

# 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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February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"In the Gospel of today's Liturgy, Jesus gives some basic life guidance to the disciples. The Lord refers to the most difficult situations, those that confront us with those who are enemies and hostile to us, those who are always trying to do us harm. Jesus says: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27). And even more concretely: "To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also" (v. 29). And then, why love your enemies? If one does not react to bullies, then every abuse of power is given free rein, and this is not fair. Does the Lord really ask for the impossible and indeed even unjust things of us?"*

*Let us consider first and foremost that sense of injustice that we feel in "turning the other cheek". During the passion, in his unjust trial before the high priest, at one point he receives a slap from one of the guards. And how does He react? He does not insult him, no: he says to the guard, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" (Jn 18:23). Turning the other cheek does not mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice. With his question, Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed with kindness. Turning the other cheek means defeating evil with goodness which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred.*

*Let's get to another objection: is it possible for a person to come to love his or her enemies? But let us recall that, when the Lord asks for something, he wishes to give it. Without that ability, we would not be able, but he tells you to "love your enemy" and gives you the capacity to love. The strength to love, which is not a thing, but rather the Holy Spirit, and with the Spirit of Jesus, we can respond to evil with good, we can love those who do us harm. This is what Christians do. How sad it is when persons and peoples who are proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think about waging war against each other! It is very sad.*

*And we, do we try to live following Jesus' invitations? Let us think about someone who has wronged us. It is common for us to be hurt by someone; think of that person. Perhaps there is some resentment within. And then let us ask the Holy Spirit to act in our heart. Finally, let us pray for that person: praying for those who have done us harm (cf. Lk 6:28). When someone has wronged us, we immediately go and tell others and we feel we are victims. Let us stop, and pray to the Lord for that person, that he might help him or her, and so this feeling of resentment will be dispelled. Praying for those who have wronged us is the first step to transforming evil into good."*

Pope Francis Angelus, February 20, 2022

## Lent 2025

### Ash Wednesday Mass

March 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Friday Evening "Soup and Seminar" Series During Lent (2025)

You are cordially invited to Holy Redeemer's soup and seminar series on Friday evenings during Lent. Soup will be available in the church hall at 6 PM, the presentations will begin at 6:20 PM followed by a 5 minute Q and A session. The evening will end with the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. We hope to see you there.

If you will be coming for soup, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the gathering space (the first sign-up sheet will be available next weekend).

The schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>		<u>Speaker Topic</u>
- March 7	Paul Kosowan	St. Andre Bissette: Miracle worker of Montreal
- March 14	Robert Schwenk	Can the creation story in Genesis be reconciled with the theory of evolution?
- March 21	Evelyn Boyko	The Shroud of Turin
- March 28	Nadine Fetherston	Diocesan Marriage, Family & Life Office
- April 4	Gary Wallace	Music and Spirituality
- April 11	Pat van Rysselt	Human Trafficking

### Stations of the Cross During Lent Fridays at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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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.

## Bring In Your Old Palms

We are 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 located in the gathering space. Please bring in all old palms by Sunday, March 2.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DECORATING COMMITTEE

Help make our parish a beautiful place to worship!

The decorating committee is seeking new members to assist with set up and take down of decorations for all the major holidays: Lent, Holy Week, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Time commitment is several hours each holiday.

Please contact Fran Trach @ 204 995-7437 or Evelyn Boyko @ 204 981-6067 for further details. Thank you.

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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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### 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.

## 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 or the office and your name will be passed along.

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## 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

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.

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

## Church Events

February 23, 2025 to March 9, 2025

### Catechism Classes

Thursday, February 27 & March 6  
(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.

### Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, March 4 at 1 p.m.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, March 5 at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### Food Bank

Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m.

### Lent Soup and Seminar

Friday, March 7 at 6 p.m.

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

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FREE ESTIMATES FOR WINNIPEG AND NUTIMIK LAKE AREA  
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### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For February 2025

#### For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the  
desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to  
serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

### 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, February 22, 2025 to Sunday, March 2, 2025

- Sat. Feb 22** at 5 pm †Joan Moses (*Peter and Bev Henry*)  
**The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**
- Sun. Feb 23** at 10 am †Matthew Chollampel  
(*His daughter Maureen + Family*)
- Tues. Feb 25** at 9 am Blessings for Steven and Ellen Boyko  
(*Lucas Family*)
- Wed. Feb 26** at 9 am Healing for my mom, conversion of  
my husband, and restoration of our  
family (*Anonymous*)
- Thur. Feb 27** at 9 am For all the souls in Purgatory,  
especially the deceased members  
of F.O.S.S. (*Donor*)
- Fri. Feb 28** at 9 am For the health of Robert Schwenk  
(*Anastazja*)
- Sat. Mar 1** at 5 pm †Mara Novsak (*Johann Grafenauer*)
- Sun. Mar 2** at 10 am †Mrs. Dianne Mitchel  
(*Ladies Auxiliary*)

### Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

#### Saturday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Raya Recio & Judy Johnson

**Altar Servers:** Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

**Music:** JC (John & Christian)

#### Sunday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Chris Bills & Winnie Vugampore

**Lectors:** Gregory Opone & Bo Gajda

**Gift Bearers:** Davedow Family

**Altar Server:** Paul Kosowan

**Music:** Bev Henry's Group

