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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Parish Renewal
and Growth Prayer**

Let me Lord
be your instrument
to build your church.

Open my heart Lord
so I let you in
to inspire me.

Remind me Lord
that you are
always with me.

Dare me Lord
to become what you
created me to be.

Jeannette Timmerman

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sat.	Nov. 30	5:00 pm	†Mary T. Mai by the Mai family
Sun.	Dec. 1	9:00 am	†Michele & †Raffaelina Maria Gallo by Antonietta Parise
		10:30 am	†Adam West by Ms. Loredana
		12:15 pm	For all parishioners
Tue.	Dec. 3	9:30 am	†Alice Nolan by friends of Kathy
Wed.	Dec. 4	9:30 am	†Ken Kaleta by Audrey Burtiak
Thur.	Dec. 5	9:30 am	†Jeannine Martineau by Kathy Woodbeck
Sat.	Dec. 7	5:00 pm	†Patricia McKie by Henri & Rosamond De Smet
Sun.	Dec. 8	9:00 am	†Raymond & †Juliana Yap by Simeon, Lucy & Eileen Yap
		10:30 am	†Adam Bartmanovich by Lil & Stefan Bartmanovich
		12:15 pm	For all parishioners

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.

Urgently Required—Coordinator for Artarama 2020

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a volunteer to coordinate Artarama. Artarama is a three day art show and sale that exhibits the works of over 40 local artists. This event has been an excellent fundraiser for the Knights and our Parish for almost 25 years. Policies and procedures are well documented. The coordinator is responsible for the overall planning of the event and is assisted by a number of sub-committees, each chaired by a volunteer and tasked with specific aspects of the events. Past coordinators are available to advise and assist. Work is fairly intense in early January, contacting artists from an existing list, followed by another fairly intense period at the end of February, working with the exhibitors. Activity builds up again just prior to and during the event.

Should you be interested in this very rewarding challenge, please contact any of the following: Al Borys (204)269-3408, Walter Berry (204) 269-2090 or Fr. Kevin Bettens (204)261-1579.



Please pray for the sick, their families and their caregivers: Renée Alarie, Gerald Baete, Maria Celeste Baptista, Glenn Care, Larry Cooley,

Carole Dupuis, Joanna Fraser, Jean Knight, Emeri Knockaert, Chooi Leong, Dr. Romulo Magsino, Joe Masi, Norberto Penafloida, Nicholas Ryz, Margaret Veitch, Thad Snow, Joyce Tervoort and Irene Vermeulen.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Nov. 23/24, 2019:

Envelopes: \$6,971.00

Loose: \$676.80

Total: \$7,647.80

October Pre-Authorized Offerings:
\$11,408.00

Special Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: \$942.00

BUILDING FUND

Donations for week ending

Nov. 24, 2019: \$242.05

Donations to Date:

\$132,316.98

~Much appreciation for your support!~

Small-Group Study of Divine

Mercy is continuing, on Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am. in the Fr. Saulnier Room. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Frances @ 204 269 -1525

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Perogies and Tourtieres fundraiser a success! It was a busy four weeks and we made over 300 dozen perogies and 120 tourtieres. Thank you!!!



Small Faith Groups - At MMOC, small faith groups give parishioners an opportunity to study the upcoming Sunday's Readings using the Sunday Missal and "The Word into Life Year A". There is a commentary, questions and discussion for each Sunday. Many find it an excellent way to prepare for Sunday masses and faith growth. No experience necessary.

The participants tend to "bond" with the people within their group as they continue on their faith journey together. Through group study of the Word, we expand our knowledge base. We learn more by studying together. They will be held at the Parish hall every Wednesday evening 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. starting on November 27, 2019. For more information, please contact Deborah 204 232-2401 or Kate 204 955-0756.

COLLECTION OF SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR

The CWL are sponsoring the collection of **socks** and **underwear** for **Chez Nous (Our Place) Drop-In Centre** during this Advent season. Chez Nous is the only Catholic presence on Main Street.



Men's underwear is particularly needed!

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will gather in the hall on **Thursday December 5th from 7-8pm**. *Hope to see you there!*

The Living Rosary Advent Christmas Devotion begins this Sunday December 1.

*** Copies of this devotion are available on the table alongside of the Advent Reflection booklets in the Atrium. ***

May we journey with Mary, as we begin our Advent Season and advance toward the Birth of this Christ Child at Christmas.



Feminine Hygiene Collection: Please help one of our parishioners, a St. Mary's student, in her drive to collect feminine hygiene products to be donated to Agape Table. Maxi-pads are the most needed item, but panty liners and tampons will also be collected. They can be in boxes OR individually wrapped.



Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family, and community development. It works closely with lay people, religious missionaries, and local communities to provide care for the many children and families caught in the dehumanizing grip of poverty.

Since its inception, Chalice has been restoring hope and dignity to people in developing countries through our sponsorship program. Chalice is rooted in Catholic social teachings that affirm the sacredness of life, and the dignity of all people. Children and elders are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion.

Each of the 57 sponsor sites, spanning across 15 developing countries, is under local direction. By working closely with those who live and experience the difficulties of poverty, Chalice gains knowledge and insight on how to best respond to challenges.

Chalice commits 90.3 percent of its spending in support of programs. In fiscal year 2017-2018, \$27,001,000 million was spent directly towards supporting those in need.

Join Chalice to strengthen communities- one child at a time.

In the bulletin, you will find some information about child sponsorship through Chalice. The parish has been sponsoring a little girl from India for several years. Her sponsorship is paid by the children's Mass collection, and it is a joy to watch her grow up and succeed. You can support Chalice in a number of ways other than sponsorship. Please visit their website: www.chalice.ca

English Conversation Groups (ESL):

Come and join us to improve your English listening and speaking for a few hours a week. All levels are welcome. Our first meeting is Monday January 13th at 1:30-3:30 pm. Bring your friends and relatives. No childcare will be provided. Volunteers are also needed. All you need are good conversation skills, and a love of working with people. Just a few hours a week can make a big difference in someone's life. Some training will be provided if needed.

Registration forms and volunteer forms are in the Welcome Area in the atrium. For more information or to register email esl@mmoc.ca

Knights of Columbus Christmas Colouring and Collage Contest (Theme: Keep Christ In Christmas) Open to all children of the parish 15 years of age or younger, and to children and grandchildren of members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 5264 Five categories – Pre-school to Grade 10 3 Prizes awarded in each category! Rules and entry forms are available by the Parish Bulletin Board in the Atrium, and in the Religious Education classrooms. Entries must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 15th** and are to be placed in the box marked Keep Christ in Christmas found in the welcome centre

THE COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVER

A LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11:30 am at MMOC

PRESENTATION BY Samantha Rodeck,
**TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS NETWORK
FOR SENIORS (TONS)**

Come join us as we discuss alternative transportation options that are available in Winnipeg

- How to keep active and independent in your community
- How to choose the best option for you
- Safe driving tips
- How TONS can support you with your transportation needs

BROUGHT TO YOU BY EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND MMOC LUNCH WILL BE SERVED - NO FEE - FREE WILL OFFERING TO REGISTER:

Greg – barreg63@gmail.com;

Gale – rds1@mymts.net

Doreen – doreenls@shaw.ca; 204-269-4708

Christmas Hampers Reminder:



The last date we can accept hamper donations is **Sunday, December 8**. Hampers will be delivered on December 14. For inquiries, please call Shelley Besko at 204-803-6808. Thank you!

AGAPE TABLE This month's requested items are **rice** and **gravy packets**. **Thank you!**

Children's Advent Party Sunday, December 1st from 1:00-3:00 pm, in the parish hall. Admission is FREE. Bring a snack to share, and a non-perishable food item.



The Caregiver's Journey

There may come a time when caregivers realize that their loved ones can no longer care for themselves safely in their own homes or the caregivers can no longer provide the needed care. Caregivers are then faced with the issue of trying to convince their loved ones of the necessity to live elsewhere.

If not approached appropriately, a power struggle will ensue between caregivers and care receivers with the later insisting on remaining in their homes. How can this topic be discussed without becoming a bitter, divisive issue?

According to Stella Henry, R.N., author of The Eldercare Handbook, the conversation needs to start early before a crisis situation has developed. In addition, caregivers should make the conversation about their own feelings such as: "I'm really concerned about your safety; it worries me to see you living this way" OR "I'm worried that I can no longer give you all the care you need." This approach has greater potential for encouraging a dialogue then just demanding and insisting on a change. Once the dialogue begins, caregivers can explore various options with their care receivers.

By Evelyn Fink

Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mesa, Arizona

Submitted by: Greg Barrett