

## WE NEED HELP

Our parish is growing and it is a great sight to see children everywhere. But we would also like to see them grow in their faith through religious instruction or education. We are in need of concerned parishioners who would volunteer as teachers for our:



1. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** and/or probably a **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM** next year (depending on the interest and resources we have). There is no age limit for teaching or assisting. You will be trained and will be prepared to walk with our children in their journey of faith. For details, contact Donna O'Toole 204-504-3049.
2. **R.C.I.A.** - is a journey of those who would like to become Catholics or for Catholics who are returning or just wanting to grow deeper in their faith. If you would like to be part of the training team or are interested in joining as a participant, please contact Paulette Dupuis 204-253-2912.
3. **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM** - for families who would like their children baptized, we conduct a one-hour lesson in preparation for the Sacrament. We are in need of presenters who will journey with the family of the child in introducing them to the spiritual life and into the family of God, the Church. Please contact Fr. Gerry 204-253-4176.
4. **ADULT FAITH FORMATION** - is for adults who would like to learn and apply their faith or delve deeper into their faith with questions or doubts. To become part of the team or to become a participant, please contact Bonnie Cornwell 204-237-0540.
5. **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** - to prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please contact Donna O'Toole 204-504-3049.
6. **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**- to prepare couples who are getting married. For details contact Fr. Gerry 204-253-4176.

## **LENTEN FAST FOR MORBERG HOUSE**

The early Christians lived and shared their possessions. If they heard of a family in need, they would pool their resources to help. However, most of these Christians were poor also and so, in order to help, they would make sacrifices such as skipping meals (fasting) in order to save money. They would pool the money they had saved and would give it to their needy members. This Lent, we would like to encourage the whole parish to consciously offer prayer and fasting for the Church and for the world. Fasting could mean skipping a coffee break or snacks, or skipping a meal altogether (fasting). Set aside and keep the money in a can or in a bottle and at the Mass of Holy Thursday, we will collect them and send them to "Morberg House."



Located in the Heart of Old North St. Boniface, Morberg House is a 10-bed facility offering transitional housing in a supportive, room and board environment. Staffed 24/7, residents of Morberg House benefit from a range of client-centered, strength-based case plans designed to improve personal circumstances. Most graduates of the Morberg House Program move on to permanent housing. Others will return to their communities and families of origin. They also receive help through referrals to other services such as income assistance, job referrals, addiction treatment, legal aide, counselling, and other services. If each one of us would make a sacrifice each day, we could give hope to the homeless and also practice Christian charity to our needy brothers and sisters.

# Lenten Events

## LENTEN RETREAT

Join us for a Lenten Retreat on March 18 & 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Emile Church.

The Retreat will be led by Melvin De Paz, who is one of the Directors of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Manitoba.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.



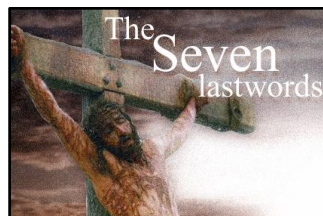
## CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Boniface Cathedral



## TESTIMONIES: *Our Lord's 7 Last Words on the Cross*

Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.



# Easter Triduum

## **Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – March 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

A collection will be taken for the poor to be given to Morberg House, a 10-bed facility offering transitional housing for homeless men in St. Boniface. Eucharistic Adoration will follow in the Chapel until midnight.

## **Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – March 30**

**10:00 a.m. – Outdoor Stations of the Cross.** Soup and bread will be available after the procession.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated inside the Church for those unable to join the outdoor procession.

**3:00 p.m. – Commemoration of the Passion.** Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday. The Lord's Passion is commemorated, but the Eucharistic sacrifice is not offered.

## **Saturday, March 31**

**2:00 p.m. – Blessing of the Food in the Chapel**

**8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

## **Easter Sunday – April 1**

**9:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Mass**

**11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Mass**

