

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 22nd, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The Gospel of the Liturgy of today, fourth Sunday of Advent, tells of Mary’s visit to Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-45). After receiving the annunciation of the angel, the Virgin does not stay at home, thinking over what has happened and considering the problems and pitfalls, Mary sets out with generosity, without letting herself be daunted by the discomforts of the journey, responding to an inner impulse that called her to be close and to help. Mary gives Elizabeth the joy of Jesus, the joy she carried in her heart and in her womb. She goes to her and proclaims her feelings, and this proclamation of feelings then became a prayer, the Magnificat, which we all know. And the text says that Our Lady “arose and went with haste” (v. 39).

In the last stretch of the Advent journey, let us be guided by these two verbs. To arise and to go in haste: these are the two movements that Mary made and that she also invites us to make as Christmas approaches. First of all, arise. After the angel’s annunciation, a difficult period loomed ahead for the Virgin: her unexpected pregnancy exposed her to misunderstandings and even severe punishment, including stoning, in the culture of that time. Nevertheless, she did not become discouraged, she was not disheartened: but she arose. Mary always thinks about others. She also thinks of us.

Let us learn this way of reacting from Our Lady: to arise, especially when difficulties threaten to crush us. To arise, so as not to get bogged down in problems, sinking into self-pity or falling into a sadness that paralyzes us. So let us cast to God the negative thoughts, the fears that block every impulse and that prevent us from moving forward. And then let us do as Mary did: let us look around and look for someone to whom we can be of help! By helping others, we help ourselves rise up again from difficulties.

The second movement is to go in haste. This does not mean to proceed with agitation, in a hurried manner, no, it does not mean this. Instead, it means conducting our days with a joyful step, looking ahead with confidence, without dragging our feet, as slaves to complaints — these complaints ruin so many lives, because one starts complaining and complaining, and life drains away. So, let us ask ourselves, for our benefit: how is my “step”? Am I proactive or do I linger in melancholy, in sadness? Do I move forward with hope, or do I stop and feel sorry for myself? Let us not forget that the first act of charity we can do for our neighbours is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth.”

Pope Francis Angelus December 19, 2021

Gift Bearer Schedules Remade

The January and February 2025 Gift Bearer schedules were remade to accommodate schedule conflicts and Christmas Masses, they have been emailed and made available as paper copies. You can find them in the Server mailboxes in the Gathering Space.

Altar Server Volunteer Needed for Christmas and New Year's Masses

The parish is looking for a volunteer to be an altar server for the Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Mass.

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

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Cancelled

The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in January is cancelled. No meeting.

We will meet again on February 4th at 1:00pm at the church!

Christmas Blessings & Happy New Year!

St. Georges "Festival des crèches" Nativity Festival

Come visit the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in St. Georges to see over 300 crafted Nativity scenes. See our full calendar at www.winnipegrivermuseum.com. The museum is located at 19, Baie Caron South in St. Georges.

World Youth Day 2027 – Seoul, South Korea

Are you interested in learning more about this pilgrimage of Catholic young adults from around the world? The 2027 World Youth Day will be taking place in Seoul, South Korea. Fill out our interest-finder and we'll be in touch regarding future information sessions and other essential details required to help you make your decision.

[Interest-finder: World Youth Day 2027 \(Seoul, Korea\)](#)

(Find the link in the bulletin found through parish emails or website)

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

Bulletin Information

Please note that there will be no bulletin for December 29, 2024. The next bulletin will be January 5, 2025.

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.

SAINTS FAITH Garden Project is still in operation!

There are hungry and poor in the world; so, our work continues.

So far, \$ 3300.00 dollars have been raised in 2024; with 4x matching funds, we have provided \$15,500.00 for international food aid to hungry mouths in Somalia. All our money raised goes to Development & Peace account at Canada Foodgrains Bank, with food aid distribution this year by our Catholic relief organization Caritas.

This year we experienced a new twist; one of our parishioners donated fresh tomatoes from their garden. Unlike our St. Benedict's Garden days, we had to do no garden work, even though we still have willing volunteers. \$205 were made from the sale of fresh tomatoes.

If you wish to donate, cheques should be made payable to Canada Foodgrains Bank and memo for Saints Faith Garden Project.

Cheques can be mailed to Canada Foodgrains Bank, 400-393 Portage Ave.,
PO Box 767, Winnipeg, Mb. R3C2L4,
Income tax receipts will be issued by Canada Foodgrains Bank on donations over \$15

We thank the many of you that have been participating in our feed the hungry programs and hope you will continue to help feed the poor. We look forward to your continuing help and **prayers**.

Wishing You God's Love, Peace, Joy, and Blessings!!!!

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 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025

No scheduled events.



**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 21, 2024 to Sunday, December 29,
2024

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

Tues. Dec 24 at 5/8 pm For Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Nativity of the Lord

Wed. Dec 25 at 10 am †Michael Maksymowicz (*Wife*)

Thur. Dec 26 **Saint Stephen**

Fri. Dec 27 **Saint John**

Sat. Dec 28 at 5 pm †Ernesto Lanaca (*Family*)
The Holy Innocents

Sun. Dec 29 at 10 am †Julienne Souque (*Daughter Diane*
& Granddaughter Alexa Andrusiak)
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Raya Recio & Liz Patzer

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music:

Sunday, December 29 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Anita Mann & Chris Bills

Lectors: Gregory Opone & Rebecca Davedow

Gift Bearers: Kallon Family

Altar Server: Nga Nguyen

Music: John Vis

