



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 5:00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES : Monday to Friday 6:30pm, Saturday 9:30am
OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday
(closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch)

May 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism:

Contact the office. Baptisms are celebrated during Saturday/Sunday Liturgies.

Reconciliation:

Please call the office to set up an appointment.

Marriage:

Please call to check for your particular date and to schedule an initial interview before confirming other bookings. In addition, you must be a registered member of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Anointing of the sick:

If you know somebody who is ill or in need of anointing at home or in hospital, please call the office.

“THEREFORE GO
AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY
EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.
AND SURELY I AM
WITH YOU ALWAYS,
TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”

Matthew 28:19-20



Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,
please pray for peace in Ukraine.



We acknowledge that we are gathered on ancestral lands, Treaty 1 territory, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Liturgical schedule for the forthcoming week (May 16-24, 2026):

Mass Intentions

Sat.	May 16	9:30am	✠ Faustino & Sabina Tumambing by Pablita Tumambing
Sat.	May 16	5:00pm	✠ Cipriano Sr, Elevisa, Cipriano Jr. & Ersula Paasa by Maricel & Jerome Pader
Sun.	May 17	9:30am	✠ Clara Mersereau by LeBlanc family
Sun.	May 17	11:30am	✠ Ariel de Leon by Maricel Guina
			✠ Faustino & Sabina Tumambing by Pablita Tumambing
			✠ Clifford Ylaya and Adonis Lapiña by Janice Lopez and family
			✠ Mavita Canlas by Canlas and Payumo family
			✠ Cynthia, Rosito & Lisa Orillaneda, Alipio & Maxima Siwa by Eduardo & Alma Orillaneda
Sun.	May 17	5:00pm	<i>For the needs and intentions of our parishioners</i>
Mon.	May 18	6:30pm	✠ Efren Zoleta by Zoleta, Alit and Alabastro family
Tues.	May 19	6:30pm	✠ Elsie Mary Bollenback by Darla Sutherland
Wed.	May 20	6:30pm	✠ Margaret McDowell by Betty McDowell
Thur.	May 21	6:30pm	✠ Death anniversary of Constancio Magbag & thanksgiving for Marichelle Lucido's b-day
Fri.	May 22	6:30pm	✠ Clifford Ylaya by Deanna Galang
Sat.	May 23	9:30am	✠ Solidad Leyva by Leila Leyva
Sat.	May 23	5:00pm	Thanksgiving for Zenaida Supan and Presto Ng by Linda and Vidwin Ng
Sun.	May 24	9:30am	✠ Tony Porco by Nancy Porco
Sun.	May 24	11:30am	✠ Maxima, Gavino, Julius, Evelyn, Jonas, Gary & Esmeralda Enriquez, Eduardo & Luisa Sanchez
			✠ 1st year death anniversary of Joy Chatzioannidis and Kirk Davis Reyes
			✠ Cynthia, Rosito & Lisa Orillaneda, Alipio & Maxima Siwa by Eduardo & Alma Orillaneda
Sun.	May 24	5:00pm	<i>For the needs and intentions of our parishioners</i>

MASS INTENTIONS can be requested not only for someone who has died, but also in thanksgiving or celebration. The offering is \$10 with the money given to the priest for his charities. Please contact the office to make arrangements.



VISITATION MINISTRY

The Visitation Ministry is a group of dedicated men and women who are here for you. When requested, they pray for you and keep your request confidential. They will visit and bring communion to shut-ins at home or in the hospital. If you would like to speak with someone from this ministry, please call the office at 204-224-1669 ext. 20

Gospel Verse for the Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

Jesus was given all authority.

He passed it to us to use.

He and His Spirit will help us.

How can we refuse?

We all must teach all nations;

All Jesus said-we must obey;

Baptizing and teaching unceasing;

He will help us in every way.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come adore and join
us every Wednesday



for the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at
5:30pm, every Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus

at 5:30pm, and Monday to Friday for the
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
at 6:00pm before the 6:30pm mass.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



READINGS FOR THE PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST READING

ACTS 1.1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5A)

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1.17-23

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28.16-20

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT
(MAY 9-15, 2026)**

Sunday offerings

\$ 9,053.85



May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord

"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said. . . 'I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.'" John 17:4

Christ fulfilled his vocation by finishing the work God gave him. An important part of our

stewardship is the discernment of our role in God's plan. Stewardship is about fulfilling the unique tasks that God has given to each of us.



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

**Danny Adair, Lucie Bittner, Jessy Candelaria;
Shyrel Caron, Danilo Dela Cruz,
Daniel De Vera, Christina Floirendo,
Tom Harding, Braedan Johnston,
Chris Klassen, Linda Lauze, Toni McCoy,
B. Medina, Nilo Medina, Helen Milks,
Fran Moroz, Norma Richard, Wanda Sveinson,
Marcel Tkachyk, Wilfred Trudeau,
Frank Torchia, Louie Torres**

Please call the office at 204-224-1669 ext.20
to add or remove people on our prayer list.



Marriage Tips

What's your favorite prayer or Scripture?

Do you know what your spouse's is? Why not say it together tonight?



May is recognized as the month of Mary in the Catholic Church.

Every Wednesday in May, during Adoration, the Visitation Ministry will be praying the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We encourage everyone to come and join us in prayer during the month of May to honour our 'Blessed Mother'.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

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Our local **Transcona Food Banks**, located at TMUC and the Plessis Community Family Resource Centre are working to provide food security for people living in our community. All donations are appreciated, but our local Food Banks are in short supply of the following items:

**Canned Fruit, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce
12 Pack Egg Cartons are needed to repackage eggs for distribution**



The month of May is dedicated to Mary



To honour her, a donation drive is being held for Villa Rosa to supply new, young mothers with items to welcome their babies. Monetary donations will be used for the

Scholarship Fund to assist the young women to further their education. Specially marked envelopes are available on the Social Justice Table. **Thank You!**





***REMINDER* Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works - May 17, 2026**

On Sunday, May 17, Catholics across Canada are invited to give to the Pope's Pastoral Works, formerly known as Papal Charities. With the funds raised by this collection, the Pope can provide, on behalf of all Catholics, for various emergency relief efforts around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, June 14th 12:30pm-3:30pm

Join us for free food, drinks, games and a 50/50 !

Bring cash, a lawn chair, and your smiles :)



Jesus Heals Three-Hour Retreats – May 20 & 21, 2026

Come and experience the healing touch of Jesus! Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap, will be preaching and leading prayers for healing, as well as celebrating Holy Mass and offering a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Wednesday May 20 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, 252 Dubuc St. in Winnipeg.

Thursday May 21 from 6 PM to 9 PM at Christ Our Saviour Parish, 365 Loewen Blvd in Steinbach

Ordained a priest in 2005, Fr Hayden Williams OFM Cap is an itinerant preacher of the Gospel within the Order of Capuchin Friars Minor and forms part of the **St Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternity** at the hermitage of **Le Celle in Cortona**, Italy. Le Celle were visited by St Francis of Assisi on 1211, 1215, and 1226. Along the years, Fr Hayden has been involved in the preaching ministry which is also characterized by an ecumenical sensibility. He has recorded various TV and radio programs, and preached retreats and addressed conferences to the laity, religious and priests in Malta, Scotland, Ireland, England, Albania, Holland, Spain, United States, Italy, Poland, Denmark, Egypt, Kenya, Uzbekistan, Gibraltar, Germany, Switzerland and Hungary. Presently, Fr Hayden has dedicated himself “to prayer and to the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4). His lifestyle alternates between the hermitage for prayer and fraternal life, and itinerant preaching.



UPDATED

Our prayer and deepest sympathy to the family of our beloved and long time parishioner, John Kessler. His funeral service mass will be held on Thursday, May 28 at 11am here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Reception will be at Cropo Funeral Chapel, 1800 Day St., following a celebration of life at 2 pm on May 29.

<https://cropo.com/tribute/details/10697/JOHANNES-KESSLING/>

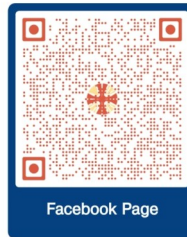
NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to your new Church Community!

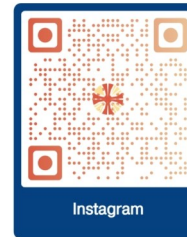
Please pick up a registration form from the Welcome Table at the back of the church or visit the parish website to register online

<http://www.blessedsacramentwpg.ca/>.

Please follow Blessed Sacrament Parish' Facebook & Instagram pages to stay up-to-date on parish events!



Facebook Page



Instagram



EUCCHARISTIA

A Concert and Talk about the Holy Mass, featuring the Voices of Blessed Sacrament with reflections by Fr. Gerry Sembrano. *May 30, 2026, Saturday at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 710 Roanoke St.* Free Will Offering Accepted. For poster, [click here](#).



Theology & Dating 4-part Series - May 12, 26, June 9 & 23, 7-9 pm at the St. Boniface Archdiocesan Centre

Are you wondering how to approach Catholic dating with purpose & intention?

The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, through the Offices of Youth & Young Adult and Marriage, Family and Life, presents this dynamic 4-week series for young adults, designed to challenge and

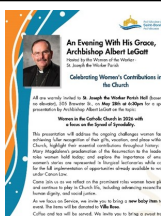
inspire you to approach dating with purpose, courage, and authenticity- helping you become a true gift of self.

Each session explores real aspects of modern dating, from the challenges of today's dating world to intentional pursuit and discerning the call to marriage. Open to singles and those currently dating, with a practical weekly challenge to help you grow!

Final Session includes a formal dinner to wrap up the series (*dress to impress!*) Cost: \$20/person for the last night.

It's not just about finding the right person - it's about becoming the right person. All are welcome! [Click here](#) to register by **May 4**, and for more information. For poster: [click here](#). Questions?

youth@archsaintboniface.ca or mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca



An Evening Celebrating Women's Contributions in the Church, with His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt – May 28, 2026

All are warmly invited to St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (basement-no elevator), 505 Brewster St., on May 28th at 6:30pm for a special presentation by Archbishop Albert LeGatt on the topic: This presentation will address the ongoing challenges

women face in achieving fuller recognition of their gifts, vocation, and place within the Church, highlight their essential contributions throughout history: from Mary Magdalene's proclamation of the Resurrection to the leadership roles women hold today; and explore the importance of ensuring women's stories are represented in liturgical lectionaries while calling for the full implementation of opportunities already available to women under Canon Law. Come join us as we reflect on the prominent roles women have played and continue to play in Church life, including advancing reconciliation, human dignity, and social justice.

As we focus on Service, we invite you to bring a new baby item to the event. The items will be donated to Villa Rosa.

Coffee and tea will be served. We invite you to bring a sweet treat to share. For poster, [click here](#).