

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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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 15th, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

"The Gospel in today's Liturgy, the Third Sunday of Advent, presents us with various groups of people — the crowd, the publicans and soldiers — who, touched by John the Baptist's preaching, ask him: "What then should we do?" (Lk 3:10).

It does not stem from a sense of duty. Rather, the heart is touched by the Lord. It is the enthusiasm for his coming that leads them to ask: what shall we do? To properly welcome a dear guest, we will clean the house, we will prepare the best dinner possible, perhaps a gift... In short, there are things we will do. It is the same with the Lord. The joy of his coming makes us ask: what shall we do? But God elevates this question to a higher level: what should I do with my life? What am I called to? What will fulfil me?

Life is not meaningless; it is not left to chance. No! It is a gift the Lord grants us, saying to us: discover who you are, and work hard to make the dream that is your life come true! So, let us not be afraid to ask the Lord: what shall I do? Let us ask ourselves as well: what would be good for me to do for myself and for my brothers and sisters? How can I contribute to the good of the Church, to the good of society? But let us ask ourselves what we should do for Jesus and for others! What shall we do?

After the question, "what shall we do?", the Gospel lists John the Baptist's responses that are different for each group. He directs a specific word to each person that responds to their actual situation in life. This offers us a precious teaching: faith is incarnated in concrete life. It is not an abstract theory. Faith is not an abstract theory, a generalized theory — no! Faith touches our very flesh and transforms each of our lives. Let us think about the concreteness of our faith. I, my faith: is it something abstract or concrete? Does it lead me to serving others, helping out?

And so, in conclusion, let us ask ourselves: what can I do concretely during these days as we draw near to Christmas? How can I do my part? Let us make a concrete commitment, even if small, that is adapted to our situation in life, and let us continue to do it to prepare ourselves for this Christmas. Even still: maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Perhaps I have neglected prayer and after a long time, it is time to draw near to the Lord's forgiveness. Brothers and sisters, let us find something concrete and do it! May Our Lady, in whose womb God became flesh, help us."

Pope Francis Angelus December 12, 2021

January & February 2025 Lector, Server, and Gift Bearer Schedules

The January and February 2025 Lector, Server and Gift Bearer schedules were made available as paper copies. You can find them in the Lector and Server mailboxes in the Gathering Space.

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 12th, and 19th 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.

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

The parish is looking for volunteers to be altar servers for the Christmas Eve Masses.

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.

Christmas Hampers/Jesse Tree

This Advent Season, the Knights of Columbus are once again collecting food for Christmas Hampers. The Jesse Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space is decorated with paper ornaments made by the Catechism Children. On the back of each ornament is a food item.

Please take as many as you can and bring the food item to the church and place it under the Jesse Tree no later than Sunday, December 15. The Knights will be delivering the hampers on Tuesday, December 17. We thank you for your generous support.

Office Holiday Hours

During the holiday season the office hours will be as follows:

Mon. Dec 23: Closed

Tues. Dec. 24, Wed. Dec. 25 & Thur. Dec. 26: Closed

Fri. Dec. 27: Open 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 30: Closed

Tues. Dec 31 & Wed. Jan. 1: Closed

Thur. Jan. 2 & Fri. Jan 3: Open 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

2024 Donations

Please note that the last day for donations to be included in the 2024 tax receipt is December 31, 2024. Any donations received after this date will be included on the 2025 tax receipt.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2025 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.

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.

"Illuminate" Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM, at St. Emile Parish. 556 St. Anne's Rd. Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome! For more information, www.illuminatemb.com or facebook.com/illuminatemb.

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

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.

Stewardship December 15th, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." – Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Church Events

December 15, 2024 to December 28, 2024

Catechism Christmas Party

Thursday, December 19
Children's Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
Catechism Party to follow



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

St. Mary's Academy Open House

St. Mary's Academy Open House takes place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM. For families who are interested in an Academy education, this is a great opportunity to explore our vibrant community of learning, faith, and service. At St. Mary's Academy our core belief is in nurturing the whole person—spirit, mind and body. Our students graduate empowered with knowledge, aware of their gifts, possess a desire for excellence in all endeavours, and embrace a sense of social responsibility to use their abilities in the service of others.

During the Open House, guests will have the opportunity to meet our inspiring students, dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff, and tour our beautiful campus. Find out more at www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse.

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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, December 14, 2024 to Sunday, December 22,
2024

Sat. Dec 14 at 5 pm	†Adelaida Lanaca (Family) Saint John of the Cross
Sun. Dec 15 at 10 am	†Deacon Lawrence Wakaruk (Knights of Columbus) 3rd Sunday of Advent
Tues. Dec 17 at 9 am	†Maria Teresa Huyen (Family)
Wed. Dec 18 at 9 am	†Henry Lewko (Family)
Thur. Dec 19 at 9 am	
Fri. Dec 20 at 9 am	
Sat. Dec 21 at 5 pm	†John Vis Sr. (Resi Vis + Family)
Sun. Dec 22 at 10 am	†Ivone Ndayizeye + Emma Chyzy (Winnie) 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Marilyn Monterroyo & Leandro Cabrera
Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri
Music: Ian & Melvin

Sunday, December 15 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Winnie Vugampore & Chris Bills
Lectors: Merrydene & Erick Manipis
Gift Bearers: Davedow Family
Altar Server: Grant Mandrick
Music: Bev Henry's Group

