

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

### *Come Lord Jesus*

Advent is the season where we await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ with joyful expectation. We await both the Christmas feast of Christ's Incarnation and his Second Coming at the end of time.

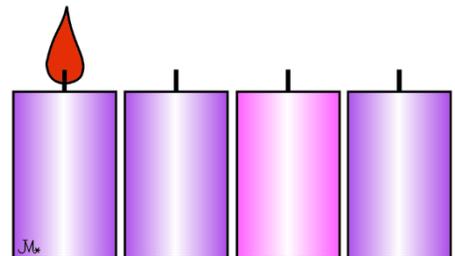
Pope Francis said, "Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return." (Angelus December 3 2017).

This week the reading from Mark's Gospel presents the theme of the Lord's return at the end of time. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness so that one will be ready when the Son of Man comes. While some try to predict when the end times will occur, only the Father knows.

This call for watchfulness is a reminder to live our lives in Christ. To keep him in our minds and hearts. Jesus calls us to continual transformation and conversion. We are called to be vigilant in our faith life and to be aware of things that may take us away from the Lord.

In today's second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that Jesus has given them the spiritual gifts to strengthen them to the end. The Corinthian church had its share of problems but God was always there with them.

We are human and we are all a work in progress. God understands. He knows our struggles, weaknesses and sufferings. Despite our imperfections, he does not give up on his people. He is a faithful and loving Father. Like the Corinthians, we have also been given spiritual gifts and God will give us the strength we need.



**Come, Lord Jesus, for the sake of your people.**

## COVID-19 Update

The entire province of Manitoba is under Code Red Alert as of Thursday, November 12th. Please be advised that there can be NO gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses. No in-person services can take place for at least four weeks.

If you need to get in touch with the parish: please contact the office and leave a message, or email Sister Maria at [cicarellim@shaw.ca](mailto:cicarellim@shaw.ca), and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Let us remember to pray for each other and for our province, country and world during this time of pandemic.

May Jesus & Mary enfold you and your families with their protection, tenderness and peace.

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## Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering.

In French at 9:00 a.m. and in English at 10:30 a.m.

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians: [youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live](https://youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live) or on the Diocese's Facebook page at [facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live](https://facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live).

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## Television Masses

While you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

## Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers

For the past several years, the Knights of Columbus and Holy Redeemer Parish have provided Christmas Food Hampers to some of our parishioners and the surrounding community.

This year, due to the Coronavirus, we are unable to accept food donations from our generous parishioners and have been told by authorities that the practice of assembling hampers is not allowed at this time.

We are also aware that many families may be experiencing hardships this year due to layoffs and disruptions to income.

For these reasons, we are making some changes to the way we are going to handle our assistance this year.

We are not going to use the list that we have used in previous years.

**If you are in need of assistance this year, please contact the Knights of Columbus at Holy Redeemer Parish to make a request and we will attempt to accommodate you.**

Sincerely,  
Gerald Ouellette, Grand Knight



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## Share a Photo of Your Nativity Scene With The Archdiocese

Let us share and spread the festive spirit that comes with the season of Advent. The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface invites you to share your beautiful nativity scenes and your favourite holiday tradition as a way for us to celebrate as one family.

Give inspiration and get inspiration while viewing how families/parishes/homes have prepared for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ with their nativity scenes and traditions.

We will be sharing your submissions on our Facebook page, the website, and the Youth Ministry Instagram account.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=1038>.

## Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert December 3, 2020

Covid-19 cannot stop Christmas, and this year the Daughters of St Paul choir's Christmas Concert is finally making it to Canada... virtually!

The Daughters of St Paul are an international congregation of religious sisters who evangelize through the media. This year has offered the sisters the unique opportunity to launch their first ever virtual concert, "Home for Christmas," with choir members joining in from their homes to sing to you in yours!

We hope to see you there, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.pauline.org/virtualconcert> for more information.



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

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### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Available by appointment. Please email Father Owen or call the office.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Available by appointment. Please email Father Owen or call the office.

**Baptism:** Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

**Marriage:** Please call the office one year in advance.

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## How May We Help?

If there is anything you need from us please do not hesitate to call. If we are not able to answer your call please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

### Paper Copies of the Bulletin

If you or someone you know would like a paper copy of the bulletin please contact the office.

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### How to Donate to your Parish

1. 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).
2. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
3. Donations may be sent in by mail.
4. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
5. 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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Although we have no Masses at this time, please continue to pray for all of our parishioners and for an end to this pandemic.

## Feasts For November 29 – December 6 2020

Sunday Nov 29      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Monday Nov 30      Saint Andrew  
Thursday Dec 3      Saint Francis Xavier  
Sunday Dec 6      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Saint Andrew

Andrew, along with his brother Simon Peter, was one of the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ. According to tradition, Andrew was crucified in Patras (in Greece). He asked to be nailed to a cross different from the Cross of Jesus. He was crucified on a diagonal or X shaped cross, which has become known as St. Andrew's Cross. Andrew is the patron saint of fishers and singers, and many countries including Scotland.



### Saint Francis Xavier

Francis was born in Spain in 1506. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa India, Southeast Asia and Japan. He died in 1552 on the way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1622 by Gregory XV, and is the patron saint of missions.



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## Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2020

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be  
nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.