

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rev. Owen Steeves, Priest Moderator

Sr. Maria Ciccarelli, SNJM, Parish Life Director

Ken Perrett and Wayne Johnson, Deacons

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

### *The Power of Forgiveness*

*Peter came and said to Jesus,*

*“Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?”*

*Jesus said to him,*

*“Not seven times; but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”*

Matthew 18.21-35

We hurt each other...sometimes through selfishness, sometimes through carelessness, sometimes through infidelity, sometimes through cruel intention. However, even with the best intentions, even with no malice inside us, we sometimes cannot not hurt each other. Our human situation is simply too complex at times for us not to wound each other. Irrespective of whether there is moral fault or intended cruelty, there is still deep hurt, sometimes so deep that, this side of eternity, no healing seems to be able to take place.

The heart of God is a heart of mercy and compassion. God is always patient with us; he understands us; he waits for us. He does not tire of forgiving us. What God wants is for everyone to come to the unlimited waters of divine mercy.

Forgiveness is God's solution to coming to terms with a world in which, despite their best intentions, people are unfair to each other and hurt each other deeply. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it unlocks the future. It is love's power to break the terrible cycle of evil. Refusal to forgive weighs us down and keeps us in bondage.

The incredible power and mercy that came into our world in Jesus is still with us, at least if we choose to activate it. We are the Body of Christ. What Jesus did for us, we can do for each other. Our love and forgiveness are the cords that connect us to God, to salvation, and to the communion of saints.

Jesus invites each of us to allow God to come into that inner center of our being where only God can touch, heal, and transform the inner workings of our hearts. When we find ourselves in the midst of a very personal and painful experience, when the wound is so deep and raw, let us pray for the grace to find ourselves the courage to say, “I forgive.”



## Farewell from Carmen and Radu Florescu

“After so many years of shared memories, it is time for us to say farewell! Please extend our gratitude to all our dear parishioners from Holy Redeemer; we will treasure all the moments we spent together. Take care of yourselves,”

Carmen and Radu

We are sad to say farewell to parishioners Carmen and Radu Florescu as they have recently moved to the west coast. We thank them for their years of service to our parish and wish them all the best.

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## Holy Redeemer Fundraising Committee

Our parish is in the planning stages of putting together a fundraising committee. If any parishioners are interested in forming a parish fundraising committee, please contact the office.

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## Employment Opportunity Catechetical Coordinator Position

Are you someone of faith who enjoys working with children and their families? Holy Redeemer is seeking to fill the Catechetical Coordinator paid position (flexible part-time hours, including evenings and weekends).

Responsibilities include coordinating the Catechetical Program for Grades K-6; the Sacramental Program for our young people and their parents: first Reconciliation (Gr. 2), first Eucharist (Gr. 3), Confirmation Program (Gr. 7) and the Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word.

However, during this time of pandemic:

- a. The need to consider online/home programs & resources for parents & students as well as possible face-to-face with pandemic protocols in place
- b. Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word has been suspended presently

Previous experience is desirable and computer knowledge an asset. If interested, please submit your application to the Holy Redeemer parish office at [office@hrwpg.ca](mailto:office@hrwpg.ca). Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

## Food Bank News

On Friday September 18, Holy Redeemer Food Bank will once again open their doors to the community. We will begin with a small group of volunteers strictly adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines. We are not accepting food donations at this time, but monetary donations are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support to this worthwhile community service.

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## Welcome Back to Prayer Shawl Ministry 2020

Regular meetings of the Holy Redeemer Prayer Shawl Ministry will be resuming. Our first gathering is tentatively set for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the hall kitchen at Holy Redeemer Parish

Created several years ago, Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of ambitious and very talented women who have come together for friendship and prayer to knit and crochet beautiful shawls. These shawls are given freely to anyone who is experiencing illness, bereavement or other loss and also to celebrate the joyous birth or Baptism of a child. Our delight is in the giving of our time and talent; yarn is supplied. Join us in this year's creative endeavors on the third Tuesday of the month. We warmly welcome new members and no matter what your degree of skill is, we will help you along.

If you cannot knit or crochet but would like to support our ministry, you may contribute toward the purchase of yarn by dropping a monetary donation in the collection basket. Clearly mark your stationery envelope "Prayer Shawl Ministry." Cheques should be made out to *Holy Redeemer Parish, Prayer Shawl Ministry* (one adult shawl costs approximately \$20 to produce).

For more information, please contact—

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## Be Informed on BILL C-7 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code.

If passed, Bill C-7 expands the eligibility criteria for physician-assisted dying even when natural death is not reasonably foreseeable or allowing a person to waive their final consent when death is foreseeable, putting them in a vulnerable position.

As Catholics, we affirm the right to life, which cannot be taken away by others, the importance of compassion by relieving pain and suffering of the sick and dying and the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us.

We need a public, transparent process taking into account inviolable moral and ethical principles where all voices are heard. Be sure your member of parliament (MP) hears your opinion!

Send an e-mail, letter, or use the electronic form here: <https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/> For more information, visit the Marriage, Family & Life "News and Activities" page on the diocesan website at <https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/main.php?p=401>

### How to Donate to Your Parish

Parishioners may drop off their donations during Mass. Donations may also be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or they may be sent by mail. We ask that you do not donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card, as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs. However, we strongly encourage for you to sign up for direct deposit by contacting the office at 204-669-0501 or [finance@hrwpg.ca](mailto:finance@hrwpg.ca).

Thank you for your continued generosity.



**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**  
Monday September 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Gathering Space (please bring a mask)

**Knights of Columbus General Meeting**  
Tuesday September 15  
Mass 6:30 p.m.  
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Food Bank**  
Friday September 18



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

### Life's Vision's Annual Life Hike 2020 Virtual Presentation

Due to Covid-19, this year's Life Hike will be virtual. Join us the evening of Friday, September 25 for opening announcements, and then submit photos and/or videos of you and your family hiking for ALL LIFE by 4:00 PM Saturday, September 26. Collected video and picture submissions will be presented Saturday evening.

Reach out to your prolife acquaintances to receive pledges for your chance to win the ULTIMATE PRIZE – a family pass to the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Pledge forms and more information available at [bit.ly/lifehike20](http://bit.ly/lifehike20) or call the office at 204-233-8047



