

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. to Thur. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received a series of revelations in the 1930's from Jesus. She recorded her revelations in a diary, known today as *Diary Of St Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

The words contained within her diary are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Her entries focus on the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion and the call to trust in Jesus.

During these revelations, Jesus called for the Feast of Mercy to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. At the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The feast of Divine Mercy is a continuation of the celebration of Easter as it focuses on the gift of mercy and love given to all through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Pope John Paul II once said it is "Christ's Easter gift to the world".

John Paul II passed away on April 2, 2005, the evening before Divine Mercy Sunday. From his deathbed, he prepared a short homily that was to be read on Divine Mercy Sunday. It was read the day after his passing by a Vatican official:

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love.

*It is love that converts hearts and gives peace.
How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!*

Lord, who reveal the Father's love by Your Death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You...

*Jesus, I trust in You,
have mercy upon us
and upon the whole world.
Amen."*

First Eucharist

For the Children of Holy Redeemer Parish
Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Please pray for the twelve children of our parish faith community who will be celebrating their first Eucharist that they may grow in their relationship with the Risen Lord Jesus and continue to be fed with the Bread of Life throughout their lives.

Given the pandemic restrictions for attending, kindly note that there will be fewer spaces for the congregation at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 18th in order to accommodate the First Eucharist candidates and their families. Thank you so much for your kind understanding.

This year's preparation for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist was a bit different from the past as they were all done through online sessions. Children and parents were very receptive to this type of learning. I thank the parents and the children for their commitment and sharing their faith as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist next weekend.

Holy Water Vials Available

Holy Water Vials are available in the gathering space for anyone desiring them.

Stewardship

April 11, 2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind,
and no one claimed that any of his
possessions was his own..."*
Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God!

We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Food Bank News

On Friday, April 16 at 11 a.m., Holy Redeemer Food Bank will once again open their doors to the community. We will begin with a small group of volunteers strictly adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines. We are not accepting food donations at this time, but monetary donations are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support to this worthwhile community service.

Never the Same Again! 8-Day Virtual Prayer & Retreat April 12 - 19, 2021

You are invited to a time of quiet personal prayer and reflection with Jesus to help you come out of this year better. Call it a retreat, a mission, or a walk with God; just come as you are.

This 8-day virtual retreat is facilitated with daily 20-minute videos preached by Father Robert Foliot, SJ.

To register please visit the Martyrs' Shrine website at:
<https://martyrs-shrine.com/virtual-retreats/>
Registration is by donation.

Adult Faith Growth Workshops Knowledge for the Soul April 21 & May 19, 2021

Looking to spend some time in growing your personal faith? Join us for the Spring series online faith growth workshops for adults. Both evenings will be hosted through Zoom and a special guest will share on a particular subject. There will then be time for discussion and questions.

First evening will be on April 21 at 7:00 pm on the theme of:
Cultivating Faith Filled Friendships with Koreen Hrizai.

The second evening will be on May 19 at 7:00 pm on the theme of:
Ate Id Joseph - Go To Joseph with Fr. Peter Le.

Registration is necessary to receive Zoom link. Please visit the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website to register.

If you have any questions please contact:
Mireille Grenier: mgrenier@archsaintboniface.ca

COVID-19 Restrictions Update Effective March 26, 2021

New Code Red Alert restrictions for all of Manitoba will come into effect on March 26, and will be applicable until at least April 15. Funeral, weddings and baptism gathering limits will increase to 25 people.

No change will occur regarding regular religious services, which remain at 25% of usual capacity, or 100 people, whichever is lower, with physical distancing measures in place and mask requirements.

For Holy Redeemer parish, this means that we can have a maximum of 77 people attending each Mass, including priest, etc.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please contact the office no later than noon on Friday to add your name to the list of participants. If you have signed up but are unable to attend please contact the office before noon Friday.

Thank you for your continued patience and care for one another. Stay safe.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**



How to Donate to your Parish

1. Parishioners may drop off their donations during Mass.
2. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
3. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. Donations may be sent in by mail.
5. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
6. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available after the Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Also available by appointment; please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please call the office.





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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For April 2021

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for
fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian
regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, April 10 to Sunday, April 18, 2021

Sat. April 10 at 5 pm	†Mrs. Jan Kray (<i>Ladies Auxiliary</i>)
Sun. April 11 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. April 11 at 10:30 am	†Antonio Reis (<i>Alda Reis</i>)
Tues. April 13	No Liturgy
Wed. April 14	No Liturgy
Thur. April 15 at 9 am	
Fri. April 16 at 9 am	All of the souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of F.O.S.S. (<i>Donor</i>)
Sat. April 17 at 5 pm	†Arthur J. Pereira (<i>Alda Reis</i>) Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Sun. April 18 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. April 18 at 10:30 am	†Mrs. Kay Oshanski (<i>Ladies Auxiliary</i>)

Mass Information During Time of Pandemic PLEASE

Due to the most recent restrictions due to Code Red:

1. Only **77** people are allowed at each Mass. The doors of the church will be locked at the beginning of Mass.
2. Two-meter physical distancing is **obligatory** in the church, gathering space and parking lot.
3. When being seated kindly sit **singly** at the pre-measured number signs. If you notice 2 numbered signs together, please leave it for couples.
4. Masks are obligatory (if you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons please see Sister Maria).
5. Please arrive at least 5 – 10 minutes before Mass. This is to ensure that the Greeter can check you in by the time Mass begins. Doors will be locked once Mass begins.
6. If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please contact the office no later than noon on Friday to add your name to the list of participants. If you have signed up but are unable to attend please contact the office before noon Friday.
7. There is no need to sign up beforehand for the weekday Masses; however, participants will have to sign their name to a list upon arrival.
8. For the purpose of contact tracing, if ever needed, please add your **phone number** next to your name.

Thank you for your patience and care for one another.