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Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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Archdiocesan News

Church Leaders meet in an Ecumenical Spirit



Last November 18, various church leaders met with the Reverend Paul Gehrs, assistant to the Lutheran national bishop Larry Kochendorfer for Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations at the offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in Winnipeg.

The tone for the day was informal, mutually supportive and prayerful, in harmony with previous such gatherings.

Back row, L to R:

Bishop Jason Zinko, MNO Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Archbishop Murray Chatlain, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Bishop Naboth Manzongo, Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land
Bishop Andriy Rabi, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

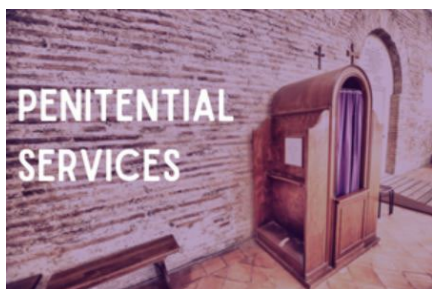
Front row, L to R:

Rev. Paul Gehrs, ELCIC Assistant to the National Bishop
Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint-Boniface
Rev. Shannon McCarthy, United Church of Canada - Executive Minister, Northern Spirit,
Prairie to Pine and Living Skies Regional Councils
Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg



***NEW* Archbishop's Schedule**

To view Archbishop LeGatt's schedule for December, 2025, [click here](#)



***NEW* Advent Penitential Services**

This Advent, we invite you to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus by participating in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Advent, from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means *coming*, is a liturgical season which affords us a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. As during Lent, we can fast, deepen our prayer life, increase our charitable activities, and do penance. This is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and to transform our experience of Christmas. To find out when and where a penitential service will take place near you, please [click here](#).



***NEW* Advent and Christmas Activities**

We would like to suggest the following initiatives that you could undertake or promote in your parishes and families to foster a spirit of fellowship. On our website, you will find a range of Advent and Christmas activities such as an Advent calendar, daily reflections, crafts, the CCCB's ***Walking Together Through Advent*** videos, and much more.

Visit the web pages by [clicking here](#).



***REMINDER* Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2025**

You are all invited to participate in the December 8 celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Come celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Cathedral. In celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary who committed herself fully to listening to the Word of God with an open and transparent heart, and who then also committed herself fully to living that Word, with her whole heart and her unwavering "yes".

The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0mC9pPKPwI>, allowing for virtual participation as well.

This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt. Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Together, let us pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Boniface for their intercession. May Christ, the Word of God, the Good News, enlighten and protect us by the powerful love of the Holy Spirit. Please invite your friends, parishioners, and acquaintances to attend!

***REMINDER* Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025**

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan celebration will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow. We invite all priests, deacons, and lay faithful to join us in thanksgiving as we mark the end of this Pilgrimage of Hope.

Until that time, the free gift of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence remains available to all who:

- Make a pilgrimage to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Make a pious visit to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Participate in works of mercy and penance;

And, in conformity to the usual norms for a plenary indulgence:

- Intend to receive the indulgence, and
- Receive Holy Communion and the sacrament of Reconciliation within several days of the indulgenced work, and
- Are free from attachment to all mortal and venial sin, and
- Say a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

For more information, please consult the Pilgrim's Guide. We have extra copies at the Archdiocesan Centre if parishes need more.

For the Universal Church, this date will also be when the Holy Doors of the Papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran, the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls are closed.

The Ordinary Jubilee will formally conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. As Pope Francis wrote in his letter announcing the Jubilee Year...

"During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

Please visit the diocesan Jubilee 2025 webpage for information, a guidebook, videos of the Jubilee shrines and much more! [Click here.](#)



***REMINDER* Video of the Saint-Norbert Church, which served as a Jubilee Shrine in June**

Enjoy our new video of the Saint-Norbert Jubilee Shrine in Winnipeg.
[Click here!](#)

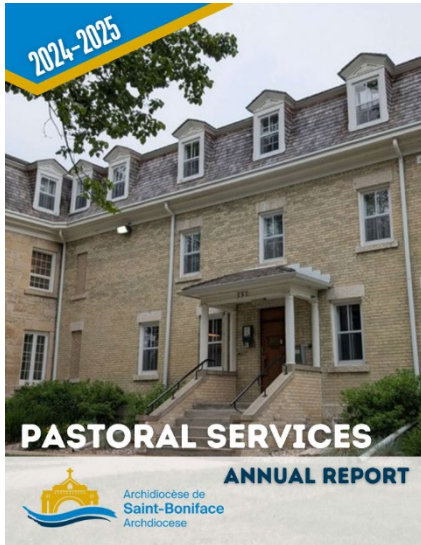


***REMINDER* Bishop LeGatt Video – Memento Mori**



As winter sets in and the year's is on the horizon, the month of November is a time of year where we are drawn to think about our dearly departed, and about death more broadly. Indeed, death is interwoven in life, and is inescapable. This month, Archbishop Albert offers us a reflection on how we can approach death, encouraging us to hold each other in prayer and support, that we may all experience a good death, a holy death, and eternity with our loving God.

To view the video, [click here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: www.archsaintboniface.ca



***REMINDER* Pastoral Services – Annual Report 2024–2025**

"As archbishop, my responsibilities are many: to teach, sanctify, and govern; to share the Good News of the saving Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; to provide the spiritual and sacramental nourishment necessary for growth in holiness; and to guide people toward a common vision and communion of faith, hope, and love, lived in fraternity, solidarity, and justice.

This service to Jesus Christ and his Body, the Church, can certainly be accomplished, but never by me alone. All the baptized are called to be involved in our archdiocese. This is where the Pastoral Services Team comes in. Its mission is manifested daily as it reaches out to you, especially through your parishes, to help you live your ministry fully in the Church and within your community." - Bishop Albert LeGatt

We invite you to read the Pastoral Services Annual Report for 2024-2025 by [clicking here](#).

***REMINDER* Employment Opportunity – Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach - Office Administration Position**

Full Time position at \$19 dollars / Hr. 40 Hours a week with benefits. If interested please send Resume to Father Shibin Bosco via email shibinbosco555@gmail.com or you can email the Parish at cosp.parish@gmail.com

Phone: 204-326-3411 or 204-246-2603.

[A detailed job description is attached.](#)



***REMINDER* Employment Opportunity – Administrative Assistant – St. Alphonsus Parish**

St Alphonsus Parish is looking for an Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is the first point of contact for most visitors and parishioners. The role of administrative assistant involves the daily running of the parish office, supporting the pastor and parishioners and parish communication through the bulletin and website. The position will begin in January 2026. Resumes and cover letters may be emailed to the parish office at contactstals@gmail.com or dropped off at 341 Munroe Avenue.

[A detailed job description is attached.](#)



Apostolates and Ministries



***UPDATED* CCRS OF MB – Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study 2026**

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Have you heard of the 18 Miracles in St. Mark's Gospel? The 5 main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel? Did you know that tradition holds that St. Luke was not only a great writer but also a painter and sculptor? and that to understand St. John's Gospel one could really benefit from reading Genesis Chapter 1 and the 1st Letter of St. John.... come join us, you will not be disappointed!

Tuesdays at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg, MB from January 13 to March 24, 2026. – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com
For poster, [click here](#).

Wednesdays at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Selkirk, MB from January 14 to March 25, 2026 – 6:30PM to 09:00PM (optional mass at 6pm) – [TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#). For more information: 431-777-8877 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com
For poster, [click here](#).



***REMINDER* CCRS OF MB – “Pilgrimage to Italy” – May 26 – June 5, 2026**

Join us on an incredible pilgrimage to Italy from May 25th to June 5th, 2026: We will visit many of the most beautiful cathedrals of the world! A wonderful opportunity to visit the remains of many apostles and evangelists and walk thru the “Holy Doors” of the four major Basilicas of Rome! All details are on the attached flyer. Limited Space. For more information: 431-777-8877 or email galaxytravelcanada@gmail.com

***REMINDER* L'Arche Christmas Nativity – November 27, 2025**

Join L'Arche on Thursday, November 27 at 7pm to be comforted by a unique and meaningful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth!

Through storytelling, song, and dance, our Core Members will act out the Christmas Nativity, helping us remember God's presence and solidarity with us.

How will the L'Arche Christmas Nativity – its story and its actors – awaken us to God's presence with us this year?

Thursday, November 27th, 2025

7:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Cathedral (180 De la Cathédrale Ave)

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Admission Free. Donations accepted to raise funds for L'Arche Solidarity, supporting L'Arche communities in need throughout the world.

Refreshments to follow!

For poster, [click here](#).





Marriage, Family and Life

***NEW* Marriage Tips**

Take a moment each day to tell your husband/wife how much you love them. Thank them for what they do for the family, or simply tell them that you miss them when you are apart.

***NEW* Tips for the Separated and Divorced**

It may seem impossible to imagine reconciling with your ex-spouse, but it's definitely a risk worth taking. If you take this leap of faith, your invitation may be declined. Anyone who is not living in an abusive or dangerous marriage relationship are encouraged to take this step. By giving God a chance to work in your spouse's heart, and through your willingness to risk loving even when it requires swallowing your pride, the graces you've received as a married couple have the opportunity to produce good fruit. Of course, it takes the free will of both spouses to cooperate with those graces, and that doesn't always happen, but just think of what could happen if you both did... Just opening this door can lead to something totally new!

- Catholic Match

***NEW* Blue Christmas Prayer Gathering – December 26, 2025**

For most people, Christmas is a time of celebration and joy. For many of our brothers and sisters, however, it is a difficult time of year. They carry a heavy burden: loss of a loved one, separation, divorce, loneliness, depression, anxiety, financial stress, homelessness, unemployment, sick parents or children, addictions, worrying medical diagnoses, eco-anxiety, etc.

We know that the "ideal" holiday season atmosphere does not always match the experience of many people.

And so, here is our invitation: let us gather in prayer with and for those who are suffering, to remind ourselves during this Christmas season that God is good, that He is with us, and that He is powerful in His mercy. It will be a time for Adoration, personal and communal prayer, during which we will proclaim and meditate on the Word of God. We will also have the opportunity to bring and offer our prayer intentions at the altar, like the Magi at the Manger.

When and where: December 26 at 7 PM at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens church, 289 Dussault Avenue, Winnipeg.

This liturgical prayer will be bilingual.





Women's Advent Retreat

Who: All women 18+ Nursing babies welcome

Date: Friday, December 5, 2025

Time: 6:30pm - Doors Open

7pm-9:30pm - Retreat

9:30pm-10:30pm - Fellowship and Snack

Location: Notre Dame de Lorette Church, Lorette, MB

Cost: Freewill offering

Join us for an evening at the feet of Jesus. It's a time for women to step away from the regular pace of life and be strengthened in their relationship with God and each other through praise and worship, adoration, a talk or testimony, small group sharing, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer ministry, and food.

Registration:

Scan the QR code or email
holylifefamilyministry@gmail.com



Hosted by:



***REMINDER* Women's Advent Retreat – December 5, 2025**

Friday, December 5 at Notre Dame de Lorette Church, Lorette, MB

Join other women seeking God's heart this Advent season. He is inviting us to sit at his feet and rest in his unconditional love during this season of preparation, hustle, and bustle. Come sit with Emmanuel, God with us - God with You.

Join us for an evening of encounter through praise and worship, adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer, growth, reflection, heart-to-heart sharing, laughter, tears, fellowship and food. Cathy Smook will be sharing her gift of teaching with us before we spend time with the Lord.

Click here for [poster](#)

For All women 18+ (Nursing babies welcome)

Date: Friday, December 5, 2025

Time: 6:30pm - Doors Open, Coffee and Tea available

7pm-9:30pm – Retreat

9:30pm-10:30pm - Fellowship & Refreshments

Location: Notre Dame de Lorette Church, Lorette, MB

Cost: Freewill offering

RSVP Date: Please register if possible, by **December 2:** [Click Here to register](#)

Contact: holylifefamilyministry@gmail.com for more information

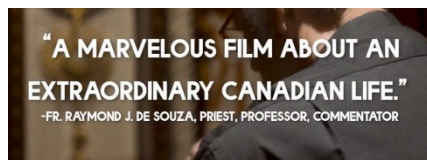
New Resources

***NEW* Free Online Screening of the New Catholic Film "Permission"**

Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn's new docudrama film *Permission: Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the Church* is now streaming for free online at permissionthefilm.com. Following in the footsteps of Fr. Patrick Peyton and Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross, emerges as a modern-day hero of the Catholic Church and priesthood. Affectionately known to thousands, perhaps millions, around the globe as "Fr. Bob," his life of holiness and passion has inspired many, and his cause for canonization might soon be opened. The film offers a timely invitation to rediscover and renew the Church's mission and power through openness to the Holy Spirit.

Watch *Permission* online, or host a local screening with family, friends, and ministry or parish groups. Afterwards, take time to reflect and discuss how God might be calling you to give Him permission in your life and ministry.

For more information, please contact production.dunnmedia@gmail.com.





News from the CCCB

***NEW* Launch of the National Ecumenical Strategy**

Monday, November 24, 2025

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is pleased to announce the publication of the [National Ecumenical Strategy](#) (NES), a major milestone in its ongoing commitment to fostering Christian unity and strengthening interfaith relationships in Canada.

Over the past year, the [Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity, Religious Relations with the Jews, and Interfaith Dialogue](#) has focused on advancing the primary goal identified in the 2021 audit and review of Conference-sponsored dialogues: the development of a comprehensive national strategy to guide ecumenical engagement.

The Episcopal Commission hopes that the NES will serve as a valuable and versatile resource—a “multi-tool” for the ecumenical efforts of local churches across the country. The Strategy is expected to play a key role in the formation and ongoing support of diocesan and eparchial ecumenical officers and commissions. A companion document on interfaith dialogue is planned for release in the coming year.



***REMINDER* Episcopal appointment for the Diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas**

OTTAWA, 17 November 2025 – Today, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Father Susai Jesu, O.M.I., as Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas.

He replaces the Most Reverend Murray Chatlain, who served as Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas beginning in 2012. Archbishop Chatlain has served as Diocesan Administrator of Keewatin-Le Pas since being installed as Archbishop of Winnipeg on 4 April 2025.

Archbishop-elect Jesu was born in Pushpavanam, Tamil-Nadu, India, in 1971. He attended seminary in India and was ordained to the priesthood on 27 June 2000 at the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, India by Most Rev. Lawrence Pius, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore. He received a Master's degree in psychology while in India, and holds a Master's Degree in Counselling and Spirituality from St. Paul University, Ottawa. A member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, in 2007 Archbishop-elect Jesu was invited to Canada by the Oblate's Lacombe Province, and he eventually became a Canadian citizen.

To find out more, please [click here](#).



Parish Events



***NEW* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Simbang Gabi (Evening or Dawn Mass) or Misa de Gallo (Rooster Mass) is a 9-day novena Mass, commemorating the 9-month pregnancy of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After every Mass, the community gathers for a fellowship meal. This will be from **December 15-23 at 6:30pm except December 21, Saturday when it will be at 5pm**. We ask the liturgical ministers to sign up for the daily Masses. If you and your family would like to bring food for an evening, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. Let's celebrate the Church family that God has given us, this Christmas. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 710B Roanoke Street in Winnipeg.



***NEW* SIMBANG GABI (Novena Masses for Christmas) – December 15 to 23, 2025**

Join us for Simbang Gabi at Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach from December 15 to 23 at 6 PM except December 20 which will be at 6:30 PM followed by a Christmas Caroling Competition at 8 PM.



***REMINDER* Canticle: Eucharistic Adoration with Taizé Music - November 28, 2025** Friday at 7:15 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish Winnipeg, 710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg, with Odiatu Family and Fr. Gerry Sembrano.

**Friends in Faith
Connection Café**

You are invited to Joseph's presentation on... "FORWARD WITH HOPE"

Please bring a potluck Christmas baking item to share!

Join us for an evening of Christmas festivities, spiritual support, And fellowship. Potluck Christmas baking!

**Dec 1, 2025
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
MMOC Hall**

Register online @MMOC.ca
A goodwill offering is appreciated.

Future dates:
Jan 12, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 11, June 1

Hosted by the Marriage, Family & Life Team

***REMINDER* MMOC Friends in Faith – Connection Café – December 1, 2025**

Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges. Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

December's topic will be Forward with Hope & Christmas Festivities. Please join us for an informative evening and discussion as our guest speaker seminarian Joseph-Emmanuel Mukena shares his message of encouragement from Christ and moving FORWARD WITH HOPE. Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering.

See mmoc.ca for more info and [to register](#).
For poster, [click here](#).

**Blessed Sacrament
Parish Retreat**
710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg

MARY
And the advent of God

**December 6, 2025
Saturday 7pm**

Roger and Belita Sanders
Free Admission

***UPDATED* Parish Advent Retreat – “Mary: The Advent of God” - December 6, 2025**

Featuring Roger and Belita Sanders. December 6, 2025 Sunday at 7pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Winnipeg, 710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg.

For poster, [click here](#).



Youth & Young Adult Ministry



***NEW* Advent Youth Retreat – “Would you follow?” – December 13, 2025**

Comme join us Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM – 7 PM.

For ages 14-29 in Manitou, Manitoba, at the Upper Room (Roger and Belita's).
Spiritual Director – Fr. Jean-Marcel Kabongo. Please register by December 7th by calling Roger or Belita at 204-242-3107.

[See poster](#) for more details and to register.



***REMINDER* Winter Camps 2026 are Now Open!**

Going to Saint Malo Catholic Camp is the perfect way for you to experience new activities, grow in character, build lasting friendships, and most importantly, have fun! All of this in a faithfully Catholic setting!

Early Bird Pricing Before December 15th!

For dates, to register and for more information, please [click here](#).

Stewardship



November 30, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”
MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Visit our **French website**: <http://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=fr>
to read the French bulletin, *Nouvelles hebdomadaires*, for announcements and activities that appear only in French.

Unsubscribe, [click here](#).