

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of

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### MASS INTENTIONS Jan 7, 2023 to Jan 15, 2023

#### SATURDAY, Jan 7, 2023

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the eternal repose of Jorge Ervas Sr. – req. Ceska Ervas

#### SUNDAY, Jan 8, 2023 - EPIPHANY

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden -the eternal repose of Rita Reuvekamp – req. Andrew Reuvekamp  
7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - the intentions of all parishioners

#### MONDAY, Jan 9, 2023

7: 00 p.m. Mass in Morden - NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, Jan 10, 2023

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - NO MASS  
*Children's Rosary*

#### WEDNESDAY, Jan 11, 2023

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - NO MASS

#### THURSDAY, Jan 12, 2023

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- NO MASS

#### FRIDAY, Jan 13, 2023

7:00 a.m. Mass in Morden- NO MASS

#### SATURDAY, Jan 14, 2023

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the intentions of all parishioners

#### SUNDAY, Jan 15, 2023 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden- the intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- the intentions of all parishioners

### **Father Ramon** **The Shepherds walking stick**

#### **PARISH UPDATE 01/08/2023 –**

Envelopes for your parish support are already available. Do kindly pick them up from the boxes at the church foyer.....

There is a mix-up with our order of the envelopes though, and some of the numbered envelopes are not yet available. The Finance Council hopes to resolve this situation quickly. If your set of envelopes is among those missing, you may still use the old ones that you have. Just cross out the year and write the current year..... In any case, I thank everyone for your material support to the parish in 2022 and the previous years. Some churches in the archdiocese have closed for good at the end of 2022. This sad state of affairs made me all the more appreciate your generosity and faithfulness in supporting our parish..... In the more personal level, I would like to thank everyone also who have greeted me on my birthday last December 21, on Christmas Day and the New Year. Thank you for the cards and gifts. The affection that comes with them made me feel very much blessed..... As I have said last Sunday, I'll be on a holiday from January 15 to February 28. However, aside from the annual holiday, it's also a practice for priests to take a break after Christmas and Easter festivities, so I'll be away already from the parish starting Monday, January 9.....There will be no weekday Mass when I am away except on Ash Wednesday, February 22. I'll leave it to Fr. John Te, who is going to replace me temporarily, to set the Mass schedule on that day here at St. John and at St. Patrick in Manitou..... Again, I would like you to please take note that the Sunday evening Mass is cancelled during the duration of my holiday. Publication of the Sunday bulletin will also be suspended..... In case of pastoral emergencies, you may contact Fr. Mario Veloso of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Carman at (204)745-2204..... During my homily last Sunday, I invited you to reflect on the "scandal of the manger".

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### *Parish update continued*

Mary Mother of God pondering in her heart the things told by the shepherds encourages us to grow in the faith, a faith that gives birth. To mature in the faith in the year 2023 then!..... I would say the Feast of the Epiphany affirms that message. The magi embarked on a long and dangerous journey in order to worship the Lord and bring him gifts.

We are all called to imitate them. In this regard, a representative from the Many Hands Centre will make a brief presentation after the 11 AM Mass this Sunday, January 8. She will tell us about the organization. Above all, she will give us ideas how we can be the magi to "community members in and around Morden who are facing various challenges in accessing food, shelter, and meeting social and spiritual needs." Do check their website for more detailed information.

Happy Epiphany, everyone!

### *January 8, 2023 - Epiphany of the Lord*

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we as Christian stewards are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

### *Children's Rosary*

Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
All are welcome. Please come out  
And support our children!

### *Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis*

#### *Prayer Intention for January, 2023*

*For educators – We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

*"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see:  
heaven on earth,  
earth in heaven,  
man in God,*

*God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain  
now enclosed in a tiny body.*

*As they look, they believe and do not question,  
as their symbolic gifts bear witness:  
incense for God,  
gold for a king,  
myrrh for one who is to die."*

*St Peter Chrysologus (406-450) Doctor of the Church*

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

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