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Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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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 under the burdens of brokenness,
division, polarization and war.
However, through His humble birth in Bethlehem,
Jesus makes all things new and shows us a better way.*

*He is the Emmanuel, God with us.
He is our Wonderful Counselor,
whose love blesses 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
that we may build His kingdom with Him*

*His Grace Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface*



Archdiocesan News

The next *Weekly News Bulletin* will be published
on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**.

Please submit your announcements according to this schedule.

THE + GOOD SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN 2025

***REMINDER* 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.*



***NEW* Archbishop's Schedule**

To view Archbishop LeGatt's schedule for January, 2026, [click here](#)



To view Bishop LeGatt's Christmas Message, click on the photo...

***NEW* Archbishop LeGatt Video – Merry Christmas!**

Archbishop Albert wishes you and yours a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and draws striking parallels between the Nativity story and our contemporary world. Truly, unto us a Saviour is born. May Jesus' peace and joy dwell in your hearts and homes.

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



***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 Bahuaud at communications@archsaintboniface.ca

***UPDATED* 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 Mass 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.

A video of various Jubilee shrines will be presented. There will also be a collection for the Kateri Food Bank in Ste. Anne. Monetary donations are preferred, but please bring non-perishable food donations if you wish.

"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!"





***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* 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 and much more.

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



***REMINDER* 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 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](#).

Catechetics and Adult Faith Formation



REMINDER 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.



Interchurch & Interfaith Learning (Ecumenism)



NEW Prayer Service for Christian Unity in La Broquerie – January 22, 2026

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Saint-Joachim Parish in La Broquerie is organizing a prayer service on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7 p.m. at Saint-Joachim Church. This celebration is being prepared jointly with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Steinbach. For several years now, we have been gathering with this church to pray for the unity of all Christians.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. Come one, come all!

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

December 27 and 28 - The Christmas season is traditionally a "family-centered" time, and for many, that means focusing on children. For newlyweds, this can be a pleasant time to strengthen their bonds, but for couples who want to have children, it can be a difficult time. Think of each other.

January 3 and 4 – Epiphany of the Lord – Come and meet the baby Jesus. His kingdom is founded on love and mercy, in humility and service. As you meet Jesus, may you, like the Magi, be filled with great joy, gratitude, and praise for the wonderful things God has done for you.

NEW Reflections for the separated and divorced

Christ was born into the world as a tiny, helpless infant who had to rely on other people for everything. Yet this tiny baby showed humanity the strength of God that is contained within human poverty and weakness. Thirty-three years later, He hung on the cross in what the world saw as complete powerlessness but was instead the greatest triumph in salvation history.

This Christmas season, you may be feeling weak, lost and defeated. but remember Christ's example to us of strength in weakness. Open yourself to Him, for this is when He has the room He needs to start working in your life. He needs your weakness... and your trust. Trust in Him and He will give you the strength you need.

- Lisa Duffy, *A Road to Healing*

Ministry of Care Connections
For Volunteers

Continuing the Conversation
February 21, 2026
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Parish
REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 15

sign up here 



 

REMINDER 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**

DYING WITH CHRIST
LIVING WITH HOPE
CMDA

This 3-video series seeks to demystify death and the dying process, with a new approach to end-of-life questions.

Discussions, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, give perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care.

When we make a commitment to die with Christ, we can truly live with hope.

ABOUT
Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is a powerful tool to help Christians have conversations about death & dying.

WHERE?
Mary Mother of the Church
85 Kirkbridge Dr, Wpg.

WHY?
Addressing current views on death & dying, and what it truly means to live a Christian life & die a Christian death.

3-Part Series:
January 12, 19, 26
7:00 – 8:45 pm

Session 1: Death & Dying
Session 2: Pain, Suffering, End of Life
Session 3: The Christian Duty to Care

ABOUT CMDA CANADA
Dying with Christ - Living with Hope is produced by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada

Presented by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface with local Catholic healthcare professionals

Nadine Fetherston: mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca

Register By January 7



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



To view a video Christmas Message, please click on the photo...

NEW CCCB Christmas Message

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God who draws close to us in humility and poverty. Even today, his faithful presence encourages us to renew our friendship with him. To achieve this, Pope Leo says: "One cannot love God without extending one's love to the poor."

At this time of year, let us keep in our hearts our brothers and sisters who are struggling with poverty, suffering from wars, or living in forced migration. May our gestures of tenderness among family and friends be a vibrant call for solidarity and peace. May this Christmas season rekindle in us the confidence to build a better world.

As we enter the new year, let us gather the graces of the Jubilee, which calls us to continue our journey as pilgrims of hope. On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault

Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière and
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



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



NEW Grief Support Group – January 20 to March 24, 2026

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You do not have to walk this journey alone. St. Timothy Parish invites you to a caring, faith-filled 10-week Grief Support Group offering comfort, hope, and shared support. Tuesdays from January 20 to March 24, from 1:30–3:00 pm.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT: INFO@ST-TIMOTHY.CA
204-949-3760

MINIMUM OF 6–8 PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED.

For poster, [click here](#).



Stewardship



December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." **COLOSSIANS 3:17**

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

January 4, 2026: Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." **MATTHEW 2:11**

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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.

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