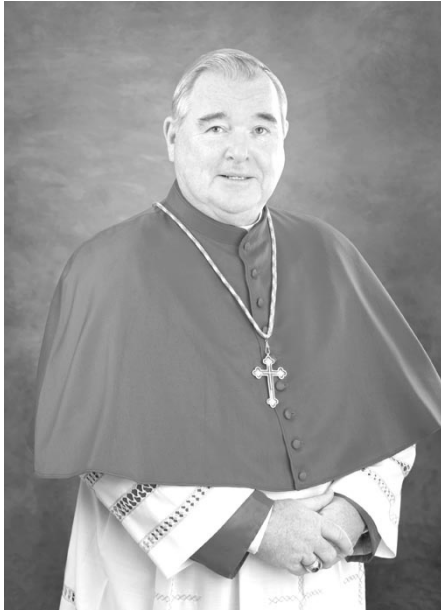


St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral

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

July/August - Tuesday - Friday 12:10 noon

NO MASS on Mondays

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

Ordained Ministers:

Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

Deacon: Reverend Mr. Rudy Le Maître

Sacramental Assistant: Fr. 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.



Second Sunday of Advent



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"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There, a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the message that John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.

The passage from Isaiah gives us some clues into what this repentance is supposed to do. It is meant to change us into people who can properly welcome the Lord when he comes. Using the poetic image of a path, the text describes the kind of path that is suitable for the Lord. He shouldn't have to navigate valleys, scale mountains, wind around twists and turns on the road, or traverse rough, difficult terrain. Instead, he should be able to move easily on smooth ground. Residents preparing to welcome an honored guest ought to do what they can to make the journey pleasant. The analogy relates to our souls.

As we prepare to welcome the Lord this Advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth. And the rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and docility to the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

MONDAY, Dec 7/15 - Memorial
- St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
† Calvin Lee/Amy Camaclang



- Leonard Tomsic

TUESDAY, Dec 8/15 - Solemnity
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:10 pm - † Gerald Onofrey/Rose Onofrey



- Ed McEvoy
- John Joseph Cope

WEDNESDAY, Dec 9/15 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Edmundo Layug/Grace Layug

THURSDAY, Dec 10/15 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Alfredo Abendanio/Wife Jesusa Ramos

FRIDAY, Dec 11/15 - Ferial
12:10 pm - Health and God's Blessing/Anna Halek

SATURDAY, Dec 12/15 - Feast
Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 pm - † Mariana Coelho/Husband and Sons



- Christine Fogg

SUNDAY, Dec 13/15 - Third Sunday in Advent
9:30 am & 11:30 am - for the Parishioners of St. Mary's



Remembered on the Tree of Life

Lectors Schedule

Group 4 will read next Saturday, Dec 5, 2015.
Group 6 will read next Sunday, Dec 6, 2015.

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
Lk 3:4*



Readings for the Week of Dec 6, 2015

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/ 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:10-13/Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Liturgical Staff:

Director of Music: Ian Campbell
Sacristan: Connie Nepomuceno

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Children: Don Schroeder

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Building & Grounds: Ky Mohammed

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Caretaker/ Building Maintenance: Rickey LaPointe
Business Manager: Bill Wachko

Affiliated Organizations:

Catholic Women's League: Eleanor Ulasz
Knights of Columbus: Art Lopuck

Year of Mercy

The Universal Jubilee Year of Mercy, announced by Pope Francis, begins on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015. To inaugurate the Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, an opening Mass will be celebrated on Dec. 8th, at St. Mary's Cathedral beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to join in this celebration. A reception to follow in the parish hall.

Baptismal Preparation Seminar

All preparing for baptism as parents and Godparents are reminded to attend the seminar, led by Father Geoffrey, on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. Anyone interested in learning about the theology of this sacrament of initiation are welcome to attend. The seminar runs about 90 minutes. Please enter through the hall doors on Carlton St. side in the lower level parking lot.

AGAPE TABLE

The item for December is Non-Dairy Creamer (please place items in the container by the Hospitality Room) to volunteer: 204-783-6369 or volunteer@agapetable.ca

CWL Advent Potluck

The Catholic Women's League will meet on Sunday, on Dec. 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall for an Advent Potluck. We will also be rolling out our events for the coming year. Friends and people interested in joining the CWL are welcome to attend.

Membership in St. Mary's Cathedral

"As you get to know us, let us get to know you"

Become a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish by simply completing a Membership Registration Form. Registration forms are available at the side and back of the church. After completion of the form, simply place it in the offering basket, mail it, or deliver to the parish office during the weekdays, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Committed Goal for 2015	\$53,530.00
Donations Received to Nov 21, 2015	\$42,351.03
Balance Remaining for 2015	\$11,178.97

Only one month is left to raise a sum of \$11,178 to achieve the goal we have been assessed. This is a big challenge confronting all of us, and we ask for your generosity and support.

We wish to express our gratitude for your continued commitment and support.

Music Ministry - Choir rehearsal is every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. All voices welcome.

Parish Offerings

Total offering for the week ended Nov 29, 2015:

Weekday \$	668.85
Loose \$	1,188.70
Envelopes \$	6351.77
Votives \$	453.84
PAR/PAD Contributions \$	<u>869.53</u>
Total \$	<u>9532.49</u>

Capital Campaign for Nov 14, 2015

Actual offering \$	303.00
PAR/PAD Contributions \$	193.68
Budget per week \$	<u>2,000.00</u>
Deficit (\$)	<u>1,503.32</u>

Let there Be Light Campaign for Nov 14, 2015

Offering this week \$	1512.00
Other Donations \$	00
Total To Date \$	<u>43,094.01</u>

(Offerings and Parking are the only revenue the Cathedral receives)

"Fill The Crib" for Villa Rosa

This is CWL Council's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a residence at 784 Wolseley Ave. that serves young families in need during and after pregnancy. You may fill the crib with items such as baby clothes, diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, quilts and personal items for mothers, e.g. deodorants, lotions, shampoo, soap, nursing bras and pads. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community and lack of storage space, Villa Rosa cannot accept gently used clothing until further notice—thank you.

Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation

WED. DEC. 9 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral

THUR. DEC. 10 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Church,

FRID. DEC. 11 7:00 p.m. St. Charles Church

TUES. DEC. 15 10:30 a.m. St. Charles Catholic School

7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Church (Portage la Prairie)

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church

THURS. DEC. 17 10:00 a.m. Saint John XXIII Church

7:00 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Church

FRID. DEC. 18 6:30 p.m. St. Edward's Church

TUES. DEC. 22 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua Church (Hungarian)

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