

March 8th, 2026 | The Third Sunday of Lent



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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: Thank you to everyone who joined us for Coffee Sunday on March 1st. Please save the date for our next Coffee Sunday on April 5th. If you or your group would like to host Coffee Sunday in April or a future month, please contact the parish office.

School Mass: Mass will be celebrated with our school community on March 10th 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.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for March 2026: For disarmament and peace - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

March is the Month of St. Joseph: Chosen by God to be the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian of Jesus, St. Joseph is a model of quiet strength, humility and unwavering trust. He listened attentively to the Lord and responded with prompt, generous obedience, protecting and providing for the Holy Family with steadfast love. Throughout this month, the Church invites us to turn to St. Joseph with confidence, entrusting to his intercession our families and our daily work. In a world that often seeks recognition and praise, St. Joseph reminds us of the holiness found in hidden service and simple fidelity. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Archdiocesan Adult Faith Formation Bursary: The Archdiocese of St. Boniface offers an annual bursary to support lay adults within the archdiocese who are pursuing faith formation. Funding may assist with courses, studies, books or faith-related events. If you feel called to deepen your faith and serve the Church, this opportunity may be for you. Applications will be accepted until March 31st. Decisions will be made by May 31st. To learn more, visit the Archdiocesan website: www.archsaintboniface.ca.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
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 Klent Du / Du family
March 10	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	School Mass Mass
March 11	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 12	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 13	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross Mass
March 14	5:00 p.m.	Natalia Solano †, Claudia Gutierrez † & Esmerelda Abaunza † / Espinoza family
March 15	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Joshua Paculaba † / the family
March 17	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 18	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 19	6:30 p.m.	Mass
March 20	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross Mass Lenten Reconciliation Service
March 21	5:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
March 22	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Slobidnyk † / Ethel & Wendy Celedonia † & Esteban Nadela † / Du family

<u>Our Collection</u>	
February 21st & 22nd, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,467.00 Loose collection: \$466.00 <hr/> \$2,933.00	February 28th & March 1st, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,130.00 Loose collection: \$372.00 <hr/> \$2,502.00
February Preauthorized Debit Donations: \$1,235.00	

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:

- **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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Prepare your heart for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All services in our region begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held:

- March 11th at Blessed Sacrament Church
- March 17th at St. Alphonsus Church
- March 18th at Holy Redeemer Church
- March 19th at St. Joseph the Worker Church
- March 20th at St. Gerard Church

Take this opportunity to experience God's mercy and grace as we journey through Lent.

Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program: The Jason Schreyer Grocery Access Program operates at St. Gerard School on 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; 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.

Archdiocesan Chrism Mass: The Archdiocesan Chrism Mass will take place at the St. Boniface Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on March 31st. This is the celebration during which the priests in our archdiocese renew their priestly promises, and the holy oils to be used in the sacraments for the coming year are blessed. **There will be no Mass in our church that evening.** All are invited to attend the Chrism Mass instead.

Development & Peace Share Lent Campaign: This Lent, support the 2026 Share Lent campaign, *On Track for Justice*, led by Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, they have partnered with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity, guided by Catholic Social Teaching. Their work is rooted in the values of dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor, and integrity, supporting projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries. You can help address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by supporting more than 59 projects in 34 countries. Donate at devp.org/give or during Solidarity Sunday on March 22nd. Explore their resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

Passion Play Casting Call: Manitoba's Passion Play will hold summer 2026 performances on July 3rd, 4th and 5th and July 10th, 11th and 12th. The Passion Play organizers are looking for volunteer actors, musicians, crew members and promotions personnel. Email audition@passionplay.ca for more information.

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 13th –15th 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 for more information or to register.

Singles for Christ SEEK Program: CFC Singles for Christ Winnipeg invites single young adults ages 18 to 40 to register for SEEK, its Christian Life Program, beginning March 14th 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 yet 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 [@CFC_SFC_Winnipeg](https://www.instagram.com/CFC_SFC_Winnipeg).

Holy Cross Parish Lenten Retreat: Holy Cross Parish will host a special Lenten retreat on two consecutive evenings. Each evening will include Evening Prayer and an inspirational presentation on the Beatitudes. The retreat will be presented by Father Sam Argenziano. It will take place on March 18th and 19th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening in Holy Cross Parish Church (252 Dubuc Street). This retreat offers an opportunity to deepen your Lenten journey through prayer and reflection.