

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies: Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Liturgies During Lent: Liturgy of the Word with Communion: Tues. and Wed. 9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Liturgies: Thur. and Fri. 9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Tues. to Thur. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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1st Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

40 Days

The Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days.

The number 40 appears many times in the Bible, including the flood in Genesis, Moses' time on Mt. Sinai and the Israelites wondering through the desert. When we see the number 40 in the bible, it represents a period of time where there are usually trials, something significant happens and change occurs.

Lent is a 40-day season of preparation to celebrate the Easter season. It is about growing closer to God and letting him transform us. Lent is about conversion.

The practices of Lent are to help with this conversion, which is lifelong. We are called to deepen our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Giving up something for Lent can be a great way to practice discipline, and focus our needs away from the physical to the spiritual. However, Lent is not just about giving things up. We can also add things into our lives. Perhaps we read the Bible more or spend more time praying as a family

Since there are only so many hours in a day, in order to do more we may have to do certain things less. Lent asks us to focus more on the things that help grow us closer to God and focus less on the things that take us further away from him.

Whatever practices we choose to focus on this Lent, let us not forget that they are to help change us in a way that will last once the 40 days are over.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

COVID-19 Restrictions Update Effective February 12, 2021

New Code Red Alert restrictions for all of Manitoba will come into effect on February 12, 2021.

Please be advised that places of worship can hold regular religious services, if such a service does not exceed 10 per cent of usual capacity, or 50 people, whichever is lower. For Holy Redeemer Parish, this will mean that 35 people are allowed at each Mass.

Baptisms, marriages and funerals are capped at a ten-person maximum, excluding celebrant, lector, cantor, musician and parish staff/funeral home personnel.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please contact the office no later than noon on Friday to add your name to the list of participants. If you have signed up but are unable to attend please contact the office before noon Friday.

Thank you for your continued patience and care for one another. Stay safe.

Share Love, Share Lent: (Re)discover Development and Peace

The Share Love, Share Lent campaign is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, Fratelli Tutti and its call "for a love that transcends... geography and distance" and "allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person."

Each week, the campaign explores a different aspect of Development and Peace's work and offers you ways to become involved. This week, meet one of our partners from the Global South and create your own fundraising web page! Discover more activities and join Catholics across Canada on a journey of love and solidarity throughout the Lenten period.

Follow our solidarity calendar at devp.org/lent.

Marriage Tips

Winter blues got you down? Go out of your way to do something nice for your spouse, or for a person in need. Love chases away gloom!

Weekday Liturgies During Lent

The weekday liturgy schedule during Lent will be as follows:

Monday: No liturgy

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m.:
Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Thursdays 9 a.m.: Mass

Fridays 9 a.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Lenten Resources Online

Lenten resources for parishioners are now available on our parish website. Resources include video reflections from the CCCB, Catholic School of Evangelization Lenten Retreat, Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever and various resources for children and families. More resources will be added throughout the Lenten Season so we encourage parishioners to visit the website regularly.

'Better Together' Marriage Prep & Enrichment Sessions March to April, 2021

Hey couples! You dream about your wedding day, your honeymoon, and growing old together. What about everything in between? The Better Together series equips you with the tools you need to build a lasting, happy, and faith-filled marriage. This excellent program from Dynamic Catholic is fitting for married couples interested a marriage enrichment opportunity AND for couples preparing for marriage.

This is a marriage initiative from the Marriage, Family and Life Team at Mary, Mother of the Church parish, in partnership with the Archdiocese of St. Boniface.

When: Tuesdays, March 2 - April 13 – 7-9 pm (Online)

Registration deadline: February 26, 2021.

For more info: please visit www.mmoc.ca.
For any registration or payment questions, please contact admin@mmoc.ca.

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses - Change

Please note that beginning Sunday, February 21st, Masses celebrated in English will be livestreamed at 10:00 a.m. from Holy Cross Parish. Bishop Albert LeGatt will preside.

The liturgies will be streamed via the Diocese's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live>

Stewardship February 21, 2021 1st Sunday in Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."

- MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do.

In the same way, following a life of Stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



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



How to Donate to your Parish

1. Parishioners may drop off their donations during Mass.
2. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
3. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. Donations may be sent in by mail.
5. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
6. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.

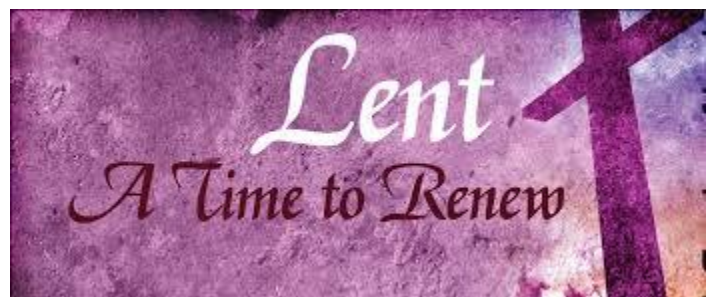
Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available by appointment. Please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.


Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please call the office.



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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For February 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they
may be protected by society and have their sufferings
considered and heeded.

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, February 20 to Sunday, February 28, 2021

- Sat. Feb 20 at 5 pm †Father Owen Steeves
(Elizabeth and Bernie Dudeck)
- Sun. Feb 21 at 9 am For Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- Sun. Feb 21 at 10:30 am
- Mon. Feb 22 No Mass
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
- Tues. Feb 23 at 9 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Wed. Feb 24 at 9 am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Thurs. Feb 25 at 9 am Mass
- Fri. Feb 26 at 9 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
- Sat. Feb 27 at 5 pm For Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- Sun. Feb 28 at 9 am
- Sun. Feb 28 at 10:30 am †Elizabeth Reis (*Alda Reis*)

Mass Information During Time of Pandemic PLEASE

Due to the most recent restrictions due to Code Red:

1. Only **35** people are allowed at each Mass. The doors of the church will be locked at the beginning of Mass.
2. Two-meter physical distancing is **obligatory** in the church, gathering space and parking lot.
3. When being seated kindly sit **singly** at the pre-measured number signs. If you notice 2 numbered signs together, please leave it for couples.
4. Masks are obligatory (if you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons please see Sister Maria).
5. Please arrive at least 5 – 10 minutes before Mass. This is to ensure that the Greeter can check you in by the time Mass begins. Doors will be locked once Mass begins.
6. If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please contact the office no later than noon on Friday to add your name to the list of participants. If you have signed up but are unable to attend please contact the office before noon Friday.
7. There is no need to sign up beforehand for the weekday Masses; however, participants will have to sign their name to a list upon arrival.
8. For the purpose of contact tracing, if ever needed, please add your **phone number** next to your name.

Thank you for your patience and care for one another.