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Discipleship

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples (followers) Simon, Andrew, James and John. He doesn't say much to them, just '*come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.*' (Mark 1:17). The four drop what they are doing and follow Jesus.

In the first reading, God calls Jonah to proclaim God's message to the people of Nineveh. In the book of Jonah, we hear that when Jonah first hears this message from God, Jonah flees in the other direction trying to get away from God. (Jonah 1:1-3). Jonah eventually reconsiders and accepts God's call for him.

Each of these readings shows a different response to God's call. At first Jonah refuses, but he does eventually accept. The four disciples follow right away, but Simon Peter would later deny Jesus three times and only John stood by Jesus at the crucifixion. However, after Jesus' death and resurrection all four would proclaim the Gospel and carry out the mission they were called for.

The individuals in today's readings were not perfect. They were human beings after all. Jesus invites us to follow him where we are. We do not have to be perfect to accept that invitation and be followers of Jesus.

But didn't Jesus instruct us to be perfect? "*So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48)? The Greek word translated as 'perfect' is 'teleois', which means 'brought to completion, fully realized, whole'.

This becoming complete is a work in progress. Being a disciple of Jesus is a lifelong journey. Jesus calls us to transformation and to grow in holiness. We are called into deeper union with him. This call does not have an expiration date.

We will stumble sometimes on this journey, and that is okay, the key is to continue the journey. This journey with God towards eternal life.

COVID-19 Update

On January 21, 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.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Manitoba Online Prayer Meeting January 23, 2021

You are invited to participate on Saturday January 23 at 7:00 p.m. Via YouTube Live:
youtube.com/watch?v=twVJazvqHY8&feature=youtu.be

Praise & Worship by Louis & Mary Richard, teaching by Deacon Michel Landry and a couple of special guest appearances.

For more information call 204- 895-7544 or visit our website at www.catholicrenewalservices.com

Marriage Tips

When everything else fails, be PATIENT. When things don't go well in your marriage - and there will inevitably be difficult days - give yourself time. Sometimes we need to calm down, think and end up with more positive emotions.

Farewell for Father Owen Steeves

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Blessings of peace!

On Sunday, February 14th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., there will be a drive-by farewell for Father Owen Steeves at Our Lady of Hope Mausoleum Green Acres Cemetery in Winnipeg. This is open to the public. Holy Redeemer parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Everyone is asked to remain in their vehicles. The coffin will be outside the Mausoleum with the pallbearers. As you drive-by ... stop for a short prayer ... then if you wish to pull over and wait for the Committal Prayers. Please do not leave your vehicles. Father Robbie McDougall, a very close friend of Father Owen will lead the Committal Prayers.

Hopefully at a later date we can have a Memorial Service Liturgy for Father Owen at Holy Redeemer Church.

If you are unable to attend, let us join in prayer for Father Owen from our homes.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May Jesus, Mary & Joseph bless you and your families and enfold you with their protection, tenderness and peace.

Lovingly,
Sister Maria



Good Shepherd Campaign Results

Together, we have surpassed the Good Shepherd Campaign objective! In fact, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface has collected more than \$375,000 in support of the 2020 Good Shepherd Campaign ending on January 31, 2021. We have surpassed the goal of \$275,000 set in the fall by \$100,000.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the 1,055 donors who contributed to the campaign and to the parishes that promoted it. Thanks to you, the Archdiocese's deficit for the fiscal year of February 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021, will be less than what was projected in the early months of the pandemic.

The donations collected through the campaign are used to support the formation and pastoral internship program of our seminarians and the archdiocesan response to the COVID-19 pandemic in support of its parishes. For further information on the 2020 Good Shepherd Campaign, please visit the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website.



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

Sacraments

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Sister Maria.



Fall Collection Campaign Results

Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated towards the fall collection campaign. A total of \$1,595.00 was raised and this amount will go towards paying the insurance bill of \$13,378.00.

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.



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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 January 24 – 31 2021

Sunday, Jan 24	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, Jan 25	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Tuesday, Jan 26	Saints Timothy and Titus
Thursday, Jan 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas
Sunday, Jan 31	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 January 2021

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.