

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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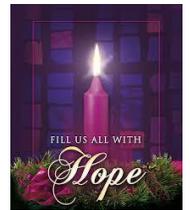
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## First Sunday of Advent November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Hope



Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. While there are still restrictions due to COVID-19, this is the first time in two years we have been able to gather in person for Mass for Advent.

According to the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Advent has a twofold character. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

In the Northern Hemisphere, Advent takes place during the darkest time of the year. Advent candles demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In this darkness, we await the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

The Advent Wreath, shaped in the form of a circle and wrapped in evergreens, speaks of God's unending love for us, and of the equality of all peoples gathered around Jesus.

The four candles, pointing to the four directions of the world, speak to us: of Jesus coming to bring the light of his hope, peace, joy, and love to everyone; of the four thousand years the Jewish people waited for a Messiah; of our own four weeks of Advent waiting and longing.

As we light each candle, we pray that its increasing brightness speak to us of the approaching nearness of the birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us. This weekend we will light the first candle, which symbolizes hope, on the Advent wreath.

Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen: a feeling of trust. During Advent, we anticipate the Lord's coming with hope. This is a hope that encourages our faith in a merciful God who continues to pour his grace upon us. In hope, we know that real and lasting joy awaits in the Lord's promise of our salvation.

*"The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"*

Pope Francis

## **Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Christmas Eve to Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Epiphany**

### **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Christmas Eve**

Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(Please note there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass this day)

### **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Christmas Day**

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)

### **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

#### **New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

#### **New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass New Year's Day)

### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - Feast of the Epiphany**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled the week of Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

**Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space starting the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **Advent Penitential Prayer Service December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

On Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., there will be an Advent Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish with three priests available to hear confessions.

We encourage all to attend the penitential service even if you do not take part in individual reconciliation.

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

Tuesday, December 14 - Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 15 – St. Joseph the Worker

Friday, December 17 – St. Gerard

Sunday, December 19 – St. Alphonsus

The Penitential Prayer Services begin at 7:00 p.m. at all locations.

There is no need to sign up beforehand, however you will need to sign in upon arrival. Thank you.

## **Catechism News**

The last Catechism classes for this calendar year will be on December 9. Classes will resume on January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Children in grade 3 and up are welcome to attend the Advent Reconciliation service on Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. with their parents.

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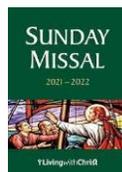
## **2022 Offering Envelopes Are Ready**

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the gathering space. We encourage you to pick them up as soon as possible, either when coming for Mass or by stopping in during office hours.

If you are missing your envelopes or would like to start receiving envelopes please contact the office.

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## **2021 – 2022 Sunday Missals Available**



The Sunday Missals for this liturgical year, which begins with the first Sunday of Advent, are now available. You can obtain a Missal in the gathering space for \$6.00 each.

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## **'Illuminate' Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy Parish (135 John Forsyth Road in Winnipeg).

Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. All are welcome!

For more information, please visit [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or [www.facebook.com/illuminatemb](https://www.facebook.com/illuminatemb)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to COVID-19 space restrictions, you must sign up in advance in order to attend. Unfortunately, we will only be able to accept the first 100 registrations.

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The picks of the week for November 28 are:

**Watch:** The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

**Learn:** Advent

**Listen:** Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn



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

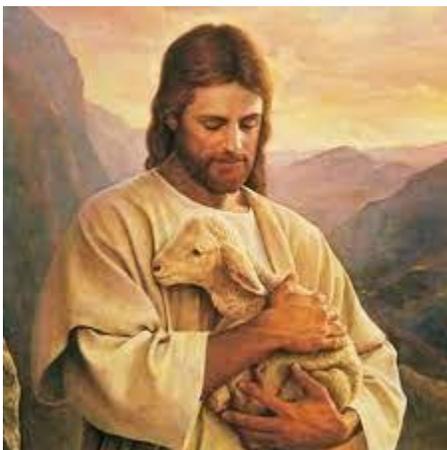
**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** Available by appointment. Please call the office.

**Baptism:** Please email Sister Maria 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



**Church Events**

*Please Wear A Mask For All Events  
Social Distancing Must Be Maintained*



**Catechism**

Thursday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

**First Reconciliation Preparation Session  
For Parents and Children**

Saturday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.

**Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting**

Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

**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](mailto:finance@hrwpg.ca).
3. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Donations may be sent in by mail.
5. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.





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### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2021

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, November 27 to Sunday, December 5, 2021

<b>Sat. Nov 27</b> at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
<b>Sun. Nov 28</b> at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
<b>Sun. Nov 28</b> at 10:30 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Tues. Nov 30</b> at 9 am	All of the Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of F.O.S.S. ( <i>donor</i> )
<b>Saint Andrew</b>	
<b>Wed. Dec 1</b> at 9 am	
<b>Thur. Dec 2</b> at 9 am	All of the Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of F.O.S.S. ( <i>donor</i> )
<b>Fri. Dec 3</b> at 9 am	+Katherine Schwenk ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>Saint Francis Xavier</b>	
<b>Sat. Dec 4</b> at 5 pm	
<b>Sun. Dec 5</b> at 9 am	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
<b>Sun. Dec 5</b> at 10:30 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>

### Government of Manitoba Pandemic Directives Effective October 26, 2021

Under current health orders, our maximum limit with physical distancing in church is approximately 80 people. The limit for weddings, baptisms, funerals and prayer vigils for the deceased is 25 people.

Please note that by decision of the Archdiocese, parishes will not require the faithful to present proof of vaccination.

As you all know COVID-19 has not disappeared. Even if you have been "Double Vacc'd" you can still contract the COVID-19 virus, usually with less severity. Or you can be "A-Symptomatic" and not even know that you carry the COVID-19 Virus.

Just a reminder to keep on following the protocols as so many of you have been doing so faithfully and patiently. As much as we are all tired, it is critical that we continue to follow and respect all public health protocols that are in place:

1. Ensuring that we maintain six feet apart social distancing.
2. The sanitizing of hands.
3. Mandatory mask wearing.
4. When you process for Holy Communion, please ensure that you maintain a six-foot distance between the person in front and the person behind you.
5. We ask that after Mass no one is to congregate in the church for any length of time.
6. If you experience flu like symptoms or are not feeling well in a general matter, we ask that you refrain from coming to Mass, as there are many options of following the Sunday Mass on TV or YouTube.
7. Do not hesitate to get tested for COVID-19, as the virus can present mild symptoms in vaccinated people.

If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please call or email the office the week prior to book a space. We still need to have a list of names and numbers of all those attending for the purpose of contact tracing. Thank you.