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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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SEVENTH 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.

Love
your enemies

Jesus, Mat 5:44

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sat.	Feb. 22	5:00 pm	For all parishioners
Sun.	Feb. 23	9:00 am	For the souls of all the deceased by Wai-Yu Marie Ho
		10:30 am	For the Gousseau / Phillippot families by Marie Gousseau
		12:15 pm	In thanksgiving for blessings received in the New Year, and for other intentions by Uchenna Njoku
Tues.	Feb. 25	9:30 am	†Raymond & †Juliana Yap by Simeon, Lucy, & Eileen Yap
Wed.	Feb. 26	9:30am	†Mary Dilay by Lisa, Stephanie & Bob Babey, & Sharon Surowiec
		7:00	†Aleli Roces & the family that mourns her: Edgar, Rosalyn, Catherine & Noel Roces
Thur.	Feb. 27	9:30am	†Minnie & †Michael Tataryn by Ron & Susan Bartmanovich
Sat.	Feb. 29	5:00 pm	†Pablo Jajalla by his family
Sun.	Mar. 1	9:00 am	†Norman Claeys by Claire Claeys
		10:30 am	†Patrick & †William Pasieczka by Denise Pasieczka & family
		12:15 pm	For the health of Benigno R. López C. by Carmen Colfer & family



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, Nicholas Ryz, Margaret Veitch, Joyce Tervoort and Irene Vermeulen.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Feb. 15/16, 2020:

Envelopes: \$5,220.50

Loose: \$597.05

Total: \$5,817.55

Dec. Pre-Authorized Offerings:

\$12,690.00

BUILDING FUND

Donations for week ending

Feb. 16, 2020: \$555.00

Donations to Date:

\$166,515.87

~Much appreciation for your support!~

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)

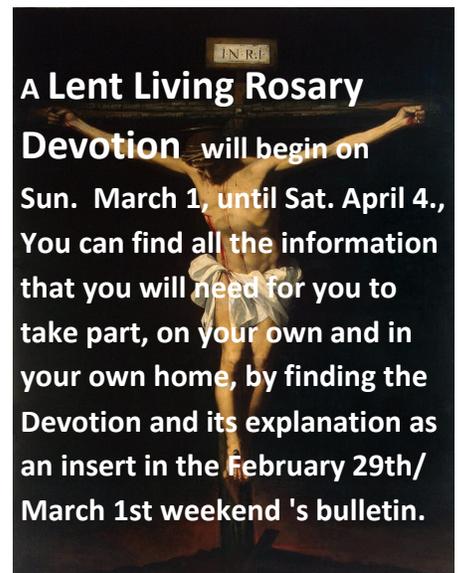
Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of Easter. It prepares catechumens (those preparing to be received into the Church) for initiation, and prepares the faithful to renew their baptismal promises.

This is what our liturgies should reflect during Lent. We allow more space for silence and stillness. The very best and highest attainment in this life is to remain still and let God act and speak in you.

“In the silence of the heart, God speaks,” St. Teresa of Calcutta said. “If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.”

During this Lenten season, we invite everyone to enter the worship space in silence and sit in stillness to become fully present to prepare for the celebration of Easter. “Be still and know that I am God”

~Tracy Hancocks, Liturgy Lead



A Lent Living Rosary

Devotion will begin on

Sun. March 1, until Sat. April 4.,

You can find all the information that you will need for you to take part, on your own and in your own home, by finding the Devotion and its explanation as an insert in the February 29th/ March 1st weekend 's bulletin.

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

Lent begins this week, on Ash Wednesday.

Please join us in worship—
Masses will be held Wednesday, February 26 at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm.



Lenten Study—The Holy Mass Explained

“Uncovering the Treasures and His Sacrifice for Us in the Holy Mass” is a 6 session video presentation featuring a humorous, passionate, Bible teacher and preacher, Fr. Halbing. The Holy Mass is the central act of our Catholic life. There are many details in the mass that we can learn from. Understanding the Holy Mass can be a life changing faith experience. Would you like to get excited about what the Holy Mass means?

Sessions will be held weekly during Lent on Tuesday’s, 10:00am. to 11:20am. beginning February 25, at Fr. Saulnier Room, MMOC. For more information please contact Frances 204 269 1525

stations of the cross



The Franciscan Fraternity will be leading the **Stations of the Cross** each Friday evening during Lent, starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and participate in this traditional service following the Way of the Cross in the footsteps of Jesus.

Attention Envelope Users: Please fill in the amount of your donation on your envelope — this assists us with our bookkeeping. Thank you!



Hospitality Corner

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

Hospitality is the art of creating a friendly space for the stranger.

Starting a Youth Choir Calling all young people who love to sing (grades 7-12). The choir will sing once a month at the Saturday 5:00 Mass and on special occasions, with practices on selected Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm. To get the choir started before the summer, the choir will sing at 5:00 Mass on Saturday, March 28 and Saturday, May 9 (Mother’s Day weekend). Practices for our first Mass will be on March 14, 21, and 28 (4:00-4:45). Choir members now would be students who will be in grades 7-12 in the fall of 2020. **For more info, call or text Pat Mathews (204)275-5600.**

“Fireproof” your Marriage and Family!



SMALL GROUP STUDY (Mon. evenings: Feb. 24 – April 6). Additionally, a 6-week small group study will be offered for those that would like to go deeper during Lent. Meetings will be held at 7 pm at MMOC. For more information and to register, please

visit www.mmoc.ca.

Presented by the Marriage, Family and Life (MFL) Teams at Mary, Mother of the Church & St. Timothy Parish

Stewardship Reflection

February 23, 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” ~Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy.” When we pray for others, even “our enemies,” maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Our **SMALL GROUPS** will resume on **Wednesday, March 4** at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Saulnier Room. Our topic is always the coming week’s Gospel, so it is easy to join—you are never behind!

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.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

What are you doing on Fridays?

Our Place/Chez Nous Drop-in Centre is a haven for street people in the heart of one of the poorest areas of Winnipeg. It is staffed exclusively by volunteers, most of whom are parishioners in the archdioceses of Winnipeg and St. Boniface. At present, there are only enough volunteers to keep in open three mornings a week. With another ten or so dedicated souls, we could probably expand to four mornings. SO....

Are you looking for something to do? And do you understand Pope Francis' "Option for the Poor"?

If you answered "YES", Our Place/Chez Nous may fit your plans! We are small, compared to surrounding charities in the area, such as Siloam Mission, Main Street Project, Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission. Consequently, we get to know and love both our regular visitors and our fellow volunteers.

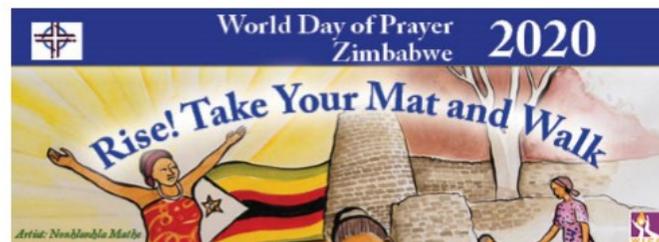
If you are interested, come and see us some Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings between 9am and noon. We would be delighted to give you a tour, answer any questions, and offer you the strongest coffee in the neighbourhood!

For more information, please contact Vic or Viviane Bossuyt at bossuytb@mts.net or 204-895-0049

Annual Book Fair

After all masses on **March 7 & 8**, Christian Supply will have an assortment of books and religious articles for sale in the hall. A portion of the proceeds goes to the church library. This is a good opportunity to find Easter, First Communion and Confirmation gifts and good reading material. Thanks for your support.

Parish Library Committee



World Day of Prayer 2020

Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe.

When: Friday, March 6th at 1:30 pm

Where: Trinity United Church, 933 Summerside

Christ the King School Open House—

February 27, Christ the King School is now accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 students. Our next Open House is on 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). Come take a tour and see all we have to offer!

Feminine Hygiene Collection: Please support the collection for 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.