

February 8th, 2026 | The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 the Inocencion family and to our Parish Pastoral Council for hosting our first Coffee Sunday of 2026. Thank you also to everyone who participated and helped make it such a warm and welcoming gathering. Save the date for our next Coffee Sunday on March 1st. If you or your group would like to host Coffee Sunday in March or a future month, please contact the parish office.

World Day of the Sick: The World Day of the Sick is a day to remember and pray for those who are ill and to offer them spiritual support. On February 11th, please join us for Mass at 6:30 p.m. which will include a special blessing for all who are sick. Those who need the Sacrament of the Sick may also remain after Mass for an anointing.

The Lenten Season: Ash Wednesday marks 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. We will celebrate two Masses that day: one with our school community at 11:00 a.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend either Mass. Throughout the Lenten season, we will also come together to pray the Way of the Cross every Friday in our church at 6:00 p.m., beginning February 20th.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week is our annual celebration of Catholic education in Manitoba. Each year, Catholic schools observe the week with a variety of activities that emphasize the importance of Catholic education. This year, Catholic Schools Week runs from February 9th to 13th. Please remember to pray for all our Manitoba Catholic Schools this week, especially St. Gerard School!

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. 31st, 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.

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
Feb. 7 th	5:00 p.m.	Metro Bodnar †
Feb. 8 th	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Needs & intentions of all parishioners Joshua Paculaba † / his family
Feb. 10 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 11 th	6:30 p.m.	For those in our community who are ill
Feb. 12 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 13 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 14 th	5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving / Elizabeth Villavicencio
Feb. 15 th	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Jose † & Rosalinda Hubilla † / the family Needs & intentions of all parishioners
Feb. 17 th	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving / Perpy Lim
Feb. 18 th	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	School Mass Thanksgiving / Elizabeth Villavicencio
Feb. 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 20 th	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross Mass
Feb. 21 st	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Feb. 22 nd	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pat Slobidnyk † / Gord Mass

<u>Our Collection</u>			
Jan. 10th & 11th, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$1,710 Loose collection: \$329 <hr/> \$2,039	Jan. 17th & 18th, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$1,413 Loose collection: \$430 <hr/> \$1,843	Jan. 24th & 25th, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$1,525 Loose collection: \$165 <hr/> \$1,690	Jan. 30th & Feb. 1st, 2026 Offertory Envelopes: \$1,555 Loose collection: \$296 <hr/> \$1,851
December 2025 Preauthorized Debit: \$2,310		January 2026 Preauthorized Debit: \$1,730	

Collection for the Catholic Missions of Canada: The special collection for the Catholic Missions of Canada was February 1st. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$325.00 for the Catholic Missions of Canada. Founded in 1908, the Catholic Missions of Canada exists to advance and sustain the Catholic faith in remote and poor mission communities across Canada.

World Youth Day 2027: Young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join the Archdiocese of St. Boniface and the Archdiocese of Winnipeg delegation to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, from July 27th to August 11th, 2027. World Youth Day gathers young people from around the world to encounter Christ in a profound and personal way and to experience the universal Church with young people from every nation. The cost is \$2,500 (excluding flights). For information, contact Yssa Arlegue in the St. Boniface Archdiocese Office of Youth & Young Adults at youth@archsaintboniface.ca or 204-594-0271. A World Youth Day information session will take place in our parish on February 22nd following our 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

C.C.R.S. Consecration to St. Joseph Program: Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Manitoba for their Consecration to St. Joseph program. The program runs from February 25th to March 19th. This five-week journey includes daily readings based on the book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway. Weekly gatherings will be held in our church on Wednesdays, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a one-hour reflection and discussion. Participants will also gather on March 19th to attend Mass and pray the consecration together. For registration information or to obtain the book, please contact Melvin or Maria at 431-777-8877. All are invited to participate.

Christian Life Program: The Couples for Christ Winnipeg East 1 Chapter invites everyone to join its Christian Life Program, starting March 7th 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. All are welcome to participate in this inspiring journey of faith. For more information, please contact Eric at (204-250-8284), Efren at (204-881-3913) or Jonel at (204-797-5466).

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers for the Masses on February 7th & 8th have been generously sponsored in remembrance of Metro Bodnar.

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.

A Lenten Message from Fr. Peter

In the year 2026, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a Special Year in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, marking 800 years since his death.

We are currently living in a century marked by technological advancements that have brought many benefits, such as improvements in transportation, artificial intelligence (AI), education, entertainment, and social interactions.

Yet these same advancements can also pose challenges, particularly for young people. Even with numerous “social media friends,” many still experience significant loneliness. The year dedicated to St. Francis presents an opportunity for us to learn from his life and strive to align our actions with God’s will. So what can we learn from St. Francis? There are several important lessons to consider, and I would like to highlight a few key aspects.

- **Simplicity:** St. Francis was born into a wealthy family but chose a life of simplicity, dedicating his time to serving the Lord and others. We are also invited to embrace simplicity in our own lives. How can we do this? By finding joy in small achievements, appreciating what we have, and purchasing only what we truly need rather than what we merely want.
- **Mindfulness of the Poor:** St. Francis devoted his life to serving the poor. We should also strive to be mindful of the less fortunate in our families and communities. Here in our parish, Lent coin boxes will be available starting Ash Wednesday. I invite you to take a box and contribute throughout the season. All donations will support the Capuchin Foundation and Missions work in South Sudan. The boxes will be collected beginning on Holy Thursday and throughout Holy Week. We will also be collecting nonperishable food donations for Harvest Manitoba during Lent.
- **Trust in God’s Providence:** St. Francis placed his complete trust in God’s providence. In today’s world, filled with uncertainties, we are encouraged to trust in God and His guidance as we navigate our lives. By spending more time with the Lord, we can grow in faith and trust that He always loves and cares for each of us and meets our needs.

In closing, I wish everyone a meaningful and holy Lenten season. Let us dedicate more time to prayer, fasting, and giving. May we follow the example of St. Francis in creating a world filled with love.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Tran', written over a horizontal line.

Fr. Peter Tran