



*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11*

Collection January 6 & 7	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 4,265.00	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 405.00	+ \$ 405.00



**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **January 20th & 21st.**

**JANUARY**

17	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
17	Scripture Reflection	2:00 pm or 7:00 pm
18	Ministry Of Hope	7:00 pm
21	Community Breakfast after Mass	
24	Scripture Reflection	2:00 pm or 7:00 pm
25	Knights of Columbus Social Evening After Mass	
29	Blood Donor Clinic	3:00 - 8:00 pm

**@ Canad Inn**



**Baptism** We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Miles McGowan** who was baptized in our parish community on Sunday, January 7th. May God grant him, his parents, family and godparents many blessings!

*"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are." —1 John 3:1*



**COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST** - will be Sunday, **January 21st after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Menu will include **scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, baked beans, baked ham & buns**. Suggested donation of \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 for family of 4 or more. Funds raised will go towards the building project. Everyone is invited! Please come and join us.

*Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present.*



**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSIONS**

We have resumed our scripture reflection sessions on Wednesday. The afternoon session is at 2:00 pm and the evening session is at 7:00 pm. In addition to reading the scriptures for the coming Sunday, we use a commentary from "Celebrations" liturgy publication to assist our discussion. All are welcome



**TUBING & PIZZA PARTY FOR CATECHISM**

- We have been given a gift from a parishioner of a pizza party and tubing at Rogers Hill. This will take place on **Monday January 22nd - (note, change of date)** from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. I understand that it is a school night but the weather is supposed to be nice and will be a lot of fun even if you can only come for an hour or two. There is a sign up sheet in the greeting area for those that want to come and it would be great if we could arrange some car pooling as well.



**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of John Roulette. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**THE MINISTRY OF HOPE** - will meet on **January 18th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the church. All are welcome! Our ministry is to give support to families dealing with issues of depression, anxiety and addictions. For information, contact Denise Payment 204-267-2755.

*Just find yourself happy with the simple things. Appreciating the blessings God gave you.*

**"MEAL - IN - A - BOWL" SUPPER**

Meat, Potatoes & Veggie's all in a bowl of THICK HOMEMADE SOUP

Served With

Homemade Breads, Biscuits, Pies & Desserts

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

17 ROYAL ROAD SOUTH

**WEDNESDAY: January 17th, 2018**

DOOR OPENS @ 4:30 p.m.

SUPPER FROM 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$10.00 AT THE DOOR



**OPTIONS:**

GLUTEN FREE

NO SUGAR ADDED DESSERT

VEGETARIAN

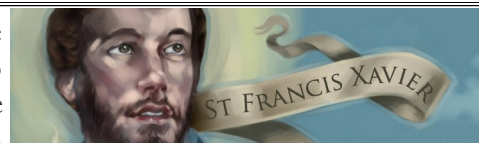
Take Out or Delivery

For Delivery Phone

204-857-4351

between 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**THE RELIC PILGRIMAGE** - is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle. We anticipate three particular extraordinary graces in this pilgrimage, all related to the charisms of St. Francis Xavier: (1) conversion of souls; (2) the raising up of missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will; and (3) healing. Our prayer is that—through this relic pilgrimage—you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus. The Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits in Canada and Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) are collaborating to deliver this incredible opportunity to all Canadians. We've partnered so that many people will have the chance to encounter Jesus and be inspired to work together for the renewal of the world. There will be events in 15 Canadian cities throughout January. **The relic of St. Francis Xavier will visit Winnipeg on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.** Archbishop Gagnon and Archbishop LeGatt will concelebrate **Mass at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral, 353 St. Mary Avenue.** Public Veneration of the Relic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the cathedral. Another Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Public Veneration will resume from 12:40 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Relic Talk: Life of St. Francis Xavier and the 3 graces at 7:00 p.m.) The visit of the relic to Winnipeg will conclude at 10:00 p.m. with the Closing Prayer: Litany of St. Francis Xavier. **For further information, you may check out the CCO website: cco.ca.**



**INTRODUCTION TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER** - St. Francis Xavier is considered by many to be the greatest evangelizer since St. Paul. St. Francis Xavier was born in 1506 into Spanish nobility. In 1525, he went to study at the University of Paris where he excelled as an athlete and was very popular among his peers. His roommate was the older St. Ignatius Loyola, whom he initially despised but who eventually became his mentor in faith. St. Ignatius facilitated St. Francis Xavier's deeper conversion and his call to the priesthood. They, and a handful of friends, were inspired to found a new religious order: the Society of Jesus. In 1540, at a moment's notice, St. Francis Xavier was asked to replace another Jesuit on mission to Asia. He did not hesitate to follow God's will. He had a charism of languages and could miraculously converse in the native language of those to whom he went. It was important to him that local disciples were raised up and equipped to continue ministering and evangelizing others in the region. On December 3, 1552, St. Francis Xavier died in Shangchuan Island, within sight of his next mission, mainland China. He was only 46 years old.

**What is significant about this relic?** This relic is the right forearm and hand of St. Francis Xavier. It is estimated he baptized more than 100,000 people with this arm. This relic remains in a reliquary in Rome at the Jesuit mother church, the Church of the Gesù. The remainder of his body is entombed in Goa, India. His arm, as well as the rest of his body, is incorrupt. Saints are referred to as incorrupt when their body, miraculously, does not experience natural decay. It has been 465 years since his death.

**Why venerate relics?** The veneration of relics is a longstanding practice inside and outside the Catholic Church. Within Christianity, the practice rests on the belief that God came to humanity in the flesh, namely in the physical person of Jesus of Nazareth. Important sacraments of the faith also include water, wine and bread—physical elements that take on spiritual, supernatural value and characteristics. Similarly, the relics of saints provide for a tangible experience of God's graces. As well, Catholics believe that saints can intercede for humanity, given their proximity to God in what is commonly referred to as the "Communion of Saints" or the Mystical Body of Christ. There are analogies to this in our human experience. When we have lost a loved one, going to their places and touching their favorite things evoke reverence, affection and connection to them. The relics of saints provide an incarnational experience of God's graces. As Catholics, we believe that, in the Communion of Saints, we can turn to the saints to pray on our behalf.

There are various levels of relics:

1. Body/bones of a saint (first class)
2. Objects/clothing that belonged to a saint (second class)
3. Objects that touch a first-class relic (third class)

Relics, in a tangible way, provide an opportunity for a special connection with that saint because their body matters to God and someday will be reunited with their soul. "We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are." —St. Jerome

*The rosary is recited before every Saturday evening mass starting at 6:20 pm*

<b>2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 13th Sunday, January 14th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Andy Loucks by Bill & Florence Zettler ✠Sam Zdan by the Catholic Women's League
Wednesday, January 17th	10:00 am	M.D.C.	✠Andy Loucks by the Bullock Family
Thursday, January 18th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Dave Samolesky by Friends
Friday, January 19th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Gisele Wegleitner by Friends
<b>3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 20th Sunday, January 21st	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	✠Father Renato Pasinato by Portage Nathanielites ✠Louis & ✠George Kelemen by Julia & Family ✠Edna Meillieur by the Family

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, January 20th**

**Greeters** - Helena Kot, Mary Bolton  
**Ushers** - Norbert & Donna Rey  
 Estelle Sinclair, Cecile Scott  
**Gift Bearers** - Henri & Gertrude Lambert  
**Lectors** - Jane Hebert, Terry Giercke  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Zennia Semchyshyn, Lynda Jones,  
 Rosemary Barney, Bob Dionne, Ron O'Neil

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, January 21st**

**Greeters** - Ron & Julie Prieur  
**Ushers** - Francisco Gongalez-Cortez, Candida C  
 Martinez-de Gonzalez, Arthur Rey, Jo Laurans  
**Gift Bearers** - Arthur & Cheryl Windsor  
**Lectors** - John Chudzik, Kim Dengate  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Joe & Marie Wermie, Stan Lambert,  
 Mickey Cuthbert, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Elaine Harder

**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** - The delightful story from First Samuel illustrates that, following Eli's example, we should be open to the ways in which God may be calling our youth. They are the church of tomorrow. What a tragedy if they become permanently alienated today. Paul's point in today's passage from First Corinthians: The body is holy. What we do with it can be anywhere from holy to selfish and unhealthy. We know what much of our culture promotes. Don't listen. Just as he did when he came in dreams to Samuel, God reveals himself to us and offers an invitation to follow him. Our response allows God to bless us with his great power and so the kingdom may advance. Today the voice of God comes to each one of us, inviting us to respond with the words of Samuel: "Speak, for your servant is listening." When there is no reply, or a "busy" signal, God will come again. God's patience is infinite. From Deacon Dick Folger

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS** - If you or a loved one is in need of the anointing, Father Gerald is willing to administer the sacrament any time he is given proper notice. We encourage you to contact the office any time you or someone you know is in need of the healing sacrament.



**THANK YOU** - to everyone who contributed to the great Christmas tree. The tree will remain up until after the New Year. Your ornaments will be placed on a table in the storage room, for you to pick up. You can leave them, and they will be stored for next year.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - if you have moved and changed your address could you let the office know. I will be working on the receipts in the next couple of weeks and I would like to have your correct address. Thanks, Bernadette

**Pre-Authorized Debit Plan** - Sign up now to make your contributions to the running of our parish more convenient and reliable using pre-authorized debit! We currently have 95 families enrolled in our parish pre-authorized debit plan, who contribute to our General Funds, Building Fund, Prairie Welcome House and Sharing God's Gifts, contributing \$ 6,731.00/monthly. When you contribute through the Pre-authorized Debit Plan, the better the Parish is able to manage the monthly expenditures and any funding for special projects during the year. Please consider enrolling in our Parish's Pre-authorized Debit Plan by contacting Bernadette at the Parish Office.