

May 18th, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Parish office hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday & Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mass Times

Weekdays: 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office, or speak with Fr. Janusz directly to schedule a time.

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, or use the emergency number on our website.

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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School Mass: Mass will be celebrated with our school community at 11:15 a.m. on May 20th. All are welcome to attend.

New Kneelers: We extend our thanks to Vy Nguyen for generously donating his time, talents and materials to reupholster the kneelers in our church. His skilled craftsmanship and generous spirit have brought new beauty and comfort to our worship space. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and service to our parish community.

Our Celebration of First Communion:

All are invited to join us for our First Communion Mass on May 25th at 12:00 p.m. as our young parishioners receive the Eucharist for the first time. Let us come together in prayer and joy to support them on this special step in their faith journey.

Our Celebration of Confirmation and the Dedication of Our New Mensa:

You are invited to a special celebration as Archbishop Albert dedicates the new altar mensa during our Confirmation Mass on May 28th at 7:00 p.m. This joyful occasion marks a significant moment in the life of our parish as we come together to witness the Confirmation of our young parishioners and the blessing of our new mensa. All are welcome to attend.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
May 17 th	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Ted Ziemiński - Christina
May 18 th	9:00 a.m.	Dec. Margaret Tebinka
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Norma & Marcelo Cacho – Castro family
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Joshua Paculaba
May 19 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
May 20 th	11:15 a.m.	School Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Mass
May 21 st	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Paul Nguyen Xuan Nhi, Anne Tran Thi Thuy Loan & Peter Nguyen Xuan Khiem Cung - Vy Nguyen
May 22 nd	7:00 p.m.	Mass
May 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Cristian Trivino – his wife
May 24 th	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Norma Cruz – Cruz family
May 25 th	9:00 a.m.	65 th Wedding Anniversary of Ben & Ria DeBruin
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Paul Nguyen Xuan Nhi, Anne Tran Thi Thuy Loan & Peter Nguyen Xuan Khiem Cung - Vy Nguyen
	12:00 p.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
May 26 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
May 27 th	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving on the wedding anniversary of Virgilio & Elizabeth Villavicencio
May 28 th	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass
May 29 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
May 30 th	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Eugenia Delgadillo & Teodor Pineda – Espinoza family
May 31 st	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Salvador Cruz & Stephen Tomayo – Cruz & Tomayo families
June 1 st	9:00 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Dec. Paul Nguyen Xuan Nhi, Anne Tran Thi Thuy Loan & Peter Nguyen Xuan Khiem Cung - Vy Nguyen
	12:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Yumul, Francisco and Basilio families – Lelano Yumul

<u>Weekend Collections</u>	
May 3rd & 4th, 2025, Offertory Envelopes: \$2,022.45 Loose Collection: \$199.00 <hr/> Total: \$2,221.45	May 10th & 11th, 2025 Offertory Envelopes: \$2,240.00 Loose Collection: \$239.25 <hr/> Total: \$2,479.25

May 21st is Fr. Janusz's birthday! On May 21st, please keep Fr. Janusz in your prayers and take a moment to wish him blessings, joy and good health for the year ahead!

Change in Office Hours: Please note that from May 20th to June 3rd, the parish office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. only. The office will be closed during our regular morning hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for your understanding.

Extra Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works: On May 25th, Catholics across Canada are invited to donate to the Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. With the funds raised by this collection, the Pope is able to provide, on behalf of all Catholics, for various emergency relief efforts around the world. You can donate to this fund via the special envelope in your box of offertory envelopes.

Habemus Papam: We rejoice in the election of Pope Leo XIV as the successor of St. Peter! Let us keep him in our prayers as he begins his ministry of leading and shepherding the faithful around the world.

Oh God, who in Your providential design willed that Your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom You set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo XIV, our Pope, and grant that he, whom You have made Peter's successor, may be for Your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

We are in the Liturgical Season of Easter—a joyful 50-day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost!

This season rejoices in Christ's Resurrection and the new life it brings. Marked by light, hope and Alleluias, it invites us to reflect on God's presence and the meaning of the Resurrection through scripture, prayer and liturgy. Throughout the Easter Season, the Church also celebrates several feasts, solemnities, memorials and holy days, including:

- May 22nd – the Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
- May 26th – the Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest
- May 27th – the Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- May 31st – the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- June 1st – the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Let us continue to rejoice in this sacred season, growing in faith and living as witnesses to the Risen Christ!

Lent Coin Box Update: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Capuchin Foundation and Missions work in the Central African Republic and South Sudan via our Lent coin boxes. Last year, we raised \$1,862.50, and this year we surpassed that with a total of \$2,913.20! Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Finding Your Voice-A Celebration of Faith, Hope & Inclusion: Presented by The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba, *Finding Your Voice* is an evening honoring individuals with diverse abilities who break barriers and challenge stigma. May 22nd from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Road). Hear from 2025 Caritas Award honorees, including 17-year-old Isaac Lisowski and Gabriel “Dancing Gabe” Langlois. No tickets or cost—just come as you are. Refreshments will be served. Freewill donations are welcome to support accessibility initiatives in local parishes through the Catholic Foundation’s grant program. All are welcome!

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope: The Vatican has stated that pilgrims unable to visit Rome can also receive the Jubilee plenary indulgence by visiting a cathedral or other sacred place designated as a Jubilee site by Church leaders. The Archdiocese of Winnipeg has designated eight Jubilee sites which include: St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Laurent Church & Grotto, St. François Xavier Church, St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Ste-Rose-De-Lima Church & Grotto, Holy Ghost Church, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Indigenous Church and St. Gianna Beretta Molla Church.



Our Jubilee Pilgrimage: In announcing this Jubilee, Pope Francis reminded us that "the Christian life is a journey calling for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps toward the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus," and that "pilgrimage is, of course, a fundamental element of every Jubilee event" (*Spes Non Confundit*).

On May 10th, several parishioners were blessed to embark on a pilgrimage to the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine at St. Joseph's Church (250

Jefferson Avenue). This two-hour pilgrimage included a tour of the church and a presentation on Bishop Velychkovsky, and other martyrs. It was a beautiful and truly remarkable experience. Despite the differences between the Eastern and Western Rites, we are united in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our parishioners returned home inspired and uplifted, carrying with them renewed hope, healing and a deeper understanding of our faith—and of the courage of the martyrs who gave their lives in its defense.