



Parish Mission Statement:

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life... No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14.6-7

ADMINISTRATOR - Fr. Augustine Ezediniru, SMMM

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - June Quennelle BAPTISMAL PREPARATION - Val McIvor

MARRIAGE PREPARATON- Alvin & Brenda Morrisseau

Parish Activities:

Weekly/Daily Masses @ 6.00pm (Tuesday to Friday) Saturday & Sunday 10.00am & 6.00pm @ G.M.G.C.C. Fridays Bible study and Prayer Meeting starts with Mass @ 6:00 pm, classes at 7:00pm, first Friday Adoration @ 6:00pm

MONTHLY:

1st SUNDAY Baptism Week (Focus on Sacraments)
2nd SUNDAY Aboriginal Week (Focus on Cultural Identity)
3rd SUNDAY Breakfast-fellowship (Focus on Family Unity)
4th SUNDAY Healing Mass (Focus on Christ, our Healer)
5th SUNDAY Mercy (Focus on God's Love)

RECONCILIATION- BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT **BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of every month - for more information call our parish office.

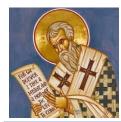
WEDDINGS: At least 3 months before wedding HOSPITAL VISITS: Thursday mornings, or as requested

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Those who are ill, facing major surgery or hospital care, and the elderly, are encouraged to receive this Sacrament. Please call Fr. Augustine at 204-367-2561 to arrange.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The next celebration of Baptism will be October 7, 2018 at 10 am Mass. REGISTRATION will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 7pm. Val McIvor will be leading the preparation class. For more information call Val at 204- 367-2419.





St. Alexander Parish

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October 7, 2018 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Baptism

10:00 am for our parishioners

6:00 pm Care Home + Leon Bruyere

October 14, 2018 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cultural Identity

10:00 am +for our parishioners

6:00 pm (Care Home) + Mary Lillian Boyko

WEEKDAY MASSES

Oct 8 MON 6:00 pm +Dustin Lee Fontaine Oct 9 **TUES 6:00 pm** + Garry Walter Joseph Courchene Oct 10 WED 6:00pm + Edwin John Twoheart Oct 11 THUR 6:00 pm +Theresa Jovce Guimond Oct 12 FRI 6 00 pm + Myrna Diane Lavoie Oct 13 SAT 10:00 am + Valerie May Spence

Sunday Collection - September 30, 2018 - \$ 237.45

<u>LORD – HELP ME TO BE LIKE YOU</u>

Father, allow me to serve others with a joyful heart;

Never keeping score; always giving; never expecting to receive.

Allow me to give of myself, to give of my talents and of my goods,

To give of my time and of my energy, to give of my heart and of my soul.

Help me understand the needs of others,

Never criticizing, never demeaning,

Never scolding, never condemning.

You have been so gracious to me,

Always loving, always forgiving, always restoring;

Never gloating over my defeats, even when I have been so wrong.

Father, keep a condemning spirit far from my heart and further from my lips.

Allow me to serve others as You serve,

With gentleness, compassion, and tenderness,

Never diminishing the worth of another,

Choosing to extend mercy to the broken- hearted,

Like You have repeatedly shown it to me, Amen.

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS - WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday 1st Reading – Galatians 1.6-12

Gospel - Luke 10.25-37

Tuesday 1st Reading – Galatians 1.13-24

Gospel - Luke 10.38-42

Wednesday 1stReading – Galatians 2.1-2, 7-14

Gospel - Luke 11.1-4

Thursday 1st Reading – Galatians 3.1-5

Gospel - Luke 11.5-13

Friday 1st Reading – Galatians 3.6-14++

Gospel - Luke 11.15-26

Saturday 1st Reading – Galatians 3.22-29

Gospel - Luke 11.27-28



MARRIAGE TIP - Let today be a "Change It Up" day. Marriages can get stale because they get into ruts. Commit to change something today together. It could be simple, like the food you eat, or more challenging, like a bad habit.

Stewardship - "So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature that was its name." Genesis 2:19 The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

<u>Thanksgiving Day</u> – It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. Let us be thankful for what we have and for those people we have in our lives.

Thank you to Fr. Sebastian Ejie for being with us this summer...have a safe journey home and come again!

<u>Prayer Request of the Pope</u> – Special October Campaign Pope Francis has asked his Worldwide Prayer Network to help all the faithful pray more intensely this month of October. During these last years and months, we in the Church have lived through difficult situations, among these abuses of sex, power and conscience on the part of clerics, consecrated persons and lay people. Added to these are internal divisions in the Church. During this month of October, the Holy Father asks us and all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis.





Jesus is indignant with the disciples for the same reason he confronts the Pharisees for their "hardness of ... hearts," Jesus contrasts the, "hardness of ... hearts" that led to the Mosaic Law permitting divorce with the openness of heart he modeled when he embraced and blessed the children. In the midst of real struggles and difficulties marking human relationships, we are to maintain the openness of heart—like Jesus and innocent children—that was God's intention "from the beginning of creation." In such openness of heart the kingdom of God is among us.

Reconciliation through Education and Understanding - A Panel Discussion: Faithful Action for Justice and Peace - Tuesday, October 23, 2018 Archbishop Albert LeGatt cordially invites you to participate in this panel discussion facilitated by Kevin Lamoureux (associate vice president of Indigenous Affairs at the University of Winnipeg) with four panelists who will be speaking about the impact of residential schools and how we can walk together on the journey of healing, reconciliation, and peace. This event will take place at the St. Boniface Cathedral at 5 PM; entrance is FREE. Please spread the word and join us!

Returning to Spirit Workshops – November 2018 As a Canadian Society and as a Church, we have been called to reconcile our history with the Indigenous people concerning the legacy of both the Indian Residential Schools and colonization. The main purpose of the Returning to Spirit Foundational workshop is to empower you to reconcile you to you, you to others and you to life. Reconciliation is a call and yearning of the human heart at its root, even more from a Christian heart. There will be a 2-weekend RTS Foundational Workshop which will take place on Saturday, November 3 & Sunday, November 4 AND Saturday, November 10 & Sunday, November 11, 2018. In January 2019, there will be a 4-day RTS Foundational Workshop which will be held from Wednesday to Saturday, January 9-12, 2019. For more information: http://www.returningtospirit.org/Participate or the general website: http://www.returningtospirit.org/: or 204-889-4579.