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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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Archdiocesan News

Church Leaders meet in an Ecumenical Spirit



Last November 18, various church leaders met with the Reverend Paul Gehrs, assistant to the Lutheran national bishop Larry Kochendorfer for Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations at the offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in Winnipeg.

The tone for the day was informal, mutually supportive and prayerful, in harmony with previous such gatherings.

Back row, L to R:

Bishop Jason Zinko, MNO Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Bishop Naboth Manzongo, Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land
Bishop Andriy Raby, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

Front row, L to R:

Rev. Paul Gehrs, ELCIC Assistant to the National Bishop
Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint-Boniface
Rev. Shannon McCarthy, United Church of Canada - Executive Minister, Northern Spirit,
Prairie to Pine and Living Skies Regional Councils
Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg



***NEW* 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](#).

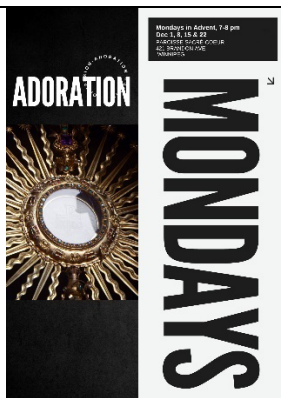
Please note that this document is a "work in progress", as many parishes have not yet determined their Mass times. It will be updated in the next edition of the Weekly News Bulletin leading up to Christmas, and will also be available on the home page of the archdiocesan website: www.archsaintboniface.ca To add new Christmas Mass times and locations, please contact Daniel Bahuaud at communications@archsaintboniface.ca



***NEW* 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



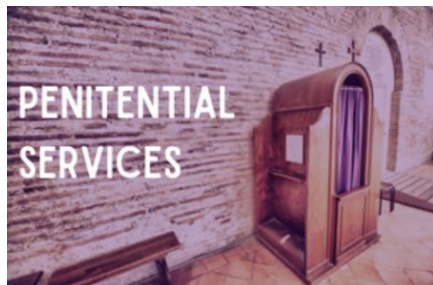
***NEW* A special invitation! Evenings of Adoration at Sacré-Coeur Parish in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg**

Come pray with us on Mondays during Advent on December 8, 15, and 22 at Sacré-Coeur Parish (421 Brandon Avenue). The **bilingual** Eucharistic Adoration evening will take place from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Confession will be available. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the adoration. Everyone is welcome!



***REMINDER* Archbishop's Schedule**

To view Archbishop LeGatt's schedule for December, 2025, [click here](#)



***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](#).



***REMINDER* Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2025**

You are all invited to participate in the December 8 celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Come celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Cathedral. In celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary who committed herself fully to listening to the Word of God with an open and transparent heart, and who then also committed herself fully to living that Word, with her whole heart and her unwavering “yes”.

The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0mC9pPKPwI>, allowing for virtual participation as well.

This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Together, let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Boniface for their intercession. May Christ, the Word of God, the Good News, enlighten and protect us by the powerful love of the Holy Spirit. Please invite your friends, parishioners, and acquaintances to attend!



***REMINDER* Employment Opportunity – Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach - Office Administration Position**

Full Time position at \$19 dollars / Hr. 40 Hours a week with benefits. If interested please send Resume to Father Shibin Bosco via email shibinbosco555@gmail.com or you can email the Parish at cosp.parish@gmail.com

Phone: 204-326-3411 or 204-246-2603.

[A detailed job description is attached.](#)



***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.

Until that time, the free gift of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence remains available to all who:

- Make a pilgrimage to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Make a pious visit to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Participate in works of mercy and penance;

And, in conformity to the usual norms for a plenary indulgence:

- Intend to receive the indulgence, and
- Receive Holy Communion and the sacrament of Reconciliation within several days of the indulgenced work, and
- Are free from attachment to all mortal and venial sin, and
- Say a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

For more information, please consult the Pilgrim's Guide. We have extra copies at the Archdiocesan Centre if parishes need more.

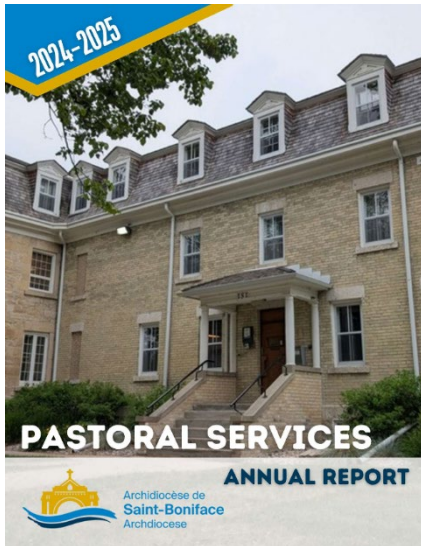
For the Universal Church, this date will also be when the Holy Doors of the Papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran, the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls are closed.

The Ordinary Jubilee will formally conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. As Pope Francis wrote in his letter announcing the Jubilee Year...

"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.](#)





***REMINDER* Pastoral Services – Annual Report 2024–2025**

"As archbishop, my responsibilities are many: to teach, sanctify, and govern; to share the Good News of the saving Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; to provide the spiritual and sacramental nourishment necessary for growth in holiness; and to guide people toward a common vision and communion of faith, hope, and love, lived in fraternity, solidarity, and justice.

This service to Jesus Christ and his Body, the Church, can certainly be accomplished, but never by me alone. All the baptized are called to be involved in our archdiocese. This is where the Pastoral Services Team comes in. Its mission is manifested daily as it reaches out to you, especially through your parishes, to help you live your ministry fully in the Church and within your community." - Bishop Albert LeGatt

We invite you to read the Pastoral Services Annual Report for 2024-2025 by [clicking here](#).



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Apostolates and Ministries

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Parade Video

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Float was a huge success again this year at Winnipeg's Santa Claus Parade, held on November 15. Showing everyone in Manitoba the real meaning of Christmas! The weather was almost perfect. There were many excited children, parents, and Brother Knights participating this year. Walking along the parade route was quite impressive, seeing the number of spectators waving and wishing a "Merry Christmas. There was a lot of candy distributed to the many children watching.

Many thanks to all the volunteers it takes to put this major event together. We need to recognize the work setting up and taking down the float under direction from Corey Bossuyt and his family farm, Ray Senez and crew, SJB Council, Church and School Choir, St. Mary's School, St. Edward's, Mary Mother of the Church, and Manitoba State are just some to mention. We encourage participation from every council and together we can "Make a Difference".

Thank you, Dan Shepherd – IPSD

To watch the video, [click here!](#)





***NEW* 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.

***UPDATED* 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



***NEW* 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.

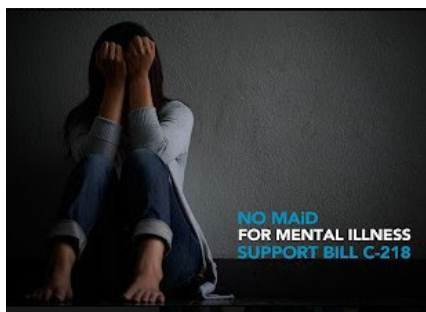
Preparatory Online Gathering

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.

Marriage, Family and Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. How much do you know about your spouse's first years of life? Just as from her earliest days, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was formed and filled with grace in preparation for becoming the mother of Jesus, so to your spouse's childhood influenced his or her growth into the person you love. Share an early memory with your spouse.



***NEW* 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](#)).



***REMINDER* 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.

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

This liturgical prayer gathering will be bilingual.

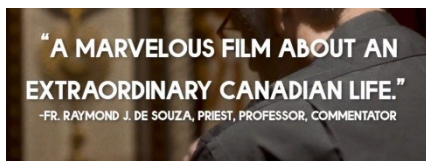
New Resources

***REMINDER* Free Online Screening of the New Catholic Film “Permission”**

Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn's new docudrama film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* is now streaming for free online at permissionthefilm.com. Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands, perhaps millions, around the globe as “Fr. Bob,” his life of holiness and passion has inspired many, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. The film offers a timely invitation to rediscover and renew the Church's mission and power through openness to the Holy Spirit.

Watch *Permission* online, or host a local screening with family, friends, and ministry or parish groups. Afterwards, take time to reflect and discuss how God might be calling you to give Him permission in your life and ministry.

For more information, please contact production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.



Parish Events



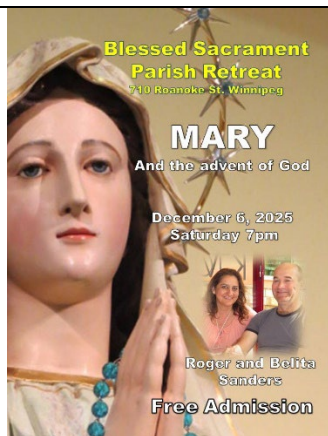
***REMINDER* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Simbang Gabi (Evening or Dawn Mass) or Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) is a 9-day novena Mass, commemorating the 9-month pregnancy of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After every Mass, the community gathers for a fellowship meal. This will be from **December 15-23 at 6:30pm except December 21, Saturday when it will be at 5pm**. We ask the liturgical ministers to sign up for the daily Masses. If you and your family would like to bring food for an evening, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. Let's celebrate the Church family that God has given us, this Christmas. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 710B Roanoke Street in Winnipeg.



***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.



***UPDATED* Parish Advent Retreat – “Mary: The Advent of God” - December 6, 2025**

Featuring Roger and Belita Sanders. December 6, 2025 Sunday at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Winnipeg, 710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg.

For poster, [click here](#).

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



***REMINDER* Advent Youth Retreat – “Would you follow?” – December 13, 2025**

Comme join us Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM – 7 PM.

For ages 14-29 in Manitou, Manitoba, at the Upper Room (Roger and Belita's). Spiritual Director – Fr. Jean-Marcel Kabongo. Please register by December 7th by calling Roger or Belita at 204-242-3107.

[See poster](#) for more details and to register.



***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](#).



Stewardship



December 7, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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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