

Living Waters Columbarium



The columbarium located within the community of St. Gianna's parish ensures that burial is within the context of a living and praying community, as the beloved dead are perpetually remembered in the community's prayer and worship.

The columbarium with its unique design features 2700 burial niches with unique family chapels. At the centre of the columbarium, the life-giving waters of the baptismal font are illuminated as daylight pours through the waters of the font into the columbarium below. An atmosphere of reverence and dignity is further heightened with a series of stained glass windows.

At the heart of the columbarium is the baptismal font in which Christians are inaugurated into the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(CLOSED Saturdays & Sundays)

* Holidays not applicable

Adoration Chapel Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

* Holidays not applicable

Living Waters Columbarium Visitation Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

* Holidays not applicable

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Novena Mass - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m.



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St. Gianna Beretta Molla Roman Catholic Church



*“To transform the world
by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice”*

- Parish Mission Statement

Welcome to St. Gianna Beretta Molla Church!

St. Gianna's Church is the newest parish within the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. Our first Eucharistic liturgy was celebrated on September 12, 2004, at the Winnipeg Technical College, which served as our worship space for ten years. Over this time, our parish community has flourished. Our membership continues to thrive, as the various aspects of our mission are revealed through our liturgical and pastoral ministries. The recent completion of our magnificent new church enables a renewed and deepened commitment to the unfolding of our parish mission - to live out our baptismal charism as disciples of Jesus and 'to transform the world by choosing unconditional love and sacrifice'.

Our Patroness

Gianna Beretta was born on October 4, 1922 in Magenta, Italy. (near Milano) She was the tenth of thirteen children. Gianna received her first communion at five years of age, and from that moment on, her spiritual life began. After completing high school, Gianna attended university and became a physician, a career that she viewed as her vocation. She opened a medical clinic in Mesero.



Gianna lived her faith with great generosity. Through her involvement with Catholic Action and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, she worked with young women and supported the elderly and the poor of society. Gianna married Pietro Molla in 1955. Together they had three children, and Gianna effectively balanced her duties as wife, mother and doctor. In 1961, when Gianna was 8 weeks pregnant with her fourth child, she was diagnosed with a large fibroma in the uterus. (a benign tumor) Gianna agreed to have the tumor removed and asked the surgeon to make every effort to save her unborn child. She prayed and trusted in God, and the baby was saved. Gianna spent the remaining months of her pregnancy attending to all her duties with great commitment and strength.

On April 21, 1962, Gianna delivered her fourth baby, Gianna Emanuela, by caesarian section. Gianna developed a serious infection and despite all human efforts, her condition worsened and she passed away seven days later, on April 28th. She soon became known for the sanctity of her life and her final gesture of great love.

Gianna was proclaimed blessed on April 24, 1994, and canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 16, 2004. Her feast day is on April 28th.

Proud to be a Stewardship Parish

Stewardship is a profound spirituality that enables us to live out our baptismal call to be disciples of Jesus. We acknowledge that God is the creator of all that we have and will ever be. In gratitude for the blessings He has bestowed upon us, we offer the first fruits of our *time*, *talent* and *treasure* back to God. When we embrace stewardship in our daily lives, we



grow spiritually and our faith is deepened. As members of St. Gianna's Parish, we live out our stewardship call by sharing a portion of our *time*, *talent* and *treasure* to build the kingdom of God.

Time is the very gift of each moment of the 24 hours we are given every day. To use these hours as God intends means that we use our time wisely and always for the good - namely our personal and communal prayer and worship, our rest and recreation, our time in solitude and with one another, our work and learning, our caring for ourselves and for those around us. Using our time in ways that God intends becomes a means to personal holiness and a life deeply aware of the presence of God.

Talent includes the variety of gifts and talents that we have all received. These consist of the talents of which we are already aware, as well as the many gifts that we are called to discover and nurture. When we share our gifts for the good of our parish and our world, we reveal the presence of God in all that we do.

Treasure is the gift of our financial resources. Because the money we earn is the direct result of the manner in which we use our time and talents, we are called to manage it in a God-given way to enrich our lives and the lives of those around us. This spirituality calls us to share a just portion of our treasure exclusively with God for the building up of the church.

Awakened and nurtured through the lens of our pastoral life, the spirituality of stewardship calls us to be active participants in the mission of Jesus. Our response begins with an inner conversion that ultimately enables us to transform the world.



Become a Parishioner at St. Gianna's

Please visit our Welcoming kiosk in the gathering space. The members of our Welcoming Ministry can respond to your questions and provide you with a parish registration form. Registration can also be completed and

submitted online by scanning the QR code below or visiting www.stgianna.ca. Once you have completed our family registration form, you will be contacted by a member of our Welcoming Ministry, who will coordinate a brief visit with you to share our parish welcome package. You will also be invited to a new parishioners' welcoming luncheon, which will provide you with an opportunity to meet Fr. Darrin and the members of our pastoral team, as well as learn more about our parish and parish ministries.

Scan the QR code
with your smartphone or tablet
for our parish website



Located within St. Gianna's Parish:

The Shrine of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

On Sunday, May 10, 2015, the first Canadian Shrine in honour St. Gianna Beretta Molla was blessed and inaugurated in St. Gianna Beretta Molla Roman Catholic Church, by Archbishop Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg.



The event, celebrated in the context of evening prayer, included the unveiling of a bronze statue of St. Gianna by artist John Collier and we were blessed to have with us St. Gianna's daughter, Gianna Emanuela in attendance.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel of the Divine Mercy

The establishment of the first chapel of perpetual adoration in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg is located within St. Gianna's Church. The bronze sculpture of the 'burning bush' depicted here with the presence of fruit likened to the tree in the garden of Eden, symbolizes the various temptations that we experience and overcome in our daily lives.

Our Perpetual Prayer Ministry involves individuals who are part of a 24/7 prayer chain that keeps a continuous prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, committing some of their prayer time for the needs of fellow parishioners, the greater community and the world.

