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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 to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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March 19th, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent

"At the centre of the liturgy of this fourth Sunday of Lent is the theme of light. The Gospel tells the story of the man blind from birth, to whom Jesus gives sight. This miraculous sign is confirmation of Jesus' affirmation of: "I am the light of the world" the light that illuminates our darkness.

This is who Jesus is. He operates illumination on two levels: a physical one and a spiritual one: the blind man first receives the sight of the eyes and then is led to faith in the "Son of Man" that is, in Jesus. It's all a path... The wonders that Jesus performs are not only spectacular gestures, but they are meant to lead to faith through a process of inner transformation...

May we too have this experience! With the light of faith, the blind man discovers his new identity. He is now a "new creature", able to see his life and the world around him in a new light, because he entered into communion with Christ, he entered another dimension...

His path of enlightenment is a metaphor for the path of liberation from sin to which we are called. Sin is like a dark veil that covers our face and prevents us from clearly seeing ourselves and the world; the Lord's forgiveness takes away this blanket of shadow and darkness and gives us new light.

The Lent we are living is an opportune and valuable time to approach the Lord, asking for His mercy, in the different forms that the Mother Church proposes to us

The healed blind man, who now sees both with the eyes of the body and those of the soul, is the image of every baptized man, who immersed in Grace has been pulled out of the darkness and placed in the light of faith.

But it is not enough to receive light, it is necessary to become light. Each of us is called to receive the divine light in order to manifest it with our whole life. The first Christians, the theologians of the first centuries, said that the community of Christians, that is, the Church, is the "mystery of the moon", because they gave light but it was not their own light, it was the light they received from Christ.

We also must be "mystery of the moon": to give the light received from the son, who is Christ the Lord. St Paul reminds us of this today: "Be a child of light; for the fruit of light consists in all goodness, justice, and truth"(Eph 5:8-9). The seed of new life placed in us in Baptism is like a spark of a fire, which purifies us first, burning the evil that we have in our hearts, and allows us to shine and illuminate. With the light of Jesus."

Pope Francis Angelus March 22, 2020

Volunteers Needed Holy Thursday – Feet Washing & Adoration Good Friday - Adoration

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers to be present during Adoration after Holy Thursday Mass until 10:00 p.m. and on Good Friday morning, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., even if you can only spare 1 hour, as we need to have 2 people present at all times.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sign up sheets in the gathering space. Thank you.

Praise & Worship Evening Hosted by Holy Redeemer Youth Group Friday, March 31, 2023



All are invited to an evening of Praise & Worship hosted by the Holy Redeemer Youth Group.

This evening will take place on Friday, March 31st, 2023 at Holy Redeemer Parish following the Way of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the

youth group at youthgroup@hrwpg.ca. Hope to see you there!

Refugee Committee News

Our Refugee Committee has been working diligently over the past five years to bring to Winnipeg the family of one of our parishioners. This family has been residing in a refugee camp in Zambia for the past 15 years.

We are happy to announce that they have passed their interview with Immigration Canada and are one step closer to coming to Winnipeg although it will likely still be a few months away. The family consists of the father, mother, daughters ages 18, 15, and 9, and sons ages 17, 12 (twins), and 5.

Please keep in mind that in preparation of their arrival we will be asking for donations of household items, both large and small, once catechism classes are over for the season and storage space becomes available. Thank you for your support.

Mass Ministry Volunteers Needed for Holy Week & Easter Masses

The parish is looking for volunteers for the Holy Week and Easter Masses for the following Mass ministries: Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, and Ushers. If you would like to volunteer, we ask that you please sign up on the ministry signup sheets that are available on the counter in the gathering space. Thank you.

Lenten Penitential Prayer Service Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Lenten Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish. We encourage all to attend the penitential service even if you do not take part in individual reconciliation.

Lenten Penitential Prayer Services will also be held throughout the Deanery on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 21 – Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22 – St. Gerard 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23 – St. Joseph the Worker 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 24 – St. Alphonsus 7:00 p.m.

Friday Evening “Soup and Talk” Series During Lent

You are cordially invited to Holy Redeemer’s Soup and Talk series on Friday evenings during Lent. Soup will be available in the church hall at 6:00 p.m.; the presentations will begin at 6:20 p.m. followed by a 5-minute Q and A session.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for providing the soup! If you will be coming for soup, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. We hope to see you there.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
March 24	How to Discern the Will of God	Deacon Ken Perrett
March 31	Sacred Seeing or Praying With The Eyes (Visio Divina)	Judy Johnson

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross Led By</u>
March 24	Development & Peace / Refugee Committee
March 31	Youth Group

40 Cans For Lent

Parishioners are invited to partake in donating a can per day during Lent. 40 days 40 cans. All cans will go to our Food Bank. Thank you.

Spring Plant Fundraiser

Calling all Holy Redeemer Gardeners. Join us in our annual vegetable and flower plant sale and help raise money for Holy Redeemer Parish and the Refugee Sponsorship Project. Place an order from Glenlea Greenhouses by going online at www.glenleagreenhouses.com

Go to the fundraiser 2023 home page to view all the plants and pick your favourites. Be sure to choose "Holy Redeemer Refugee Sponsorship Project" as the group you are supporting.

Online order deadline is April 15. Delivery of plants is Saturday May 27. Paper order forms are also available on the counter in the gathering space. Deadline for these is April 3 and can be handed into the office and cheques are to be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish.

Plants may sell out so order early to ensure you get the ones you love. For questions call Joyce 204-661-3045



SHARE LENT 2023

Create Hope: Stand for the Land

In the true spirit of solidarity Development and Peace's *Create Hope: Stand for the Land* campaign invites you to help some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South defend their land and territory. With the help over 11,000 volunteer members Development and Peace informs Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilizes them to act for change.

Our campaign, *Create Hope: Stand for the Land* offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse. For more information please go to www.devp.org/sharelent. Envelopes for this year's Share Lent campaign can be found in your personal envelope box and on the counter in the gathering space.

Church Events

March 19 to April 1, 2023

First Communion Preparation

March 19 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Catechism

Thursday, March 23

Children's Choir/Mass Practice 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Catechism Class 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Way of the Cross

Friday, March 24 & March 31, 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lent Soup and Talk

Friday, March 24 & March 31, 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 28 7:00 p.m.

Praise & Worship Evening

Friday, March 31 following Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



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

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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 right side of the counter by the bulletin board 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, March 18 to Sunday, March 26, 2023

- Sat. Mar 18 at 5 pm God's Blessings for Gregory and his family (*Family*)
- Sun. Mar 19 at 10 am †Joseph Schwenk (*Robert Schwenk*)
- Tues. Mar 21 at 9 am
- Wed. Mar 22 at 9 am
- Thur. Mar 23 at 9 am
- Fri. Mar 24 at 9 am †Michael Maksymowicz (*Wife*)
- Sat. Mar 25 at 5 pm †Patricia Rose Adams (*Mike Mayer*)
- Sun. Mar 26 at 10 am Deceased Members of the Santiaguél Family (*Jovy Santiaguél*)

Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, March 25 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Liz Patzer and Judy Johnson
Altar Servers: Don and Marguerite Grela
Music: John Vis

Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m. – Children's Mass

Greeters: Catechism Children
Lectors: Anniah, Katherine and Cecelia
Gift Bearers: Sanchez Family
Altar Servers: Brianne and Tobin Z
Ushers: Ryan B and Tobin B
Music: Catechism Children

