

St. Alphonsus Parish Update

August 30, 2026



Nativity of Our Lady Celebration at Blessed Sacrament Parish - September 12

On Saturday, September 12 the church celebrates the Nativity of Our Lady. The 9 a.m. Mass normally celebrated here at St. Alphonsus will be shifted to Blessed Sacrament Parish. So there will not be a Mass here on September 12 at 9 a.m. (The 5 p.m. Mass will continue as usual). Therefore, everyone is invited to Blessed Sacrament Parish to celebrate Mass Saturday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. followed by Adoration and Reconciliation.

At 12 noon there will be a potluck lunch. This should be a very joyful celebration.

I hope to see you there.

There is actually much more taking place. Please see our bulletin or access the Blessed Sacrament Website for more information. Fr. Greg

Catechism 2026-27

Dear young families,
Catechism begins Saturday September 26 at 10 a.m. in our school. This process includes the Sacraments of Reconciliation (usually grade 2); First Communion (usually grade 3); and Confirmation (usually grade 6). But the grades between the Sacraments are also considered essential preparation for the future reception of them. For example, even though grade 4 is not a "Sacrament year" it is essential that your children attend to be ready for Confirmation in 2 years time. Therefore, the grades of Catechism are: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. And they are all a preparation for the Sacraments.

Please contact Alejandra to begin the process of registration. 204 667 9580.
email: contactstals@gmail.com

Thank you,

Fr. Greg 204 782 3135



Nativity of Our Lady
At Blessed Sacrament Parish

Marian Exhibit

Sep 5 Saturday	9am-12pm, 4:30-6:30pm
Sep 6 Sunday	9am-12pm, 4:30-6:30pm
Sep 8 Tuesday	5pm to 7pm
Sep 12 Saturday	9am-12pm, 4:30-6:30pm
Sep 13 Sunday	9am-12pm, 4:30-6:30pm

Marian Movie Night
Marian Apparitions of the 20th Century
Sept 8 Tuesday at 7pm Parish Hall

CENACLE
Marian Movement of Priests
September 12 Saturday
9:15am Procession, 9:30am Mass
Adoration, Confessions
12noon Potluck Lunch

Song of Mary
Free Concert of Marian Choral Hymns
Sep 12 Saturday at 7pm

All events are Free
Free Will Donations Accepted
Blessed Sacrament Parish
710 Roanoke St. Winnipeg

800 th Anniversary of St. Francis Celebration October 3 and 4

Around the world and here at St. Alphonsus we will celebrate the 800 th anniversary of St. Francis' death on October 3 and 4. St. Francis was born, John Bernadone, in Assisi, Italy in 1181 and died October 4, 1226. He was the son of a rich clothing merchant. He worked for his father and for a few years was a lover of parties, banquets, and celebrations with his rich friends. But soon enough he found this lifestyle to be empty and meaningless.

St. Francis' renewal of his Christian faith took place over a number of years. During that time he prayed in abandoned churches and caves. He lived the life of a beggar and served people who suffered from leprosy. At first, the people of Assisi rejected him and called him crazy. But as time went on, when they saw that his Christian faith was authentic, he became popular. Many young men joined him and they formed the first Franciscan community. St. Clare, his friend from another rich family, also disillusioned with her life, joined St. Francis and he helped her form another community of women who today are called Poor Clares.

The primary charism of the Franciscans is to serve people who are poor or hurting in any way. The Poor Clare nuns are more contemplative and some live in cloisters/monasteries rarely venturing out into the public. There are about 25 thousand Franciscan Friars (brothers) around the world. The Poor Clare nuns number approximately 20 thousand and among the Secular Franciscans (those who can marry and live 'regular' lives) there are approximately 200 thousand around the globe.

There are 4 Franciscan friar/priests who live in Winnipeg and we live together in St. Pio Friary across from St. Boniface Cathedral. We are of the Capuchin reform which took place in 1525. Brother Germain serves at the Cathedral; brother Xavier serves at Holy Cross Parish; brother Januzc serves at St. Andrew Bobola Church; and myself here at St. Alphonsus.

800 years is a long time and it is amazing and wonderful that the very large and active Franciscan community around the world continues to thrive and serve God's people. It's all because our Lord Jesus Christ. As said St. Francis used to pray: "My God and my All!"

In the coming bulletins, we will be sharing more information about our celebration here at St. Alphonsus.

Fr. Greg

Results of the Good Shepherd Campaign 2025

The 2025 Good Shepherd Campaign “For the Life of the Church” raised \$367,513, or 95% of our goal of \$400,000. This impressive sum exceeds the results of the last two campaigns, which reached \$314,511 and \$305,532 respectively.



This spring we saw the ordination to the transitional diaconate of two of our seminarians, Vincent Nguyen and Joseph-Martin Ngoc Hien Pham. They will be ordained priests next spring. This is the fruit of your donations!

Apart from these two, we have seven other seminarians along the way:

Joseph Emmanuel Mukena (Congo) in his fourth year of five years

Shiju Vincy (India) is doing his internship year at Christ the King

Valentin Dilenga (Congo), after a year of learning English, is entering the first of these five years of formation for the priesthood.

The same goes for Anthony Hoang (Vietnamese) in Canada since 2017.

Vincent Dubé (Saint-Martyrs) is starting his first year of philosophy.

Kirk Holyk (Christ the King) and André Fillion (Ste-Anne) are beginning

a preparatory spiritual year at Serra House in Toronto.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for your prayers for these young men. Think about your donation to the Campaign this year, which will be launched in October.

God is good!

+Albert LeGatt. Archbishop of Saint-Boniface

Marriage Tips

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.” (Lk 16:10)
Build your family’s trust by being a person of your word, even in small things.

Thank You for Your Contributions

August 22 & 23, 2026

Regular donations	\$ 3,582.00
Online donations	\$ 2,215.00
Building fund donations	\$ 1,531.95
Online building fund donations	\$ 1,405.00
Total to the Parish	\$ 8,733.95

Donations that support other Catholic works

Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$ 10.00

Mass Intentions

August 29 at 9 am	For deceased family and Friends
August 29 at 5 pm	Domingo Borges+
August 30 at 9 am	Colette Aussant+
August 30 at 11 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus and Godsent Oshionebo
September 1 at 8 am	Manuel Merino
September 2 at 8 am	Ezekiel Samiana
September 3 at 8 am	Han Family
September 5 at 5 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
September 6 at 9 am	Glenor Elbourne+
September 6 at 11 am	Epifania dela Cruz+

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 4.15 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.

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

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Bulletin submissions deadline
is Monday at 4 pm.

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:
8.30 am to 12 noon
& 1 pm to 4.00 pm

Staff:

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Parish Office: Alejandra Merino
Catechetics: Fr Greg Mulligan
Caretaker: Ernie Samiana
Bookkeeper: Tess Atkins

Save the date - Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala – September 17, 2026

The Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala will take place on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Saint-Boniface Cathedral and will honor Bishop Albert LeGatt and Bishop Émilus Goulet, who will be celebrating their 25th episcopal anniversaries as bishops. For more information, contact Julie Turenne-Maynard by email at consultationjtmconsulting@gmail.com or by phone at 204-771-5585.

Reflections for the Separated & Divorced. “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.” – Colossians 4:6.

Our words have awesome power. They can heal, encourage and comfort. They also have the power to hurt. As you navigate through your separation and divorce, and in the months and years afterwards, how will you use your words? Will you use them wisely? Will they be well chosen and good? Will you exercise restraint when things are better left unsaid, or a response is better off not given? Will you use your words to please God by being gracious and gentle? When you speak, will you choose to be an instrument of God’s grace? – A Road to Healing, Lisa Duffy

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