

St. Charles Parish

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



*Mary, the Holy
Mother
of God*

Sat	31	4:00 pm	Health of Robert Kushner, - Mom, Cheryl & Jeff
Sun	1	9:30 am	† Mauro Cutrone, † Anna Cutrone, † Teresa Cutrone, - Pasqua Cutrone & Family
	1	11:30 am	St Charles Parishioners
<i>Weekday Masses</i>			
Tues	3	7:00 pm	† deceased members of the Bowman Family, - James Bowman
Wed	4	9:00 am	(at the Church) Intention of Jean Slobodzian, - Elsie Bialkowski
Thurs	5	9:00 am	† Federico Veras, - Isidro Family
Fri	6	9:00 am	Intention of Fr Peter Nemcek, - Parishioner
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>			
Sat	7	4:00 pm	St Charles Parishioners
Sun	8	9:30 pm	† Janet Wright, - Andrea Mackie & Laura Fergusson
	8	11:30 am	† Andrelina Bautista, -



Remember in Your Prayers

J'Anne Delaplante, Victor Morello, Alan Montague, Freda Broughton, Michele Timmerman, Cornelia Reimer, Dale Gathercole, Paul and Jennifer Williams, Gay Viecelli, Anna Swanson, Jody Gale, Stella Ryan, Kathy Hollaman, Jennifer Chase, Ben Remillard, Marcel Flamand, Lawrence Paluck, Krista Schaan, Jacob Trudel, Elizabeth Kobialka, Mathew Ballecer, Doreen Pitzel, Adele Dasset, Pat LaRue, Marie Wang, Gerry Desjardins, Natalie Savignac, Ken Grindle, Lorraine Grindle, Jennifer Piche, Winston Morier, Todd La Rue, Dean King, Sandra Ammeter, Barclay Williams, Abe Froese, Marissa Baccari, Juliette Kozun, Patricia Paluck and Robert Kushner.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Melvina Bohemier**, her funeral Mass was held on December 22, 2016 in our Parish. Also, for the repose of the soul of **Yvonne Menard**, her funeral Mass was held in our Parish on December 23, 2016. May they both rest in the peace of Jesus Christ.

PARISH FINANCES

Offerings: December 18, 2016

Loose: \$465.00 Envelopes: \$5359.00

Pre-Auth. Debit: \$1,850.00

Total \$7,674.00

Sharing God's Gifts

2016 Target: \$ 35,450.00

Donations to Date: \$ 27,348.94 (as of Dec 19, 2016,)

May God be gracious to us and bless us. (Responsorial Psalm)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the Prophets; in these last days he has spoken to us by the Son. (Gospel Acclamation)

2016 CALENDARS have arrived, courtesy of Wojcik's Chapel. We thank Wojcik's!

2017 Church Offering Boxes

Please pick up your 2017 Church Offering Box today, for both regular and pre-authorized debit users. In 2017 we ask that you do not use your old 2016 envelopes as your number has changed! We request that you write your name and address in the New Year on your new envelopes especially in January 2017 for tracking purposes. Should you have any concerns please contact the office at: 204-889-3248. If you have not registered yet or would like an Offering Box a hospitality person will gladly help you out. *THANK YOU!*

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS UPDATE: We are currently **SHORT \$8,101.06** in meeting our obligation to Sharing God's Gifts. If you have not donated yet, please consider doing so. There are envelopes available in the foyer office for your convenience. Please note the cutoff date is **December 31, 2016**. Any shortfall will have to come out of general revenue, which will have a negative affect on 2017 budgeting.

Father Michael Wollbaum will be on holidays from December 26 thru January 2, 2016. In case of an emergency please call the office, but if it's outside of office hours then you should call a deacon directly. The numbers are on the front of the bulletin cover.

Check out our website at www.saintcharles.ca

For Current info in the Archdiocese go to www.archwinnipeg.ca

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter into another beautiful Christmas season, I hope we all find time to actually enjoy it and truly celebrate the coming of Christ into our history. I pray that we will never utter those words 'thank God it's over' or 'I can't wait for Christmas to be done'. I hope we will not be like the culture that says Christmas officially ends after Boxing Day. If this is what we believe, then what is the true meaning, depth, and grounding of our lives, and those of our families and friends? Is our Christmas just cultural and material, or do we really believe and long for what it truly stands for? God really has put Himself into our lives--"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:1-14, NRSV). Really, isn't Christmas about Him? How do we honor Christ's birth as families, friends, communities? It's not just something we do at Church...it is to be a way of life. Jesus, the Divine Word of God, became one of us for our freedom from slavery to sin and for our salvation, that we might have life to the full. In my mind, it is the best gift of Christmas, knowing that God loves us with all His being, longing to help us become all that we can be in Him. Our lives would be incomplete without His love and presence. Would we truly understand who we are if He hadn't come for us? No, Christ is everything for us and gives us hope of eternal life. God honors the gift of His creation in us by inviting us to share in the ministry of saving what was marred by sin and evil. How special it is that the invisible God becomes one of us, taking on flesh in Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ takes on our condition in all ways but sin and redeems and restores all of humanity, all men and women, through His gift of self, suffering and dying on the cross out of love for us all. There will be no greater act of love on the face of the earth--EVER! But we can honor Him by imitating what we have heard and know to be true and imitate His love in the way we treat each other this Christmas. Love is about sacrifice, respect, dignity, presence, gift of self--not just material things. Let's restore Christmas to its true dignity--and if we do, everything else about Christmas will take on greater value, meaning and wonder and awe. We go to great lengths to make Christmas beautiful for each other--the food, the decorations, the gifts, etc. What does Christ want for Christmas? After all it's His birthday? All Christ wants is us--the real, true you and I. He wants our hearts, love and presence--to be with Him and to invite Him to share fully in our lives. From myself and my family to yours, may you have a Blessed, Holy and Merry Christmas and New Year 2017, filled with His love and all that you need in Him. Celebrate well!

Yours in Christ,

**Fr. Michael Wollbaum,
Pastor, St. Charles Parish**

Catechism

No Catechism classes until **January 15th, 2017.**
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Pancake Breakfast next Sunday January 8 after the 9:30 am Mass in the hall. Everyone is invited!

MEETINGS/EVENTS SCHEDULE			
Wed	4	12:30 pm	Finance
Wed	4	1:00 pm	Cards
Wed	4	7:00 pm	One Sound
Thurs	5	7:00 pm	PPC

Papal Prayer Intention

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, 2017, Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us, cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20: All are welcome to participate with church leaders in the City-Wide Ecumenical Worship Service, **Sun., Jan. 22, 2017, 7:30 p.m.** at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Ave., Winnipeg. An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the celebration on **Jan. 22.** No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome. For further information, you may call Michele Barr at 204-453-5016 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca

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WINNIPEG HARVEST 10 MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS
CANNED MEAT & FISH, BABY FORMULA & FORMULA, RICE, DRY CEREAL, DRY PASTA, CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, CANNED STEW, PEANUT BUTTER, & SPAGHETTI SAUCE. Hamper located at the entrance of the church, south side.



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