

Greetings from Father Sam

Friday December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Mary. This is an ancient feast beginning in Greek monasteries. The feast declares that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin to be a perfect and holy person to be the mother of Jesus. The concept of original sin has its roots in the disobedience of our first parents and so all of humanity is tainted by their sin. Mary is the exception. God prepared her to be the mother of Jesus, the mother of the church and the mother of us all.

Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 making this doctrine a dogma of faith. In 1846, the Catholic Church of the United States declared this to be its patronal feast.

We will celebrate this feast at the 10:00 AM mass at Villa Cabrini.

All are welcome.

Holy Cross Bake Sale and Silent Auction

Sun., Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Holy Cross Parish Basement Hall, 252 Dubuc Street, Winnipeg. Rumage sale, baked goods, hot dogs, sandwiches and homemade Tourtieres (meat pies) and craft table. We would appreciate your donations to the bake sale and the rummage sale. Please drop your donations on Sat., Dec. 9 in the basement hall. Tickets for the silent auction will be sold on Sat., Dec. 9 in the basement hall from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on the day of the bake sale. Call Shirley at (204) 256-5811 or Caroline at (204) 237-6177 for more information..

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.

**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

**Parish Financial Support
Weekend Nov.26, 2017**

Envelopes	\$ 7,336.00
Loose Cash	\$ 806.00
SGG	\$ 645.00
Least coins	\$ 399.50
World Mission	\$ 100.00

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

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

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

December 30	9:45 - 10:45am	St. Ignatius

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.

Saluti da Padre Sam

Venerdi 8 dicembre è la festa dell'Immacolata Concezione della Beata Madre Maria. Questa è un'antica festa che inizia nei monasteri greci. La festa dichiara che la nostra Madre è stata concepita senza peccato originale per essere una persona perfetta e santa per essere la madre di Gesù. Il concetto di peccato originale ha le sue radici nella disobbedienza dei nostri primi genitori e così tutta l'umanità è contaminata dal loro peccato. Maria è l'eccezione. Dio l'ha preparata ad essere la madre di Gesù, la madre della chiesa e la madre di tutti noi.

Papa Pio IX definì la dottrina dell'Immacolata Concezione nel 1854 rendendo questa dottrina un dogma di fede. Nel 1846, la Chiesa cattolica degli Stati Uniti dichiarò che questa era la sua festa patronale.

Celebreremo questa festa alla messa delle 10:00 a Villa Cabrini.

Tutti sono benvenuti.

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 For more information email: camps@catholicway.net, 204.347.5396.

**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

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

* 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.

**Holy Rosary Youth Group
Pancake Breakfast**

Holy Rosary Youth Group will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. For \$5.00 dollars you can enjoy Chocolate Pancakes, a yogurt and Hot Chocolate. Proceeds to benefit the Children's Wish Foundation and the Holy Rosary Youth Group.

Children's Christmas Concert

St Nicolas is Coming to Holy Rosary Church On **December 10, 2017**

Children's Christmas Concert **11 am to noon** featuring the children from our Catechism program

The Giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving.
Each one of us can do a small part, by grace, through faith and helping.

Holy Rosary Giving Tree - This year we are collecting mitts, socks, hats, scarfs and blankets for Oaktable and other Homeless shelters in the city.

We will also accept new baby items for Villa Rosa. Please bring your items to the church hall no later then **December 10, 2017 at Noon.**

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 by Dec. 1, 2017.