



## Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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and/or as announced

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### SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

#### SUNDAY LITURGIES (MASSES)

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Check the bulletin or website for the current schedule

#### COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

Contact the parish office for assistance

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday 3:15 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.

and/or as announced or by appointment

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## PARISH BULLETIN

The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – July 9, 2017 and

The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – July 16, 2017

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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

### Pastor: Reverend Fr. Robert Polz

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### Parish Finance Council

Fr. Robert Polz, Christine Carlyle, Anthony (Tony) Keck, Albert McMurdie, Loris Vendramelli

### Parish Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee

Fr. Robert Polz, George Brown, Laurette Burch, Sharon Camier, Christine Carlyle, Ken Derendorf, Janine Gaudry, William Gould, Albert McMurdie, Gemma Minerva, Colette Mozol, Rod Olinyk, Marnie Puchniak, Victorina Tualla

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**FAITH FORMATION:** Catechism sessions for children (K to Grade 8) are held on Sunday mornings, September through May, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Periodically other programs, workshops, and/or study sessions are offered for adults. Contact our Pastoral Assistant (Sharon) for further information and/or to register.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST):** Contact the parish office for further information.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact the Pastor (Fr. Robert)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for preparation and celebration should be made at least six months in advance.

**CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS:** Contact the parish office before finalizing arrangements with funeral directors.

## HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?

Many avenues lead individuals to the Catholic Church. The journey of faith can be a winding road. Whatever path has led you to this time of searching or interest in becoming a baptized Christian or, if already baptized, making a profession into the full communion of the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that could be Good News for you in your journey of faith. Our pastor, Father Robert, and our pastoral assistant, Sharon, are considering starting up this fall the RCIA process in our parish. Tentative plans include initial inquiry sessions to be held immediately following Mass on Wednesday evenings. **To help us make preparations for the RCIA in our parish, please let us know if you might be interested in participating.** Please speak with Father Robert and/or Sharon. We have a limited number of packs of leaflets of the series *Understanding Christian Initiation* which we can distribute to those discerning whether they would like to begin participation in the RCIA process.



### HONOURING THE SPIRIT OF 1817 – COMMEMORATING THE SELKIRK TREATY, Sunday, July 16, 2017:

The Peguis Selkirk Treaty signed July 18, 1817 represented “peace, order and mutual cooperation.” This is the first treaty signed between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples in Western Canada. It shaped not only Winnipeg and Manitoba but also the nation itself. In today’s spirit of reconciliation, a committee of 35 volunteers, including representatives of the St. Boniface Archdiocese, is Honouring the Spirit of 1817 by commemorating The Peguis Selkirk Treaty in a week-long series of events in the presence of the current Lord Selkirk from England. There will be an **Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday, July 16, at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Boniface Cathedral** organized by the Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. All are invited to join in praying for renewed and ever stronger ties of friendship and mutual support between all peoples of our land. For further information, you may go to the website [www.peguiselkirk200.ca](http://www.peguiselkirk200.ca)

## SHARING GOD’S GIFTS 2017

*“How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day each of us could say:  
today I have performed an act of charity toward others”* – Pope Francis

**OUR PARISH’S APPEAL TARGET FOR 2017 IS \$30,370.**

**As of Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> our parish has reached 99% of its target!**



If you haven’t yet received a copy, parishioners are encouraged to pick up a brochure from the narthex or the parish office and prayerfully consider making their pledge to Sharing God’s Gifts 2017.

**Donations to Sharing God’s Gifts in excess of a parish’s target will be refunded to the parish at the end of the year. The refunded amount is not subject to Diocesan Assessment. So this is a good way for the parish to benefit from the Archdiocesan fundraising effort.**

Further information, including the Sharing God’s Gifts video message from Archbishop Richard Gagnon, is available online at [www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing\\_gods\\_gifts.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/sharing_gods_gifts.php)

Contributions to Sharing God’s Gifts may be forwarded through the parish office or directly to the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Various payment options are available. If you wish to contribute via cheque, please make cheques payable to “Sharing God’s Gifts”. Thank you for your support!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND COMFORT

**Max and Monique Armstrong, Darrell Aucoin, Joan Brabant, Bill Camier, Frank Clarke, Peter Corcoran, Connie Csizmadia, Phyllis Dreveski, Sylvia Ewaskow, Bonnie Joyce Irish, Angela Kalichak, Deacon Gary McCallum, Debra McEnturff, Dolores and Paul Mulaire, Mak Ntwanga, Zonia Patson, Shirley Payment, Albin Polz, Phyllis Rogoski, Hank Smith, Rose Stankewich, Marie Stuart, Don Thomas, Jacob Trudel, Maria Helena Viegas, Ted Wood and Helen Yankoski.** *Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Sharon, to have names added to our prayer list. Remember that to have names added and printed in the bulletin we require permission from the person(s) concerned. Thank you.*

**July 9, 2017**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Saviour we are waiting for arrives in meekness, not a show of force.

**Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14**

The Almighty is also at the same time gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and kind.

**Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Just as Jesus has been raised, so those who share his Spirit will have new life.

**Matthew 11:25-30**

Discipleship can be a tough school, but it's also a benevolent one.



**THIS IS THE JESUS WE LIKE**

Every pastor, preacher, religion teacher, and religious writer can expect the occasional review. What homilist hasn't gotten feedback on the message, or a critique of the experience the listeners are having out in the cheap seats? Most comments people make as they shake your hand at the door are pleasant, vague, and meant to be supportive. They like your jokes, your stories. They agree with whatever it is you said—or with what they heard, which may bear little resemblance.

But sometimes the review is tougher. This kind tends to come later, by impulsive email or thoughtfully handwritten letter, perhaps in an irate phone call. Negative feedback can be scholarly, punctuated by scripture citations or preferred papal footnotes. Or it can be wild, or confused. If your experience is like mine, people are glad to hear about Jesus the gentle Lord, consoling companion, and healing physician. The angry reviews arrive when I present Jesus as one whose life, death, and teaching make concrete demands on us.

This week, we present the face of Jesus that's easy to love. Jesus offers us rest from our labor, relief from our burdens. He'll take our yoke and replace it with his own, which is light and easy to carry. Sort of like grabbing our steamer trunk, and asking us to bring the cookie plate. This Jesus is meek and humble, not strict or demanding. He's not telling us the law must be observed down to its jots and tittles; or insisting, in a way that seems irrational, that we love our enemies and hate our loved ones. He's not talking about kingdoms coming to topple our complacency and rearrange our priorities. Jesus won't spoil your supper tonight. He's come this Sunday as an agreeable guest.

Why are we still nervous? Maybe post-exilic Israelites listening to Zechariah felt a similar dis-ease when he foretold that the liberator they were waiting for would be meek, lowly, and just. A peaceful king who is not an unreasonable tyrant is a good thing, right? Yet at the same time, this pacifist redeemer was destined to enjoy an absolute rule from sea to shining sea. How does he accomplish such a thing, if not with a heretofore-unseen brand of power?

In his meek-and-lowly speech, Jesus likewise hints at an unfathomable reservoir of authority, tucked into his hidden relationship with the Father. Yes, he'll tote our baggage in life's most burdensome hours. But don't think for a moment we'll get off with tipping the porter here. The same Jesus who offers us rest has cosmic expectations of those who answer the call: "Come to me." The Jesus we like is also the Jesus who's tougher to love.

— Alice Camille

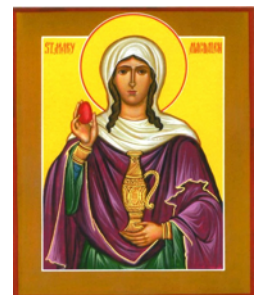
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**Saint Mary Magdalene,  
Who anointed the feet of Jesus,  
Who washed his feet with tears,  
Who was vindicated before the proud Pharisee,  
Who received the pardon for her sins,  
Who restored from darkness to light,  
Mirror of penance,  
Wounded with the love of Christ,  
Last at the cross of Jesus, first at his tomb,  
First to see Christ risen,  
Constant woman,  
Apostle of apostles,  
Loving advocate for sinners,**

- Traditional Litany of St. Mary Magdalene

**Pray for us.  
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**Saturday, July 22, 2017  
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene  
Disciple of the Lord**



## MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

**GREETERS AND USHERS:** All weekend Masses require additional volunteers to serve as ushers to welcome our parishioners and visitors. If you are able and willing to help us out, please speak to one of our current ushers and/or contact one the following: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass: Richard Carlyle 204-889-0238; Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass: Lawrence Barton 204-889-1322; 11:45 a.m. Mass: Toni Anciro 204-889-3544. Thank you.

**COFFEE WEEKENDS:** We are looking for additional volunteers, especially for Saturdays, to assist with preparing and serving coffee and refreshments after Masses on the first weekend of the month. If you are able and willing to help us out in any way, please contact Chris Carlyle 204-889-0238 or email rccarlyl@gmail.com. Thank you.

**July 16, 2017**

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Isaiah 55:10-11

God's word is like rain on the parched earth,  
and like seed to the sower.

#### Psalms 65:9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13

If you enjoy the flocks and the harvest,  
praise the God behind it all.

#### Romans 8:18-23

Like the children of God,  
the rest of creation awaits the glory to come.

#### Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells a parable about a peculiar sower, and a marvelous yield.



### BLESS OUR EYES, AND BLESS OUR EARS!

There's something very appealing about Jesus portraying himself as the mad farmer. He tosses precious seed where a sober sower would never intend it to go. Only a reckless farmer sows the footpath, the brambles, the rocks, and among the weeds—NONE of which makes any sense! Because everybody knows, seeds don't grow if they don't find the right soil. Jesus declares himself a madman farmer, and I love him for that. He knows that sowing the well-plowed enriched field is a sure thing—but also limiting and predictable in its results. Trying to reap a harvest from the margins is a more precarious use of resources—a crapshoot, to be honest. Which makes Jesus both a mad farmer AND a gambler Lord. God as gambler is a well-attested biblical figure since the dickering with Abraham over Sodom. Like Father, like Son.

Jesus took a gamble on me, half a century ago: a laywoman with a vocation to the church? What was that, if not sowing seed among the brambles? What was God thinking? It's not for me to evaluate what sort of gamble Jesus took on your vocation, or how many may have stood by betting on your failure. But I suspect many of us might describe our lives as tossed among the brambles; or scratched out on footpaths beaten hard by our misadventures, and the requisite retracing of our steps. Rocks, weeds? Let us count them. The iffy margins, not the prepared field, are where a lot of us might claim to have encountered the seed of God's word most effectively—not to mention, gratefully.

And Jesus says: Blessed are the eyes that see, ears that hear, lips that help carry this good news farther. Blessed are shoulders available to be leaned on, sometimes cried on. Blessed are feet that walk well out of their way to do some good. Blessed are hearts broken in quest of a love that lasts. Blessed are elbows that dig, prodding others to straighten up and pay attention: This summons is for you! Blessed are knees that buckle and hands that grow calloused in their service, day after thankless day.

Jesus throws out blessings as cheerfully and wantonly as seed, intending them to fall into unexpected crevices and on less than ideal circumstances. And because he does, tax collectors and prostitutes go to heaven before the righteous. The last get to be first, and the poor inherit a kingdom while the rich are sent away empty. Mad farmers get crazy results. The topsy-turvy realm of God is many things; business as usual isn't one of them. Yes, it's a gamble. But the Lord we follow is a betting man.

— Alice Camille

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***“Among all human pursuits, the pursuit of wisdom is more perfect, more noble, more useful, and more full of joy.”*** — Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

## TWO WEEK SCHEDULE: JULY 9 – JULY 23, 2017

*As circumstances suggest, the schedule may be subject to change.*

*Please note that parish staff are taking holidays at various intervals throughout the summer.*

*Our pastor plans to be away from the parish July 10-14, 2017.*

<b>Sunday, July 9</b> 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am 11:45 am	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS</b> – Rodolfo Narvas, Sr., requested by Narvas family <b>MASS</b> – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners <b>MASS</b> – Antonio Viegas+, requested by Linda Mitchell
<b>Monday, July 10</b>	<b>Ferial</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b> 9:30 am – 12:00 noon 10:00 am	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT BENEDICT, Abbot</b> Office open Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>  6:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Wednesday – Custodian on duty</i> <b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> with the distribution of Holy Communion
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Thursday – Custodian on duty</i>
<b>Friday, July 14</b> 10:45 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> at Sturgeon Creek II Retirement Residence, 707 Setter Street Office open <b>Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> ( <i>in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel</i> )
<b>Saturday, July 15</b> 5:00 pm	<b>MEMORIAL: SAINT BONAVENTURE, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> <b>MASS</b> – Intentions of Louise Lane (health), requested by Mona Harper
<b>Sunday, July 16</b> 9:00 am 11:45 am	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS</b> – “Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners <b>MASS</b> – Curtis Fast+, requested by Doreen Fast and family
<b>Monday, July 17</b>	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Monday</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b> 9:30 am – 12:00 noon 10:00 am	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open Al-Anon Meeting ( <i>in room 12</i> )
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> Office open Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank ( <i>in room 12</i> ) <b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b> <b>MASS</b> – Keira Bond+, requested by the LeDrew family
<b>Thursday, July 20</b>  2:00 pm	<b>FERIAL</b> <i>Parish office closed Thursday</i> <b>LITURGY OF THE WORD</b> at Heritage Lodge PCH, 3555 Portage Avenue
<b>Friday, July 21</b> 9:00 am 9:15 am	<b>FERIAL</b> Recitation of the Rosary <b>MASS</b> – Alexandra Crozier+, requested Laurette and Doug Burch

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Office open

3:00 pm

**Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (*in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel*)

**Saturday, July 22**

**FEAST: SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, Disciple of the Lord**

5:00 pm

**MASS** – *Dominic and Cecile Capri+, requested by Tannena Korolyk*

**Sunday, July 23**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 am

**MASS** – *Ben Procyshyn+, requested by Phyllis Garet*

11:45 am

**MASS** – *“Pro populo” / Intentions of parishioners*

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***“Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the Word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind ... Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart.”***

— Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)

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## **EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE PARISH, THE ARCHDIOCESE AND BEYOND**

**RUMMAGE SALE REPORT** from Rummage Sale held on June 30, 2017: \$345.55 deposited, less reimbursed expenses of \$61.65 = \$293.90

**SERENA NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** Serena teaches a comprehensive two hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method, a scientifically based, highly effective method of Natural Family Planning. The next class is **Saturday, July 29, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.serenamb.com](http://www.serenamb.com)

**SAINT-MALO CATHOLIC CAMPS:** For youth aged 5 to 17 years old. Archery, mountain biking, canoeing, beach time, sports, campfires, music, drama, and also prayer time and spiritual formation. We are the only Catholic sleepover camp in Manitoba offered in English and French. Register online at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net) There are also job opportunities for those 14 years and older. For more information, please see website online at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net) or email [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net) or phone 204-347-5396

*For other events in and around the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, please see information posted on bulletin boards at the north and south entrances of the church, and/or go to the website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly\\_bulletin.php](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/weekly_bulletin.php)*

<p><b>PAD / OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2017:</b> Parishioners are encouraged to register for pre-authorized debit. Visitors may use “My Offering” envelopes available at the church entrance. New parishioners are encouraged to contact the parish office to register for pre-authorized debit or regular offering envelopes.</p>
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## **PARISH GIVING COMMITMENT**

On the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>, a presentation was given at all the Sunday Masses updating the Saint John XXIII community of the Parish’s current financial situation. The overview of our temporal stewardship since the departure of the Anglican Parish of St. Chad’s in the fall of 2013 has convinced the members of our Parish Finance Council that “Our Parish Community is at a Financial Crossroad”. **A special envelope package has been prepared for those listed in our parish database.** Each envelope includes a letter from our pastor, a copy of the presentation given on the June 11<sup>th</sup> weekend, and a *Parish Giving Commitment Form*. **If you haven’t yet done so, please save us some postage by picking up your special envelope package up from the parish office.**

After prayerful reflection and in gratitude for God’s many blessings, we kindly ask you to make a personal commitment to the Lord and to your Parish by completing and returning your *Parish Giving Commitment Form* as soon as possible, preferably before the end of August. After evaluating responses received, your Parish Finance Council plans to make one of two recommendations to the Archdiocese: 1) The Saint John XXIII Parish community is viable, but will require interim financing to clear outstanding obligations, **or** 2) The Saint John XXIII Parish community is unable to financially sustain itself in this facility and seeks the recommendations of the Archdiocese as to any future course of action.

The members of the Parish Finance Council thank you for your kind consideration and in advance for your generous response to our current financial situation.