

# 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 24th, 2023**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent / Nativity of the Lord**

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (Is 9:1). “An angel of the Lord appeared to [the shepherds] and the glory of] the Lord shone around them” (Lk 2:9). This is how the liturgy of this holy Christmas night presents to us the birth of the Saviour: as the light which pierces and dispels the deepest darkness. The presence of the Lord in the midst of his people cancels the sorrow of defeat and the misery of slavery, and ushers in joy and happiness.*

*We too, in this blessed night, have come to the house of God. We have passed through the darkness which envelops the earth, guided by the flame of faith, and enlivened by the hope of finding the “great light”. By opening our hearts, we also can contemplate the miracle of that child-sun who, arising from on high, illuminates the horizon.*

*Isaiah’s prophecy announces the rising of a great light which breaks through the night. This light is born in Bethlehem and is welcomed by the loving arms of Mary, by the love of Joseph, by the wonder of the shepherds. The message that everyone was expecting, that everyone was searching for in the depths of their souls, was none other than the tenderness of God: God who looks upon us with eyes full of love, who accepts our poverty, God who is in love with our smallness.*

*On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? What is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to seek me, find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant’s presence is: do I allow God to love me?*

*The Christian response cannot be different from God’s response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. “Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict”.*

*Dear brothers and sisters, on this holy night we contemplate the Nativity scene: there “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Is 9:1). People who were unassuming, people open to receiving the gift of God, were the ones who saw this light. This light was not seen, however, by the arrogant, the proud, by those who made laws according to their own personal measures, who were closed off to others. Let us look to the crib and pray, asking the Blessed Mother: “O Mary, show us Jesus!”*

Pope Francis Vatican December 24, 2014

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

### Christmas Eve – Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24 at 5 p.m. (Children's Mass)  
Sunday, December 24 Carols at 7:30 p.m., Mass at 8:00 pm

### 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.

## 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. to 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.

## Youth & Young Adults Christmas Party



## Bulletin Information

Please note that there will be no bulletin for December 31, 2023. The next bulletin will be January 7, 2024.

## Christmas Wine Lottery

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Christmas Wine Lottery in support of our refugee sponsorship that took place on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

First Prize: Esther McKenty

Second Prize: Anita Mann

Third Prize: Lorraine Langevin

Fourth Prize: Jack Ungurian

The lottery was a wonderful success with all one thousand tickets sold. The Refugee Committee would like to extend our special thanks to Fran and Len Trach for volunteering to manage the distribution and tracking of the tickets and to both the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous financial contributions that assisted with the purchase of the prizes.

## Ministry Volunteers Still Needed for December 30 & 31 Masses

Thank you to all who have volunteered for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30, 5 pm Mass:** Lector (1 more needed) and Altar Server

**December 31, 5 pm Mass:** Lector (1 more needed) 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.

## 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.

## Mass Ministries Schedule

### Saturday, Dec. 30 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Belva Recio

**Altar Servers:**

**Music:**

### Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Chris Bills and Winnie Vugampore

**Lectors:** Marge Kohut and Keith Duchaine

**Gift Bearers:** Chris Bills and Donna Jacobson

**Altar Server:** Grant Mandrick

**Ushers:**

**Music:** Remi and Diane Morissette

### Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Lien Nguyen

**Gift Bearers:** Garcia Family

**Altar Server:**

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Music:** Bev Henry's Group

### Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

**Lectors:** Liz Patzer and Bo Gajda

**Gift Bearers:** Boulet Family

**Altar Server:** Nga Nguyen

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Music:**

### Saturday, January 6 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Leandro Cabrera and Marilyn Monterroyo

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

**Music:**

### Sunday, January 7 at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Irene Shaw and Dave Pomarenski

**Lectors:** Donna Jacobson and Sarah Boyd

**Gift Bearers:** Davedow Family

**Altar Server:** Grant Mandrick

**Ushers:**

**Music:** Youth Choir

## Church Events

December 24, 2023 to January 13, 2024

### Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

### Youth and Young Adults Christmas Party

Thursday, January 4

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 5:00 p.m.

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.

### Catechism

Thursday, January 11

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

Catechism Class to follow



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

## Unveiling The Gospels Bible Study

Starting January 4, 2024 at Holy Cross Parish

You are invited to come and deeply re-discover the words of Our Lord and the accounts of those who walked and shared their lives with Jesus through "**Unveiling The Gospels Bible Study**" with Melvin and Maria De Paz.

Do you want to grow and learn more about your Faith and Our Lord? Have you ever noticed that Matthew's Gospel is different from Luke's or John's? Do you ever wonder about the parables and their meanings?

"**Unveiling The Gospels**" presents Jesus from the four different perspectives of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

To register fill out attached form on the Holy Cross website or contact CCRS by phone [204-895-7544](tel:204-895-7544)

**When:** Thursdays [starting on January 4, 2024](#)

**Where:** Holy Cross Church basement

**Time:** fellowship [6:30](#); Bible Study [7:00- 9:00](#); Refreshments afterwards

**Cost:** \$20 for all 12 weeks to cover costs

**Bring:** Bible, Paper, Pen and Highlighter





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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 23, 2023 to Sunday, January 7, 2024

- Sat. Dec 23 at 5 pm †Maria Braga (Family)
- Sun. Dec 24 at 10 am †Emertha Mukamuligo &  
†Innocent Habyalimama (Winnie Vugampore)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**
- at 5 pm Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- at 8 pm †Chidi Blessed Ozo (Family)
- Nativity of the Lord**
- Mon. Dec 25 at 10 am †Maria Farias (Alda Reis)
- Nativity of the Lord**
- Sat. Dec 30 at 5 pm †Anna de Ryckere  
(Laurayne & Ron Rusak)
- Sun. Dec 31 at 10 am †Patricia Bertouille  
(Joyce Van Wynsberghe)
- at 5 pm Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- Mon. Jan 1 at 10 am †Michael Maksymowicz (Wife)
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- Wed. Jan 3 at 9 am †Maria Khan Nguyen (Family)
- Thur. Jan 4 at 9 am †Maria Hanh Nguyen (Family)
- Fri. Jan 5 at 9 am †Ron Hrabı (Hrabı Family)
- Sat. Jan 6 at 5 pm †Evelyn Maycher  
(Brenda, Gerry, Andrew & Alex Holowka)
- Sun. Jan 7 at 10 am †Julienne Souque (Diane Andrusiak)
- Epiphany of the Lord**

### 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](mailto:office@hrwpg.ca)

