



### Contact Us

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**Fr. Peter's office hours:** Tuesday - Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 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

**Tuesday - Friday:** 6:30 p.m.

**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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**Coffee Sunday:** Please join us for Coffee Sunday after all Masses on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Coffee Sunday takes place on the first Sunday of each month and is a wonderful opportunity to connect and share time with fellow parishioners. If you or your group would like to host an upcoming Coffee Sunday, please contact the parish office.

**2025 Tax Receipts:** The 2025 charitable tax receipts are now available for pickup in the narthex of the church.

If you use a visitor or blank envelope, please be sure to clearly print your name and address on the envelope. Kindly refrain from using 2025 offertory envelopes. If you have moved or changed any contact information in the past year, please notify the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

**The Lenten Season:** Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of prayer, fasting and giving. In our parish, we invite you to participate in the following Lenten practices:

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention &amp; Requested by</u>
Feb. 21	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 22	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Slobidnyk † / Gord Mass
Feb. 24	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 25	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 26	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 27	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross Mass
Feb. 28	5:00 p.m.	Roger Abaunza † & Erick Toruno † / the Espinoza family
March 1	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Fleming family/ the Bahr family Needs & intentions of all parishioners
March 3	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving / the Du family
March 4	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 5	6:30 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Ezra Balagtas / Balagtas family
March 6	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross Mass
March 7	5:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Zedekiah Balagtas / Balagtas family
March 8	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Birthday Blessings for Kent Du / Du family

- **Lent Coin boxes:** Lent coin boxes made by the students of our parish school are available for pickup in our church. We invite you to take a box and contribute throughout the Lenten season. All donations will support the Capuchin Foundation and Missions work in South Sudan. We will collect the coin boxes beginning on Holy Thursday and throughout Holy Week.
- **The Way of the Cross:** The Way of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that commemorates Jesus' Passion and death. Join us on Fridays during Lent for the Way of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- **Food Donations:** We will collect non-perishable food donations for Harvest Manitoba throughout the season of Lent.

<u><b>Our Collection</b></u>	
<b>February 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b> Offertory Envelopes: \$1,540.00 Loose collection: \$585.00 <hr/> \$2,125.00	<b>February 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b> Offertory Envelopes: \$2,045.00 Loose collection: \$366.00 <hr/> \$2,411.00
<b>January Preauthorized Debit Donations: \$1,730.00</b>	

**St. Gerard School Registration:** Our parish school is now accepting registrations for Pre-Kindergarten (ages 3 and 4), full-time Kindergarten (age 5 by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026) and Grades 1–8 (where space is available) for the 2026-2027 school year. Invite family and friends to discover the benefits of a faith-based education at St. Gerard School! For more information or to register, contact the school at 204-667-4862.

**Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program:** The Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program operates at St. Gerard School the first and third Saturdays of each month. The program is open to anyone who needs affordable groceries. This is a cash-and-carry program, so please bring cash as it is the only method of payment accepted. Enter through the back lane to the gym, where the store will be set up. For more information, please contact Chris Sweryda at 204-801-9239 or [umsweryd@myumanitoba.ca](mailto:umsweryd@myumanitoba.ca).

**Mother-Daughter NFP Classes with Serena Manitoba:** Serena Manitoba is offering three Mother-Daughter Natural Family Planning (NFP) / Body Literacy classes, each designed for a specific age group, encouraging ongoing conversations between mothers and daughters about their femininity in light of God. Classes take place on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Mom & Tween class for 9–12 year-olds will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. The Mom & Teen class for 12–15 year-olds and the Teen/Young Adult class for 16+ will be held at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Suggested donation is \$20 per mother-daughter set, plus \$10 per additional daughter. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer ([mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com)). Contact Janelle at [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com) or 204-783-0091, or visit <https://mb.serena.ca/classes> for more information.

**Women's NFP & Perimenopause Class with Serena Manitoba:** Learn about the changes in a woman's body during perimenopause and get tips for navigating this time with confidence. Join Serena Manitoba on March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish. Suggested donation is \$20, payable by cash, cheque or e-transfer ([mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com)). Optional NFP perimenopause-related items will be available for purchase. Contact Janelle at [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com) or 204-783-0091, or visit <https://mb.serena.ca/classes> for more information.

**Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for February 2026:** For children with incurable diseases – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**NET Mission Discernment Night:** NET (National Evangelization Team) is a Catholic ministry in which young adults form retreat teams of 9 to 12 members and travel coast-to-coast across Canada to facilitate retreats for youth in junior high and high school. Retreat teams are formed in September and minister until the following May (approximately 9 months). If you or someone you know is a young adult discerning a call to ministry, NET is holding a Mission Discernment Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Eglise Sacre-Coeur (421 Brandon Avenue). All are welcome. For more information, visit [netcanada.ca/apply](http://netcanada.ca/apply).

***From Running on Empty to Rooted in God* Young Adult Lenten Retreat (Ages 18-35):** Balancing work and personal life, isolation, burnout, or a feeling of numbness can leave you running on empty and feeling spiritually alone. If you've felt this way, join the Holy Eucharist Parish Lenten Retreat, *From Running on Empty to Rooted in God*, March 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> at Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church (505 Watt Street) and the Shrine of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky. The registration fee includes meals, transportation and participant materials. This is your invitation to encounter living water amid the dry places. Visit [holyeucharistwinnipeg.ca/young-adult-lenten-retreat/](http://holyeucharistwinnipeg.ca/young-adult-lenten-retreat/) for more information or to register.

**Singles for Christ *SEEK* Program:** CFC Singles for Christ Winnipeg invites all single young adults ages 18 to 40 to register for *SEEK*, its Christian Life Program, starting March 14<sup>th</sup> at Holy Redeemer Parish. Are you searching for more in your faith, a deeper understanding of your vocation, or a community that truly walks with you? The Christian Life Program is a simple and powerful way to start, or restart, your faith journey. Singles for Christ is a Catholic charismatic community of young adults growing together in faith, friendship and life in the Holy Spirit. For more information, please contact Anton (204-509-6889), Zhey (204-599-2356) or on Instagram [@CFCSFCWinnipeg](https://www.instagram.com/CFCSFCWinnipeg).

**Christian Life Program:** The Couples for Christ Winnipeg East 1 Chapter invites everyone to join its Christian Life Program, starting March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our church. This faith-filled program focuses on strengthening families, deepening marriages and growing our relationship with God. Informational materials, including registration details, are available in the narthex of our church. For more information, please contact Eric at 204-250-8284, Efren at 204-881-3913 or Jonel at 204-797-5466.

**Pope Leo XIV's Message for Lent 2026:** This Lent, Pope Leo XIV invites us to a deeper journey of listening, fasting and conversion. He encourages us to open our hearts to the Word of God and to respond to those in need, allowing Scripture to guide our actions. At the same time, he reminds us that Lent is not only about abstaining from food but also about "disarming our language," avoiding harsh words and judgments so our speech can bring kindness and peace to our communities. The Holy Father also reminds us that Lent is a shared journey of faith, calling parishes and families to walk together toward spiritual renewal. By embracing these practices with humility, we allow Lent to be a time of genuine conversion and growth in love, mercy and charity.