

# 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.,

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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“At the centre of the Gospel of today’s Liturgy are the Beatitudes (cf. Lk 6:20-23). Let us take a look at the first one which is the basis for all the other ones: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God” (v. 20). Jesus says two things of his people: that they are blessed and that they are poor; indeed, that they are blessed because they are poor.*

*In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. The disciple has learned to live in gratuitousness. This poverty is also an attitude towards the meaning of life, because Jesus’ disciples do not think they possess it, that they already know everything, but rather they know they must learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus’ disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.*

*They follow him a little, only in those things in which “I agree with him and he agrees with me”, but then, as far as the rest is concerned, it goes no further. And so, they fall into sadness. Disciples, on the other hand, know how to question themselves, how to humbly seek God every day, and this allows them to delve into reality, grasping its richness and complexity.*

*In other words, the disciple accepts the paradox of the Beatitudes: they declare that those who are poor, who lack many things and recognize this, are blessed, that is, happy. Humanly speaking, we are inclined to think in another way: happy are those who are rich, with many goods, who receive plaudits and are the envy of many, who have all the certainties. Jesus, on the contrary, declares worldly success to be a failure, since it is based on a selfishness that inflates and then leaves the heart empty. This requires a journey, sometimes wearisome, but always accompanied by joy. It is he who guides our life, not us, with our preconceptions and our demands. Disciples, in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path.*

*We might then ask ourselves: do I — each one of us — have the disciple’s readiness? Do I allow myself to be “inwardly unhinged” by the paradox of the Beatitudes, or do I stay within the confines of my own ideas? And then, with the logic of the Beatitudes, setting aside the hardships and difficulties, do I feel the joy of following Jesus? This is the decisive trait of the disciple: the joy of the heart. This is the touchstone for knowing if a person is a disciple: does he or she have joy in their heart? Do I have joy in my heart?”*

Pope Francis Angelus, February 13, 2022

## Bring In Your Old Palms Starting Next Weekend February 22 & 23, 2025

Starting next weekend, February 22 & 23, we will be gathering old palms so that they may be burned to create ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday. You may place your old palms in the baskets that will be located in the gathering space. Please bring in all old palms by Sunday, March 2.

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### HOLY REDEEMER NEEDS YOUR HELP – PAID POSITION

We are presently looking for parishioners to be host/security during our hall rental times. You would be responsible for operating the lift for those in need, ensuring the security of the church and hall, where to plug in the coffee urns; just to name a few.

This is a paid position. You must be 18 years of age and be willing to work up to 3 - 10 hours dependent on how long the renters have requested. If you are interested, please contact the church. Further information and training will be provided. Thank you.

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### Altar servers requested

Are you finding Mass not as inspiring or interesting as it used to be? Do you find yourself in that rut of routine? Consider it a possible nudge, an opportunity, a calling.

A call to participate more actively, to be more attentive to the Mass and all that happens, through *altar serving*; it could be as little as once a month, or more if you're able. You are attending Mass anyway, you just need to make that monthly commitment (or more) to be early to setup. As we approach the season of Lent, consider giving an extra 20-30 minutes and work along side our experienced servers. You will not be alone until you're ready.

If you're ready to consider the call, please reach out to John at [john@hrwpg.ca](mailto:john@hrwpg.ca) or the office and your name will be passed along.

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### Follow Us On Social Media

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## March & April 2025 Lector, Server, and Gift Bearer Schedules

The March and April 2025 Lector, Server and Gift Bearer schedules were made available as paper copies. You can find them in the Lector and Server mailboxes in the Gathering Space.

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### REQUEST FOR HELP During Lent !!

The Ladies Auxiliary are asking if parishioners are willing to assist with the LENT SOUP TALK SUPPERS? Fridays during Lent: beginning March 7th up to and including April 11th 2025.

We ask that you prepare a "Meatless" pot of soup for 20 people, bring it to the church basement and help setup, serve and cleanup. We anticipate approx. 30-40 attendees per week. There would be two volunteers per Friday and the time commitment is approx. 2 hours-5:00-7:00pm.

The dates we require Assistance are: Fridays: March 14th, March 21st, March 28th and April 4th. For more information, please call June Gray @ 204-668-5382 OR Linda Wazny @ 204-668-6156

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### LOOKING FOR: Parish Yard Maintenance for the Summer Season

Holy Redeemer is in need of a yard maintenance person or group to maintain the grass over the summer. If you are able and feel called to volunteer your services to your parish, please contact the office. Orientation will be provided.

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### Stewardship February 16, 2025 The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." – Luke 6:22*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

## 2024 Tax Receipts Now Available

The 2024 charitable tax receipts are now available to be picked up at the church. Any receipts not picked up by February 23 will be mailed out. Thank you for your generosity this past year.

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## Deadline Extension For 2024 Charitable Donations

On December 30, 2024 the Government of Canada announced an extension to the deadline for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year, until February 28, 2025. In response, donors have a choice to file donations made in January and February 2025 on their 2024 income tax return as opposed to their 2025 income tax return.

### Parishioners Who Would Like To Receive Their January to February 2025 Donation Receipt:

We please ask that any parishioners who would like to receive a tax receipt for their January and February 2025 donations to please contact the parish office with the request by February 23, 2025. An announcement will be included in the bulletin when the January to February 2025 tax receipts are available (most likely early March 2025). Any donations received by the parish after February 28, 2025 will be included on the 2025 tax receipt (which will include the donations made from March to December 2025), to be issued in February 2026.

### Parishioners Who Would Not Like To Receive Their January to February 2025 Donation Receipt At This Time:

No action is required from parishioners who would not like their January to February 2025 tax receipt at this time. The 2025 tax receipt, to be issued in February 2026, will include all donations made from January to December 2025 as usual.

### 2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts will include all donations received by the parish from January to December 2024 as usual. An announcement will be included in the bulletin when the 2024 tax receipts are available (mid-February 2025).

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity.

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## Fr. Anthony Austin Away on Vacation January 21, 2025 to March 2, 2025

Fr. Anthony Austin will be taking a much deserved vacation from January 21, 2025 to March 2, 2025. Fr. Kingsley Jacob will be filling in for Fr. Anthony at Mass while he is away. May we warmly welcome Fr. Kingsley to our parish.

## Church Events

February 16, 2025 to March 2, 2025

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, February 18  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### Catechism Classes

Thursday, February 20 & 27  
(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

### First Communion Preparation Class

Sunday, February 23 at 9 a.m.

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

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## Behold: The Making of a Cardinal – Salt + Light Documentary on Cardinal Francis Leo

On December 7, 2024, Pope Francis elevated 21 new members to the College of Cardinals. The only North American was Montreal-born Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. This episode provides an insight into the journey of Cardinal Leo, exploring the responsibilities, process, and significance of his role within the Catholic Church.

To watch the video please visit:

<https://slmedia.org/w/86h2hGLG/qQD5v32Q/s5-e4-behold-the-making-of-a-cardinal>

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