

# 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

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Closed on Monday

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**December 10th, 2023**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*“This Sunday’s Gospel passage (Mk 1:1-8) introduces the person and work of John the Baptist. He reveals to his contemporaries an itinerary of faith similar to the one that Advent proposes to us: that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas. This itinerary of faith is an itinerary of conversion. What does the word ‘conversion’ mean? In the Bible it means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one’s way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching, who in the desert of Judea was “preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins”(v. 4).*

*Conversion involves sorrow for sins committed, the desire to be free from them, the intention to exclude them from one’s own life forever. To exclude sin it is also necessary to reject everything that is connected to sin; the things that are connected to sin and that need to be rejected – a worldly mentality, excessive esteem for comforts, excessive esteem for pleasure, for well-being, for wealth. This is the first aspect of conversion: detachment from sin and worldliness: Commencing a journey of detachment from these things.*

*The other aspect of conversion is the aim of the journey, that is, the search for God and his kingdom. Detachment from worldly things and seeking God and his kingdom. Detachment is not an end in itself, but is a means of attaining something greater, namely, the kingdom of God, communion with God, friendship with God. But this is not easy, because there are many ties that bind us closely to sin; it is not easy... Temptation always pulls down, pulls down, and thus the ties that keep us close to sin: inconstancy, discouragement, malice, unwholesome environments, bad examples. At times the yearning we feel toward the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is .*

*And so one is tempted to say that it is impossible to truly convert. How often we have heard this discouragement! “No, I can’t do it. I barely start and then I turn back”. And this is bad. But it is possible. What can we do in these cases, when one would like to go but feels he or she cannot do it? First of all, remind ourselves that conversion is a grace: no one can convert by his or own strength. It is a grace that the Lord gives you, and thus we need to forcefully ask God for it. To ask God to convert us to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.”*

Pope Francis Angelus December 6, 2020

## Condolences

In faith and love, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner Ina Jablonski, who passed away on October 27, 2023 at the age of 93. We join with them in prayer during this difficult time of loss. Funeral Mass will be held on at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Holy Ghost Parish, 342 Pritchard Avenue. Livestream <https://holyghost.click2stream.com/>

To God, the dead do not die, and in death our life is changed, not ended. One day we shall all be joyfully re-united, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself. Then, *"God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more; and mourning and crying and pain will be no more."* (Rev. 21)

Confident in Mary, Mother of us all, we entrust to her the soul of our departed sister so that she may present her to Jesus. Eternal rest grant unto Ina, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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### Holy Redeemer Parish 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 5 p.m.  
Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m.

#### Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord

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

#### Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30 at 5 p.m.  
Sunday, December 31 at 10 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 31 at 5 p.m.  
Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled the week of Tuesday, December 26th to Friday, December 29th, 2023. There will also be no 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

## Thank you from Ladies Auxiliary

Once again our annual Advent Bake Sale was both enjoyable and successful. The event raised \$882.30. There were 40 plus signatures on the baking sign-up sheets and that translated into a wonderful array of food items to sell on our bake sale tables. Thank you to our bakers, to our parishioners who bought baking and to the many who made donations. Another successful group effort for Holy Redeemer Parish.

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## Couch Wanted for Crying Room

The parish is seeking a couch for the crying room. If anyone has a couch that is clean and in good shape that they are no longer using and are willing to donate to the parish, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

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## Christmas Wine Lottery

The draw for the Christmas Wine Lottery will take place after Mass this Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. First prize 15 bottles of wine; second prize 10 bottles of wine, third prize 5 bottles of wine and a fourth prize of an Olive Garden Restaurant \$100 gift certificate. Tickets are only \$5 each or three for \$10 and will be available until the draw at 11:30 am Sunday. Special thanks to both the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous financial contributions to help purchase the prizes. **LGCA 8732-RF-42236**

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## Youth & Young Adults Christmas Party



## **Advent Penitential Prayer Service December 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, December 13, 2023 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:

Tuesday, December 12 – Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, December 14 – St. Joseph the Worker  
Friday, December 15 – St. Alphonsus  
Wednesday, December 20 – St. Gerard

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

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### **2023 Donations**

Please note that the last day for donations to be included in the 2023 tax receipt is December 31, 2023. Any donations received after this date will be included on the 2024 tax receipt.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2024 offering envelopes, they can be picked up at the church during office hours or when you come to Mass. They are located on the counter in the Gathering Space. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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### **All Invited for Coffee & Cookies After Sunday Mass**

Everyone is invited to stay after Mass on Sundays and enjoy a cup of coffee or juice and cookies while spending time in fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the funds for the refreshments and coffee.

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### **Looking for an Individual to Spend Time With Elderly Father**

I am looking for a dedicated, compassionate, caring individual to be spend time with my father Stan Maycher, who is 92 years old and has slight dementia. He resides at 1970 Henderson Highway, Kildonan Personal Care Home.

Duties include reading, playing cards, and walking the halls with him, 1 to 2 hours at your convenience. Paying \$20 an hour. If interested, please call Brenda Holowka (nee Maycher) at 204-297-3970. Thank you.

## **Lector, Altar Server and Gift Bearer Volunteers Needed for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New Year's Masses**

The parish is looking for volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, 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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### **Church Events December 10 to December 23, 2023**

**Finance Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 12, 5:00 p.m.

**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

**Catechism**  
Thursday, December 14 & 21  
Children's Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.  
Catechism Class to follow

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### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2023

#### For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

### 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, December 9 to Sunday, December 17, 2023

Sat. Dec 9 at 5 pm †Gertrude Gosse (*Lou MacMaster*)

Sun. Dec 10 at 10 am †Richard de Ryckere  
(*Laurayne + Ron Rusak*)

Tues. Dec 12 at 9 am For the Souls in Purgatory (*Donor*)  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Patron of the Americas**

Wed. Dec 13 at 9 am †Luu Thi Sen (*Family*)  
**Saint Lucy**

Thur. Dec 14 at 9 am †Jose & Filomena Chaves (*Family*)  
**Saint John of the Cross**

Fri. Dec 15 at 9 am †Maria Morais (*Son David*)

Sat. Dec 16 at 5 pm †Evelyn Maycher  
(*Brenda, Gerry, Andrew + Alex Holowka*)

Sun. Dec 17 at 10 am Deceased members of the  
Santianguel family (*Jovy Santiaguell*)

### Mass Ministries Schedule

#### Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Vera Taylor and Judy Johnson

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

**Music:** Choir

#### Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Jennifer Kallon and Michael Kallon

**Lectors:** Erick and Merrydene Manipis

**Gift Bearers:** Boulet Family

**Altar Server:** Grant Mandrick

**Ushers:**

**Music:** Bev and Group

