

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 8th, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

“Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are shown how to give substance to this anticipation: by undertaking a journey of conversion, how to make this anticipation concrete. To describe the Baptist’s mission, the Evangelist Luke refers to the ancient prophecy of Isaiah which says: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low” (vv. 4-5).

To prepare the way of the Lord’s coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us. What are these requirements for conversion? First of all we are called to fill the ‘valleys’ caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention which takes on the needs of our neighbours. This requires a change of attitude. How many people, perhaps without realizing it, are proud, are indifferent, lack that kindly relationship. It is necessary to overcome this by making concrete gestures of reconciliation with our brothers and sisters, asking for forgiveness for our faults. The Lord helps us in this if we are of good will. Indeed, conversion is complete if it leads us to humbly recognize our errors, our infidelity and failings.

The believer is someone who, by being close to his brothers and sisters, like John the Baptist, opens pathways in the desert, that is, he indicates perspectives of hope, even in those existential contexts that are arduous, marked by failure and defeat. It is He! The Baptist invited the people of his time to conversion, with force, with vigour and with firmness. Nevertheless, he knew how to listen, he knew how to perform gestures of tenderness, gestures of forgiveness toward the multitude of men and women who went to him to confess their sins and to be baptized with the baptism of repentance.

The witness of John the Baptist helps us to go forward in our witness of life. The purity of his proclamation, his courage in proclaiming the truth were able to reawaken the expectation and hope in the Messiah that had long been dormant. Today too, Jesus’ disciples are called to be his humble but courageous witnesses in order to rekindle hope, to make it understood that, despite everything, the Kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let each of us ask ourselves: how can I change something in my attitude, in order to prepare the way of the Lord?”

Pope Francis Angelus December 9, 2018

Thank you from Ladies Auxiliary

Once again, our annual Advent Bake Sale was both enjoyable and successful. The event raised over \$1000. There were 40 plus signatures on the baking sign-up sheets and that translated into a wonderful array of food items to sell on our bake sale tables. Thank you to our bakers, to our parishioners who bought baking and to the many who made donations. Another successful group effort for Holy Redeemer Parish.

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.

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 5th, 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.

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.

Church Hours Update

Please note that the church will be closed on Wednesday, December 11 from 12 noon to 3 pm.

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.

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

The parish is looking for volunteers for the 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.

Advent Penitential Prayer Service December 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, December 11, 2024 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:

Thursday, December 5 – Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, December 12 – St. Gerard
Friday, December 13 – St. Alphonsus
Thursday, December 19 – St. Joseph the Worker

The Penitential Prayer Services begin at 7:00 p.m. at all locations.

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 8th, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” – Philippians 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love

Church Events

December 8, 2024 to December 21, 2024

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th at 5 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 11th at 7 p.m.

Catechism Classes

Thursday, December 12
(Grade K-1) Catechism Class at 5:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.
(Grade 2-6) Catechism Class to follow

Food Bank

Friday, December 13 at 1 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, December 17
Mass 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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

Cinema Divina

On Sunday, December 8th there will be a viewing of the movie 'Arrival (2016)' at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Ave. The night will begin with a Potluck supper at 5:00 pm, followed by the movie at 6:00 pm.

Contact cinemadivinahe@gmail.com or 204-881-3150.





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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 7, 2024 to Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sat. Dec 7 at 5 pm	†Filipinas Tesalona (F) (<i>Friend</i>) Saint Ambrose
Sun. Dec 8 at 10 am	†For God's Blessings for Marius' Birthday (M) (<i>Anastaszja</i>) 2nd Sunday of Advent The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon. Dec 9	
Tues. Dec 10 at 9 am	
Wed. Dec 11 at 9 am	
Thur. Dec 12 at 9 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Patron of the Americas
Fri. Dec 13 at 9 am	†Anna and Kasmier Lobchuk <i>(Daughter)</i> Saint Lucy
Sat. Dec 14 at 5 pm	†Adelaida Lanaca (F) (<i>Family</i>) Saint John of the Cross
Sun. Dec 15 at 10 am	†Deacon Lawrence Wakaruk (M) <i>(Knights of Columbus)</i> 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Liz Patzer & Judy Johnson

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music: Couples for Christ

Sunday, December 15 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: June Grey & Evelyn Boyko

Lectors: Adeline Ajong & Pat van Ryssel

Gift Bearers: Kallon Family

Altar Server: Grant Mandrick

Music: Remi & Diane Morissette

