

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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**“As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”
John 20.21**

***Pentecost Sunday*
*May 31, 2020***

**“Lord, send forth your Spirit,
and renew the face
of the earth.”
Psalm 104**

From Pastor’s Table

Dear Parishioners,

We know there are 40 days of Lent before Easter. Do we know also, there are 40 days of Eastertide until the Feast of Ascension? Why did Jesus remain with them 40 days after the Resurrection? It was so crucial of a period for the Apostles and the early Christians. They were so surprisingly shifted from old ways of life. A radical changeover happened in their life. The reason was the Risen Lord. “I am with you always”, is the promise Jesus gave to the Apostles. It was the period of Magic and period of Transition for the Apostles. Was it a period of transition, for us too? In this weird period of pandemic, we have found different means to celebrate our Faith and Christian Life every day. In the darkness of time, we have searched for God more intently. I am with you always is the message for us when Christ ascended into Heaven. Let us move on with his words of encouragement. The Feast of Pentecost after the Feast of Resurrection is the day Christ fed the Church with Holy Spirit, the extraordinary gift to us. Let us revive our Christian life with the help of Holy Spirit.

Wishing all of you very happy feasts of The Feast of the Ascension of Lord and Pentecost. These feasts tell us that God does not leave us. He is with us as He said, I am with you always.

Father Doss

Are you hungry for the Eucharist? Are you missing your Prayers in the Church? Come and pray in the Church, as our Church is open from 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday to Friday. If you want to visit the Blessed Sacrament and pray personally, you are most welcome. If anybody would like to attend the Private Mass with Father Doss, please contact him. We would like to inform you that we take extraordinary health care and provide a healthy atmosphere in the Church. We sanitize and disinfect in the Church everyday. If anybody wants to receive Holy Communion, please contact Father Doss to arrange a time with him. We also recommend you to come with your mask and gloves. As well, you can stay in the parking lot and Father Doss can bring Holy Communion to the parking lot where you are inside your car.

We also got some good news from the Diocese that the number of Mass participants are increased to 25. So if anyone wants to attend either weekday or weekend Masses, please contact Fr. Doss to add your name in the list of participants. If we are going to get more people, we will be having two Masses at 10 a.m. and 11.30 am on Sundays with 25 people for each Mass.

Thank you parishioners for remembering your parish during this time. We are very grateful for your generous donations. Blessings to all of you.

Coronavirus: 'Beyond the Crisis,' Reflection of Father Lombardi (2) Rediscovery of the Lord's Time

Given the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic, Father Federico Lombardi, S.J. has written a series of articles to look beyond, to the future that awaits us, published by "Vatican News."

In this second part, the Jesuit priest speaks of the "shock" that our accelerated lives have received and of the rediscovery of the Lord's time during the pandemic. "The time for the Lord can seem marginal in a day, but in reality, it is the time in which a source of meaning and order can emerge for the rest of the time of our lives in the light of the Gospel."

Here is a portion of the second part of the unabridged article published by "Vatican News." The whole article may be viewed at <https://zenit.org/articles/coronavirus-beyond-the-crisis-reflection-of-father-lombardi-2/>

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One of the first observations that Pope Francis makes in the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, looking at "what is happening in our home," refers to "acceleration," namely, the continuous acceleration of the changes of humanity and of the planet, together with the intensification of the rhythms of life and of work. He observes that this speed is in disagreement with the natural times of biological evolution and he wonders if the objectives of the changes are oriented to the common good and to an integral and sustainable human development.

Now this ever more accelerated race has suffered a formidable shock. The indexes of economic activity are altered, our agendas have been revolutionized, our appointments and trips have been canceled. For many people, the time has become empty and they are disoriented.

Yes . . . time . . . how should it be lived? Of what use is it in the end? There is the time of activity, but there is also the time of waiting full of joy, the time of being together and of loving one another, the time of contemplation of beauty, the time of long nights of insomnia, of waiting in suffering . . . There is also the possibility of wasting much time unnecessarily. Of becoming bitter out of a sensation of uselessness and emptiness . . . There is also the time to be with oneself . . . Does the time also exist to be with God? When we are full of life, we often push it to the margins of existence, because we find innumerable things to do before, which seem more urgent or agreeable, whereas being before the Lord can be postponed.

For many people this strange time of staying at home due to the pandemic, has been a time to rediscover prayer. We wonder if the reduced possibility of going to church will affect the faith and spiritual life negatively; however, it can also be a moment in which — as Jesus said to the Samaritan woman — we learn to adore the Lord in spirit and in truth everywhere, including at home where we are obliged to stay, including in a forced exterior activity. Jesus adds that the Spirit blows where and when it wills, but without excluding that we too can offer <the Spirit> occasions and ways to blow, helping us mutually to maintain alive, in a thousand ways, the presence of God on the horizon of our time, through witness, word, and closeness in charity.

The time for the Lord might seem marginal in the day, but in reality, it is the time from which a source can emerge of meaning and order for the rest of the time of our lives, in the light of the Gospel. What has been good in my days, in this day of mine? With what spirit have I lived my relations with persons entrusted to me or that I have met? We have all heard talk of the "examination of conscience," to place ourselves before God and thus put our lives in order. However, we have often forgotten it. Is not the pandemic that has altered the rhythms of our lives an unexpected occasion to reorder them so that they find their purpose and meaning, not only for ourselves but also for our human community?

Non-Perishable Food Collection

There is a food bank at Fort Alexander/Sagkeeng that Winnipeg Harvest has served for a number of years now. However, with the onset of COVID 19 in March, Winnipeg Harvest has not been able to continue to bring them food supplies. At the same time, the needs of the people in the area have increased. Therefore, Archbishop Albert has decided to do a food drive among many of the city parishes of St. Boniface Diocese.

Here are some of the items that would be appreciated: sugar, flour, yeast, peanut butter, soups, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, porridge, cream of wheat, brown sugar, potatoes, carrots, Klik, salmon tins, baby food, rice, pampers; pork & beans; cheese whiz; jam; dried peas; granola bars; cookies; crackers; jello; pudding; lard, etc.

Date: From Monday June 1 to Friday June 5

Time: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: St. Alphonsus Parish Office, 341 Munroe Avenue right beside the school.

Please park in the school parking lot and come to the office.

You will be shown where to place your donation.

Kid's Corner

Last Sunday we celebrated the Ascension of the Jesus Christ. After Jesus' resurrection, He spent 40 days on earth, instructing His followers. Jesus then returned to be with His Father in heaven. In last week's Gospel, Jesus told His disciples to go and tell the whole world about Him. Jesus told them to make disciples, to teach and to baptize. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised He would always be with them. Today is not that different, we become members of the church through Baptism. We too are called to be share the Good News, to go forth and make disciples.

The Season of Easter concludes with this Sunday's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. 50 days after Easter, God sent the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples strength and courage to continue the mission begun by Jesus Christ. When we are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit in our lives. We continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus' mission. The Holy Spirit reminds us to help others, pray for people who are sick and be kind to our brothers and sisters. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost.

Watch 'The Holy Spirit Comes' from the scripture Acts 2. <https://youtu.be/KwJJJoSGw84>

Visit our website for a Pentecost family prayer service and a crossword activity.

Catechism and Sacramental Registration

Catechism and Sacramental registration will unfortunately not be able to take place in person at this time. Please visit our website, <https://holyredeemerrcparish.ca/pastoral/catechism/>. Please remember to review the registration information page, <https://holyredeemerrcparish.ca/wp-content/uploads/Registration-Information-Policy-handout-2020-2021.pdf>. Please fill in the appropriate forms for **each** of your children. You are invited to drop off or mail in your completed forms along with the registration fees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Copp at 204-669-0501, ext. 3 or religious.ed@hrwpg.ca

Catechists Needed

Can you hear the Lord calling YOU? A great way to deepen your relationship with Him is to offer your gifts. A way to live out your faith is by sharing it with our children of Holy Redeemer. We are needing Catechists to join our team to prepare for this fall. Will YOU respond to this call?

Please contact Sandra Copp at 204-669-0501, ext 3 or religious.ed@hrwpg.ca

St. Malo Grotto – A Comforting Place to Pray during the Pandemic

The St. Malo Grotto, an open air space, is an ideal destination for those seeking spiritual comfort while practicing safe social distancing. Just East of Hwy. 59 in St. Malo. Always open, seven days a week!

Thank You For Your Contributions From May 4 – May 17, 2020

Offerings (44 envelopes)	\$4,142.00	Contingency Fund (2 envelopes)	\$30.00
Direct Deposit	875.00	Direct Deposit	<u>50.00</u>
Loose Change	30.00	Total	\$80.00
Credit Card via Archdiocese		Year to Date	\$5,305.75
Website (April 4-30)	<u>970.00</u>		
Total	\$6,017.00		
Year to Date	\$71,540.80		

How To Donate To Your Parish

Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the church from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Friday. If you would like to sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca. As well, you may donate online by going to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface website and click on the button "Donate to your parish during the COVID-19 pandemic".

Thank you for your generosity.

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