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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 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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May 14th, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

First Communion

On May 6, 2019, Pope Francis celebrated Mass and gave First Communion to 245 children in Rakovski, Bulgaria. A portion of his homily from that Mass is below:

"...Dear boys and girls, you have come here from every corner of this "Land of Roses" to take part in a wonderful celebration. I am sure you will never forget this day: your first encounter with Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

One of you might ask me: How can we meet Jesus? He lived a long time ago, but then he died and was laid in the tomb! It is true: Jesus carried out an immense act of love to save human beings of all times. He remained in the tomb for three days, but we know – the Apostles and many other witnesses who saw him alive have assured us – that God, his Father and ours, raised him up.

Now Jesus is alive and is here with us. That is why we can encounter him today in the Eucharist. We do not see him with our physical eyes, but we do see him with the eyes of faith...

As we heard in today's Gospel (cf. Jn 6:1-15), Jesus one day miraculously multiplied five loaves and two fish, satisfying the hunger of the crowd that followed him and listened to him. Did you notice how the miracle began? It started with one child who offered all he had: five loaves and two fish.

Like that child, you too have helped a miracle to take place today. The miracle by which all of us older people have recalled our own first meeting with Jesus in the Eucharist, and are filled with gratitude for that day.

Today you have made it possible for us to relive that joy and to celebrate Jesus, present in the Bread of Life. Some miracles can only take place if we have a heart like yours: a heart capable of sharing, dreaming, feeling gratitude, trusting and respecting other people.

Making your First Communion shows that you want to be closer to Jesus every day, to grow in friendship with him and to lead other people to share in the joy he wants us to feel. The Lord needs you, because he wants to work the miracle of bringing his joy to many of your friends and family members.

Dear boys and girls, I am happy to share this great moment with you and help you meet Jesus. For you, this is a day to be celebrated in a spirit of friendship, a spirit of joy and fraternity.

In a spirit also of communion among yourselves and with the whole Church, which, especially in the Eucharist, expresses the communion that makes all of us brothers and sisters. This is our identity card: God is our Father, Jesus is our brother, the Church is our family. All of us are brothers and sisters, and our law is love..."

Welcome Seminarian Joseph Emmanuel

We would like to welcome seminarian Joseph Emmanuel to our parish, who will be joining us starting this weekend, and will be assisting Father Anthony at all Masses.

Mr. Emmanuel is from the Congo and he is studying to be a priest in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. He is about to begin his Theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

He will be at our parish in order to help him learn to speak Canadian English. His first language is French and he has just finished his basic course in English. All are encouraged to welcome Mr. Emmanuel and to make him feel at home to help him improve his English. He will be with us until August, at which time he will go to London for his studies.

May we all welcome, support and pray for Mr. Emmanuel on his journey to the priesthood.

Condolences

In faith and love, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner and Knights of Columbus member Gregory Bohonos who passed away on April 25, 2023. We join with them in prayer during this difficult time of loss.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, with the date still pending. Gregory's family has kindly requested that his family and friends visit his tribute page at EthicalDeathCare.com.

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 brother so that she may present him to Jesus. Eternal rest grant unto Gregory, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

*"Dearest mothers, thank you,
thank you for what you are in your family
and for what you give to the Church and the world."*

Pope Francis

*Congratulations, Blessings, and Best Wishes
to all our Holy Redeemer mothers, grandmothers,
great-grandmothers and godmothers...
both here on earth and in the heavenly kingdom!*



Please Pray For Our Confirmation Children

Please pray for Anniah, Cecelia, Henry, Julia, Juriel, Katherine, Magdalena, Milo, Ryan, and Tobin Z as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please take a moment to see their pictures on the Catechism Bulletin Board.

You are invited to be witnesses as these 10 young people receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. with Archbishop Albert LeGatt presiding.

Food for Thought: Households of Faith

Following on the success of the former *Renew* and *Arise* programs, the Archdiocese is encouraging parishes to once again invite parishioners to form small faith sharing groups entitled *Households of Faith* within their community.

A *Household of Faith* is a small group of 6 to 10 people from a variety of backgrounds and life journeys who come together on a regular basis, at least once a month, for approximately 90 minutes. The purpose of this time together is to get to know one another, grow in new friendships and strengthen our parish community, while sharing and reflecting on the Holy Scriptures using a simple process.

Over the summer we hope you will give some thought to either hosting or joining a group in the fall. For more information, please go to www.archsaintboniface.ca

Spring Plant Fundraiser

Just a reminder that your plant order pick up will be on Saturday, May 27 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Many thanks to those who participated in this fundraiser to support our refugee family, as well as the church funding at large. Happy Planting!

Refugee Committee News

Our Refugee Committee continues to work hard to rescue a family from a refugee camp in Zambia. Since starting this project 5 years ago, we are finally expecting their arrival within the next few months. The family consists of the father, mother, daughters ages 19, 15, 9 and sons ages 17, 12 (twins) and 5.

We are now able to accept donations of new or gently used household items such as small appliances, dishes, cutlery + utensils, pot + pans, clean bedding + towels. Please no clothes or large furniture for now. Items can be brought to the church starting the weekend of May 20 & 21.

For inquiries, call Chris 204-294-1422 or Marina 204-661-2932.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Ladies Auxiliary Are Once Again Requesting Donations of "NEW Baby Items" For our Mother's Day Drive

The donations will be sent to The Family Support Center (formerly known as: Crisis Pregnancy Centre) on Broadway Ave. as well as Life Culture (Formerly; Life's Vision) They support new Mom's and baby programs for the inner city area and Steinbach area.

New and gently used clothing, disposable diapers, blankets, bottles, soothers, and formula are an idea of the items needed. We also accept cash donations! A display will be setup in the gathering space.

If you require more information call: June Gray-204-668-5382.

Follow Us On Social Media

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Church Events

May 14 to May 26, 2023

First Communion Celebration

Sunday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.



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

Campaign Life Coalition Manitoba Banquet Friday, May 26, 2023

Join Jim Hughes, guest speaker, for our CLC MB annual fundraising banquet. Jim Hughes was president of the CLC for over 30 years. Over the years, he directed CLC's efforts to mobilize pro-life Canadians to nominate and elect pro-life and pro-family candidates to public office at all levels of government.

The Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday May 26 at Holy Eucharist Hall, 460 Munroe Avenue in Winnipeg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50. Tables of 6 \$300.

Please RSVP by May 18 at 204-452-2459.





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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For May 2023

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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, May 13 to Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sat. May 13 at 5 pm For God's Blessings for Analia and Rosalie (*Grandmother*)

Sun. May 14 at 10 am †Maria Farias (*Alda Reis*)

Tues. May 16 at 9 am

Wed. May 17 at 9 am

Thur. May 18 at 9 am

Fri. May 19 at 9 am

Sat. May 20 at 5 pm †Michael Maksymowicz (*Wife*)

Sun. May 21 at 10 am †Anne Zak (*Mandrick Family*)

The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Liz Patzer and Vera Taylor

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri and Amely Musafiri

Music:

Mass, May 21 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Ifan, Milly and Austin Lim

Lectors: Marge Kohut and Donna Jacobson

Gift Bearers: Davedow Family

Altar Server: Paul Kosowan

Ushers:

Music: Couples for Christ

