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Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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***“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)***

*Our world today groans in brokenness, division, polarization and war.
Yet through His humble birth in Bethlehem,
Jesus makes all things new and teaches us a better way.*

*He is the Emmanuel, God with us.
He is our Wonderful Counselor,
whose loves gifts us with His reign of peace.*

*May the Prince of Peace bring us joy, bless our lives
and grace us with the burning desire
to follow Him, bringing joy, justice and mutual understanding
so that we may build His kingdom with Him*

His Grace Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface



Archdiocesan News



THE + GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN 2025

***NEW* The Good Shepherd Campaign 2025 – For the Life of the Church!**

We'd like to thank our gracious supporters of the **2025 Good Shepherd Campaign**. We are please to report that we've reached three quarters of our \$400,000 goal.

We would like to appeal to those who have not yet made a donation to consider making your 2025 tax-deductible donation now. Give today online **BY CLICKING HERE**, by mailing us your donation form or by calling us at 204-237-9851. Your gift will make a difference in helping us reach the diocesan goal of \$400,000 for the life of the Church.

*Please pray that the Lord may awaken the hearts of each of us to proclaim the Gospel
with boldness by giving ourselves generously to the Lord.*



***UPDATED* Christmas and Holiday Masses Calendar**

Would you like to celebrate Christmas, New Year's and the Holiday Season in a church near you or your family and relatives? Consult our Christmas and Holiday Mass calendar by [clicking here](#).

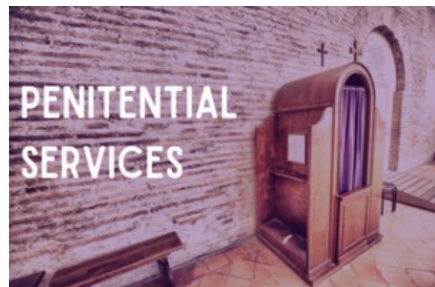
Please note that this document will also be available on the home page of the archdiocesan website: www.archsaintboniface.ca To add new Christmas Mass times and locations, please contact Daniel Bahaud at communications@archsaintboniface.ca



***REMINDER* Archbishop LeGatt Video – Come, Lord Jesus!**

As we enter the holy season of Advent, Archbishop Albert invites us to reflect on Christ's call to welcome the stranger: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." As we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," may His coming into our hearts transform us so that we may recognize, receive, and truly welcome those whom God places in our path. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and hope-filled Advent. Come, Lord Jesus

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca



***REMINDER* Advent Penitential Services**

This Advent, we invite you to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus by participating in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Advent, from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means *coming*, is a liturgical season which affords us a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. As during Lent, we can fast, deepen our prayer life, increase our charitable activities, and do penance. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and to transform our experience of Christmas. To find out when and where a penitential service will take place near you, please [click here](#).



***REMINDER* Advent and Christmas Activities**

We would like to suggest the following initiatives that you could undertake or promote in your parishes and families to foster a spirit of fellowship. On our website, you will find a range of Advent and Christmas activities such as an Advent calendar, daily reflections, crafts, the CCCB's ***Walking Together Through Advent*** videos, and much more.

Visit the web pages by [clicking here](#).



***UPDATED* Blue Christmas Prayer Gathering – December 26, 2025**

For most people, Christmas is a time of celebration and joy. For many of our brothers and sisters, however, it is a difficult time of year. They carry a heavy burden: loss of a loved one, separation, divorce, loneliness, depression, anxiety, financial stress, homelessness, unemployment, sick parents or children, addictions, worrying medical diagnoses, eco-anxiety, etc.

We know that the “ideal” holiday season atmosphere does not always match the experience of many people.

And so, here is our invitation: let us gather in prayer with and for those who are suffering, to remind ourselves during this Christmas season that God is good, that He is with us, and that He is powerful in His mercy. It will be a time for Adoration, personal and communal prayer, during which we will proclaim and meditate on the Word of God. We will also have the opportunity to bring and offer our prayer intentions at the altar, like the Magi at the Manger. All are welcome.

When and where: December 26 at 7 PM at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens church, 289 Dussault Avenue, Winnipeg.

This liturgical prayer gathering will be bilingual.

A light snack will be offered after the gathering.



***REMINDER* Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025**

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan celebration will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow. We invite all priests, deacons, and lay faithful to join us in thanksgiving as we mark the end of this Pilgrimage of Hope.

“During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!”

Please visit the diocesan Jubilee 2025 webpage for information, a guidebook, videos of the Jubilee shrines and much more! [Click here.](#)

Save The Date | Позначте у календарі

**TESTIMONIAL BANQUET
СВЯТКОВИЙ БЕНКЕТ**



Honoring Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
Вшанування Митрополита Лаврентія Гуцуляка, ЧСВВ

April 14 | 14 квітня, 2026

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Center,
Winnipeg, MB, R3H 0G3

More information to follow

49 years as a Priest
29 years as Bishop
20 years as Metropolitan
75th Birthday

***REMINDER* 75th Birthday Banquet for His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak – April 14, 2026**

Glory be to Jesus Christ! - Слава Ісусу Христу!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next year, His Grace Metropolitan Lawrence will celebrate several significant milestones in his life and ministry: his 75th birthday, 20 years as Metropolitan of Canada, 29 years of Episcopal Consecration, and 49 years of Priestly Ordination. A special Testimonial Banquet in his honor is planned for Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Please kindly mark your calendars and plan to attend this joyous occasion.

More details and ticket information about the banquet will follow in January 2026.

For poster, [click here](#)

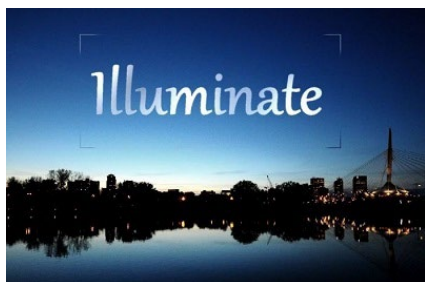


***NEW* Employment Opportunity – Calgary Catholic School District – Area Director**



CCSD is seeking a visionary and experienced leader to assume the role of Area Director. Duties will commence in August 2026 or as mutually agreed. The Area Director provides district leadership, school based operational direction, and support to school administrators, teachers, and staff within an assigned portfolio of schools. Reporting to the Superintendents of Learning Services, this role also carries responsibility for district-wide initiatives and committees. The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected. Applications submitted **by 12:00 p.m. on January 18, 2026**, will receive full consideration. For a complete position description and how to apply, [click here](#).

Apostolates and Ministries



***REMINDER* Illuminate: An Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – December 19, 2025**

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 PM, at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens, 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, www.illuminatemb.com or facebook.com/illuminatemb. Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

Sign up for the Illuminate newsletter on our website for future events.

***REMINDER* CCRS OF MB – Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study 2026**

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Have you heard of the 18 Miracles in St. Mark's Gospel? The 5 main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel? Did you know that tradition holds that St. Luke was not only a great writer but also a painter and sculptor? and that to understand St. John's Gospel one could really benefit from reading Genesis Chapter 1 and the 1st Letter of St. John.... come join us, you will not be disappointed!



Tuesdays at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg, MB from January 13 to March 24, 2026. – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com
For poster, [click here](#).

Wednesdays at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Selkirk, MB from January 14 to March 25, 2026 – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com
For poster, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* CCRS OF MB – “Pilgrimage to Italy” – May 26 – June 5, 2026**

Join us on an incredible pilgrimage to Italy from May 25th to June 5th, 2026: We will visit many of the most beautiful cathedrals of the world! A wonderful opportunity to visit the remains of many apostles and evangelists and walk thru the “Holy Doors” of the four major Basilicas of Rome! All details are on the attached flyer. Limited Space. For more information: 431-777-8877 or email galaxytravelcanada@gmail.com

Catechetics and Adult Faith Formation



***UPDATED* Save the Date – Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – February 22, 2026**

3:00 PM at Saint-Boniface Cathédrale, 180 de la Cathédrale Ave. (English Celebration)

Candidates, Catechumens, their families and friends, sponsors, RCIA teams, and pastors are warmly invited to join us for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. This beautiful liturgy marks an essential step in the journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Parish Registration Required

All parishes with Candidates or Catechumens must register for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. A registration link will be sent directly to parish administrators and pastors.

Preparatory Online Gathering

To support all who will be participating, an online meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to pray together, connect, review important information, and ask questions. A link will be shared when your parish has registered.

In the Media



Un kayak inuit est exposé dans l'un des musées du Vatican. Il fera partie des dizaines d'artefacts retournés à des communautés autochtones au Canada.
PHOTO: GREGG CHAMBERLAIN

***REMINDER* Indigenous artifacts from the Vatican collection return to Canada**

First Nations, Inuit and Métis leaders welcomed back dozens of Indigenous artifacts released from the Vatican collection at Montreal's airport Saturday.

The 62 items will ultimately be returned to their communities of origin as an act of furthering reconciliation.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak said it was an important and emotional moment for all First Nations, and she hoped it would be important for all Canadians.

To read the full article by Canadian Press writer Sidhartha Banerjee, [click here](#).



Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)

***REMINDER* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 to 25, 2026.**

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in many places around the world from January 18 - 25, 2026. The prayers and reflections for the 2026 Week of Prayer have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. We are reminded that unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose. As the Apostle Paul asserts in his letter to the Ephesians, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (4:4). This Bible verse, chosen for the 2026 Week of Prayer, encapsulates the theological depth of Christian unity.

CITY-WIDE ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

The 2026 Week of Prayer will be marked by a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg. All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration with church leaders and in the other various gatherings that will be held throughout the Week of Prayer. For more information on the city-wide service and the ecumenical choir being formed for the occasion, please see the Week of Prayer posters on the church bulletin board. One of the posters contains a complete list of additional gatherings that will be held in Winnipeg throughout the Week of Prayer. For poster, [click here](#).



ECUMENICAL CHOIR FOR CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION

An ecumenical choir is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 18th during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! Rehearsals will be held at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Sunday, January 4, 2026 and on Sunday, January 11, 2026. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 18, 2026. For further information, you may call or text Michèle Barr at 204-297-9212 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca For poster, [click here](#).

MANY ECUMENICAL CELEBRATIONS

The week will also see many other celebrations held at various churches in Winnipeg, including Paroisse Saint-Norbert (January 23rd), St. Mary's Academy (January 21st) and St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church and Bishop Velychokovsky National Martyr's Shrine (January 25). To see the complete list, with dates, [click here](#).

Discover many ecumenical resources at www.weekofprayer.ca



Marriage, Family and Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

During this Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us remember to cherish our humanity. Christ honored us by humbly sharing our human condition. Today, grant yourself and your spouse the right to simply be human: accept imperfections, laughter, and even mistakes. That is where true love lies.



***NEW* Ministry of Care Connections for volunteers**

February 21, 2026 - 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church - 35 Marcie St.

Building on the strong response to our initial two-part training series offered by the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** and the **Catholic Health Association of Manitoba**, we are excited to invite parish volunteers discerning or serving in the Ministry of Care to a continued opportunity for learning, discussion, reflection, and fellowship with fellow volunteers from our 3 dioceses. Previous attendance is not required.

Register by February 15 - [Click here](#)

[Click here](#) for poster.

Contact Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca for more information.

***REMINDER* Dying with Christ -Living with Hope Series – January 12,19, 26, 2026**

Mary Mother of the Church – 85 Kirkbridge Dr. Winnipeg.

Join us for a powerful three-part video series from the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), presented by the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** alongside **local Catholic healthcare professionals**, where we demystify death and the dying process and offer a fresh, hope-filled perspective on end-of-life questions. Through **group discussions** and **personal reflection**, **video presentations from theologians and medical specialists** this program explores:

- **Session 1- January 12:** Death and Dying
- **Session 2- January 19:** Pain, Suffering, and End of Life
- **Session 3- January 26:** The Christian Duty to Care

Discover how a commitment to *die with Christ* enables us to *live with hope*.

[Click here](#) for the program trailer. [Click here](#) for poster.

[Please register here](#) by January 7, 2026.

Workbooks provided in Session 1 for the first 25 registrations.

The series is free; however, free-will donations are welcomed.

For more info contact, Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca





***REMINDER* Prevent Euthanasia (MAiD) for Mental Illness in Canada. Guide to supporting Bill C-218**

Alex Schadenberg is the Life Director for the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council. He holds this position alongside his work as the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

In his blog of November 12, Brother Alex reminded us that: *"In March 2021, the Canadian government expanded the euthanasia law by passing Bill C-7. One of the expansions in the law permitted euthanasia for a mental illness alone. The government approved euthanasia for mental illness alone with a two-year moratorium to provide time to prepare for the change.*

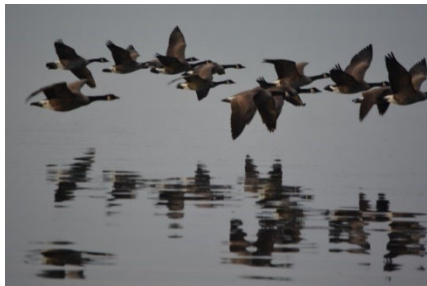
The government delayed the implementation of euthanasia for mental illness alone twice and in 2024 the government delayed its implementation until March 17, 2027."

We could stop this...this is what you need to know ([CLICK HERE](#)).

News from the CCCB

***REMINDER* Proposed Restrictions on Religious Freedom – Bill C-9**

Thursday, December 04 2025



(Ottawa) — The Liberal government has reached an agreement with the Bloc Québécois concerning an amendment to eliminate the religious exemption clause from Canada's hate speech legislation in Section 319 (3) (b) of the *Criminal Code*. This initiative is intended to garner support for Bill C-9, titled 'An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda, hate crime, and access to religious or cultural places).' The current provision in the *Criminal Code* slated for removal states: "(3) No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2) [...] (b) if, in good faith, the person expressed or attempted to establish by an argument an opinion on a religious subject or an opinion based on a belief in a religious text."

Bill C-9 has passed the first and second readings and it is now undergoing review by the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, with the latest proposed amendment, referenced above, subject to a vote possibly as early as this afternoon. Given all that could be at stake if the amendment passes, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, with other government officials in carbon copy.

To read the CCCB letter, [please click here](#)



***REMINDER* Lighting the Way: Editorial by the Co-Chairs of the CCCB-sponsored Jewish-Catholic Dialogue**

Thursday, December 04 2025

(Ottawa) —The co-chairs of the [CCCB-sponsored Jewish-Catholic Dialogue](#) have written an editorial in advance of Christmas and Hanukkah. The co-chairs are the Most Rev. Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal, and Baruch Frydman-Kohl, C.M., Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Tzedec Congregation of Toronto.

The editorial marks Christmas and Hanukkah, in the context of celebrating a decade of Jewish-Catholic national relations in Canada, and to share this "good news" in the midst of the current turmoil around the world.

To read the editorial, [please click here](#)



Parish Events



**SIMBANG GABI
2025**

Refreshments
Available after Mass

Dec. 15	Mon	6:30 pm
Dec. 16	Tue	6:30 pm
Dec. 17	Wed	6:30 pm
Dec. 18	Thu	6:30 pm
Dec. 19	Fri	6:30 pm
Dec. 20	Sat	5:00 pm
Dec. 21	Sun	5:00 pm
Dec. 22	Mon	6:30 pm
Dec. 23	Tue	6:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish
710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg

***UPDATED* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Simbang Gabi (Evening or Dawn Mass) or Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) is a Filipino Tradition of a novena of nine day Masses to commemorate the nine months of pregnancy of the Blessed Virgin Mary beginning December 15th until the 23rd. Monday to Friday - December 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, and 23 at 6:30pm and Weekend December 20 and 21 at 5pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 710 Roanoke St.



***REMINDER* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Join us for Simbang Gabi at Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach from December 15 to 23 at 6 PM except December 20 which will be at 6:30 PM followed by a Christmas Caroling Competition at 8 PM.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



**2026
WINTER CAMPS**
CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELIZATION

8-12 ENGLISH	JANUARY 16-18
8-12 FRENCH	JANUARY 23-25
12-15 ENGLISH	JAN 30 - FEB 1
12-15 FRENCH	FEBRUARY 6-8
15-17 ENGLISH	FEBRUARY 13-16

Overnight winter camps is a dynamic, fun-filled weekend for those who want to grow in their faith! Join us for a weekend of winter fun and fellowship. Camps are available in both French and English for ages 8-17.

Saint Malo Catholic CAMPS
catholiques de Saint-Malo

catholicway.net/camps



***REMINDER* Winter Camps 2026 are Now Open!**

Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! All of this in a faithfully Catholic setting!

Early Bird Pricing Before December 15th!

For dates, to register and for more information, please [click here](http://catholicway.net/camps).



Stewardship



December 21, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Visit our **French website**: <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr>
to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and
activities that appear only in French.

Unsubscribe, [click here.](#)