

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of

**St. John the Evangelist**  
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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collections	Required Weekly	Weekly	Year to Date +/-
\$2667.65	\$2510.00	\$157.65	\$679.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

### MASS INTENTIONS JAN 25 to Feb 2, 2020

#### SATURDAY, Jan 25, 2020

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- for the soul of Pat Menzies  
Reg: Sheila Campbell

#### SUNDAY, Jan 26, 2020 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. MASS in Manitou

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - For the soul of Lilia Salazar & Felomina Flores  
Req: Solomon Family

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden -

#### MONDAY, Jan 27, 2020

NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, Jan 28, 2020

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden -

#### WEDNESDAY, Jan 29, 2020

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden -

#### THURSDAY, Jan 30, 2020

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

#### FRIDAY, Jan 31, 2020

9:00 a.m. & MASS in Morden -

7:00 p.m. Adoration in Manitou

8:00 p.m. MASS in Manitou

#### SATURDAY, Feb 1, 2020

4:00 pm - Confession

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

#### SUNDAY, Feb 2, 2020 - Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. MASS in Manitou

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden - for the soul of Ireneo Salazar  
Req: Solomon Family

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden-

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

Some of you have been inquiring about how to send financial aid to victims of the Taal volcano eruption in the Philippines. You may channel it through the parish office or give it directly to Jewel White who will send your donation to the Local Government Unit (LGU) of the town of Balayan, Batangas where there are about 11,000 evacuees currently being .....

Somebody asked me, "Why do calamities happen, Father?" There is no simple answer to that question. But, for the sake of brevity, I can say that calamities may be caused by moral evil committed by man. As man abuses nature, he is surely doomed to suffer consequences. For example, if he cuts all the trees in the forest because of greed, nature can strike back by way of floods that will destroy his life and property. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, on the other hand, can hardly be attributed to evil done by man. They are what we call as physical evil. They happen because the world we live in is imperfect. As scripture portrays it, "For we know that up to the present time all of creation groans with pain, like the pain of childbirth" (Rom 8:22). Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and the like are labor pains before a perfect world can be born. But, why did God not create a perfect world where these calamities don't happen? Well, it's a mystery. We trust in the wisdom of God. The Catechism teaches, "With infinite power God could create something better. But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world in a state of journeying toward its ultimate perfection... In time we can discover that God in his almighty providence can bring a good from the consequences of an evil... 'We know that in everything God works for good for those who love him' (Rom 8:28)" (CCC, 310-313).....

On this last Sunday of January, we will start the practice of giving a special blessing to all those who celebrated their birthday within the month. We will be doing this every last Sunday of the month just before the final blessing in the Mass.

## RECONCILIATION: Presently only available Saturday and Sunday

### Monthly Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Website: [www.saintjohnparishmorden.org](http://www.saintjohnparishmorden.org)

#### Prayer intention for January, 2020

Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

*A big thank* you to all the parishioners and CWL members who donated food & clothing items in December to the Missionaries of Charity. Your generosity was very much appreciated by the Sisters!

### More greeters-ushers needed!

Please consider volunteering to be an usher-greeter. Training will be offered right after church on Sunday, Feb. 2nd for the new and experienced greeters. We will cover: ushering, collecting, greeting and getting volunteers to bring up the gifts and do collection. If you have questions, be prepared to ask them then. We will meet at the back of the church.

If you are interested in greeting either Saturday or Sunday, please email Carole at [carole\\_s@mymts.net](mailto:carole_s@mymts.net).

### World Day for Consecrated Life 2020 – February 2, 2020

Please join us for the annual prayer service for World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be held on Sunday February 2nd at 3 PM at Saint Boniface Cathedral. The service will take the form of Taizé prayer. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

The primary purpose of World Day for Consecrated Life is to pray for women and men religious, and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life in the church.

This year, we will particularly acknowledge the contribution of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI). The Oblates were the first male religious to arrive at the Red River settlement in 1845, and this year they are marking 175 years of presence here. Over those 175 years, the Oblates have made an immense contribution towards building the church in Saint Boniface and throughout western/northern Canada. In fact, the Oblates were instrumental in establishing the Catholic Church in western Canada. From the time of Alexandre Taché, one of the first two Oblates to come to the West, (and later second Bishop and first Archbishop of St-Boniface), the Oblates were pioneers and leaders who provided the first bishops for most of the dioceses of western Canada

### January 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” (Matthew 4:22)**  
**Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.**

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish....they are:

Jordan Myers , Lance Collantes, George Macgregor, Basil Agnew

(Please call 204-362-6771 if someone should be included or removed. Thanks!)