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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 3rd, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

“Today, the First Sunday of Advent, a new liturgical year begins. In it, the Church marks the passage of time with the celebration of the main events in the life of Jesus and the story of salvation. In so doing, as Mother, she illuminates the path of our existence, supports us in our daily occupations and guides us towards the final encounter with Christ. Today’s liturgy invites us to live the first “important Season”, which is that of Advent, the first of the liturgical year, Advent, which prepares us for Christmas, and therefore it is a time of expectation and a time of hope. Expectation and hope.

Saint Paul (see 1 Cor 1:3-9) indicates the object of our expectation. What is it? The “manifestation of the Lord” (v. 7). The Apostle invites the Christians of Corinth, and we too, to focus our attention on the encounter with Jesus. For a Christian the most important thing is the continuous encounter with the Lord, being with the Lord. And in this way, accustomed to staying with the Lord of life, we prepare ourselves for the encounter, for being with the Lord for eternity. And this definitive encounter will come at the end of the world. But the Lord comes every day, so that, with His grace, we might accomplish good in our own lives and in the lives of others...

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to lead us to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the “God-with-us”, God is not distant, He is always with us, to the extent that very often He knocks on the door of our heart. God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer.

In the midst of life’s storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats. This is beautiful! In the book of Deuteronomy there is a very beautiful passage, in which the Prophet says to the people: “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us?” No-one, only we have this grace of having God close to us. We await God, we hope that He manifests Himself, but He too hopes that we manifest ourselves to Him!”

Pope Francis

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, 2022.

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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Christmas Wine Lottery

Just in time for Christmas gift giving and entertaining, the Refugee Committee invites our parishioners to support our newly-arrived refugee family through our Christmas Wine Lottery. We hope you will also consider selling tickets to family and friends.

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 go on sale after every Mass until the date of the draw December 10th. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

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**

Lector, Altar Server and Gift Bearer Volunteers Needed for 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas and New Year's Masses

The parish is looking for volunteers for the 4th 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.

January and February 2024 Lector, Server and Gift Bearer Schedules Available

The January and February 2024 Lector, Server and Gift Bearer schedules have been emailed out. There are also a few paper copies available in the Lector and Server mailboxes in the Gathering Space.

Church Hours Update

Please note that the church will be closed on Tuesday, December 5 from 11 am to 2 pm and on Wednesday, December 6 from 12:30 pm to 3 pm.

2023 Good Shepherd Campaign

Thank you to all those who have already donated to the Good Shepherd Campaign. If you have not yet made your donation, please consider making it now. Donate today by mailing your donation form to the Archdiocese or by donating online at donate.archsaintboniface.ca. Your gift will make a real difference.

Bulletin Announcements

Any announcements to be published in the bulletin must be emailed to communications@hrwpg.ca or handed into the parish office by 8 a.m. on Thursday and must be ready for publication if they are to be published in the weekend bulletin. Please also indicate how many weeks the announcement is to be published. Thank you.

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.

Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2023

You are all invited to participate in the December 8 celebration, patronal feast of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Come celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7:30 pm at St. Boniface Cathedral. In celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary who committed herself fully to listening to the Word of God with an open and transparent heart, and who then also committed herself fully to living that Word, with her whole heart and her unwavering "yes".

The celebration will also be live-streamed on the St. Boniface Cathedral's YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/a0mC9pPKPwI>, allowing for virtual participation as well. This Eucharistic celebration will be presided by Archbishop Albert LeGat. Following the celebration there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.

Church Events

December 3 to December 16, 2023

Ladies Auxiliary Advent Bake Sale
Sunday, December 3 after Mass

Catechism

Thursday, December 7 & 14
Children's Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
Catechism Class to follow

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 5:00 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.



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

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.





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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 2 to Sunday, December 10, 2023

Sat. Dec 2 at 5 pm †Gertrude Gosse (*Lou MacMaster*)

Sun. Dec 3 at 10 am †Adeline Janik (*Choir*)

Tues. Dec 5 at 9 am †Jose Chaves (*Family*)

Wed. Dec 6 at 9 am

Thur. Dec 7 at 9 am For the Souls in Purgatory (*Donor*)
Saint Ambrose

Fri. Dec 8 at 9 am †Michael Maksymowicz (*Wife*)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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

Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Raya Recio and Liz Patzer

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri and Amely Musafiri

Music:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Tom and Norma Lotecki

Lectors: Doug Wazny and Bernadette Mandrick

Gift Bearers: Cruz Family

Altar Server: Paul Kosowan

Ushers:

Music: Youth Choir

