

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 29, 2022 to Feb 6, 2022

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

SUNDAY, Jan 30, 2022 - 5th 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 Healing & intentions of Nicasio Oncog – req. Tara Beatty

MONDAY, Jan 31, 2022 NO MASS

TUESDAY, Feb 1, 2022
7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - The Healing & intentions of Jeff Sigurdson – req. Tara Beatty

WEDNESDAY, Feb 2, 2022
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - Thanksgiving & intentions of Jewel White

THURSDAY, Feb 3, 2022
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

FRIDAY, Feb 4, 2022
10:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - The Healing & intentions of Jeff Sigurdson – req. Tara Beatty

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

SUNDAY, Feb 6, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden-
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- The Healing & intentions of Jeff Sigurdson – req. Tara Beatty

Father Ramon **The Shepherds walking stick**

Parish Update Jan 30th, 2022

The early Christians in Rome invented secret symbols – e.g. the ichthus or the sign of the fish – in order to identify each other and to whom the information about the celebration of the Mass may be passed. The risk of such information falling into the wrong hands was real as well as the threat of being rounded up during the Mass to be fed to wild beasts in the Colosseum. In the late 1550's of Elizabethan England, attending a Catholic Mass was considered high treason against the monarchy punishable by hanging, drawing and burning. It was the same in 1920's during the Cristero rebellion in Mexico. Priests wore disguises and celebrated Mass with the faithful in secret. Those who were caught were sentenced to die by firing squad. Today, underground Catholics in China celebrate the Holy Eucharist always with the threat of being captured and sent to re-education (a.k.a. concentration) camps..... Why am I telling you this? It is because I sense a tendency within the community to demand that our church should be 100% safe and sanitized, and unless this is done you will not come to church. Have our faith grown so soft that we demand a risk-free worship? What would the martyrs and confessors say to us on the Last Judgement? This just shows we don't quite understand what the Mass is! It is a re-presentation (being present once again) at the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. And the crucifixion was messy and deadly! During the Mass we honour Someone who died for us, and we expect to feel good about ourselves, to be safe and comfortable? No wonder we might stop coming to church simply because we find the pastor eccentric or our feelings were hurt by somebody in the church. I tell you, this attitude calls for repentance..... By all means, I am not suggesting that everybody should come to Sunday Mass at this time. The obligation to do so is still suspended. What I am exhorting everyone is to pray over your decisions. Allow God to be part of your every decision whether big or small. Present your circumstances before the Lord. Pray and ask for signal graces to guide you to a decision in accordance with His will. If you feel God is telling you to stay away from the liturgy temporarily

RECONCILIATION: Presently only available Saturday and Sunday

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for the sake of loved ones, follow his lead. Be confident of your decision as divinely willed, and take advantage of your extended Eucharistic fast to enlarge your hunger for the Lord in the Eucharist. Take up a devotion or Bible reading. But, for the sake of your souls, do not indulge in self-pitying how much you miss coming to church because the presence of some people doesn't make you feel it is safe enough. That is mere sentimentalism! I have been urged to show leadership by pressing everybody to get vaccinated, thus every one can feel safe to come to church. I'm sorry to disappoint, but I would rather concern with spiritual health than physical health. Besides, there are authorities who are vouching for the vaccine. I exhort everyone to listen, evaluate, pray and discern before God what they say. Pray and discern not because we don't believe God answers prayers through findings in medical science, but because it is naïveté to presume that politics and corporate profit does not factor also in our current situation. Regardless of each one's prayerful decision on this matter, however, everybody is welcome to receive the sacraments in church. From my end, by word and example, I will strive to lead how we can use this crisis as opportunity for conversion that we may gain divine perspective – to think as He thinks, to see as He sees.

January 30, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous...” (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)
Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less “Self centered” and become more “God-centered” for the sake of others

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

Joaquin Mota

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

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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.



Forgive

"You Cant go to heaven hating somebody, forgive now. Be compassionate now. Be grateful now. Love Jesus & Mary now. Accept God's will now

- Mother Angelica

Jesus is always with you

"I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

- Thomas Merton