

November 30th, 2025 | The First Sunday of Advent

ST. GERARD PARISH

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Fr. Peter's office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Parish office hours: Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mass Times

Weekdays: 6:30 p.m. No Mass on Monday

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Peter to schedule a time. Regular times are a half hour before each weekday Mass, Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 p.m. and First Fridays during Adoration from 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office.

Communion for the Sick: Everyone willing to take communion to family members who are homebound or sick, please contact the parish office.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Please join us on December 5th for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

School Mass: Mass will be celebrated with our school community on December 9th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate the presence of Christ in our midst and the gift of our school community.

Parish Office Hours Update: Please note a change to our weekly office schedule. The parish office will now be open on Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Office hours are now:

- Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Friday: 2:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

2025-2026 Sunday Missals: This Sunday we enter the season of Advent, marking the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent invites us to slow down, reflect and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the end of time. It is a season

filled with hope, longing and renewed faith as we look toward the light of Christ shining in our world. To help you follow the Sunday readings and deepen your prayer throughout the year, the 2025–2026 Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at the back of the church for \$5 each.

Healing Mass: In partnership with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Manitoba, we invite you to attend a special Healing Mass in our Church on December 12th. The evening begins with Adoration from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with Confession available during Adoration. Mass follows at 7:00 p.m., including the Anointing of the Sick for anyone in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing. After Mass, all are welcome to join us for fellowship in the parish hall.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
Nov. 29 th	5:00 p.m.	Juanita Cruz † / Cruz family
Nov. 30 th	9:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
	11:30 a.m.	Michael Melnyk †
Dec. 2 nd	6:30 p.m.	Luciana Villar † & Magdalena Villavicencio †
Dec. 3 rd	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Dec. 4 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Dec. 5 th	5:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30 p.m.	Rene Espinoza Miranda † and Julieta Quant Altamirano † / Espinoza family
Dec. 6 th	5:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
Dec. 7 th	9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ostashevski family/ Bahr family
	11:30 a.m.	Joshua Paculaba †
Dec. 9 th	11:00 a.m.	School Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:30 p.m.	Advent Reconciliation Service
Dec. 10 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Dec. 11 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Dec. 12 th	7:00 p.m.	Healing Mass
Dec. 13 th	5:00 p.m.	Maria Noguera Esmerald † & Roger Abaunza † / Espinoza family
Dec. 14 th	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

<u>Weekend Collections</u>	
November 15th & 16th, 2025 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,203.00 Loose Collection: \$349.75 <hr/> Total: \$2,552.75	November 22nd & 23rd, 2025 Offertory Envelopes: \$1,914.00 Loose Collection: \$448.25 <hr/> Total: \$2,362.25

Advent Reconciliation Services: Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ by attending an Advent Reconciliation service. In our region all services will begin at 7:30 p.m. They will be held:

- December 5th at Blessed Sacrament Church
- December 9th at St. Gerard Church (join us at 6:30 p.m. for Mass followed by Adoration before the service)
- December 10th at Holy Redeemer Church
- December 11th at St. Joseph the Worker Church
- December 12th at St. Alphonsus Church

If you are unable to attend one of these services but would still like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact the office or speak with Fr. Peter.

Celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: All are invited to join a bilingual Eucharistic celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, on December 8th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Cathedral. We gather to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, who listened to God's Word with an open heart and said "yes" fully and faithfully. The Mass will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt and will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. Following the celebration, join in coffee and fellowship in the narthex. Together, let us pray for Mary and St. Boniface's intercession, asking that Christ, the Word of God, enlighten and unite us through the love of the Holy Spirit.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: Poinsettia orders are due December 5th! If you haven't already, please pick up an order form and information package from the narthex of our church. You may order using the order form or directly online with Shelmerdine Garden Centre at fundraisers.shelmerdine.com. Orders will be available for pick-up on December 14th. Invite your family and friends to participate. Thank you for your support!

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers for the Masses on November 29th & 30th have been generously sponsored in remembrance of Michael Melnyk.

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers for the Masses on December 6th & 7th have been generously sponsored by the St. Gerard Ladies Group.

We are grateful for this meaningful offering, which helps to enrich the beauty and solemnity of our Sunday celebrations. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire parish community.

Simbang Gabi Novena Masses: From December 15th to 23rd, join us for our Simbang Gabi novena Masses!

What is a novena Mass? It is a series of nine consecutive days of Mass, helping us to prepare our hearts and deepen our faith during the Advent season. These Masses are a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish community and grow in spiritual readiness for the coming of Christ. Our Masses will be celebrated:

- December 15th at 6:30 p.m.
- December 16th at 6:30 p.m.
- December 17th at 6:30 p.m.
- December 18th at 6:30 p.m.
- December 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- December 20th at 5:00 p.m.
- December 21st at 6:30 p.m.
- December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- December 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate with us and grow in faith and community as we await the Lord's coming.

Parking Reminder: We'd like to remind everyone of the parking options available around our parish. You can use the small lot on the east side of the church, additional spaces along the north side of the building, and, when school is not in session, parking beside our parish school. Street parking is also available on Herbert Avenue and Foster Street. For more information, please see the large map located in the narthex of the church.

