

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Parish office hours:** Tuesday - Thursday: 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Tuesday & Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 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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**Fr. Janusz will be away Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.** There will be no mass in our church on those days.

**We are accepting registrations for our 2023 – 2024 catechism program and sacrament preparation programs!** Catechism and sacrament preparation classes allow children to have fun learning about God, praying, serving and developing their own spirituality at their cognitive levels.

If you would like to register your child, registration forms are available in the lobby, on our parish website or by emailing the parish office. Completed registration forms can be dropped off at the parish office. Classes begin Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers,** please sign up to serve on the September schedule in the lobby of our church.

**Don't forget to join us for our parish Back to School BBQ this Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>!** Please join us from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a hotdog BBQ in front of our church. Hotdog, chips and a drink are \$5.00. All are welcome to attend!

**If you are new to our community, and would like offertory envelopes or to sign up for preauthorized debit donations, please contact the office.**

<u>Upcoming Mass Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention &amp; Requested by</u>
Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Michael Gebres – Tesfay, Amina & family
Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Dec. Pepito Cruz – Lerma Cruz
	10:30 a.m.	Safe trip for the Alagao family
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Joshua Paculaba – his family
Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Aug. 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Dec. Paz Victoria & Cesar Augusto Barrios – Espinoza family
Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Martha Barrios – Espinoza family
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Dec. Laurent Carriere – Lyn Carriere
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Dec. Isidro Guerrara – Lyn Carriere
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Mass

**Did you know our parish has a subscription to FORMED? FORMED is an online platform filled with thousands of Catholic movies, shows, audio programs and books.** You can enjoy FORMED for free on your computer or smart device. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, scan the QR code or go to <https://signup.formed.org/>.



Not sure what to watch? Try the FORMED Pick of the Week for August 27<sup>th</sup>, *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine*. This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

Or try the Pick of the Week for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*. This film is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

**Video Message from Archbishop Albert** - As the summer holidays slowly come to an end, and a return to a normal pace of work resumes this Fall, Archbishop Albert proposes a reflection on the importance of rest, and rhythm. Indeed, while the summer months can be a time of rest and relaxation for many, as normal work life resumes, it can be challenging to maintain a healthy pace. Just like the human heart, we must rest between beats, and even when business resumes, we must continue to intentionally make times of silence, and through these moments of profound silence, be still with God. Also, Archbishop Albert expressed a closeness in spirit and in prayer with the people of Maui, currently facing the devastating effects of forest fires, and tragic loss of life. Please join him in praying for these, as well as for those here in Canada, also facing the threat of wildfires. To view Archbishop Albert's message, please visit the [Archdiocesan Facebook page](#).

**The Archdiocese of St. Boniface is pleased to announce the hiring of the new Director of Pastoral Services, James Kautz!** James is a devout Catholic with a passion for Christ. He is the former Executive Director of the Catholic School of Evangelization. Husband and father as well as a proven leader, James has more than 20 years' experience of working with coworkers and clients as a manager in various commercial enterprises. James also completed post-secondary theological studies at Aldersgate College in Moose Jaw, SK. James began his service on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We would like to extend a warm welcome to James!

**Holy Cross Parish *Everyone Needs Healing* Spiritual Retreat – September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Cross Parish invites you to their *Everyone Needs Healing* two-day spiritual retreat taking place on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The retreat preacher is Fr. Rosario Palic, coming from Italy for this retreat. There will be mass, adoration, praise & worship, praying the rosary, reconciliation and more. Holy Cross Parish invites you to come and receive God's abundance of blessings during this retreat. Free will offering. For more information, please contact the Holy Cross Parish office.

**Serena Manitoba Upcoming Natural Family Planning Class - Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** -

Whether you're single, dating, engaged, married, or postpartum... if you want to understand how your body and fertility work, natural family planning is for you! Sign up for the upcoming Serena Manitoba Natural Family Planning class to learn about the Sympto-Thermal Method of natural family planning. The next class will be held Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To register or for more information, email [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com), or call or text 204-783-0091.

**We are in the Liturgical season of Ordinary Time!** This season calls us to order and to everyday holiness. Ordinary Time is a season filled with feasts, solemnities and days of prayer which allow us to enter deeper into our own spirituality, and to notice the extraordinary moments in our lives, including:

- Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – the Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – the day we commemorate the Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
- Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2023: For people living on the margins** – We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**The Season of Creation** - The Season of Creation begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on October 4<sup>th</sup>. During the Season of Creation, Christians from across the globe join together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover new ways of living with creation. More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home. The theme for 2023 is "*Let Justice and Peace Flow*". Visit [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org) for more information.