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WEEKEND MASSES: Sat. 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 & 10:30 am, 12:15 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Consult bulletin or the website.

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch)

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism - Contact Theresa Hill (Religious Education Coordinator). Baptisms are celebrated in conjunction with a Saturday/Sunday Liturgy.

Reconciliation - After weekday morning Masses or set up an appointment with Fr. Kevin through the office, or by email frkevin@mmoc.ca.

Marriage - Please call to check for your particular date and to schedule an initial interview before confirming other bookings at least six months in advance. In addition, you must be a registered member.

Anointing - Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing are celebrated on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. If you know somebody who is ill or in need of anointing at home or at hospital, please call the office or email Fr. Kevin directly.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sat.	Jan. 25	5:00 pm	In thanksgiving by the Mai family
Sun.	Jan. 26	9:00 am	†Wilfred Ivan Ranson by Anne-Marie Gorman
		10:30 am	†Cecylia Keling by the Schmidt family
		12:15 pm	For all parishioners
Sat.	Feb. 1	5:00 pm	†Augustina Bodede by Bernadette Perreira
Sun.	Feb. 2	9:00 am	†Dorene Anseeuw by Isabelle & family
		10:30 am	†Patrick & †William Pasieczka by Denise Pasieczka & family
		12:15 pm	†Alphonsine DiNottia by the Gambly & Katopodis families



Please pray for the sick, their families and their caregivers: *Renée Alarie, Gerald Baete, Glenn Care, Larry Cooley, Carole Dupuis, Joanna Fraser, Jean Knight, Emeri Knockaert, Chooi Leong, Dr. Romulo Magsino, Joe Masi, Norberto Penaflores, Nicholas Ryz, Margaret Veitch, Joyce Tervoort and Irene Vermeulen.*

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Jan. 18/19, 2020:

Envelopes: \$5,002.00

Loose: \$526.65

Total: \$5,528.65

Nov. Pre-Authorized Offerings:
\$10,993.00

BUILDING FUND

Donations for week ending

Jan. 19, 2020: \$8623.96

Donations to Date:

\$164,913.87

~Much appreciation for your support!~

World Day for Consecrated Life 2020 – February 2, 2020

Please join us for the **annual prayer service** for World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be held on Sunday February 2nd at 3 PM at Saint Boniface Cathedral. The service will take the form of Taizé prayer. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. The primary purpose of World Day for Consecrated Life is to pray for women and men religious, and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life in the church. This year, we will particularly acknowledge the contribution of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI). The Oblates were the first male religious to arrive at the Red River settlement in 1845, and this year they are marking 175 years of presence here. Over those 175 years, the Oblates have made an immense contribution towards building the church in Saint Boniface and throughout western/northern Canada. In fact, the Oblates were instrumental in establishing the Catholic Church in western Canada. From the time of Alexandre Taché, one of the first two Oblates to come to the West, (and later second Bishop and first Archbishop of St-Boniface), the Oblates were pioneers and leaders who provided the first bishops for most of the dioceses of western Canada.

The **Divine Mercy** study continues on **Tuesday,**



January 28 at 10:00am in the Fr. Saulnier Room. Everyone welcome!

Stewardship Reflection

January 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” ~Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

The next Prayer group will be held Thursday, Feb 6 at 7 pm.

Marriage Tip of the Week:

Do the chores you’ve been avoiding – the laundry that’s been piling up or the windows that need cleaning – together. Chores are always more fun when you’re not doing them alone.

Workshop on St. Francis of Assisi – The



Immaculate Conception Franciscan Fraternity invites you to a **workshop** about **St Francis of Assisi** on **Friday, January 31, 2020** at Mary Mother of the Church. It begins with Mass at 9:00 am and ends with closing prayer at 6:00 pm. There will be three sessions; Francis' Conversions, Franciscan Community, and Being Franciscan Today with Pope Francis. Each session will be approx 1 hour of presentation followed by group discussion ending with personal prayer time. A Potluck Lunch will be served. For more information, please contact the MMOC parish office at 204-261-1579.

MEN'S RETREAT

Come and explore Ignatian Spirituality at a day long men's retreat, **February 15, starting at 9:00 A.M. at Mary Mother of the Church.**

We will pray with scripture using centuries old skills of meditation and contemplation to build and strengthen our friendship with Jesus and love of our God.

Lunch will be provided, open to all men in the parish.

Please see the MMOC Website to sign up. Cost good will offering!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Pope Francis gives much encouragement and value to the ministry of spiritual direction. Pope Benedict XVI recommends the practice of spiritual direction to everyone: *"....not only to all those who seek to follow the Lord up close, but to every Christian who wishes to live responsibly his baptism."* We are all on a journey. A spiritual director accompanies us on that journey, becoming a spiritual guide or companion, who offers a safe and sacred space, where encounter with God can take place. Spiritual direction is a one-on-one relationship organized around prayer and conversation directed toward seeking intimacy with God. Spiritual directors seek to help those with whom they journey, discern the presence and leading of the Holy Spirit.

Who benefits from spiritual direction?:

- anyone who desires a deeper relationship with God;
- individuals desiring to deepen their prayer experiences;
- those in seasons of transition, change or discernment.

What can be expected in a spiritual direction session?:

- a safe space where confidentiality is strictly observed and valued;
- to be listened to attentively;
- to encounter and recognize God in your life stories and experiences;
- to discover ways of creating depth and breadth on your journey.

If you are seeking a Spiritual Director or have questions, please contact me. Frances Chinchilla, M.S. at franmary@mts.net

MMOC's MARRIAGE FAMILY AND LIFE TEAM PRESENTS:

Choose to love your spouse / family better during this upcoming Lenten season!

FEB 21 7:00 PM

Movie Night: "FIREPROOF"

FEB 24 7:00 PM

Six week small group study:
"Fireproofing your Marriage"

FEB 26 Lent 40 Day Love Dare Challenge BEGINS

See mmoc.ca for details and to register.

BRRR!! It's cold outside!

Chez Nous / Our Place drop-in is in serious need of **LONG UNDERWEAR, JEANS, WINTER BOOTS & JACKETS, T-SHIRTS, and BEDDING.** The weather has been



freezing; let us remember the homeless people in our city. Our friends at Chez Nous provide a warm place to come in from the cold, hot coffee and a snack to people who spend most of their times on the street. The needed items can be in good used condition. Please check your closets for items you no longer need, and bring them in — the Chez Nous collection bin is at the back of the atrium. *Thanks!*



Ministry of the Month

Each month, we shine a spotlight on one of our parish ministries.

Welcome to the Volunteer Program!!

The Volunteer Program includes ALL of the MMOC volunteers, no matter what the ministry, and its focus is matching volunteers to a suitable ministry, and organizing awareness, appreciation and recruitment events. The Volunteer Program Team consists of Margaret Marquez, Volunteer Coordinator; Ministry leaders and coordinators; and all of YOU who volunteer!

Over the past year, the Volunteer Program has implemented five initiatives:

- Identification of Volunteer Needs
- Recruitment
- Volunteer Appreciation Events
- Ministry of the Month
- Creation of job description



**Volunteers are what
make the church!**



Catholic Schools

Christ the King School Open Houses – February 5 & 27, 2020 Christ the King School is now accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Our Open Houses are on Feb. 5th and Feb. 27th at 7 PM in the gymnasium. New this year is Full time Junior Kindergarten (4 year old program) and Full time Kindergarten (Mon-Fri full days). We also offer Before & After Care from 7AM – 6 PM during the school year, private bus service, Gr. 6 - 8 Band program, a competitive Sports Program and much more. Come take a tour and see all we have to offer!

St. Boniface Diocesan High School Open House – February 6, 2020 Please join us at our annual open house in preparation for the 2020-21 school year. Hear about our school, and community, and meet the teachers. We offer University courses. We look forward to seeing you there! February 6 at 7:30 PM.



Come join the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, January 26** for a **pancake breakfast** after all masses.

STEVE BELL IN CONCERT

Friday, March 20 7:30 pm

Mary, Mother of the Church

TICKETS: \$20 each

Tickets available at parish office and will be sold after all masses beginning the weekend of January 25/26.

Sponsored by MMOC Knights of Columbus in support of the Church Building Fund

Steve Bell is one of the best-known Christian musicians in Canada.

AGAPE TABLE This month's requested items are **canned meat or fish**. **Thank you!**

Feminine Hygiene Collection: Please support the collection for feminine hygiene products to be donated to Agape Table.



Hospitality Corner

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." ~Matt 25:35

Greet children, youth and adults by name. If you don't know someone's name, introduce yourself!