

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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

Adoration: Wednesday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*"The Gospel of today's liturgy, the First Sunday of Advent, speaks to us about the Lord's coming at the end of time. Jesus announces bleak and distressing events, but precisely at this point He invites us not to be afraid. Why? Because everything will be okay? No, but because He will come. This is what he says: "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:28). We await Him with joy, even in the midst of tribulations, during life's crises and the dramatic events of history. We await Him.*

*But how do we raise our heads and not become absorbed with difficulties, suffering and defeat? Jesus points the way with a strong reminder: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy... Be vigilant at all times and pray" (Lk 21:34, 36).*

*"Be vigilant": vigilance. Let us focus on this important aspect of the Christian life. From the words of Christ, we see that vigilance is tied to alertness: be alert, do not get distracted, that is, stay awake! Be careful because we can become "sleepy Christians" – who always look inwards, incapable of looking to the horizon. And this leads to "dozing off": to move things along by inertia, to fall into apathy, indifferent to everything except what is comfortable for us. This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.*

*We need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties (cf. v. 34). So today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart? What are the mediocrities that paralyze me, the vices that crush me to the ground and prevent me from raising my head? These are good questions to ask ourselves, because they help guard our hearts against apathy. What then is apathy? Apathy is a type of laziness that makes us slide into sadness, it takes away zest for life and the will to do things. It starts with sadness sliding downwards so that there is no joy. Guard your heart: that means to be vigilant! Stay awake and guard your heart.*

*And let us add an essential ingredient: the secret to being vigilant is prayer. In fact, Jesus says: "Be vigilant at all times and pray" (Lk 21:36). Prayer is what keeps the lamp of the heart lit. This is especially true when we feel that our enthusiasm has cooled down. Prayer reawakens the soul from sleep and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful: we think of the nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart: "Come, Lord Jesus". Let us repeat this prayer all throughout the day: the soul will remain vigilant!"*

Pope Francis Angelus November 28, 2021

## Thank You for Your Donations

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Ladies Auxiliary are extending a BIG Thank YOU to the parishioners that donated the Mittens, Toques, Scarves for the unhoused citizens of Winnipeg. The hand knitted toques were beautifully crafted and so appreciated! Your generous support of this project is amazing. We will continue to collect items throughout the winter and deliver them to the needy!

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## Grades 7, 8, and 9 Advent Gatherings

All youth in Grades 7, 8, and 9 are invited to come by the church on Thursdays during Advent to participate in a short advent reflection followed by a service project for the parish. The gatherings will take place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m. All who are interested are asked to please fill out the orange registration forms found in the document holder next to the catechetical office ahead of time. Please talk to your children about this opportunity and encourage them to attend! If you have any questions, please see Meaghan Champagne after Mass or contact her at [religious.ed@hrwpg.ca](mailto:religious.ed@hrwpg.ca).

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## Lector, Altar Server and Gift Bearer Volunteers Needed for Christmas and New Year's Masses

The parish is looking for volunteers for the Christmas and New Year's Masses for the following ministries: Lectors, Gift Bearers and Altar Servers.

If you would like to volunteer, we ask that you please sign up on the ministry signup sheets that are available on the counter in the gathering space. Thank you.

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## *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Free Advent Devotional Booklets for Parishioners

The Advent Devotional Booklet *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* is available free of charge to parishioners and may be picked up on the counter in the gathering space.

There are 100 copies available and are available on a first come first served basis. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who generously donated the funds for the booklets.

## Holy Redeemer Parish Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24 at 5 p.m. (Children's Mass)  
Tuesday, December 24 at 8 p.m.

### Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 at 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled the weeks of  
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 to Friday, January 3, 2025

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## Advent Penitential Prayer Service December 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., there will be an Advent Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish. We encourage all to attend the penitential service even if you do not take part in individual reconciliation.

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

Thursday, December 5 – Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, December 12 – St. Gerard  
Friday, December 13 – St. Alphonsus  
Thursday, December 19 – St. Joseph the Worker

The Penitential Prayer Services begin at 7:00 p.m. at all locations.

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## Stewardship December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 1st Sunday of Advent

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” – Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

## Recruiting Potential Sponsor Couples

So that we at Holy Redeemer can better assist couples prepare for Marriage, we are seeking the assistance of married couples of our church who are willing to be trained as sponsors for engaged couples. Fr. Anthony is asking couples who have been married at least 3 years and are in a canonically valid marriage to consider serving in this important ministry.

After the married volunteers have taken part in a one-afternoon and one-evening training course, they will be assigned to guide an engaged couple through a series of 6 meetings in their home. We plan to train enough married couples so that each sponsor couple will minister to no more than 2 engaged couples per year.

Please contact Fr. Anthony for more information:  
204-669-0501 or email: [office@hrwpg.ca](mailto:office@hrwpg.ca).

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## Cozy Strategy Game "Sainthood" Officially Launches on Steam and Xbox

Award-winning Winnipeg filmmaker Bisong Taiwo invites players to embark on a spiritual journey with the official release of Sainthood, a cozy, Catholic-themed strategy game steeped in African folklore.

Available now on Steam and Xbox, Sainthood places players in the role of a nun stranded on an enigmatic island with only 33 days to fulfill her journey toward serving her community and growing her faith. With the community already rallying around the game's themes of faith and kindness, Sainthood has received enthusiastic early feedback.

In Sainthood, navigate a beautifully illustrated miniature-like grid representing the island which moves through beautiful seasons and day/night cycles. Immerse yourself in a relaxing, meditative world. Find and free the Angel Spirits known as 'Ehi' who will assist you with building upgrades. But be careful, when night descends, mysterious evil spirits known as the 'Shetani' emerge, hungry for your Faith.

As you interact with the custodians of each building, learn snippets of Kongo culture and history, and the stories behind several saints from Africa and all over the world.

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## Follow Us On Social Media

Follow us for parish news, information, and communication on Facebook and Instagram @holyredeemerwpg

## Church Events

December 1, 2024 to December 14, 2024

### Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

Sunday, December 1 from 9-12 p.m.

### Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, December 3 at 1 p.m.

### Catechism Classes

Thursday, December 5 & 12  
(Grade K-1) Catechism Class at 5:30 p.m.  
Children's Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.  
(Grade 2-6) Catechism Class to follow

### Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### Food Bank

Friday, December 13 at 1 p.m.

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Please pray for the sick,  
their families and their caregivers

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## Cinema Divina

On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a viewing of the movie 'Arrival (2016)' at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. The night will begin with a Potluck supper at 5:00 pm, followed by the movie at 6:00 pm.

Contact [cinemadivinahe@gmail.com](mailto:cinemadivinahe@gmail.com) or 204-881-3150.

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### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2024

#### For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us  
to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may  
transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### Sacraments

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

**Baptism:** Please email Father Anthony 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.

### Are You A New Parishioner?

If you are new to our community or interested in joining us  
here at Holy Redeemer parish, please complete the Parish  
Registration Form found on the counter in the gathering  
space. The form is also available on the parish website.

Once completed, the form can be placed in the Offering  
basket at Mass, dropped off or emailed to the office. We look  
forward to hearing from you and welcome to our parish.

### Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions Saturday, November 30, 2024 to Sunday, December 8, 2024

Sat. Nov 30 at 5 pm      †Anna and Kasmier Lobchuk  
*(Fatima Silva)*

Sun. Dec 1 at 10 am      †Deacon Wayne Johnson (M)  
*(Knights of Columbus)*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Tues. Dec 3 at 9 am      Saint Francis Xavier

Wed. Dec 4 at 9 am

Thur. Dec 5 at 9 am

Fri. Dec 6 at 9 am      †Katherine Schwenk (F)

Sat. Dec 7 at 5 pm      †Filipinas Tesalona (F) *(Friend)*  
Saint Ambrose

Sun. Dec 8 at 10 am      †For God's Blessings for Marius'  
Birthday (M) *(Anastaszja)*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Mass Ministries Schedule

#### Saturday, December 7 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Vera Taylor & Raya Recio

**Altar Servers:** Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

**Music:** Youth Choir

#### Sunday, December 8 at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Valentine & Linda Kallon

**Lectors:** Donna Jacobson & Chris Davey

**Gift Bearers:**

**Altar Server:** Nga Nguyen

**Music:** Remi & Diane Morissette

