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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 17th, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

“The invitation to joy is characteristic of the season of Advent: the expectation of Jesus' birth that we experience is joyful, somewhat like when we await the visit of a person we love a great deal, for example, a friend whom we have not seen for a long time, a relative.... We are in joyful anticipation. The closer the Lord is to us, the more joy we feel; the farther away he is, the more sadness we feel. Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: “Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?”.

The Evangelist introduces him in a solemn way: “There was a man sent from God.... He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light” (vv. 6-7). The Baptist is the first witness of Jesus, with the word and with the gift of his life. John was a leader of his time. His renown had spread throughout Judea and beyond, to Galilee. But he did not surrender even for an instant to the temptation to draw attention to himself: he always oriented himself toward the One who was to come. This is the first condition of Christian joy: to decentralize from oneself and place Jesus at the centre. This is not alienation, because Jesus is effectively the centre; he is the light that gives full meaning to the life of every man and woman who comes into this world. It is the same dynamism of love, which leads me to come out of myself not to lose myself but to find myself again, while I give myself, while I seek the good of others.

John the Baptist undertook a long journey to come to bear witness to Jesus. The journey of joy is not a walk in the park. It takes work to always be joyful. John left everything, in his youth, to put God in first place, to listen to His Word with all his heart and all his strength. Of course, some of his personality traits are unique, unrepeatable; they cannot be recommended for everyone. But his witness is paradigmatic for whoever wishes to seek the meaning of his or her life and find true joy.

This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. And in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the centre of our life, and this is the centre of our joy. Think well today: how do I behave? Am I a joyful person who knows how to transmit the joy of being Christian, or am I always like those sad people, as I said before, who seem to be at a funeral wake? If I do not have the joy of my faith, I cannot bear witness and others will say: “But if faith is so sad, it is better not to have it”.

Pope Francis Angelus December 13, 2020

Condolences

In faith and love, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner Edward Charbaszcz, who passed away on October 13, 2023 at the age of 88. We join with them in prayer during this difficult time of loss. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024 at Holy Redeemer Parish.

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 brother so that she may present him to Jesus. Eternal rest grant unto Edward, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Redeemer Parish 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

4th 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.

Christmas Wine Lottery

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we regretfully had to postpone the draw for the Christmas Wine Lottery at the last minute last Sunday. The good news is if you think you didn't win, you still have a chance!

It will now take place in the gathering space immediately following Mass this Sunday, December 17th.

Office Holiday Hours

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

Mon. Dec. 25 & Tues. Dec. 26: Closed

Wed. Dec. 27: Open 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 28: Open 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Fri. Dec 29: Closed

Mon. Jan 1: Closed

Tues. Jan 2: Open 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Regular hours resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Ministry Volunteers Still Needed for 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New Year's Masses

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New Year's Masses, however, the parish is still looking for volunteers for the following ministries on the following Masses:

December 23, 5 pm Mass: Altar Server

December 24, 5 pm Mass: Altar Server

December 24, 8 pm Mass: Gift Bearers

December 25, 10 am Mass: Gift Bearers

December 30, 5 pm Mass: Altar Server

December 31, 5 pm Mass: Lectors and Altar Server

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.

Employment Opportunity Holy Redeemer Parish On Call Handyman

Holy Redeemer Parish is looking for someone to perform minor repairs and maintenance on an on-call basis during the week depending on need. This is a paid position at \$20.00 an hour. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing knowledge and experience is required. If interested, please send your resume to: office@hrwpg.ca

Youth & Young Adults Christmas Party



Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Liz Patzer and Pat Kapilik

Altar Servers:

Music: Bev Henry's Group

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Chris Bills and Winnie Vugampore

Lectors: Vera Taylor and Marge Kohut

Gift Bearers: Anita Mann and Chris Bills

Altar Server: Brianne Ouellette

Ushers:

Music: John Vis

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. – Children's Mass

Greeters, Lectors and Gift Bearers: Catechism Children

Altar Server:

Ushers: Rolando Suello and Valentine Kallon

Music: Children's Choir

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

Lectors: Belva Recio and Diane Skalenda

Gift Bearers:

Altar Server: Paul Kosowan

Ushers: Doug Wazny

Music: Bev Henry's Group and Gary Wallace

Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

Lectors: Bernadette Madrick and Donna Jacobson

Gift Bearers:

Altar Server: Brianne Ouellette

Ushers:

Music: Adult Choir

Church Events

December 17 to December 30, 2023

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, December 19

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Catechism

Thursday, December 21

Children's Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Catechism Class to follow

Food Bank

Friday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.



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



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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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 16 to Monday, December 25, 2023

- Sat. Dec 16 at 5 pm †Evelyn Maycher
(Brenda, Gerry, Andrew + Alex Holowka)
- Sun. Dec 17 at 10 am Deceased members of the
Santiaguel family (Jovy Santiaguel)
- Tues. Dec 19 at 9 am †Joseph Hoan Nguyen (Family)
- Wed. Dec 20 at 9 am For the Souls in Purgatory (Donor)
- Thur. Dec 21 at 9 am †Joseph Thuyen Nguyen (Family)
- Fri. Dec 22 at 9 am †Joseph Tri Nguyen (Family)
- Sat. Dec 23 at 5 pm †Maria Braga (Family)
- Sun. Dec 24 at 10 am †Emertha Mukamuligo &
†Innocent Habyalimama (Winnie Vugampore)
4th Sunday of Advent
at 5 pm Holy Redeemer Parishioners
at 8pm †Chidi Blessed Ozo (Family)
Nativity of the Lord
- Mon. Dec 25 at 10 am †Maria Farias (Alda Reis)
Nativity of the Lord

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.

