

The Roman Catholic Parishes of

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collections	Required Weekly	Weekly	Year to Date +/-
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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MASS INTENTIONS Jan 22, 2022 to Jan 30, 2022

SATURDAY, Jan 22, 2022
5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

SUNDAY, Jan 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. MASS in Manitou
11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - the intentions of all parishioners
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - the eternal repose of Angeles Sanchez

MONDAY, Jan 24, 2022 NO MASS

TUESDAY, Jan 25, 2022
7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden -

WEDNESDAY, Jan 26, 2022
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden -

THURSDAY, Jan 27, 2022
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

FRIDAY, Jan 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. MASS in Morden -

SATURDAY, Jan 29, 2022
5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

SUNDAY, Jan 30, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden--
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

Father Ramon **The Shepherds walking stick**

PARISH UPDATE 23/01/2022 -

This week I submitted to the Office of the Archbishop our parish statistics report. The archdiocese will then collate the reports from all the parishes and submit them to the Vatican. I would like to share with you the numbers from our parish..... For the year 2021: We have 10 infant Baptisms, 13 First Communicants, 0 Confirmations, 0 Weddings, and 3 Funerals..... Isn't this interesting? In the time of pandemic, we have more Baptisms than Funerals. And, they are not due to the virus! It's the same for the year 2020: We had 8 infant Baptisms, 5 First Communicants, 1 Confirmation, 0 Weddings, and 1 Funeral. Contrast these figures with 2019 - i.e. before the pandemic - which was my first year here in the parish: We had 9 infant Baptisms and 6 Funerals..... In short, we have more funerals the single year before the pandemic than the 2 years of pandemic combined. Yet none of these is due to the deadly virus. Moreover, I learned of only a couple of hospitalizations from among the members of the community and a handful of positives. What can we call this? Is it mere good fortune? Not at all! It's a blessing! God is affirming our faith! He is reassuring us that he is not deaf to our pleas. I know that all of you are praying hard and are offering sacrifices for this chastisement to end. Keep it up. That is how our ancestors in the faith respond to crisis - by turning it into an opportunity for the deepening of the spiritual life: cultivating an intense prayer life, growing in faith and in the virtues especially fortitude and long-suffering..... While each one is praying for the protection against illness and for the end of the pandemic, we have the Children's Rosary who faithfully does their devotion in behalf of the community. I know also of parishioners who are doing beyond the call of duty by attending an extra Mass or two during the week, some spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, and others taking up novenas or Bible reading. They provide the spiritual powerhouse of our community which benefit all of us.....

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RECONCILIATION: Presently only available Saturday and Sunday

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For my part, since the first lockdown, I do daily holy hour for the protection of everyone in the parish and my loved ones. And if somebody is hospitalized, I rise up at dawn to prostrate before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. I do it every day until the person is released from the hospital.

(Thankfully, I did not have to do this often because I really love a good sleep.) Early last year also I felt the call to do complete fasting once a week consuming only bread and water every Wednesday (day of St. Joseph) for the healing of marital and familial relationships that are strained because of the pandemic. I tell you this without any tinge of boastfulness, but to encourage you above all to hold on to hope and trust in God during these difficult times. Let go of fear. Do not be afraid. Of course, that is not to say we should act as if the virus does not exist or there is no pandemic. Divine grace works on nature. Besides, prudence and wisdom are virtues. So, informed by commonsense and prayerful discernment, let us do everything that may protect ourselves and our loved ones.

January 23, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Website: www.saintjohnparishmorden.org

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Prayer Intention for January, 2022
For True Human Fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Life Culture Gathering - January 27, 2022

Are you pro-life, but not sure where to start to make a real difference? Are you inspired to help bring the good news of life to your church community? Do you want your church to be part of a rising movement in our province and country? You are invited to join us for the very first Life Culture Ambassador Program Gathering! We will meet on Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 PM. This gathering will be an opportunity to learn more about Life Culture, our impact, and how you can be part of a rising movement in Canada! Be inspired by other individuals who speak for life!

Visit www.lifeculture.ca/church to learn more or to join the Zoom meeting.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish....

Joaquin Mota

(Please call 204-822-5240 if someone should be included or removed. Thanks!)