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*“To transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”*

- Parish Mission Statement

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019 - FEAST: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

The only perpetual adoration chapel in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, this 24/7 place of prayer gathers adorers from throughout the archdiocese and beyond. Open to the public for casual visits during regular office hours, and additional access to participating members of the Perpetual Prayer Ministry. Thursdays are dedicated to praying for vocations and religious life.

### Living Waters Columbarium

Living Waters Columbarium, uniquely located below the waters of baptism, reminds us that in baptism we have already died in Christ Jesus, and the great promise of eternal life will be fully realized in heaven. Entombment in Living Waters Columbarium allows our Christian Witness to continue to live on.

### Shrine of Saint Gianna

The first Canadian Shrine dedicated to Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. This Shrine a place of prayer and intercession, receives visitors from many places who come to pray, burn a candle and leave behind prayers of special request and intercession.

### PARISH TEAM

**Reverend Fr. Darrin J. G. Gurr**, Pastor. **Deacon Gilles Lortea**, Deacon. **Rachel Suarez-Banmann**, Pastoral Associate for Family Faith Formation.  
**John Eisma**, Pastoral Associate for Liturgical Music Ministry. **Donna Sorokowski**, Columbarium Representative.  
**Ernest Lacuna**, Administrative Coordinator. **Romeo Suban**, Operational Business Manager. **Reg & Jane Todd**, Custodial.

### WORSHIP

#### Sunday Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

#### Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
(Novena Mass of St. Gianna)

Wednesday - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday  
(consult parish website)

Friday - 9:30 a.m.

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### SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Contact us 3 months in advance.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Contact us 12 months in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Contact our parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, December 30, 2019 - 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity**

No Mass

**TUESDAY, December 31 - Solemnity - Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**4:00 p.m. Liturgy** - Intention: *For All Parishioners*

**WEDNESDAY, January 1, 2020 - Solemnity - Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**10:00 a.m. Liturgy** - Intention: *For All Parishioners*

**THURSDAY, January 2, 2019 - Memorial - St. Basil & St. Gregory**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, January 3, 2019 - Ferial**

**9:30 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *For Health & Healing / Emaline Jackson*

**SATURDAY, January 4, 2019 - Solemnity - Epiphany of the Lord**

**4:30 p.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *+ Beth Turner / Kathy Pickard*

**SUNDAY, January 5, 2019 - Solemnity - Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *In Thanksgiving / Contreras-Ramirez Family*

**11:00 a.m. Liturgy**

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*

## KIDS' CORNER

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

**If you were not safe,  
and if you had to  
move away in the  
middle of the night,  
list three small things  
you would want to  
bring along.**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometres. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family. “Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honour the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Families can be challenging. As much as they can be places of love, growth, and life, they can also be places of hurt, conflict, and despair. What has been your experience of family? There is no way around it: being human requires family life. We have to learn how to celebrate and embrace as well as forgive and understand. Virtue is required. St. Paul asks us to “put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” We are asked to bear with one another and forgive one another. These are tall orders for anyone, but they are not impossible achievements. If we keep our eyes on Jesus and trust in God as the Holy Family did, St. Paul’s vision is obtainable. Our families can take on a sacramental character and become places where God’s love is revealed.

## CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

“The feeling remains that God is on the journey too.”

- St. Teresa of Ávila

## Praying the Rosary - December 31

Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 1:30 p.m., our Women's Faith Group will pray the Rosary in the worship space. All are welcome!



## New Parishioners Orientation Session - January 19

Our next New Members Orientation Session will be held in the narthex on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** immediately following our 11:00 AM liturgy. This 90 minute session provides a wonderful way to learn more about our parish community, the opportunities for faith formation and ministry involvement, as well as learn about the unique charism that we hold as a community of Christian disciples under the patronage of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. To pre-register for this event, please fill out a membership request form found at the visitor's information table and hand it to one of the ministers of hospitality or include it in the Sunday Offertory.

### Registration at St. Gianna's is a two part process:

1. (Step one) Complete the "Request for Parish Membership" form and submit it either via the Welcome kiosk box in the narthex, by including it in the Sunday offertory basket or by returning it directly to the parish office.
2. Once submitted, you will be invited to a **New Parishioner's Orientation Session** to learn more about our parish community and the call to parish membership. At that time, those who wish to proceed to full parish membership may complete the registration package (*Step two*) and officially join our faith community.
3. Once the registration process is completed, we will joyfully count you as a full member of our parish community, sharing in the ministry and mission that makes us all a part of something Great!

## Mark Your Calendars!

As Catholics, we know that the season of Lent is an important time in our overall faith development. During Lent, we deepen our life in Christ as we revisit the Christian disciplines of fasting, praying and almsgiving. Through exercise of Lent, we become more perfectly disposed to Christ's Risen presence in our life celebrated at Easter. In 2020, **Ash Wednesday** will be celebrated on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, **Palm Sunday** will be on **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Holy Thursday** on **April 9<sup>th</sup>**, **Good Friday** on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Holy Saturday** on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Easter Sunday** on **April 12<sup>th</sup>**.



Please add these dates to your calendar now so that you can make good choices when considering scheduling other events during this sacred time.

## Save the Date

Following the tremendous success of our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this year, by popular demand, the decision has been made to make this type of parish event an annual occurrence. Please save the date for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The evening will be held at Petrus Hall, the new parish hall of St. Peter's Church, 2624 Inkster Blvd. The theme will be "Western". More details to follow...



## Mary, the Holy Mother of God Liturgy

Tuesday, December 31 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

So often we might think that the Christmas Season only comprises of the Celebration of December 25<sup>th</sup>, **The Nativity of the Lord**. However, the celebration of Christmas and the fullness of the event continues for many days. Additional Feasts included in the Christmas Season are: **The Feast of the Holy Family** (December 29<sup>th</sup>), celebrating the incarnation of Jesus within the context of the Human Family, **The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God** (January 1<sup>st</sup>), celebrating the joining together of humanity and divinity in Jesus, **The Feast of the Epiphany** (January 5<sup>th</sup>) celebrating the manifestation of God's presence for all peoples and all nations, and finally **The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** (January 12<sup>th</sup>), celebrating the inauguration of the earthly mission and ministry of Jesus among us. Once all five Feasts have been celebrated, we can say that the celebration of Christmas is complete.

## Christmas Season Office Hours

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Closed  
Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Resume regular hours

## Kerygma - Spirituality of Stewardship - January 25

A very special adult faith opportunity will be held on Saturday **January 25th, 2020**. Beginning at **10:00 a.m.**, this mini-retreat format will reflect on a way of a contemporary spirituality that offers something transformative for every part of our living. The day will end at 1:30 p.m. and lunch will be included. A free will offering for lunch will be gratefully accepted. This day is limited to 40 participants, so **please register in order to participate**. Register at the parish office: 204-488-3977 or email at [office@stgianna.ca](mailto:office@stgianna.ca).



## Missing in Action

If you or someone you know finds themselves with an extended hospital stay or homebound for a significant period, please let Fr. Darrin know and he can provide a pastoral visit with communion and/or anointing of the sick. In addition, if you know of someone who has wandered away from church practice and you feel a visit may be a valuable option, please take time to share this with Fr. Darrin.



## The Novena Mass Schedule

Our Tuesday Novena Mass will resume on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Visitor or Special Event Envelopes:** Please indicate ID # and/or street address with your name whenever possible.





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