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

- Parish Mission Statement

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020 - FEAST: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 Lorteau**, 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

No Weekday Liturgies this week as the worship space will be closed for ceiling repairs

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Jeffrey Coombes / Barry & Joan Coombes*

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: + *Mario Mance / Vangie Mance*

11:00 a.m. Liturgy

Intention: *For All Parishioners / Fr. Darrin*

STEWARDSHIP - INSPIRING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

Christian stewardship successfully bridges the material world around us and the world of the Spirit within us.

Stewardship enables Christians to measure the extent of our faith in, and love of Jesus by the kind and quality of the stewardship we perform.

Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life. The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives. Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favour with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus came to John one day to be baptized. Jesus was God's Son, and had no sin for John to wash away in the Jordan River. But Jesus wanted to be baptized anyway, to please his Father in heaven. God looked down from heaven, and when Jesus came out of the river, God sent his Spirit to rest on Jesus like a dove. Then God spoke from heaven for John and everyone else to hear. God said, "This is my son."



CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!"

- Pope Francis



Ceiling Repairs: January 13-17

In October during the major ice storm, the roof over the worship space was compromised and a water leak developed causing significant ceiling damage to the north side of the worship space. Fortunately, this is an insurable claim and so will reduce the overall repair costs to the parish. The repair work will begin on Monday, January 13th and continue through to Friday, January 17th. Due to the presence of large scaffolding and the removal of all the pew chairs, the worship space will be closed to the public all week. Therefore, there will be no weekday liturgies, including the Tuesday Novena Mass during this week for repairs.

Praying the Rosary - January 14

Tuesday, **January 14 at 1:30 p.m.**, our Women's Faith Group will pray the Rosary **in the narthex**. All are welcome!



New Parishioners Orientation Session - January 19

Our next New Members Orientation Session will be held in the narthex on **Sunday, January 19th** 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!

Into Full Communion

We will begin another Adult Faith Formation track in February for those who have been baptized in other Christian churches and would like to come into membership with the Roman Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know is seeking membership with our church, please contact Fr. Darrin about this upcoming opportunity.



Financial Presentation & Renewal of Treasure 2020

This weekend of **January 11 and 12**, our Finance Council launched our annual renewal of treasure leading to "**Commitment Sunday**" **January 25 and 26**. We thank you for your ongoing financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Gianna's Parish and we look forward to a great year ahead! *Thank you for being a part of something great!*



Personalized Offertory Cards

Families on Pre-Authorized Remittance who have not yet picked up their Personalized Offertory Cards can do so this week. The cards are available on a table in the narthex in alphabetical order by last name.

2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in Winnipeg from January 18 - 25, 2020. A City-wide Ecumenical Worship Service at **7:30 p.m.** on Sunday, **January 19, 2020** at **Epiphany Lutheran Church**, 200 Dalhousie Drive, Winnipeg. The 2020 theme is "**They showed us unusual kindness**" (Acts 28:2). All are cordially invited to participate in this celebration.



Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All are invited to participate in this chain of prayer by visiting our Perpetual Adoration Chapel of the Divine Mercy on any Thursday. Different prayer themes have been chosen to be the focus of the various Thursdays in the month. This week, the **second Thursday** of the Month, will focus on: *Supporting Seminarians in preparations for the Priesthood.*

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.



Knights of Columbus Gift Cards Program

Our goal for the year (July 2019 to June 2020) is to sell a total of \$200,000, generating \$10,000 for the operational needs of our Parish. (The grocery chains provide a discount of 5% of all sales.) This goal represents a 50% increase from sales from the last two years. Since less than 10% of our parishioners currently participate in the gift card program, this is a very achievable goal. Gifts cards are available at the Knights table. Cash, cheque or debit is accepted. Please join the effort!



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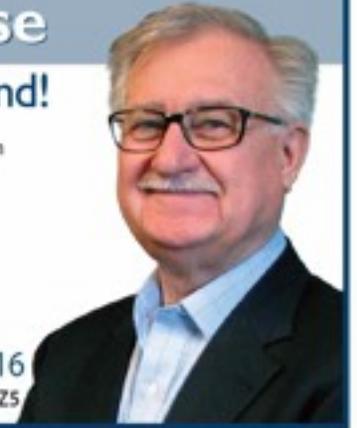
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