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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2021

Personal Prayer

This liturgical year, Year B, we are reading from the Gospel of Mark. It is short and action packed. It starts with John the Baptist preaching, then the Baptism of Jesus, call of the first disciples, the beginning of Jesus's ministry where we see Jesus teaching, driving out demons and healing, and that's all in the first chapter.

In the middle of all this action, *'Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed'*. (Mark 1:35). Jesus makes time to go away by himself to a quiet spot to be alone with God the Father in prayer.

Just as Jesus went to a quiet spot to pray, we too must choose to go to a quiet spot, free of distractions, to pray and focus fully on God. Our lives can get so busy at times, that we can lose sight of who God made us to be.

God made us to know, love and serve him. In order to get to know God we need to spend time with him. Consciously making time for God is essential for living our lives as Christians.

To grow and nourish our faith we need to make time for personal prayer, just as Jesus did. Prayer allows us to grow into a deeper relationship with our Lord. In quiet conversation with God, we discern what God is saying to us and where he is leading us.

We may not always get the answer we want or on the time frame most convenient for us, but we are called to trust and have faith that God knows what is best.

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta



COVID-19 Update

Effective January 23, 2021, the province of Manitoba made limited changes to the public health orders. However, for places of worship there are no changes from the Code Red restrictions.

Please be advised that there can be NO gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. Also, this means that while the current restrictions are in effect, all churches must be closed to the public...including those who wish to drop in and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

If you need to get in touch with the parish: please contact the office and leave a message, or email Sister Maria at cicarellim@shaw.ca, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Let us continue to pray for one another...and to stay safe.

May Jesus & Mary enfold you and your families with peace, joy and love.

Bible in a Year Podcast

The Bible in a Year Podcast hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

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- 1) Read the ENTIRE Bible.
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- 3) Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life.
- 4) Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture.

The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) is produced by Ascension.

Visit www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear for the complete Bible in a Year reading plan.

Condolences

The faith community of Holy Redeemer parish extends heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family of Jan Kray who died on January 21st, 2021; and to the family of Donna Phillips whose Mom, Kay Oshanski, passed away on January 7, 2021.

To God, the dead do not die, and in death our life is changed, not ended. One day we shall all be joyfully re-united, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Then, *"God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more; and mourning and crying and pain will be no more."* (Rev. 21).

2020 Tax Receipts Now Available

The 2020 charitable tax receipts are available to be picked up at the church during office hours. Any receipts not picked up by February 19 will be mailed out. Thank you for your generosity this past year.

Grace Lutheran Church on Kimberly is Asking for your Help

Do those plastic containers seem to multiply in your cupboards? We have a great use for them.

Grace Lutheran's Christian Education committee has been putting together soups and casseroles for the URBAN, to be given out to families along with their bagged lunches (due to COVID, there are no sit-down meals right now) Karen & Mike Colquhoun just dropped off 70 pizza casseroles on Wednesday morning!!!

Grace Lutheran congregation cannot keep up with the demand for containers – yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese – any kind of containers will do. We're asking for assistance. If anyone has containers that simply go into the recycling bin, would you please consider dropping them off (washed with lids) on the porch at 103 Quiring Bay. Thank you so much for considering this request.

World Day of the Sick Diocesan Mass February 11, 2021

Join Archbishop LeGatt in celebrating two special diocesan Masses, and in prayer as we ask Our Lord and Our Lady of Lourdes to heal, aid and support all those who are struggling with illnesses, most particularly those afflicted, both directly and indirectly, by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

English Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 p.m. from Holy Cross Parish and will be available on the Diocese's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live>.

Free Virtual National Catholic Men's Conference February 19-21, 2021

What does it mean to truly live your Catholic Faith as a man in every area of life?

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Please visit: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021 to register for free.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**



How to Donate to your Parish

1. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
2. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3. Donations may be sent in by mail.
4. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
5. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.

Sacraments

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Although we have no Masses at this time, please continue to pray for all of our parishioners and for an end to this pandemic.

Feasts for February 7 - 14, 2021

Sunday, Feb. 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Saint Scholastica

Sunday, Feb. 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Scholastica

Scholastica was born in Italy around 480 and was the twin sister of Saint Benedict. She devoted her life to God from her earliest youth. She founded a religious community of women at Plombariola. She is the patron saint of nuns.

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Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering.

Sundays: In English at 10:30 a.m.

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians:
youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live
or on the Diocese's Facebook page at
facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live.

Television Masses

While you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For February 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.