

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Office Hours: Tues. to Thur. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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As I Have Loved You

Today's Gospel reading takes place right after last week's reading, where through the parable of the vine and the branches Jesus taught on the importance of bearing fruit and remaining in union with him.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues teaching on the importance of bearing fruit and focuses on the importance of love.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12.

This is a difficult teaching. How can we love someone we do not like or that wants to hurt us? Jesus asks us to love as he loves.

Jesus loves completely and unconditionally. He loves his enemies, those who persecute him, those who sin and cause suffering. Jesus's love is not limited to only those who are his friends.

Every person we meet is loved by God, not for what they do or don't do, but because of who they are; a child of God. Jesus is asking us to love the same way.

Love is not the same as like. We may not like what some people do, but we are called to love them. Love is to will the good of the other. We are asked to love each other because we are all children of God.

This may seem impossible by human standards, but we are not alone in this journey we call life. As Jesus said in last week's parable of the vine and the branches, we cannot bear fruit without Jesus and we are to remain in him as he always remains in us.



Mothers' Day Blessing Prayer

Loving God,
Bless all mothers and mother-figures,
for their self-giving love, encouragement, and sacrifices.

Strengthen them in their vision to see beyond this world
to a Hope that never disappoints,
and to a God who will never leave or abandon them.

May Mother Mary
guide them to that wisdom
to love without limit;
to pray without ceasing;
to persevere even in the most difficult moments of life;
and to know the joy of your unconditional love
for them and for their children.

Bless them with the knowledge
that they are loved, valued, and cherished;
that every prayer they have prayed,
every encouraging word they have spoken,
every selfless deed they have done
have nourished the hearts of their children
and given hope to the world.

Bless our mothers whom you have called home
to live with you in that special place
you have prepared for them in your Kingdom of Love.

Grant that we may always honour them
with a spirit of profound love, respect, and gratitude.
This we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*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!*



Condolences

In faith and love we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Magdalena (Lena) Stroet, a long-time parishioner of Holy Redeemer, and we join with them in prayer during this difficult time of loss.

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 Magdalena, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Special Invitation to all Those Who Feel Called by God to be Catechists or Catechetical Assistants

Wow, what a year it has been! During this past year, our Catechism program was completed by the parents, grandparents, and families through the Home Program. We thank all that participated.

If the restrictions are lifted, we will start offering our Catechism program in the parish building in late September. If restrictions are not lifted this fall, we are hoping to offer online sessions.

Either way, we need Catechists and Catechetical Assistants to come and share their faith with children from grades 1 through 6. Can you hear the Lord calling YOU? A great way to deepen your relationship with God is to offer your gifts. A way to live out your faith is by sharing it with our children of Holy Redeemer.

If you are a person of faith, you may be an ideal candidate to fill the role of Catechist or Assistant. Catechism classes are held from late September to early May on Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Training, leader manuals and resource materials will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Kate at the parish office 204-669-0501 or email kateklassen@live.com. Thank you.

COVID-19 Restrictions Update Effective April 28, 2021

On April 28, the provincial government extended its Code Red Alert for all of Manitoba until at least May 26, but with a tightening of some restrictions.

With these new restrictions, regular religious services are limited to 25% capacity or 10 people, whichever is lower, with physical distancing measures in place. Masks must be worn at all times, including the liturgical team.

For Holy Redeemer parish, this means that we can have a maximum of 10 people attending each Mass. Please note that the liturgical team (presider, parish life director, server, cantor, etc.) are not counted as part of the 10-person limit, however we have been asked to downsize our liturgical team. Also, the staff in their offices are also not counted as part of the 10.

The limit for weddings, baptisms, and funerals remain unchanged at 10 people in addition to an officiant, photographer, funeral director, etc.

If you would like to attend a weekday or weekend Mass, please call the office the week prior to book a space. Bookings will take place on a first come, first served basis

Thank you for your continued patience and care for one another. Stay safe.



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



How to Donate to your Parish

1. Parishioners may drop off their donations during Mass.
2. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
3. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. Donations may be sent in by mail.
5. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
6. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available after the Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Also available by appointment; please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please call the office.





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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For May 2021

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with
governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect
citizens from its dangers.

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, May 8 to Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sat. May 8 at 5 pm	†Conceicao Mederos (<i>Alda Reis</i>)
Sun. May 9 at 9 am	†James Binner (<i>Allan Garvey</i>)
Sun. May 9 at 10:30 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Tues. May 11	No Liturgy
Wed. May 12	No Liturgy
Thur. May 13 at 9 am	†Lena Stroet (<i>Knights of Columbus</i>)
Fri. May 14 at 9 am	All of the souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of F.O.S.S. (<i>donor</i>) Saint Matthias
Sat. May 15 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. May 16 at 9 am	†Allan Sauve (<i>Alda Reis</i>)
Sun. May 16 at 10:30 am	†Michael Maksymowicz (<i>wife</i>)

Mass Information During Time of Pandemic PLEASE

Due to the most recent restrictions due to Code Red:

1. Only **10** people are allowed at each Mass. The doors of the church will be locked at the beginning of Mass.
2. Two-meter physical distancing is **obligatory** in the church, gathering space and parking lot.
3. When being seated kindly sit **singly** at the pre-measured number signs. If you notice 2 numbered signs together, please leave it for couples.
4. Masks are obligatory (if you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons please see Sister Maria).
5. Please arrive at least 5 – 10 minutes before Mass. This is to ensure that the Greeter can check you in by the time Mass begins. Doors will be locked once Mass begins.
6. If you would like to attend a weekend or weekday Mass, please call the office the week prior to book a space. Bookings will take place on a first come, first served basis.
7. For the purpose of contact tracing, if ever needed, please add your **phone number** next to your name.

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