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Feast of the Holy Family

From the Pastor's desk

Christmas 2025

Dear Parishioners and friends, We stand before the manger in Bethlehem once again. We contemplate his gentle, meek and humble presence. The King of kings lays on straw in a cow shed because no one gave him anywhere else to be born. Our world continues to be filled with greed, selfishness and hate. The suffering that engulfs our world which is marked with wars, poverty, injustices and pain is not unlike the world which Jesus, Emmanuel was born into. However, we must not lose hope. Jesus knows the whole of it; he sees that which none of us can see. Jesus reads the hearts and feels the needs of each and every one of us. The Prince of Peace continues to bless and surprise us with so many gifts, even in our ever escalating economy. In a world filled with left wing agendas, fake news and death ideologies, we may find ourselves asking what the "true meaning" of Christmas is. In order to find the real meaning of Christmas we will have to follow the poor shepherds to Bethlehem. There in the manger lies the true meaning of Christmas. Wishing all of you a Blessed and Holy Christmas and may the New Year of 2026 bring with it blessings in faith, hope and charity which are the true riches we can give to each other and to the world.
Father Dominic.

Matches

We are in need of matches to light the candles. If you have any matches which you can spare, please contribute them to the parish. Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers, parishioners and friends who are ill: Renate Luebbert, Connie Mikolash, Susana Montales, Adam Rusak, Elsie & Stan Bialkowski, Katrena Johnson Donahoe and Melissa Handkamer.



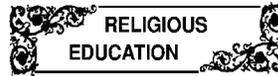
Parish News



The Catholic Women's League hopes everyone had a blessed Christmas and wishes everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year. **We are accepting memberships old and new for 2026. The fee is \$40.00.** You can bring your fee to our meetings or use the envelopes and forms that can be found at the back of the church in the gathering space. You can submit your membership by dropping your membership envelope in the collection basket at any weekend mass or mail it to Pat Hay at 408-445 Partridge Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2V 3H6. Or hand it to Pat Hay at the 4PM mass..



Attention Young Men of the Parish and Men with Young Families: St. Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus need you and your enthusiasm. If you are a practicing Catholic male of 18 years you are welcome to attend our next General Meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 7pm, in the church hall. **We are planning our Council 35th Anniversary Banquet** and we want you to join us for the celebration! What an honourable New Year's resolution. **Go to kofc.org/join and enter password "blessed mcgivney" and Council 10569 for St. Anthony of Padua membership selection.**



Blessed Feast Day of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to the families of our parish. Catechism classes resume on Tuesday, Jan.6, 2026 for Grades 7, 8 and Teen RCIA : and on Saturday, Jan.10 for Grades 1 to 6.

Leisure Club will resume after the holidays on January 7th. We welcome new members. For more information call Patricia Peckover at 899-0631.

Archdiocesan News

Blue Christmas Mass - January 7, 2026

The joy of the Christmas season can feel overwhelming for those grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this time of year can be one of the loneliest. To offer comfort and hope, a special Blue Christmas Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM at St. Ann's Church (271 Hampton Street, Winnipeg). This Mass will be offered for the souls of departed loved ones and for all who mourn their loss. Attendees are encouraged to invite someone who has been a source of support or someone they know who is grieving.

Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study - January 13 to March 24, 2026

Exploring the four Gospels in depth can be challenging, especially when reading them consecutively. The Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study course goes beyond simply reading the texts; it examines who the Gospel writers were, their intended audiences, and how each presents a unique perspective on Jesus. Participants will gain valuable insights, including the 18 miracles in St. Mark's Gospel, the five main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel, and more. Details are listed below. Dates: Tuesdays, January 13 – March 24, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM (Optional Mass at 6:00 PM)
Location: St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba (541 Marion St.) Sign up here, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwlGv3oirz0gnQbJj3xIkJF4Gep6JjGBAFNOQgeTfZDi2-A/viewform> or for more information, call 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

Mass Schedule

Ecumenical Choir for City-Wide Celebration - January 4, 11 & 18, 2026 An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 18, 2026, during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required; anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing is welcome! Rehearsal schedule includes:

- Sunday, January 4, 2026, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Sunday, January 11, 2026, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue. A brief final rehearsal will take place immediately before the worship service on January 18, 2026. For more information, contact Michèle Barr at 204-297-9212 (call or text) or email

mbarr41@shaw.ca

Join Christians around the world in praying the scripture texts, Refreshments and fellowship following most gatherings

SUNDAY, January 18 Day 1 “Our calling” – Opening of the Week of Prayer 7:30 pm City-Wide Ecumenical Worship Service (with Church Leaders) at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg 922 Notre Dame Avenue, 204-772-2419, www.firstmennonitechurch.ca

MONDAY, January 19 Day 2 “Bearing with one another in love” 7:00 pm Kildonan Community Church (Presbyterian) 2373 Main Street, Winnipeg, 204-339-3502, www.kildonancommunitychurch.com

TUESDAY, January 20 Day 3 “The bond of peace” 7:00 pm St. Luke’s Zion Lutheran Church 2903 McPhillips Street, 204-339-0412, www.stlukeszion.ca

WEDNESDAY, January 21 Day 4 “Called to one hope” 6:00 pm St. Mary’s Academy (Catholic School) (Taizé candlelight prayer) Service will be held in the Chapel – use the Administration entrance facing Wellington Crescent 550 Wellington Crescent, 204-447-0244, www.smamb.ca

THURSDAY, January 22 Day 5 “One faith, one baptism” 7:00 pm **ST. MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 3830 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg, 204-832-1302, www.stmarywinnipeg.org

FRIDAY, January 23 Day 6 “One God and Father” 7:00pm **PAROISSE ST. NORBERT PARISH** (Service in French) 70 rue St-Pierre, Winnipeg, 204-269-3240, www.stnorbertparish.ca

SATURDAY, January 24 Day 7 “God’s gift given in baptism” Pray at home today Jeremiah 1:4-9; Psalm 131; Ephesians 4:7; Matthew 25:14-18

SUNDAY, January 25 Day 8 “Growing in Christ” – Closing of the Week of Prayer 7:00 pm **ST. JOSEPH’S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND BISHOP VELYCHKOVSKY NATIONAL MARTYR’S SHRINE** 250 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, 204-339-4512, www.stjosephukrwinnipeg.ca

For more information you may contact one of the above churches/groups, or Saint John XXIII Church: telephone 204-832-7175, office.stjohnxxiii@gmail.com, www.johnxxiii.ca For links to the full text of reflections and prayers and for other resources for the 2026 Week of Prayer, go on the web to: weekofprayer.ca semainedepriere.ca

Mon Dec 29: Memorial: St. Thomas Becket
9:00am Pastors intentions

Tue Dec 30: Ferial
9:00am R.I.P. Joseh Lesniak by Joan & Jean
R.I.P. Peter & Maria Majowski by The Family
R.I.P. Stanislaw & Michalina Rudzki by The Family
God’s Blessings for Karolina Rudzki by The Family
Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings Belen Drapeau by Friends

Wed Dec 31: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, anticipated
4:00pm R.I.P. Al, Claire & Tim Sarna by The Family
R.I.P. Joseph Lyon Hay by The Hay Family
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family
R.I.P. Allan, Alex, Lucille & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family
Thanksgiving by Eric Vergara & Family
Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Richmond Ching by The Ching Family
Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Joe & James Hay by the Hay Family

Thur Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
11:00am R.I.P. Adrian Sokolowski by Gina
R.I.P. Mike, Louise, Theresa Magnowski by The Family
R.I.P. Sophia Maronon by The Cabrera Family
R.I.P. Aurora Francisco by The Family
R.I.P. Thomas Watson by The Family
R.I.P. Raul Teles by Suzanne Teles
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family
R.I.P. Allan, Alex, Lucille & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family
Thanksgiving & Blessings by The Alcartado Family
Thanksgiving by The San Felipe Family

Fri Jan 2: Memorial: St. Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
9:00am R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family
R.I.P. Allan, Alex, Lucille & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family
All Souls in Purgatory by The Bello Family
Intentions of Arthur Teitsma by Milena Hajzler
Intentions of Maria del Carmen Guerrero by Milena Hajzler

Sat Jan 3: Epiphany of The Lord
4:00pm R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family
R.I.P. Allan, Alex, Lucille & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family
Intentions of Tom by Judy

Sun Jan 4: Epiphany of The Lord
9:00pm R.I.P. Mark Watson by The Family
R.I.P. Epifanio Balbin Sr by The Balbin Family
R.I.P. Jean, Marie & Joseph LaFreniere by The Family
R.I.P. Allan, Alex, Lucille & Rheal LaFreniere by The Family
Thanksgiving & 32nd Anniversary Blessings for Rolando & Alma Brigole
Health of Lawrence & Anita by the LaFreniere Family
Health of Yvette, Emily & Claire by the LaFreniere Family
Thanksgiving & Blessings by The Alcartado Family
11:00am Parishioners

Readings for the Week:

Mon Dec 29 – 1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35
Tue Dec 30 – 1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40
Wed Dec 31 – 1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18
Thur Jan 1 – Num 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Fri Jan 2 – 1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28
Sat Jan 3 – 1 John 2:29; 3:1-6, John 1:29-34



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