

# The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg

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## Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

Also serving Saint Mary's Church in Souris, MB (Sundays at 11:00 am)

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### SERVED BY:

Pastor  
Parochial Vicar  
Deacon

Father Michael Raj Savarimuthu  
Father Kelly Wilson  
Rev. Mr. John MacKenzie

Finance  
Secretary  
Maintenance

Karen Fitzpatrick  
Pam Szmon  
Keven VanCauwenberghe

Faith Formation Parish

Sister Therma Ajoc, MACE

### EUCCHARIST:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (11:00 am in Souris)  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:30 am  
Thursday 9:30 am (10:30 am at Fairview Personal Care Home)  
Friday 12:15 pm (with Adoration until 3:00 pm)  
Saturday 9:30 am

### RECONCILIATION:

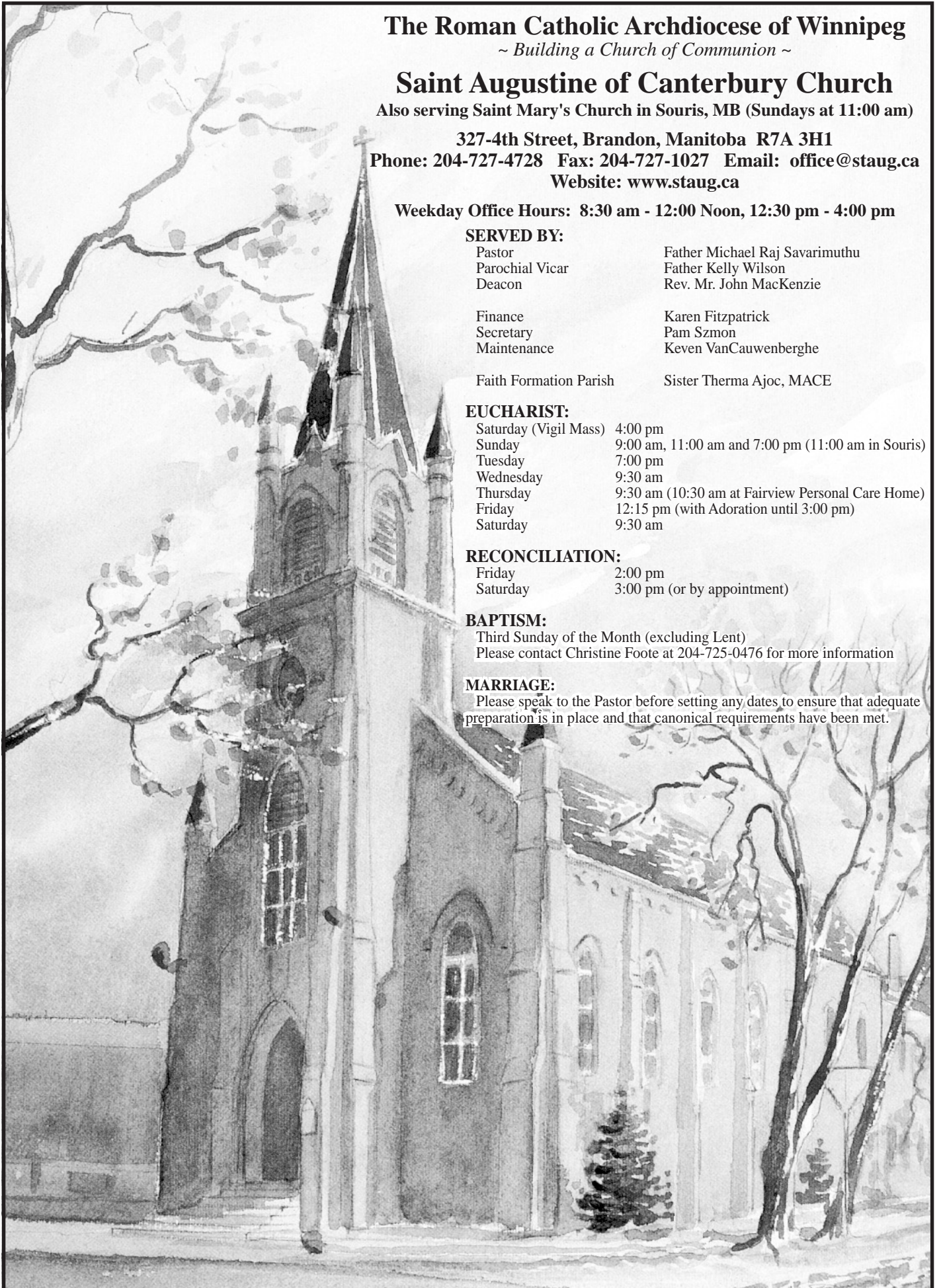
Friday 2:00 pm  
Saturday 3:00 pm (or by appointment)

### BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month (excluding Lent)  
Please contact Christine Foote at 204-725-0476 for more information

### MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Pastor before setting any dates to ensure that adequate preparation is in place and that canonical requirements have been met.



Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down! is the cry, of a people who need God. The master is coming is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

**In Our Prayers Are ...**

Amelia Adamski, Marie Bomek, Jean Boutillier, Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Bernice Deurbrouck, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Eugene & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Jenny Hamill, Colin Hardy, Emily Jaffray, Ralph Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Norman Mymko, Hermine Nintiema, Paul Omilanow, Walter Poruchny, Katherine Pouch, Daniel Roy, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Bob Young and the homebound.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is collecting furniture and household items which it will then give to those in need. For more information contact the Parish Office at (204)-727-4728.

**Join in Praying for Life.** Each Wednesday the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 PM in the chapel of the Assiniboine Centre at the BRHC. The intention of these prayers surrounds the respect and dignity owed to all human life.

**Praying with Pope Francis - December**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.

**CWL News**

A reminder that at our Christmas Party on Dec 5, we will be collecting for our annual donation to Esk-Omi Missions, and for cereal, peanut butter, or other non-perishables for St. Vincent de Paul. Last year our cookie donation to St. Vincent de Paul was much appreciated by those who came for food hampers. If you so wish, you can donate 1 or 2 dozen cookies to be handed out on food hamper distribution day on December 20. More information will be forthcoming.

**Life's Vision**

Life's Vision Brandon will be selling Christmas fruit cakes, cards, and Marian Angel ornaments after all Masses this weekend. Please support Prolife.

**Marriage Preparation**

An expectation exists that engaged couples complete a marriage preparation course prior to marrying at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. The next preparation course will be offered from January 11-February 22, 2018. For more information contact Bob & Annette Boucher at (204)-727-6035.

**Thank you**

The Knight's of Columbus would like to thank everyone that attended the 2017 Fall Supper. Proceeds from this year's Fall Supper will be donated to Catholic Missions of Canada, Helping Hands and the church building fund. The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank all the volunteers and acknowledge that it is their help and donations that make this a successful event year after year.

**Faith Formation - Confirmation Class**

5 Dec (Tuesday) Class starts from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

For more details and enquiries please call Sr. Therma at Faith Formation Office #204.727.4728 or email: iajoc@staug.ca

**Pictorial Directory**

St. Augustine's Church will be making a pictorial directory next year with picture taking starting the week of Jan. 23-27. We will be taking appointments at every weekend Mass starting Dec. 9/10 (except during the Christmas season) or you may call Suzanne Kiazzyk at 204-728-5800. Please check out the bulletin boards or entrance doors for more information.

<b><u>Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</u></b>	
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00, 7:00, 12:00 Midnight 7:00 pm in Souris
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am
<b><u>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u></b>	
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 am

**Dear Padre: Why do we have Advent?**

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love. Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR

**Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 5 - 5:30 pm**

Justice & Peace in the World (CWL)

**Wednesday, December 6 - 9:30 am**

Expectant Parents & Parental Love ( Life's Vision)

**Thursday, December 7- 9:30 am**

Randy Van Achte Family (Mom & Frank)

**Fairview PCH 10:30 am**

†Pauline Gagne (Ken, Karen & Steven Fitzpatrick)

**Friday, December 8 - 12:15 pm**

Children & Grandchildren(Jeannette Snyder)

**Saturday, December 9 -**

**9:30 am**

†Pauline Gagne (Mary Kiazzyk)

**4:00 pm**

†Michael Britton (Mom & Dad)

**Sunday, December 10 -**

**9:00 am**

†Michel & Leona De Lichte (Dennis & Denise Wytinck)

†Michael & Jeanette Sadowski (Grant & Joanne Allen)

**11:00 am**

For the people... (Fr. Michael)

**7:00 pm**

Cathy Demas (Women of Grace)

**11:00 am** Souris - For the people.....(Fr. Michael)

*If you are new to the church please come in or call the Parish Office to register. If you are moving please let us know your new address. Welcome!*

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday**

7:00 pm Prayer Group

2:00 pm Canterbury Senior Social Club

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm Confirmation Class

5:30 pm CWL Mass & Advent Gathering

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm Women of Grace

**Thursday**

9:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Society

1:30 pm Bible Study

2:00 & 6:30 pm Advent Reconciliation Services

5:30 & 6:30 pm Children's Choir Practice

6:30 pm Catechism Classes

7:00 pm RCIA

7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Friday**

1:00-3:00 pm Adoration with Benediction

**Saturday**

3:00 pm Choir Practice

**Sunday**

9:15 am Confirmation Class

9:45 am Catechism Classes

**Financial Report**

Weekend Collection for Nov. 26, 2017 was \$8,374.50

Weekly Expenses are approximately \$ 11,000.

Weekly shortage was \$2,625.50

Flower Collection was \$1,834.70

**Sharing God's Gifts**

Amount collected \$53,400.88

Over Target = \$4040.88

2018 Donation envelopes will be ready for pickup in the east vestibule the weekend of Dec. 2/3. Please do not use until 2018. Some envelope numbers have been re-assigned & you may not get credit for your donation.

Please note per Canada Revenue Agency rules, all 2017 donations must be received by December 31, 2017 to be included on your 2017 donation receipt.





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