

**Greetings from Father Sam**

I am sure many families have decorated their homes for Christmas. Decorations bring a sense of joy and happiness into our lives. I can sit and look at the lights on the Christmas tree for a long time. The regular lights have to be off so the full effect of the lights can be enjoyed. I remembered we had Christmas lights that had the shape of a candle but it was a glass ornament filled with colored water that would bubble when warm!! Great memories. I am sure we all have memories of Christmas and now young families are creating memories with their children and like in the past let these memories be filled with love, family fun, faith and prayer. At times our memories can bring a bit of sorrow because some of our relations have passed on to heaven and we need to be aware of those feelings and help our relatives or friends with support, caring and love.

May God bless all of us with peace and patience this week!!

**Have you lost a loved one?**

There will be four sessions for those who have lost their loved ones.

1. Realizing grief
2. Dealing with grief
3. The family, including children
4. Resolution: coping mechanisms

Date: January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2018 Time: 7-8:30 P.M.

Location: Holy Rosary Church hall

Facilitator: Fr. Gerry Ward.

To register: call Tonina Fiorentino 204 284- 5140

Suggested donation for all the sessions \$20

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to Raffaelina Ingram for donating the new choir chairs in memory of her late husband Bruce, who sang with the 9:00AM choir for many years. Bruce not only sang with the choir, but donated his time and talent at every parish event. Thank you Raffaelina.

**GRAZIE**

Mille grazie a Raffaelina Ingram per aver donato le nuove sedie del coro, in memoria del suo defunto marito Bruce, che ha cantato per molti anni con il coro delle 9:00 AM. Bruce non solo ha cantato con il coro, ma ha donato il suo tempo e talento in ogni evento parrocchiale. Grazie Raffaelina.

**Parish Financial Support  
Weekend Dec. 3, 2017**

Envelopes	\$ 5,591.00
Loose Cash	\$ 772.00
SGG	\$ 1140.00
Least coins	\$ 583.50
Christmas	\$ 310.00

**Auto Withdrawals- November 2017**

Regular	\$ 3067.00
SGG	\$ 680.00
All Souls	\$ 277.00

**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

**New Year Day 2018**

January 1st English & Italian 11:00 a.m.

**Schedule of Confessions  
in the South Deanery  
Advent 2017**

December 12	6:00 -6:45 pm	St. Gianna's
December 12	9:30 -11:30 am	Holy Rosary
December 12	7:00 -9:00 pm	Holy Rosary
December 13	6:00- 8:00 pm	Our Lady of Victory
December 15	4:00 -5:00 pm	St. Ignatius
December 16	9:45 - 10:45 am	St. Ignatius
December 16	2:00 - 4:00 pm	St. Vital Parish
December 16	2:00 - 5:00 pm	St. John Brebeuf
December 18	7:00 - 8:30 pm	St. Ignatius
December 19	9:30 - 10:45 am	St. Ignatius
December 19	6:00 - 6:45 pm	St. Gianna's
	& 8:00 - 9:00 pm	
	(weekly Novena Mass is celebrated @ 7:00pm)	
December 20	9:30 - 11:00a m	OLPH
December 20	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Our Lady of Victory
December 22	4:00 - 5:00pm	St. Ignatius
December 23	9:45 - 10:45am	St. Ignatius

**Saluti da Padre Sam**

Sono sicuro che molte famiglie hanno decorato le loro case per Natale. Le decorazioni portano un senso di gioia e felicità nelle nostre vite. Posso stare seduto a guardare le luci dell'albero di Natale per molto tempo. Le luci regolari devono essere spente per poter godere l'effetto completo delle luci. Mi ricordo che noi avevamo le luci di Natale in forma di una candela, ma era un ornamento di vetro riempito con acqua colorata che avrebbe bollito quando caldo !! Bei ricordi! Sono sicuro che abbiamo tutti ricordi del Natale e ora le giovani famiglie stanno creando ricordi con i loro figli e, come in passato, lasciamo che questi ricordi siano pieni di amore, divertimento in famiglia, fede e preghiera. A volte i nostri ricordi possono portare un po 'di tristezza perché alcune delle nostre relazioni sono passate al cielo e dobbiamo essere consapevoli di questi sentimenti e aiutare i nostri parenti o amici con sostegno, cura e amore.

Possa Dio benedire tutti noi con pace e pazienza questa settimana !!

**Weekly Church Envelopes**

The 2018 donation envelopes will be at the back of the Church soon. They will be in alphabetical order.

Please be sure that when you take your envelopes to check **BOTH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the box.**

Someone will be there to help you find your box of envelopes. If there are no envelopes with your name, Please contact the church office @ 204-284-5140

**Buste Settimanali della Chiesa**

Le buste per le donazioni del 2018 saranno presto sul retro della Chiesa. Saranno in ordine alfabetico.

Si prega di essere sicuri che quando prendete le vostre buste per controllare, **SIA IL VOSTRO NOME E L'INDIRIZZO sulla scatola.**

Qualcuno sarà lì per aiutarvi a trovare la vostra scatola di buste. Se non ci sono buste con il vostro nome, per favore contattare l'ufficio della chiesa @ **204-284-5140.**

**First Vows**

With praise and thanksgiving to God, The Sisters of The Holy Names of Jesus and Mary rejoice that **Sr. Michelle Garlinski** will make her profession of first vows on **January 3, 2018**. As sister Michelle is a member of our parish community our prayers are with her the community and the church as she responds to God's call. Deo Gratias

**Returning to Spirit Upcoming Workshops**

**January 12-15, 2018** – Non-Indigenous Persons Workshop at Micah House, 1039 Main St., Winnipeg, Man.

**January 23-26, 2018** – Indigenous Persons Workshop at Micah House, 1039 Main St., Winnipeg, Man.

**February 17-21, 2018** – Reconciliation Workshop at St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba.

For registration and more information, see the posters at the back of Holy Rosary Church

**"Singles" Christmas Light Tour & Festivities – December 16**

Inviting Singles for a festive Christmas night out. Beaver Bus Lines will take us on a tour of the popular Christmas Tree Light displays throughout our city. Bus will leave Mary, Mother of the Church at 6:45 pm and return at 8:45 pm. Those interested can continue on with festivities after at Smitty's. Cost is \$15. Limited seats available. Please email Erin at erinpa.mcmullan@gmail.com for more information or to register by December 13. Hosted by Mary, Mother of the Church...mmoc.ca

**ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY**

\* 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.

**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

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