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~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 23rd, 2025.

Here's wishing Parishioners & Friends
born in the month of
FEBRUARY

a WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY and
a YEAR FILLED WITH GOD'S
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS!

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May our gracious God shine his face
upon you now, and forever!

Love, Fr. Chrys

"Jubilee is a time to rediscover God's mercy and renew
our commitment to His love." ~ Pope Francis

The **Jubilee Logo** shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of **hope**, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of **hope**, especially in our moments of greatest need.



There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to **HOPE**. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The *anchor* is well known as a symbol of **hope**. In maritime jargon the '**anchor of hope**' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of **hope**. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: **Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims of Hope)**, represented in green letters.

Let us all continue to unite our voices together to pray the special Jubilee prayer, found in your pews. God is Good! Let us always **hope** in our God!

On this Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, we gather as the disciples of Jesus, and we are urged to listen to Jesus and to imitate God our Father.



Jesus calls us to grow in our discipleship, to grow in our love and generosity to others. This is a challenge at times, but also a blessing. We hope in God's love, and we respond by offering our thanks for God's graces and gifts.

FIRST READING (1Samuel

26:2,7-9,12-13.22-25) ~ With an army of 3,000 men, Saul seeks out his enemy David in the Wilderness of Ziph. In the dark of night, David and Abishai find a sleeping Saul at their mercy, and David spares his life, not wanting to raise his hand against God's anointed one. David trusts in God, bringing about justice and peace in a non-violent manner, and Saul blesses him.

SECOND READING (1Corinthians 15:45-49) ~ Just as we

have borne the image of Adam, the first living man born of the dust, we will also bear of the image of the holy One of heaven, the salvation and inheritance of all God's people.

GOSPEL (Luke 6:27-38) ~ Jesus continues his sermon on

the mount, urging all who will listen to love their enemies, do good to those who hurt them, and lend generously without expecting anything in return. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you'll not be condemned. Forgive the failings of all people, just as God forgives all. Live as children of the Most High God.

Pope Francis' Intention for the Month of February ~ *Let us unite our hearts together as Pilgrims of Hope: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

"God has created us, upholding us in being from moment to moment, providing us with our very existence....Despite everything that conspires to deny this truth, each one of us is of immense worth, of infinite value because God loved us. That is why [God] created us. Thus our value is intrinsic to who we are. It comes with the package of being human. It depends neither on extrinsic attributes such as ethnicity and skin color nor on our achievement, however that may be computed. Our worth stems from the fact that we exist only because of the divine love. ... [Bishop Tutu has been known to say; "We are only the light bulbs, and our job is just to remain screwed in!"]

We are each a God-carrier, a tabernacle of the Holy Spirit, indwelt by God the holy and most blessed Trinity. To treat one such as less than this is not just wrong.... It is veritably blasphemous and sacrilegious. It is as if we were to spit in the face of God."

~ Bishop Desmond M. Tutu, "My Credo"

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 2025 **Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of OT**
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, Feb. 23rd **Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes.
9am Mass ~ For her Dad Marc Dureault+.
By daughter Rachelle & Family
11am Mass ~ For Agnes Normand+. By the Armstrong Family

Monday, Feb. 24th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays. Office closed today.

Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Fr. Chryst is also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) immediately after morning Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Feb. 25th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Dad Andrew Dupuis+.
By Jeannette & Brian Kozun
4:45pm CTK Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC") Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 26th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For Blessings for Meaghan Dueck.
By Mom Monika & Dad Cam Dueck
7pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 27th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Heinz Herold+. By Bob & Josephine Mots

Friday, Feb. 28th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights
7pm R.C.I.A. (Adult Faith Formation) Gathering

Saturday, Mar. 1st **Vigil of Eighth Sunday of OT**
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, Mar. 2nd **Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving. By the Simon & Lucas Families
11am Mass ~ For Jerry Grossman+. By Maxine Boulanger

ASH WEDNESDAY is THIS coming Wednesday March 5th. There will be 2 Mass times:
10am morning Mass & 7pm evening Mass



May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:
Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet ...for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... our government leaders...

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Page > www.cktp.ca
CTK School > www.cktschool.ca
St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.)

1/ Presentation on HUMAN TRAFFICKING on Monday, Feb. 24th **AT Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall** beginning at 7:00 p.m. SPEAKER: **Shona Stewart**. She is now doing her work in Winnipeg at *Dignity House Inc.* (<https://dignityhouse.ca/>). Please join us to obtain a greater knowledge on the topic of human trafficking. Refreshments will be served.

2/ **A Big Thank You** to Christ the King CWL Members who generously donated over 20 loaves of sandwiches and other treats to the "Street Links" shelter in St. Boniface. May God bless you.


3/ **Collection of Toiletries** ~ Bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & soft toothbrushes, hand cream, etc. are being graciously accepted and gathered together to drop off at Street Links of St. Boniface, for the homeless and those living in encampments. Label any bags with "**CWL**" and place them on the counter at the parking lot entrance. Thank you.

4/ **Next CWL Meeting** - Wednesday, Mar. 5th downstairs in Lennox Hall after 10am Ash Wednesday morning Mass.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

1/ **Executive Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Next meeting: Feb. 26th.

2/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tix for \$10.00.



Christ the King School News

+ On Sept. 6th, 2025, Christ the King School will be celebrating **70 years** that the School began in a building, which was the former Municipal Hall at the corner of Lennox and St. Mary's Road. The School's enrolment is full with 257 students. Thank you to Families who came to the Open House. Contact the school 204-257-0027.

2024 Income Tax Receipts ~ Thank you! 255 of the 386 Receipts were picked up. All remaining Receipts at the parking lot entrance were mailed out this past Thursday.

Sunday Collection Envelope Boxes ~ There are 12 boxes left to be picked up. If you no longer want or need them, please inform the Parish Office.

Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$2,349.65
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 327.00

Thank you for your faithful generosity & stewardship.

Coinciding Journeys ~ *Our journey in our Season of Lent, and the journey of Ramadan for our sisters and brothers who practice the Muslim faith coincide this year 2025.*

~ Ramadan begins the evening of Feb. 28th.

+ Ash Wednesday is on Mar. 5th.

+ The First Sunday of Lent is Mar. 9th.

Both Lent and Ramadan invite each person into a "spiritual pilgrimage" to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth. Let us hold each other in prayer during our holy seasons, uniting our hearts with the heart of the one God of many names, and celebrate our differing faith traditions, fasts, prayers and almsgiving in holiness and peace.

Sign-Up for our PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~

Horizons of Hope: 4-week Palliative Care Program from CCCB ("Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops"). These educational sessions will be offered on end-of-life and palliative care resources. There will be opportunities for learning, listening, discussion, reflection and sharing.



> When: Wednesdays ~ Mar. 12th, 19th, 26th, Apr. 2nd.

> Time: 6:30-8:30pm

> Where: downstairs in our CTK Lennox Hall

> Who is invited: Parishioners & Friends/Guests

> No charge, however, please **REGISTER** by **signing-up** on the sheet at the parking lot entrance.

Mark your Calendars ! Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM") ~ Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our **PCAM** is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ**. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

Love... Do Good... Bless... Pray

Jesus is gentle and generous about revealing the loving reign of God to his listeners. Today, we are again challenged by something that seems very contradictory. Jesus says to anyone who will listen to his command: "*Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who abuse you.*" We are commanded to love one another just as we are loved by God.

Why, Jesus? Why do I need to love my enemies when they don't seem to care about me, and ignore, hurt and treat me badly? Why should I forgive those who hurt me? Why should I love those who disrespect me? How can I possibly love those who betray my trust, or gossip about me?? When I feel so much anger, hurt, disappointment and angst, how can I forgive them?

Our human bodies react when we experience negative treatment. Our hairs go on edge; our muscles tighten; sometimes our teeth grind.... Human nature often wants revenge, to lead us into temptation, and we expect immediate recompense. Jesus says it's easy to love those who love us. It's easy to do good to those who do kind things for us. We have choices to make. Jesus calls us to imitate God, and choose the way of love. We will each be accountable, and need to take responsibility for our own actions. There are consequences for all actions, good or bad. None of us is without fault or imperfection. We too sometimes 'know not what we do.'

We all struggle in some way-shape-or-form. Let us be gentle and loving with one another. "*Be merciful just as God the Father is merciful.*" Let us allow our hearts and minds to be transformed by Holy Spirit's goodness as we journey on the same path... through, with, in, and to the Lord God.

Let us pray, asking for the courage to reach out... the compassion to bless one another... the wisdom to discern... the mercy to forgive others, as well as ourselves... the love to accept each other in our frailties.... May we live as beloved children of the Most High, loving, praying, forgiving, giving, doing, and blessing each other with the best of intentions.



*A forgiving heart heals all people:
the one who is forgiven, the person forgiving,
and those involved on the web of life.*

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus teaches us the importance of forgiving our enemies, and those who hurt us, for the health of our soul. He commands us to love others, as God loves us. In the most holy name of Jesus, let us all ask Holy Spirit to soften our hardened hearts, helping us to unite with God in bringing love and forgiveness, peace and joy to the world.



**BLESS DO EMBRACE ENEMY FORGIVE GIVE
GOOD GREAT HANDSHAKE HONESTY
INTEGRITY INVITE JUDGE JUSTICE
KIND LEND LOVE MERCY PEACE PRAY
REPAY REWARD RULE SAY SEEM SHARE
SIGN UNITY WELCOME WISE**

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Jesus' Golden Rule:

Jesus doesn't ask, or mean for us to be doormats to be trampled upon, but rather, to be wise, assertive, and persevering in justice; He wants us to stand up for ourselves and others, getting our point across in non-violent, just, dignified, and peace-filled ways.

Treat others the way you yourself would like to be treated.



Love your enemies, even when they're mean. You don't have to like their behavior. And this doesn't mean you need to maintain a friendship or be good buddies.

Do good to those who do or say hateful things to you. Try your best not to retaliate in similar fashion.

Send God's blessings upon those who say unkind things to you or about you. Ask God to bless them and soften their hearts.

Always pray for those who hurt you.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.
(Matthew 28:18-20)



VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
Building Relationships
Faith and Worship
Compassion and Generosity

Faith Formation News

- > **Catechism Classes** ~ Sunday mornings, from 9-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.
- > **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Watch for March dates.



- > **Youth Group** (12-18 yrs) held every third FRIDAY from 7-9pm downstairs in the Hall. All Youth are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. Next Meet-Up is in March.

Watch the Bulletin for news. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.



Continued Blessings & Prayers for the Catechumens & Candidates journeying in faith formation through the Rite of Christian Initiation process toward Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist at Easter. We hold you in prayer as you meet each week to grow in your faith, love and relationship with God who loves and delights in you.

Thank you & Blessings, too, to the RCIA Team Members walking and journeying in faith with you!

Next MASS with CHILDREN will be celebrated Sunday, Mar. 23rd at 11am Mass time. All Families with children are especially invited to come celebrate and worship God at this special Mass. Watch for choir practice dates in upcoming Bulletins.

God's greatest commandment:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

