after Mass
- Dec 10 - Workshop for Ushers at 1:15pm in the church
- Dec 16 - Catechism Advent Pageant at 10:30am
- Dec 16 - CWL Potluck at 1pm
- Dec 17 - Decorating for Christmas following 11:30am Mass
- Dec 19 - K of C meeting

**2017 Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, December 24th**

9:30am & 11:30am - 4th Sunday of Advent  
5:00pm & 10:00pm - Christmas Eve

**Monday, December 25th**

9:30am & 11:30am Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 31st**

9:30am & 11:30am - Holy Family  
5:00pm - Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

**Monday, January 1st**

9:30am & 11:30am - Mary, Mother of God

**2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes**

Your offertory envelopes for 2018 are available for pick-up in the Hospitality Centre after Mass.



**Workshop for Ushers**

All Ushers please come to the parish on Sunday December 10th for a workshop in the Church at 1:15pm following the Pancake breakfast.

**"Fill the Crib" for Villa Rosa**

This is CWL's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a prenatal and postnatal residence with a mission to provide support to mothers, babies and their families before, during and after pregnancy. Donations for babies of the following articles would be much appreciated; diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, bibs, receiving blankets; donations for moms include nursing bras and pads, maxi pads, body lotions, deodorant, shampoos, body wash, soap, and blank calendars for 2018.

***A bassinette to receive your gift is on the window sill of the Holy Mother window in the left sanctuary.***

Villa Rosa is at 784 Wolseley Ave. Wpg. R3G 1C6.  
204-786-5741 [www.villarosa.mb.ca](http://www.villarosa.mb.ca)

**St. Elizabeth's Closet**

St. Elizabeth's Closet is now open. All types of clothing are available for those in need: men's, women's, children's. Thank you to all those who have made donations, we have reached our capacity for storage and will no longer be taking donations. *If you would like to help volunteer, please contact the office.*

We welcome our newest members of our faith community:

**Trinity Alfaro-Melara, Brock Buckoski,  
Dreyden Pagtalunan & Myla Contreras**

Who were baptized on Saturday, December 2nd.

Our prayers are with you.

**Decorating our church for Christmas:** Volunteers needed on Sunday, December 17 after the 11:30am Mass to help prepare our cathedral for the upcoming Christmas liturgies. Please sign up!

**Parish Offerings**

**Total offering for the week ended December 3, 2017:**

Weekday Envelopes	\$ 291.00
Weekday and Weekend Loose	\$ 1,623.10
Weekend Envelopes	\$ 5,889.42
Votives	\$ 562.35
PAR/PAD Monthly Contributions	\$ —
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>8,365.87</u></b>

**Capital Campaign for December 3, 2017:**

Actual Offering	\$ 325.00
PAR/PAD Contributions	\$ —
2017 Goal per Week	\$ 1,000.00

**Sharing God's Gifts December 3, 2017:**

2017 Target	\$ 49,440.00
Donations Received to Date	\$ 64,819.50
<b>*Excess—Over 2017 Target</b>	<b>\$ 15,379.50</b>

*\*The excess on the 2017 Sharing God's Gifts will be carried forward and applied to our new 2018 SGG's target.*

**Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

Wed. Dec. 13 at 10am - St. John XXIII Parish  
Wed. Dec. 13 at 7pm - St. Patrick's Parish  
Thurs. Dec. 14 at 7pm - St. Paul the Apostle Parish  
Fri. Dec. 15 at 7pm - St. Anthony's (Hungarian)  
Mon. Dec. 18 at 7pm - Our Lady of Lourdes

**Meaningful Christmas gifts though CHALICE**

Chalice is a Catholic and Canadian charity that primarily supports community initiatives in 15 countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need. Their Mission: *To bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ.* Every year they provide a Christmas Gift Catalogue (inserted in this week's bulletin). Consider making a real difference this year by giving gifts to our friends and family by giving to those in need. Website: [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca)

**SMC HOSPITALITY CENTRE**

*Find our hospitality centre by the Hardgrave street entrance where you can find various religious goods and information related to our parish. Some items include:*

**"Keep Christ in Christmas" Buttons**

Knights of Columbus buttons (granting permission for others to greet us a "Merry Christmas") are available for \$1.



**Word Among Us**

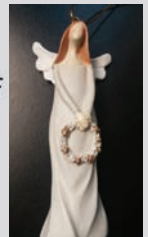
Daily Meditations for Advent, now available for \$3.

**St. Mary's Angels**

In support of the Daily Rosary Program on CKJS (10-10:30pm), ornamental angels are on sale. The cost of angels are all under \$10. Come support a worthy cause.

**St. Elisabeth Convent**

Handmade religious goods from the Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth, Belarus are for sale in the hospitality centre. All sales support the convent and their work with adults and children living with impairments, and other social endeavours.



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