

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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Second Sunday of Advent
December 5th, 2021

Keep Christ in Christmas



*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”
(Luke 3.4)*

In the Gospel readings this week and next, we encounter John the Baptist. John the Baptist’s mission was to prepare the way for the Lord. He announced the coming of the Lord and helped people prepare their hearts to meet him.

John the Baptist’s message of preparing the way of the Lord applies to all of us. We are all called to encounter Jesus and open our hearts to him. The Lord invites us to receive him and his gift of salvation and to be his disciples in the world today.

As we await in preparation for the Lord’s coming this Advent season, it is a time to examine our walk with God, to make sure we are following his path and not letting things get in the way of our journey with him.

Advent takes place during a very busy time as we are preparing for Christmas. There are presents to buy and wrap, meals and family gatherings to plan and prepare for, etc. There is nothing wrong with these things as long as they are given the proper priority in our lives. The key is not to let the doing of Christmas get in the way of the meaning of Advent and Christmas, which is the waiting for and celebrating the arrival of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We often hear the phrase *Keep Christ in Christmas*. This is a reminder to not lose focus of what the Christmas season is all about in our secular world. It is also a reminder for us to proclaim Jesus to the world through our words and deeds.

As we continue in this Advent season let us not forget to take time for Jesus and reflect on his teachings. We are called to keep our focus on the child in the manger and preserve the primacy of Jesus in our lives, not just at Christmas, but throughout the whole year.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th, 2021 Christmas Eve to Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 Epiphany

Friday, December 24th, 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 25th, 2021 - Christmas Day

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 26th, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family

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

Friday, December 31st, 2021

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1st, 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 2nd, 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 28th to Friday, December 31st, 2021.

Sign up sheets for these Masses will be available in the gathering space starting this weekend. 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. Thank you.

2022 Offering Envelopes Are Ready

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the gathering space. Thank you to all those who have picked their envelopes up. If you have not picked up your envelopes yet, we encourage you to pick them up as soon as possible, either when coming for Mass or by stopping in during office hours.

If you are missing your envelopes or would like to start-receiving envelopes please contact the office. Thank you.

Request for Artificial Christmas Tree

If anyone has an artificial green Christmas Tree in good condition that is 8 feet or taller with clear lights that they are no longer using and would like to donate to the parish it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you would like to donate your tree. Thank you.

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 for 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.

Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the trust of the Virgin Mary which led her to say her "Yes" to God's plan and to accept to be the mother of His Son. And come to our bilingual Eucharistic celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

The diocesan Mass presided by Archbishop LeGatt will take place on December 8 at 7:30 pm at Saint Boniface Cathedral. We will be praying in a special way for an end to the pandemic and for reconciliation to flourish among all people and in all places. All are welcome.

No prior registration is required. The Cathedral will be able to accommodate 290 people in the nave and 150 people in the basement, where the Mass will be televised. The celebration will also be broadcast live on the Cathedral parish YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/a0mC9pPKPwI>

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The picks of the week for December 5 are:

Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Learn: FORMED Now! Do We Make Too Much of Mary

Listen: Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre



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

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



Church Events

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



Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

Catechism

Thursday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council Meeting

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

Advent Penitential Prayer Service

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

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 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 4 to Sunday, December 12, 2021

Sat. Dec 4 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 5 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 5 at 10:30	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
	Second Sunday of Advent
Tues. Dec 7 at 9 am	Saint Ambrose
Wed. Dec 8 at 9 am	All of the Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of F.O.S.S. (<i>donor</i>)
	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur. Dec 9 at 9 am	†Pauline Rogers (<i>Robert Schwenk</i>)
Fri. Dec 10 at 9 am	
Sat. Dec 11 at 5 pm	
Sun. Dec 12 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Dec 12 at 10:30 am	Third Sunday of Advent

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 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 YouTube.
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. Thank you.