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4th Sunday in Lent

March 27th, 2022

The Prodigal Son

In today's Gospel, we hear about the parable of the prodigal son. The parable teaches us about God's love for us and his willingness to forgive us.

Jesus tells three parables in response to the Pharisees and scribes complaining that he was eating with sinners. The three parables are The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and The Lost Son, also known as The Prodigal Son.

All three talk about recovering the lost and the joy when they are found. Jesus eats with sinners to lead them to his Father. Jesus wants each of us to be with him and is always inviting us back to him no matter how far we stray.

In his May 11, 2016 general audience Pope Francis explained the parable of the prodigal son :

Jesus wishes to teach us that we are children of God not because of any merits of our own but because of the infinite love of our heavenly Father. How often do we need to be reminded of God's unchanging love and ready forgiveness, lest we lose heart when we ourselves or our dear ones go astray!

The parable speaks not only of the prodigal son, but also of his older brother, who must also learn to accept the father's mercy, which transcends both reward and punishment. By calling for a feast of thanksgiving, the father is really asking each son to share his joy by recognizing the other as a brother.

The parable ends without our knowing how the older brother responds to this invitation. Jesus in effect is challenging each of us to think about how we respond to God's invitation, to open our hearts to his reconciling love and to become "merciful like the Father".



Lenten Penitential Prayer Service Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Lenten Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish with four priests available to hear confessions.

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

Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday, March 30

St. Gerard: Sunday, April 3

St. Alphonsus: Tuesday, April 5

St. Joseph the Worker: Thursday, April 7

Please note that all services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Spring Plant Sale Fundraiser

Hello fellow gardener,

It's that time of year when we start thinking of spring plants and gardening after surviving a long winter. Once again, the Refugee Sponsorship Project is running a spring plant sale.

Just like last year, you can go to www.glenleagreenhouses.com, click "Products" -> click "Spring Fundraiser Collection" and view all the vegetable and flower plants available for order. Be sure to list Holy Redeemer as the group you are supporting. 50% of the profits will go to the Refugee Sponsorship Project and 50% will go to the parish.

*** Deadline for online orders is April 15, but don't leave it too late.** As some of you discovered last year, this program is popular, and plants can be sold out, so the sooner you place your order the more likely you are to get what you really want. Please note that all prices include taxes.

*** Deadline for paper orders is April 9** and can be turned into the church office. Make cheques out to Holy Redeemer Parish.

*** Delivery date is Saturday May 14, 2022.** Orders will be ready to be picked up at 1:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for supporting us as we continue to work toward bringing our African family to Canada.

Joyce Loftson
(204-661-3045)

A Clarification on the Lifting of the General Dispensation from Sunday Mass From the Archdiocese of St. Boniface

The lifting of the general dispensation marks a return to normal liturgical practice, with the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Our desire, in doing so, is to foster a renewed sense of community in our parishes by encouraging the faithful to return to church in person.

However, this is made while assuring a spirit of safety, security and a respect for the physical or emotional well-being of people. If, therefore, for reasons of personal health or emotional well-being a parishioner is not ready to return to attending Mass in person, that person should not feel obligated to do so.

We ask pastors and all the faithful, to be aware of and respect the comfort levels of returning parishioners, as well as those of all who may be hesitant to return.



Share Lent 2022

People and Planet First

This year Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Share Lent campaign People and Planet First calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice. With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, People and Planet First, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

Envelopes for this year's Share Lent campaign can be found in your personal envelope box and on the counter in the gathering space. To learn more about the campaign please go to www.devp.org/sharelent.

Prayer for the Canadian Delegation's Visit to the Vatican

A Canadian delegation will visit the Vatican to meet the Holy Father from March 28 through April 1, 2022. The First Nations, Inuit, and Métis delegates will have the opportunity to share their personal stories of the legacy of Residential Schools and share their hopes concerning the Holy Father's eventual pilgrimage to Canada.

A few of the Indigenous communities in our diocese will be uniting themselves to this visit through prayer and by lighting a sacred fire in their respective communities.

In order to include the faithful of our diocese in this important unifying event for our Canadian Church, the Archdiocese encourages each parish to integrate a special time of prayer into a parish gathering over these few days.

At our parish, during the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday, April 1, the prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be recited.

For more details and resources concerning the Canadian delegation, please visit

<https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/indigenous-delegation-march-28-to-april-1-2022-vatican-city/>

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would open our hearts.

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation

In solidarity with the Indigenous Delegation to the Holy See, Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle has developed two resources: a prayer card and a document entitled Sacred Fire and Prayer Wave for Healing and Reconciliation.

The resources can be found on the Circle's website at: 2022-EN-Announcement-Delegation-prayer-resources-4.pdf (ourladyofguadalupecircle.ca)

Archdiocese of St. Boniface Web Page for Prayers and Actions for Ukraine

Visit the Archdiocese of St. Boniface's new web page, where you'll find prayers, videos, stories and links to reliable organizations that you can donate to in order to help refugees and Ukrainians in distress. Please visit the home page at www.archsaintboniface.ca

Church Events

Monday, March 28 to Monday, April 4, 2022

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 1

9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Video Series

Into His Likeness with Dr. Edward Sri

Episode 5: Transformed by Fire – Fellowship & Teaching

Friday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.

First Holy Eucharist Preparation Class

Sunday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Please note there is no Catechism on Thursday, March 31.

Lent 2022

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Fridays at 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Video Series

Into His Likeness with Dr. Edward Sri

Be Transformed As a Disciple of Christ

Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1: Episode 5

Transformed by Fire – Fellowship & Teaching

Having looked at the key habits of prayer and frequenting the sacraments, we turn now to two additional practices that help fuel the fire of faith: Christian friendship and formation. Together these habits help us keep strong in our faith and help us to grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

All are invited for this year's Lenten faith formation video series. *Into His Likeness* is a six-part video series by Dr. Edward Sri, a renowned Catholic teacher, author, and speaker. Each episode is approximately 30 minutes in length, and will be followed by a brief discussion until 7:15 p.m.

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.



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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.

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For March 2022

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, April 4, 2022

Sat. Mar 26 at 5 pm	†Fernando Phua Rizaldo (Elsa and Baudilio Chua)
Sun. Mar 27 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. Mar 27 at 10:30 am	†Elizabeth P. Reis (Alda Reis)
Tues. Mar 29 at 9 am	
Wed. Mar 30 at 9 am	
Thur. Mar 31 at 9 am	
Fri. April 1 at 9 am	
Sat. April 2 at 5 pm	†Fernando Phua Rizaldo (Elsa and Baudilio Chua)
Sun. April 3 at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. April 3 at 10:30 am	†Jacinta and Artur Pereira (Alda Reis)



Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers

