



# St. Alphonsus Parish Update

December 14, 2025



Thank you to the African community for hosting a lovely Coffee Sunday on December 7. What a joy to be greeted by all the smiling faces! The group collected and contributed \$563. to the parish building fund.

## Christmas Masses 2025 at St Alphonsus

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| • December 24 | Mass at 7 pm and 9 pm  | (Wednesday) |
| • December 25 | Mass at 9 am and 11 am | (Thursday)  |
| • December 31 | Mass at 5 pm           | (Wednesday) |
| • January 1   | Mass at 11 am          | (Thursday)  |

## St. Alphonsus Outreach Program

We are in the middle of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming and birth of Christ. As we prepare, let us reflect on what Jesus would do to bring love to our troubled world; what are we doing ?

St. Alphonsus Outreach Program : Our parish is developing activities to reach out to area people that need help. It may involve soup kitchen work, volunteer activities at personal care homes, or other work to help those in need.

Are you interested ? Phone Steve 204-223-7757. Please get involved and brighten someone's day.

**Knights of Columbus Counsel 4107** invites all children to participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas Colouring Contest. Prizes are offered in 5 age categories from pre-school to grade 8. Rules and regulations have been provided to St. Alphonsus School and Saturday catechism classes and can also be found at the K of C bulletin board in the church. The deadline for entries is December 12 with prizes to be distributed before December 19th. We look forward to seeing many beautiful and meaningful submissions.

### **Christmas Hamper (Gift Card) Collection**

will begin the weekend of November 22/23 and end the weekend of December 6/7. If you know of a person or family in need of a hamper, please call the parish office at 204-667-9580 with the names of all family members, gender and ages of children, address and phone number.

### **CWL News -**

A reminder that it is time to renew our CWL membership. Due are \$45 .

### **Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV**

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### **2026 Donation Envelopes**

The 2026 donation envelopes are now available at the church. All the boxes which are at the church **have already been assigned**. Boxes are arranged alphabetically, so you don't have to know your envelopes number to pick up your box. If you would like a box of envelopes and haven't had one in the past, please contact Maria at the parish office [contactstals@gmail.com](mailto:contactstals@gmail.com)

### **Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025**

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan celebration will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow. We invite all priests, deacons, and lay faithful to join us in thanksgiving as we mark the end of this Pilgrimage of Hope. Until that time, the free gift of the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence remains available to all who:

- Make a pilgrimage to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Make a pious visit to one of the named Jubilee Sites, or
- Participate in works of mercy and penance;

And, in conformity to the usual norms for a plenary indulgence:

- Intend to receive the indulgence, and
- Receive Holy Communion and the sacrament of Reconciliation within several days of the indulgenced work, and
- Are free from attachment to all mortal and venial sin, and
- Say a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

For more information, please consult the Pilgrim's Guide. We have extra copies at the Archdiocesan Centre if parishes need more. For the Universal Church, this date will also be when the Holy Doors of the Papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran, the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls are closed. The Ordinary Jubilee will formally conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. As Pope Francis wrote in his letter announcing the Jubilee Year... "During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!" [Please visit the diocesan Jubilee 2025 webpage for information, a guidebook, videos of the Jubilee shrines and much more!](#)

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## Illuminate: An Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – December 19, 2025

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, December 19 at 7.30 pm, at Saints-Martyrs Canadiens, 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) Illuminate is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship music, and fellowship, with the opportunity to take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. See you there!

## CCRS OF MB –

### Unveiling the Gospels Bible Study 2026

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus. Have you heard of the 18 Miracles in St. Mark's Gospel? The 5 main discourses in St. Matthew's Gospel? Did you know that tradition holds that St. Luke was not only a great writer but also a painter and sculptor? and that to understand St. John's Gospel one could really benefit from reading Genesis Chapter 1 and the 1st Letter of St. John.... come join us, you will not be disappointed!

Tuesdays at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg, MB from January 13 to March 24, 2026. – 6.30pm to 9 pm (optional mass at 6 pm)

For more information: 431-777-8877 or email [ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com](mailto:ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com)

## Mass Intentions

December 13 at 9 am	Rene Cyr
December 13 at 5pm	Dinh & Pham Families
December 14 at 9 am	Juliana Mendes+
December 14 at 11 am	Jan Majerski+
	Rudi & Marissa Lanoria 37th Ann.
December 16 at 8 am	Theresa Sinkwich+
December 17 at 8 am	Mike Steeves+
December 18 at 8 am	Diane Koenigbaur+
December 19 at 8 am	Father Leo Couture+
December 20 at 9 am	Louis Stegne
December 20 at 5 pm	Domingo Borges+
December 21 at 9 am	Jane Barske+
December 21 at 11 am	William & Ann Chanway+
December 23 at 8 am	Belinda & Ernie Samiana 25th Ann.
December 24 at 8 am	Tanya Simmonds
December 24 at 7 pm	Norma Isaacson
December 24 at 9 pm	Jay Walkow+ Virgilio Nicolas+
December 25 at 9 am	Jack & Jean Sinnott+
December 25 at 11 am	Parishioners of St Alphonsus
December 26 at 8 am	Noël Cyr+
December 27 at 9 am	Marjorie & Larry Hagman+
December 27 at 5 pm	Walter Nierobisz+

## Thank You for Your Contributions

### December 6 & 7

Regular donations	\$ 4868.20
Online donations	\$ 1725.00
Building fund donations	\$ 5105.00
Online building fund donations	\$ 2645.00

**Total to the Parish** **\$14,343.20**

### November 29 & 30

Regular donations	\$ 5657.95
Online donations	\$ 930.00
Building fund donations	\$ 5900.60
Online building fund donations	\$ 215.00

**Total to the Parish** **\$12,703.55**



## Mass Times

### Mass Schedule

Saturday evening	5 pm
Sunday	9 am & 11 am
Tuesday to Friday	8 am
Saturday	9 am

### Adoration

First Friday of the month  
8.30 am to 3 pm

Divine Mercy at 3 pm  
followed by Vespers

### Reconciliation

Confession is available Saturdays  
at 4.30 pm before the 5 pm mass  
or by appointment. To arrange for  
Confession, please call Father Greg  
at 204-782-3135.

### Baptism

Please see Father Greg after Mass  
or contact the office.

### Marriage

Please contact the office to make  
an appointment with Fr. Greg.  
Please contact us at least 6 months  
prior to the wedding date.

## Contact Information

### St Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church

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### Contact Information:

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[www.stalphonsuswinnipeg.ca](http://www.stalphonsuswinnipeg.ca)  
Facebook: [St Alphonsus Church - Winnipeg](#)

Bulletin submissions deadline  
is Monday at 4 pm.

### Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday:  
8.30 am to 11.30  
& 1 pm to 4.30 pm

**The office is closed on Friday.**

### Staff:

Pastor: Fr Greg Mulligan  
Parish Office: Maria Cox  
Catechetics: Fr Greg Mulligan  
Caretaker: Ernesto Samiana  
Bookkeeper: Tess Atkins

## Free Online Screening of the New Catholic Film “Permission”

Catholic filmmaker Kevin Dunn's  
new docudrama film Permission:  
Fr. Bob Bedard's Vision for the  
Church is now streaming for  
free online at [permissionthefilm.com](http://permissionthefilm.com).  
Following in the footsteps  
of Fr. Patrick Peyton and  
Venerable Fulton Sheen, the late  
Fr. Robert Bedard, founder of  
the Companions of the Cross,  
emerges as a modern-day hero  
of the Catholic Church and  
priesthood. The film offers a  
timely invitation to rediscover and  
renew the Church's mission and  
power through openness to  
the Holy Spirit.

## CCRS OF MB – “Pilgrimage to Italy” – May 26 – June 5, 2026

Join us on an incredible pilgrimage  
to Italy from May 25 to June 5,  
2026: We will visit many of  
the most beautiful cathedrals  
of the world! A wonderful  
opportunity to visit the remains  
of many apostles and evangelists  
and walk thru the “Holy Doors” of  
the four major Basilicas of Rome!  
For information: 431-777-8877 or  
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