

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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January 12th, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

“The Gospel of today’s Liturgy shows us the scene with which Jesus’ public life begins: he, who is the Son of God and the Messiah, goes to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. Today’s liturgical hymn says that the people went to be baptized with a bare soul and bare feet, humbly. This is a beautiful attitude: with a bare soul and bare feet. He immerses himself in our waters to heal them, and he immerses himself with us, in our midst. He does not rise up above us, but rather comes down towards us with a bare soul, with bare feet, like the people. He belongs to those people and he goes with them to be baptized, with those humble people.

Let us reflect on an important point: in the moment that Jesus receives Baptism, the text says that he “was praying” (Lk 3:21). It is good for us to contemplate this: Jesus prays. But why? He, who is the Lord, the Son of God, prays like us? Yes, Jesus — the Gospels repeat this many times — spends a lot of time in prayer: at the beginning of every day, often at night, before making important decisions.... His prayer is a dialogue, a relationship with the Father. Thus, in today’s Gospel, we can see the “two moments” in the life of Jesus: on the one hand, he descends towards us into the waters of the Jordan; on the other, he raises his eyes and his heart, praying to the Father.

It is a great lesson for us: we are all immersed in the problems of life and in many complicated situations, called upon to face difficult moments and choices that get us down. But if we do not want to be crushed, we need to raise everything upwards. And this is exactly what prayer does. To pray is the way to let God act within us, to understand what he wants to communicate to us even in the most difficult situations, to pray to have the strength to go forward. Prayer helps us because it unites us to God, it opens us up to the encounter with him. It is dialoguing with God, it is listening to his Word, it is worshipping entrusting what we are experiencing to him. And sometimes it is also crying out to him, venting with Him. He understands well. He never gets angry with us. And Jesus prays.

Prayer opens the heaven: it gives life oxygen, it gives a breath of fresh air even in the midst of breathlessness and lets us see things from a broader perspective. When we pray, the Father says to us too, as he does to Jesus in the Gospel: “You are my beloved Son” (cf. v. 22). Being God’s children began on the day of our Baptism, which immersed us in Christ and, as members of the people of God, made us become beloved children of the Father. And today, at this moment, let us ask ourselves: how is my prayer going? Among the many things we do each day, let us not neglect prayer: let us dedicate time to it.”

Pope Francis Angelus January 9, 2022

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.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Cancelled

The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in January is cancelled. No meeting.

We will meet again on February 4th at 1:00pm at the church!

Christmas Blessings & Happy New Year!

St. Mary's Academy Open House

St. Mary's Academy Open House takes place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM. For families who are interested in an Academy education, this is a great opportunity to explore our vibrant community of learning, faith, and service.

At St. Mary's Academy our core belief is in nurturing the whole person—spirit, mind and body. Our students graduate empowered with knowledge, aware of their gifts, possess a desire for excellence in all endeavours, and embrace a sense of social responsibility to use their abilities in the service of others.

During the Open House, guests will have the opportunity to meet our inspiring students, dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff, and tour our beautiful campus. Find out more at www.smamb.ca/admissions/OpenHouse.

Stewardship January 12th, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" – Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics Stewards, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Condolences

In faith and love, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of long time parishioner Juliana Okoli. We join with them in prayer during this time of loss. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 12 noon at Holy Redeemer Parish.

To God, the dead do not die, and in death our life is changed, not ended. One day we shall all be joyfully re-united, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself. Then, *"God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more; and mourning and crying and pain will be no more."* (Rev. 21)

Confident in Mary, Mother of us all, we entrust to her the soul of our departed sister so that she may present her to Jesus. Eternal rest grant unto Juliana, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Cinema Divina

On Sunday, January 19th there will be a viewing of the movie 'Sound of Freedom' 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.

Friends in Faith – Connection Café

The Christmas Season or Winter Blues can be difficult for many people. Are you or a loved one feeling sad, overwhelmed, exhausted, distant, or irritable lately? Inviting all people looking for spiritual support to get through life's challenges.

Each monthly event features a practical life or wellness topic, discussion, prayer, fellowship and refreshments. January's topic will be on Overcoming Sadness, Depression and more!

Please join us for an informative evening, and discussion on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church, 85 Kirkbridge Drive. Please arrive early. Cost is goodwill offering. See mmoc.ca for more info and to register.

Follow Us On Social Media

Follow us for parish news, information, and communication on Facebook and Instagram @holyredeemerwpg

SAINTS FAITH Garden Project is still in operation!

There are hungry and poor in the world; so, our work continues.

So far, \$ 3300.00 dollars have been raised in 2024; with 4x matching funds, we have provided \$15,500.00 for international food aid to hungry mouths in Somalia. All our money raised goes to Development & Peace account at Canada Foodgrains Bank, with food aid distribution this year by our Catholic relief organization Caritas.

This year we experienced a new twist; one of our parishioners donated fresh tomatoes from their garden. Unlike our St. Benedict's Garden days, we had to do no garden work, even though we still have willing volunteers. \$205 were made from the sale of fresh tomatoes.

If you wish to donate, cheques should be made payable to Canada Foodgrains Bank and memo for Saints Faith Garden Project.

Cheques can be mailed to Canada Foodgrains Bank, 400-393 Portage Ave.,
PO Box 767, Winnipeg, Mb. R3C2L4,
Income tax receipts will be issued by Canada Foodgrains Bank on donations over \$15

We thank the many of you that have been participating in our feed the hungry programs and hope you will continue to help feed the poor. We look forward to your continuing help and **prayers**.

Wishing You God's Love, Peace, Joy, and Blessings!!!!

CCRS OF MB Presents – ALIVE a charismatic event

Join us on Saturday January 25, 2025, at 7PM at Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens Parish – 289 Dussault Ave, Winnipeg MB. Eucharistic Celebration presided by Fr. Christian Mutombo, Praise and Worship by the "Nueva Jerusalem PG Music Ministry".

Personal Testimony by Gilbert Vielfaure, plus procession with the Blessed Sacrament, prayers for healing, Jericho March, fellowship and more.

Come experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the charismatic current of grace! – For more information: 204-895-7544 or email ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com or visit: <https://www.catholicrenewalservices.com/events>.

Church Events

January 12, 2025 to January 25, 2025

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 at 5 p.m.

Catechism Classes

Thursday, January 16 & 23

(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, January 21

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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

World Youth Day 2027 – Seoul, South Korea

Are you interested in learning more about this pilgrimage of Catholic young adults from around the world? The 2027 World Youth Day will be taking place in Seoul, South Korea. Fill out our interest-finder and we'll be in touch regarding future information sessions and other essential details required to help you make your decision.

[Interest-finder: World Youth Day 2027 \(Seoul, Korea\)](#)

(Find the link in the bulletin found through parish emails or website)





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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For January 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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, January 11, 2025 to Sunday, January 19, 2025

Sat. Jan 11 at 5 pm †Deacon Alphonse Tran (Family)
Sun. Jan 12 at 10 am †Joseph Quang Tran (Family)
Baptism of the Lord

Tues. Jan 14 at 9 am †Maria Thuor Dinh (Family)
Wed. Jan 15 at 9 am †Maria Lay Do (Family)
Thur. Jan 16 at 9 am
Fri. Jan 17 at 9 am **Saint Anthony**

Sat. Jan 18 at 5 pm †Deacon Alphonse Tran (Family)
Sun. Jan 19 at 10 am †Emma Chyzy (Nick Chyzy)

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, January 18 at 5 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 19 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Chris Bills & Winnie Vugampore
Lectors: Bo Gajda & Adeline Ajong
Gift Bearers: Kallon Family
Altar Server: Grant Mandrick
Music: Bev Henry's Group

