

# 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"The Gospel of today's Liturgy takes us to the banks of the Sea of Galilee. The crowd is gathering around Jesus, while some disappointed fishermen, among them, Simon Peter, are washing their nets after a night of fishing that had gone badly. And so it is that Jesus climbs into Simon's boat; then he invites him to go out to sea and cast his nets again (cf. Lk 5:1-4). Let us pause on these two actions of Jesus: first he climbs into the boat and then, the second one, he invites him to put out to sea. It was a night that had gone badly, without fish, but Peter is trusting and puts out to sea.*

*First of all, Jesus gets into Simon's boat. To do what? To teach. He asks for that very boat, which is not full of fish but rather has returned to the shore empty, after a night of toil and disillusionment. It is a beautiful image for us too. Every day the boat of our life leaves the shores of our home to sail out into the sea of daily activities; every day we try to "fish in the open sea", to cultivate dreams, to pursue projects, to experience love in our relationships. But often, like Peter, we experience the "night of empty nets" — the night of empty nets — the disappointment of trying very hard and not seeing the desired results: "We toiled all night and took nothing" (v. 5), says Simon. How often, we too are left with a sense of defeat while disappointment and bitterness arise in our hearts. Two very dangerous seeds.*

*So what does the Lord do? He chooses to climb into our boat. He wants to proclaim the Gospel from there. It is precisely that empty boat, the symbol of our incapacity, that becomes Jesus' "cathedra", the pulpit from which he proclaims the Word. Let us remember this: God does not want a cruise ship: a poor "ramshackle" boat is enough for him, as long as we welcome him. Sometimes we feel unworthy of him because we are sinners. But this is an excuse that the Lord does not like, because it distances him from us! He is the God of closeness, of compassion, of tenderness, and he does not seek perfectionism: he seeks our welcome.*

*In this way, the Lord rebuilds Peter's trust. When he climbs into the boat, after preaching, he says: "Put out into the deep" (v. 4). It is the same for us too: if we welcome the Lord into our boat, we can put out to sea. Always, in personal life as well as in the life of the Church and society, there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over — the Lord always invites us to get back on our feet because he opens up new possibilities. So let us accept the invitation: let us chase away pessimism and mistrust, and put out to sea with Jesus! Our little empty boat, too, will witness a miraculous catch."*

Pope Francis Angelus, February 6, 2022

## 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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### 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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### 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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### Keep Christ in Christmas winners

#### Age 5-7 Winners

1st Samantha Garcia  
2nd Lilley Bergunder  
3rd Lily Garcia

#### Age 8-10 Winners

1st Valentina DiMuro  
2nd Grayson Maia  
3rd Mathew Garcia

#### Age 11-14 Winners

1st Tyson Kostyez

## 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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### 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.

## 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.

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### Stewardship February 9, 2025 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"*  
—Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

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### Saint-Joachim Church Restoration Project

The members of the '125th Committee' of the parish of Saint-Joachim are pleased to present a restoration project of our Municipal Designated Heritage Building, the church of Saint-Joachim of La Broquerie. In the event of its 125th anniversary in the year 2026, we have planned restorations to preserve this monument for our descendants. Maintaining this monument requires ongoing effort and substantial financial resources. We cannot undertake this work without the generosity of us all.

- You will receive a tax receipt for your donations. You can deposit your donations by cheque by mail at this address: C.P. Box 129, La Broquerie, MB, R0A 0W0 or in person during office hours at 101 Principale St, La Broquerie, MB. You can also make an 'Interac e-transfer'.
- Please make your cheque payable to 'Paroisse St-Joachim', and write 'Projet 125e' in the memo (bottom left corner of the cheque).
- You have the option of making donations to the '125th Committee' website: <http://paroissestjoachim.com/>

We thank you for your generosity.

## Church Events February 9, 2025 to February 23, 2025

**First Communion Preparation Class**  
Sunday, February 9 & 23 at 9 a.m.

**Finance Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 11 at 5 p.m.

**Catechism Classes**  
Thursday, February 13 & 20  
(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

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 18  
Mass 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.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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### 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 8, 2025 to Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sat. Feb 8 at 5 pm      †Danielle Dussault (*Friend*)

Sun. Feb 9 at 10 am    †Lesia Tymchyshyn  
(*Len & Fran Trach*)

Tues. Feb 11 at 9 am

Wed. Feb 12 at 9 am    Healing for my mom, conversion of  
my husband, and restoration of our  
family (*Anonymous*)

Thur. Feb 13 at 9 am

Fri. Feb 14 at 9 am    For all the souls in Purgatory,  
especially the deceased members  
of F.O.S.S. (*Donor*)

Sat. Feb 15 at 5 pm

Sun. Feb 16 at 10 am   †Deacon Wayne Johnson  
(*Ladies Fellowship Group*)

### Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

#### Saturday, February 15 at 5 p.m.

**Lectors:** Marilyn Monterroyo & Leandro Cabrera  
**Altar Servers:** Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri  
**Music:** Couples for Christ

#### Sunday, February 16s at 10 a.m.

**Greeters:** Anita Mann & June Gray  
**Lectors:** Erick & Merrydene Manipis  
**Gift Bearers:** Molinski Family  
**Altar Server:** Grant Mandrick  
**Music:** Remi & Diane Morissette

