

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Rejoice

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, as Gaudete is the Latin word meaning, "rejoice." The third candle in the Advent wreath is the color rose, which represents joy.

Today's readings are filled with the theme of rejoicing. In today's first reading, the Israelites are encouraged to rejoice as a saviour is promised to Israel. The Psalm's refrain is 'Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel'. In the second reading, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice always as the Lord is near.

In the Gospel, the people were filled with expectation and wondering if John the Baptist is the expected Messiah. John the Baptist states that one more powerful than he is coming and he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. There is joy in awaiting the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice at the new life being offered through Jesus. We trust and find hope in the promises God has made to us. We rejoice because of our faith in him.

Advent is a chance to focus on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus. This is a time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him.

*"The invitation to joy is characteristic of the season of Advent.*

*This is joy: to point to Jesus.*

*The Christian is joyful in heart, even in trials;  
He/she is joyful because he/she is close to Jesus:  
it is he who gives us joy."*

Pope Francis



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Christmas Eve to Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Epiphany

#### Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Christmas Eve

Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(Please note there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass this day)

#### Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Christmas Day

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)

#### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

#### New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass New Year's Day)

#### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - Feast of the Epiphany

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled the week of Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

Sign up sheets for these Masses are available in the gathering space. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gathering sizes, we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you contact the office if you have signed up for a Mass, but will not be able to attend, especially for the Christmas Eve Masses.

For the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please note that the front doors will be locked once Mass begins. This is to ensure we do not go above the allowed number. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## 2021 Donations

Please note that the last day for donations to be included in the 2021 tax receipt is December 31, 2021. Any donations received after this date will be included on the 2022 tax receipt.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2022 offering envelopes, they can be picked up at the church during office hours or when you come to Mass.

Thank you for your continued generosity during these challenging times.

## Advent Penitential Prayer Service

### December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., there will be an Advent Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish with three priests available to hear confessions. We encourage all to attend the reconciliation service even if you do not take part in the individual reconciliation.

There is no need to sign up beforehand, however you will need to sign in upon arrival. Thank you.

Advent Penitential Prayer Services will also be held throughout the Deanery on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 14 - Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15 – St. Joseph the Worker at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 17 – St. Gerard at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 – St. Alphonsus at 7 p.m.

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## National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples December 12, 2021

On December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council celebrates this day by publishing an annual message honouring Indigenous persons who have been inspired by their faith.

Please see the insert for the prayer as we are invited to pray it together during our liturgies this Sunday.

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## Advent Evening Prayer for Life December 17, 2021

Life Culture presents an Advent Evening of Prayer for Life. The evening, which starts at 7 pm, will include a testimony, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Lady of Victory Memorial Church (249 Arnold Avenue) has generously offered to be our host! We will have an 80-person capacity.

Please register at [www.lifeculture.ca/adoration](http://www.lifeculture.ca/adoration) to confirm your attendance.

## FORMED "The Catholic Faith. On Demand."

It gives us great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to FORMED and this resource is available to parishioners **FREE** of charge.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's area code R2G 0W5
- Enter your name and your email address

**The picks of the week for December 12 are:**

**Watch:** Saint Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance

**Learn:** Lectio: Prayer – An Intimate Dialogue

**Listen:** The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards



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

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### Sacraments

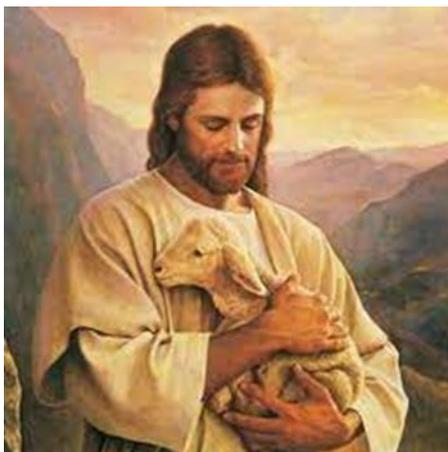
**Reconciliation:** Available by appointment. Please call the office.

**Baptism:** Please email Sister Maria or call the office at least three months in advance.

**Marriage:** Please call the office one year in advance.

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

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### Church Events

*Please Wear A Mask For All Events  
Social Distancing Must Be Maintained*



#### Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.

#### Advent Penitential Prayer Service

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

#### First Reconciliation Preparation Session For Parents and Children

Saturday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.

#### Food Bank

Thursday, December 23, 10:30 a.m.

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### 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](mailto:finance@hrwpg.ca).
3. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Donations may be sent in by mail.
5. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.

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### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2021

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, December 11 to Sunday, December 19, 2021

Sat. Dec 11 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 12 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 12 at 10:30	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	†Joseph Thuan ( <i>Family</i> )
	<b>Saint John of the Cross</b>
Tues. Dec 14 at 9 am	
Wed. Dec 15 at 9 am	
Thur. Dec 16 at 9 am	†Peter Chung ( <i>Family</i> )
Fri. Dec 17 at 9 am	
Sat. Dec 18 at 5 pm	†Gene Caumartin ( <i>Family</i> )
Sun. Dec 19 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 19 at 10:30 am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>

### Government of Manitoba Pandemic Directives Effective October 26, 2021

Under current health orders, our maximum limit with physical distancing in church is approximately 80 people. The limit for weddings, baptisms, funerals and prayer vigils for the deceased is 25 people.

Please note that by decision of the Archdiocese, parishes will not require the faithful to present proof of vaccination.

As you all know COVID-19 has not disappeared. Even if you have been "Double Vacc'd" you can still contract the COVID-19 virus, usually with less severity. Or you can be "A-Symptomatic" and not even know that you carry the COVID-19 Virus.

Just a reminder to keep on following the protocols as so many of you have been doing so faithfully and patiently. As much as we are all tired, it is critical that we continue to follow and respect all public health protocols that are in place:

1. Ensuring that we maintain six feet apart social distancing.
2. The sanitizing of hands.
3. Mandatory mask wearing.
4. When you process for Holy Communion, please ensure that you maintain a six-foot distance between the person in front and the person behind you.
5. We ask that after Mass no one is to congregate in the church or in the gathering space for any length of time.
6. If you experience flu like symptoms or are not feeling well in a general matter, we ask that you refrain from coming to Mass, as there are many options of following the Sunday Mass on TV or You Tube.
7. Do not hesitate to get tested for COVID-19, as the virus can present mild symptoms in vaccinated people.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please call or email the office the week prior to book a space. We still need to have a list of names and numbers of all those attending for the purpose of contact tracing.