

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

July 18th & 19th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25th & 26th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday 10:00 am
(1st Wednesday of the month
- Anointing of the Sick)

Thursday (followed by the Rosary) 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

St. Ambroise Parish

1st Sunday of the Month 1:00 pm

Lions Prairie Manor

1st Thursday of the Month 10:30 am

Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month 10:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange baptismal classes, preparation and to set a date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married in the church, should contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

We can see from the gospel passage that the people Christ was preaching to were country folk, close to the earth, aware of the rise and fall of the seasons and with a keen eye for harvest time. Christ compares the church, the people of God, to a field where wheat and weeds grow side by side until the harvest. Only then are the good separated from the wicked. In the world around us, good and bad people mix like wheat and weeds growing in the same field. This prompts the question asked by many upright and impatient believers: Why does God who is good allow evil to flourish? They want to see vice rooted out immediately. Such an attitude too readily forgets that every human heart contains a mixture of good and evil. We are a sinful people and should be conscious of our failings. Life is more complicated than drawing clear cut lines between saints and sinners. The church is not an exclusive community of the virtuous. It is here because we are sinners looking for salvation. The patience and tolerance extended by God to our personal sinful situation is to be shown to those whose faults are known to us.

The emphasis in this gospel is on exercising patience and showing tolerance until God makes his great gathering on judgement day. In the meantime, as members of the church, we all share the task of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. Many of us will find this challenging, as we may be harsh or judgmental by nature. It's all so easy to categorize people and pin the label 'sinner' on them, forgetting how appearances are so often deceptive. This does not mean cultivating an attitude of indifference towards evil. While we must abhor sin we must never stop loving the sinner. Judging others before God does is a very foolish and risky business. We are weak in many things and have enough to contend with in the swampy patches of our own lives where wild weeds are growing. God has lost ground there and we have no one else to blame but ourselves for sowing these weeds. The good news is that it is never too late for a sinner to turn back to God and be accepted. Weeds can never become wheat, but by the power of God a sinner can become a saint. Let us all be thankful that on the last day we shall be judged by God and not by one another.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE PARTY



For the months of **July & August**, we will be taking a break from Coffee party and resume again in September.



Summer Office Hours

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office will be going to reduced hours for the months of **July and August**. Hours will be from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday**. Our parish bulletin will continue to be published every two weekends.



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

If any parishioner wishes to have the bulletin emailed to them, please either call the office or send us an email.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Sat 25 Syro Malabar Mass Cancelled



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Clifford Morisseau & Larry Harder**. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

FUNERAL LUNCH HELP - We are looking for helpers to either do baking for funerals or assist in making sandwiches the day of the funerals. If you are interested in being put on either list, please call the office to give us your contact details. Thank-you!



Prayerful Best Wishes to Father Roy on your new appointment in Erikson, Minnedosa and Elphinstone.

We Thank-you for your commitment to your vocation, for sharing your faith, your knowledge, your time and your pastoral compassion with us. *May God continue to abundantly bless you with wisdom, discernment, peace and joy in your priestly vocation.*



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God Reynaldo Froylan Garcia who was baptized, in our parish community. 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



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the young people of our parish who received their first Holy Communion last Sunday, July 12th, during the Spanish Mass:

- Reynaldo Froylan Garcia
- Ricardo Friyan Garcia-Cruz
- Raul Zambrana



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, July 12th, during the Spanish Mass:

- Ricardo Friyan Garcia-Cruz
- Raul Zambrana

CATECHISM

As I prepare for fall and the new catechism year, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Fraser for serving as catechist in our parish over the past 8 years. Your gentleness has helped many children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd. Marilyn has decided it is time to pass the torch on to someone new.

That means that we are in great need of catechists and assistants to serve in this ministry. It is a great gift to journey with children and help them come to know the love of the Good Shepherd and grow in their relationship with Him.

If you feel called to help in this ministry and to get more information, please contact me, Monique Lubkiwski, catechism coordinator at 204-856-1176 or email: lubqski@mymts.net

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 4th & 5th	\$ 2,731.00
July 11th & 12th	\$1,541.50
July 15th Auto Debit	\$2,425.00

Together in Mission

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to July 17th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 7,446.00	- \$ 14,973.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$ 3,124.70
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



On Friday, June 26th, Archbishop Chatlain Ordained 6 Candidates into the Permanent Diaconate at St.Mary's Cathedral in Winnipeg.

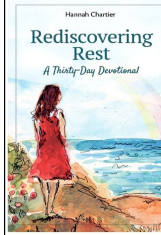
- **Mark Coates** - St.Vital Parish, Winnipeg
- **Quirino Gille** - St.Ann's Parish, Winnipeg
- **Paul Human** - Notre Dame Parish, Selkirk
- **Ernesto Samiana** - St. Anthony (Hungarian) of Padua Parish
- **Jose Vasquez** - St.Patrick's Parish, Winnipeg
- **Maui Zamora** - St. Edward's Parish, Winnipeg

In Addition, **Rick DeBin** - St.Helen's Parish, Shoal Lake was ordained on Friday, July 17th at St.Augustine's Parish in Brandon.

The Archdiocese of St.Boniface also Ordained 2 candidates to the Permanent Diaconate on July 4th at St.Boniface Cathedral

- David Foidart, Blessed Sacrement Parish
- Daniel Bahuaud, Saints-Martyrs Parish

We Congratulate these men on completion of the five-year Diaconate Formation Program and Thank them for answering the call to serve our church community. May God Bless them and continue to lead them in their missions.



Rediscovering Rest: A Thirty Day Devotional released by a local Catholic Author and mother Hannah Chartier. This book is an invitation to take Jesus at his word: He says "Come to me all who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest." Our current culture glorifies productivity above rest. We are all tired in at least one area of our lives— physically, mentally or spiritually, probably all three! How can we shift the orientation of our hearts from seeing rest as something we get one or two hours a week, to something we can live out each and every moment? Through short, daily devotional readings this book gives you practical ways to integrate scripture and wisdom from the saints into your live. Copies can be purchased for \$20 at <http://www.rediscoveringrest.ca/>

FROM THE VATICAN



July 26 - 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Inviting the faithful to honor, accompany, and learn from older generations as witnesses of hope, faith, and love. This year's theme is: "*I will never forget you*" (Is 49:15) "The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them." - Pope Leo XIV

If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.

- St. Bonaventure

MASS INTENTIONS

Please place donation of \$10.00/Mass Intention in the offertory collection basket clearly marked “**Mass Intention**”

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 18th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Bob Dionne by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre
Sunday, July 19th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	♥ Happy Anniversary Sajan George & Rose John
Wednesday, July 22nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Happy 35th Anniversary Sylvia & Guy Gauthier
Thursday, July 23rd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Diedre Dionne Thomas by Marlene Wollbaum & Family
Friday, July 24th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Barry Glanville by the Dion Family
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Bob Dionne by Irene Souque Hewitt
Sunday, July 26th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For all Grandparents
Wednesday, July 29th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Father Roy on his move.
Thursday, July 30th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Raymond Dion by the Dion Family
Friday, July 31st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Rene Phillipot by Friends
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 1st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Robert Dionne by Norbert & Donna Rey & Family
Sunday, August 2nd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	♥ Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Albert & Helen Roth by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	✠ Catherine & ✠ Emile Allard by The Family

Please Note: Masses at Douglas Campbell Lodge and Lions Prairie Manor will be suspended for the month of August while Father Marcelino settles in as our New Pastor.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **July** we are collecting:



**Rice &
Mr. Noodles**



Thank-you for your Generosity!



Prairie Pregnancy
SUPPORT CENTRE

There is always a need for Layettes in our community - **a layette contains a variety of new baby supplies, items and clothes.** Financial support to purchase layette items is also welcome, or visit the Amazon Baby Registry to purchase the preferred items. Please see poster in the gathering area for further details.