

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

May 23rd & 24th, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday  
May 30th & 31st - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

## **Pastor - Rev. Roy George Vazhaplankudiyil**

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**Finance Council Chair - Irene Souque Hewitt**

## 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. Ambrose 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**

Engaged couples will contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.



On the feast of the Most Holy Trinity we come face to face with the inner mystery of God as a family of persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, where there is complete harmony, love and total peace. In case anyone is wondering what bearing the mystery of the Trinity has on our lives, it is worth remembering that scripture tells us that we are children of God the Father who cares for us, that in Jesus Christ we have a brother who died for us and that in the Holy Spirit we possess a friend and comforter who strengthens and protects us when we are in danger. The Trinity is an invitation to discover and deepen the relationship between God and ourselves in the light of what the gospel tells us about his inner life. If we are made in the image and likeness of God then surely we must strive to become like his as much as is humanly possible - because when life is over the fulfilment of our dreams is to be in God's company and to see him as he really is.

God is the deepest mystery of our lives and is infinitely more expansive than our tiny minds are capable of imagining. IF we had been left struggling on our own to understand God we could never have established that he is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness. Without the help of Jesus, how would we ever have known that as a community we are linked like a family of people to him? Because God loves us and wants us to return that love, he offers us a share in his own life. That demands that we allow the risen Christ to make his home within our hearts. If our behavior is to mirror the life of the Trinity, then the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit should govern our every word and action.

From the moment we were baptized in the name of the three persons of the Trinity, we pledged to live our lives under their protection and do everything in their name so that, when life is over, we shall go to meet them and live in their company forever. For all this to happen we need to listen to the Spirit inspiring us and drawing us forward in search of the truth.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

All are welcome after mass for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. Please join us!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

Thurs 28	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
Thurs 28	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Sat 30	Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm

### JUNE

Sun 7	First Communion	10:30 am
Sun 14	Confirmation	10:30 am
Sun 14	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm



### ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

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



### PARISH GARDEN BEDS

A few Garden beds are available for use by parishioners this summer at no cost. Please call Bernadette at the office at 204-857-5172 for more information.



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?

## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



### 2026 First Communicants

Leila Naig	Nuj Sayson
Ricci Dy	Nash Lernowicz-Barth
Mathew Shijin	Emilia Lernowicz-Barth
Aamiya Bibin	Elvis Bejoy
Haniel Rico	Arely Tapia Rangel

*Dear Children, we hold you in our prayer, as you prepare your hearts to become a pure dwelling place - a 'tabernacle' - to receive the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus for the first time. May you always yearn for the Lord Jesus in your heart, through the Holy Eucharist.*

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is on Sunday, June 7th.**



### 2026 Confirmands

Cruiz Lernowicz	Jude Lernowicz
Harrison Zettler	Celina Zettler
Alex Licea	Alice Gonzalez

*Dear Children, we hold you in our prayer as you continue to prepare your hearts and journey toward the celebration of Confirmation. May you joyfully accept this anointing, and commit to a life of love and service to the Lord and all God's people.*

**Confirmation is on Sunday, June 14th. Celebrated with Most Reverend Archbishop Murray Chatlain.** Reception to follow in the parish hall honoring the newly confirmed.

## FINANCIALS

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 9th & 10th	\$ 2,245.50
May 15th Auto Debit	\$ 2,425.00
May 16th & 17th	\$ 1,582.60

### Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to May 17th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 5,928.00	- \$ 16,491.00

### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$2,358.60
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## COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

### CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!!

The Roof Repair Building Committee is pleased to announce that our building project has started. For approximately 3-4 weeks during this time there will be **NO ACCESS** to some parts of our building including the **Cry Room, Sacristy, Confessional, the washroom beside the Sacristy and the storage room.** The hall and kitchen will still be available for limited events such as funerals and coffee parties.

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

### FINDING SOLACE IN FAITH

An End of Life Resource by the Manitoba Catholic Bishops

**How do we navigate end-of-life decisions with faith, compassion & clarity?** This free pastoral resource will help guide individuals and families through these important moments, including: Advance Health Care Directives; Palliative & Hospice Care: Medical Assistance in Dying; Human dignity & spiritual preparation. Please visit: <https://cham.mb.ca/media/Finding-Solace-in-Faith-Booklet.pdf>



## Communication & Respectful Spaces Workshop - June 13th @ Good Shepherd Parish

Priests and lay leaders are invited to attend a Communication & Respectful Spaces Workshop on June 13, from 10:30am to 2:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie. The workshop will be led by Cris De Lima from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg HR office and will offer practical guidance on recognizing healthy and unhealthy communication patterns, addressing conflict early and respectfully, strengthening listening and dialogue skills, and fostering psychologically safe environments within parish and ministry settings. For more information, please contact [hr@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:hr@archwinnipeg.ca).

Registration is available via the QR code. Please register by June 5th.



## THE SUMMONS

### Information Sessions June 16th & 18th

Starting in September, *The Summons*, a 10-session Archdiocesan faith formation process designed for any adult who desires to grow spiritually and personally in the Catholic faith. Participants gather one Saturday per month (September–May 9:00 AM–3:30 PM) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg with other like-minded adults to deepen their understanding of the faith. For the brochure, session dates, and registration information, please visit the website at <https://www.catholicadultformation.com>

Information sessions for those interested in learning more, will take place on **Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (4588 Roblin Blvd., Winnipeg), and on **Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall at St. Paul the Apostle Parish (2400 Portage Ave., Winnipeg). For additional questions, please contact Father Eric Giddins, Director of *The Summons*, at 204-832-1993 or email him at [summonsformation@gmail.com](mailto:summonsformation@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Saturday, May 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Bob Calder by Pauline & Family
Sunday, May 24th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Happy Birthday John A. Xavier & ❤️ Happy Anniversary John A. Xavier & Roseline John by your Family
Thursday, May 28th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Rosary
<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> Saturday, May 30th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the students at Southport military flying training school by Brady Thompson
Sunday, May 31st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Floyd & ✠ Sylvia Rawlings by Shawn and Rosa Rawlings
Thursday, June 4th	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Lions Prairie Manor</b>	Communion Service
Friday, June 5th	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Douglas Campbell Lodge</b>	Communion Service
<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b> Saturday, June 6th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Zuke & Ryzner Families
Sunday, June 7th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the First Communicants

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Operation Christmas Child

#### 2025 Shoebox Statistics

458,768 Shoeboxes packed in Canada

40 Sea containers shipped from Canada

12,205,900 Shoeboxes packed worldwide

Shoeboxes sent to over 100 countries worldwide

Your donations made a huge difference!!

Thank-you for your generosity!

*Learn this lesson well, once and for all: God is the only Master of our hearts; he alone can give solid peace and our whole confidence must rest in him only.* - St. Claude de la Colombiere

## “MEAL - IN - A - BOWL” SUPPER

**Wednesday, May 27th**

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of  
**THICK HOMEMADE SOUP**  
Served With Homemade Bread, Biscuits &  
Desserts

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

17 ROYAL ROAD SOUTH

### **TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY**

PICK UP FROM 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$15.00 AT THE DOOR

To Place your Order, Please phone Lisa Sneesby  
@ (204) 385-2847 and Leave a Message

Please Order by 6:00pm May 25th