

**Greetings from Father Sam**

Next Sunday, December 3, the season of advent begins and it is the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Gospel of Mark will be prominent during this year. Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it's also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels. This Gospel portrays Jesus as a man of action. The Gospel answers two fundamental questions: who is this Jesus called the Christ? And what does it mean to be His disciple? This gospel was written AD 65 to 70 by a disciple named John Mark, a gentile Christian and disciple of St. Peter. His readers were gentile Christians who were experiencing persecution because of their belief in Jesus.

May the words of Mark deepen our faith and encourage us each day.

**St. Mother Teresa food kitchen**

On Sunday December 3 we will have our annual non-perishable food drive for the Missionaries of Charity. The sisters feed people every day at their residence and we have this collection every year so to celebrate our 150 years of nationhood let's make this a big bang year!!

**Oak Table Christmas Concert**

Oak Table is proud to present The University of Manitoba Bison Men's Chorus on **December 10th, 2017** at Sturgeon Creek United Church. Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Portage Avenue at Thompson Drive) Rush Seats - Free Will Offering Appropriate for all age groups. Please join us and support Oak Table while hearing some wonderful seasonal music!

**Christmas Dinner at Villa Cabrini Bistro 433**

Friday, December 15th at 6:00 pm  
Tickets \$15.00 each

**Menu**

Roast Turkey & Stuffing Sweet & Sour Meatballs Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, and Dessert

Tel: 204-284-2880. Email vcabrini@mymts.net

**Parish Financial Support Weekend Nov.19, 2017**

Envelopes	\$ 3,524.00
Loose Cash	\$ 909.00
SGG	\$ 90.00
Least coins	\$ 462.00
World Mission	\$ 25.00

**Christmas Season Liturgy**

**December 24, 2017**

**Sunday masses:** 10:30 A.M. Italian  
12:00 Noon English

**Christmas Eve:** English- 5:00 P.M and 8:00 P.M  
English and Italian -11:00 P.M

**Christmas day- December 25, 2017**

Italian 10:30 A.M English 12:00 Noon

**Santa Madre Teresa -Cucina per i poveri**

Domenica 3 dicembre avremo la nostra raccolta annuale di alimentari non deperibile per le Missionarie della Carità. Le sorelle danno da mangiare alla gente ogni giorno nella loro residenza e noi abbiamo questa collezione ogni anno così da celebrare i nostri 150 anni di nazionalità, rendiamola un anno da big bang !!

**St. Mary's Academy Tom's Jackson's Christmas 150**

Tom Jackson's Christmas 150 at St. Mary's Academy on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. If you love the Huron Carole, you'll love this show. Performing with Tom are entertainers Kristian Alexandrov, Shannon Gaye, Beverley Mahood and Tom McKillip. Tickets are \$40 each. Rush seating. All proceeds go to Winnipeg Harvest. Purchase tickets at 204-478-6034

**St. Mary's Academy**

**December Celebration and Christmas Tea**

Celebrating the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Names Chapel  
Tea and fancy sandwiches to follow in the Sr. Susan Wikeem Boardroom.

Non-perishable food items, new hats, mitts and scarves, or monetary donations will be gratefully accepted and donated to Rossbrook House.

**Saluti da Padre Sam**

Domenica prossima, 3 dicembre, inizia la stagione dell'avvento ed è l'inizio di un nuovo anno liturgico. Il Vangelo di Marco sarà preminente durante quest'anno. L'Avvento ha una duplice natura: ci prepara per Natale, quando ricordiamo la prima venuta di Cristo tra noi, ed è anche un momento in cui non vediamo l'ora che arrivi la sua seconda venuta alla fine dei tempi. L'Avvento è una stagione di attesa gioiosa.

Il Vangelo di Marco è il più breve dei quattro Vangeli. Questo Vangelo ritrae Gesù come un uomo d'azione. Il Vangelo risponde a due domande fondamentali: chi è questo Gesù chiamato il Cristo? E cosa significa essere il suo discepolo? Questo vangelo fu scritto dal 65 al 70 dc da un discepolo di nome Giovanni Marco, un cristiano gentile e discepolo di San Pietro. I suoi lettori erano cristiani gentili che stavano vivendo una persecuzione a causa della loro fede in Gesù.

Possa le parole di Marco approfondire la nostra fede e incoraggiarci ogni giorno.remio.

**St. Malo Winter Camps for ages 9 to 17**

Winter camps in St. Malo for youth who desire to grow in their Catholic faith. Weekend camps in English for 8 to 12 year olds (January 19th to 21st, 2018), 12 to 15 year olds (February 2nd to 4th, 2018), and our annual bilingual winter REVIVE RETREAT for 15 to 17 year olds (February 16th to 19th, 2018). French-language camp dates are available on our website. Early-bird discounts end Friday December 9th, 2017. Register online at [www.stmalocamps.net](http://www.stmalocamps.net) For more information email: [camps@catholicway.net](mailto:camps@catholicway.net), 204.347.5396.

**St. Charles Catholic School:**

**331 St. Charles Street  
Kinder Open House  
Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. St. Charles Catholic School invites you to its Kinder Open House**

Come and meet our Kindergarten teachers! You will hear about a Day in the Life of a Kindergarten student! We are a K-8 school, offering full day, every day kindergarten, before and after school care programs, violin enrichment, K-8 French, arts and drama as well as a hockey skills development program. For more information, please visit our website at [www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca). Please call 204-837-1520

**The Synod of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg**

**To read about the Synod of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg which is currently underway, the first Synod in our 100-year history.**

**To read about the synod go to:  
<http://www.archwinnipeg.ca>**

**ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY**

\* Craft Sale, Saturday, Dec.2nd, 9-3 at St. Benedict's. Come sell or buy. Tables \$30 for 8 foot; \$25 for 6 foot.

\* Want to prepare for Christmas in a slowed-down way? An Advent Retreat is being offered at St. Benedict's Dec.15-17 led by Jamie Howison, priest of the Anglican Church and pastor of stbenedict's table in downtown Winnipeg. Talks, music, shared prayer, time to rest, journal, pray and simply 'be'. Private room \$210; Shared \$190.

**ST Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre**

Do you know someone who has experienced trauma? Have you? How does one develop resilience? Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (or STAR) is being offered at St. Benedict's Retreat Centre November 24-25. It is a well-researched program of education for addressing trauma and building resilience for individuals and organizations. Note that it is not therapy. Tuition, meals and private room \$125 or shared \$115 or Commuter \$80. Call 204-338-4601

**Natural Family Planning**

Serena teaches a comprehensive two hour class on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. The next two class dates are Saturday November 25th 2017, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, and Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Classes are held at the Misericordia Health Centre, 99 Cornish Avenue, Winnipeg. For more information, call or text Serena at 204-783-0091 or email [mbserena@gmail.com](mailto:mbserena@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.serenamb.com](http://www.serenamb.com)

**Catechists Advent Retreat**

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **Fri., Dec. 8 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church** from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. we will be gathering together as Catechists to prepare our hearts for Jesus this Advent. This year's Advent Retreat Theme is "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38). As we journey together this Advent Retreat we will be reminded of our "YES" as we open our heart to God...to the church...to the world...to our vocation as catechist. Keynote Speaker for the evening is **Reverend Richard Arsenaault, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg**. Mass at 7 p.m. and refreshments after. RSVP at [Catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:Catechetics@archwinnipeg.ca) by Dec. 1, 2017.