

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

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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.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

January 17th & 18th, 2026 -
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24th & 25th, 2026 -

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

January 18th - 25th

For daily Prayers and Reflections please visit

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

Day 1 - Our Calling - *'I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.' (Ephesians 4:1)*

Day 2 - Bearing with One Another in Love - *'With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bear with one another in love.' (Ephesians 4:2)*

Day 3 - The Bond of Peace - *'Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (cf. Ephesians 4:3)*

Day 4 - Called to One Hope - *'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling.' (Ephesians 4:4)*

Day 5 - One Faith, One Baptism - *'One Lord, one faith, one baptism.' (Ephesians 4:5)*

Day 6 - One Lord and Father - *'One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all' (Ephesians 4:6)*

Day 7 - God's Gift given in Baptism - *'But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.' (Ephesians 4:7)*

Day 8 - Growing Into Christ - *'The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. (cf. Ephesians 4:13)*

In Winnipeg, a City-wide Ecumenical Worship Celebration will be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg, 922 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg. All are cordially invited to this celebration. **For further information, please see the Week of Prayer poster on the church bulletin board.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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



A Huge Thank-you to those who volunteered their time to decorate and remove the decorations in the church and gathering area for the Christmas Season. Your help is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Tues	20	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	21	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
Sun	25	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
Tues	27	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	28	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm

FEBRUARY

Tues	3	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	4	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm



FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Church is a Scent-free Facility

Many of our parishioners are sensitive to strong scents including perfumes, colognes, aftershave, body sprays and scented hand lotions. These scents cause immediate sinus congestion, headaches or migraines and can cause a persistent cough as well.

Please be mindful of your fellow parishioners when preparing for mass. Thank-you



COLD & FLU SEASON -

Hand Sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the church and gathering area, please use them to protect yourself and those around you from cold and flu viruses.

“They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it.” — Saint Titus Brandsma

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Filipino Novena Collection	\$1,356.00
January 1st Auto Debit	\$3,410.00
January 3rd & 4th	\$2,106.00
January 10th & 11th	\$1,392.80
January 15th Auto Debit	\$2,545.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE

	Month of January	\$168.60
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - if you have moved and changed your address could you please let the office know. I will be working on the charity receipts in the next couple of weeks and I would like to have your correct address. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the office. Thanks, Bernadette



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

January 17/18 - As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: “You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother’s womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you.” What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now? **January 24/25** - In today’s gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus’ teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open or resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God’s glory to others?

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductory Remarks (after introduction, please stand)

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

At the end of the greeting when the Leader says: "Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"

R: Blessed be God Forever

Litany of Praise

Invocations to Christ

Opening Prayer (please remain standing)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession and Enthronement of the Word

Readings

Profession of Faith (please stand)

General Intercessions

Prayer of Praise

Immediately after the Prayer for Vocations, the Prayer of Praise is introduced. At the end of each invocation when the Leader says: "we voice our Praise and say".

R: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting

Sign of Peace

RITE OF DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer ending with doxology

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to communion

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Collections

CONCLUSION

Blessing (please stand)

Dismissal

MASS INTENTIONS

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 17th Father Abel Alate Sunday, January 18th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Roberto Gatchalian by The Family Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 24th Father Abel Alate Sunday, January 25th Spanish Mass	7:00 pm 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Vernhon Mabanglo by The Family Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service For the Spanish community
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 31st Father Abel Alate	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Happy Wedding Anniversary to Mathew & Neethu
Sunday, February 1st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
Thursday, February 5th	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	Liturgy of the word/Communion Service
Friday, February 6th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 7th Father Abel Alate	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Jane Hebert by Rosemary & Dave Barney
Sunday, February 8th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service



MASSES AT THE MANOR & LODGE - On the 1st Thursday and Friday of each month, masses are held at Lions Prairie Manor and Douglas Campbell Lodge at 10:30am. Masses are open to the public. Please join us!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

Every Saturday & Sunday Mass during the month we will collect one specific food item. For the Month of

January we are collecting :
Cold Cereal



Thank-you for your generosity!



For the month of **February** we will be collecting:
Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices

CUBA in Crisis

After repeated hurricanes, earthquakes and ongoing power outages, Cuba is facing an unprecedented crisis. Severe shortages of fuel, food, and basic supplies have become part of daily life.

From February 2nd-15th, 2026, a group of Canadians and Americans will travel to Cuba for the Food, Farms and Forests program, meeting Cuban farmers face to face. They will carry essential supplies and direct financial support to farmers and their families.

Your donations, of essential items or money, would be greatly appreciated. **Please see posters on the bulletin board in the hallway for a list of items requested.**