

# Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish



Archdiocese of St. Boniface

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2020

### *God's Infinite Abundance*

*"My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways."*

Isaiah 55:8

There are times when we just cannot understand why God does not see things our way. Why doesn't he just give us the job we want or the healing we are asking for or the reconciliation we long for? However, we also know that, in this life at least, we won't always understand God's ways.

Today's Gospel illustrates this point exactly. Who would pay the same wage to the labourer who arrived early and the one arrived an hour before quitting time? Only God can be that generous. The parable provokes one of the most primitive cries of childhood, when one sibling gets a better shake than another, the one who feels cheated screams: "But that's not fair!"

However, before we dismiss this parable and put it back on the shelf marked, "*Bible passages not to be taken seriously*", let us consider the possibility that there is a lesson to be learned here. The parable takes an unexpected turn when the workers filed by to receive their wages; they were all paid the same wage no matter how long they worked.

Yes, God's ways are above our ways. He gives his love and mercy without measure, without cost, to anyone who comes to him. Early bird or latecomer, sinner or saint – all are welcome.

Just like the Parable of the Sower who scattered seeds indiscriminately on the path, amidst the thorns, amongst the rocks on good soil and bad... Jesus reveals to us in the Parable of the Vineyard that God gives very generously.

God is equally as generous in forgiving, in giving mercy, as we see so well in the parable of the Father who forgives the prodigal son and rejoices over him. We see this same bigness of heart in Jesus himself as he forgives both those who executed him and those who abandoned him during the execution.

God, from everything we can see, is so rich in love and mercy that he can afford to be wasteful, over-generous, non-calculating, non-discriminating, incredibly risk-taking and big-hearted beyond our imaginations.

That is the invitation God gives us: to have a sense of God's abundance so as to risk always a bigger heart.

## 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.

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### Introduction to Christian Meditation Begins October 19, 2020

A time-honoured way of prayer for life today. In stressful times, our relationship with God becomes more important. Learn how to "be still and know that I am God" by attending the on-line 6-week Introduction to Christian Meditation course, beginning on Monday October 19th at 7:30 PM. For more information and to register contact Gail Brooks at [rgbrooks2@shaw.ca](mailto:rgbrooks2@shaw.ca)



## Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass October 4, 2020

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2020 (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years or more)? Sign up to take part in the annual diocesan wedding anniversary celebration. Each Fall, Archbishop Albert LeGatt presides this celebratory Mass, which will take place this year on October 4th at 3 PM at St. Boniface Cathedral. Couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and to receive a special blessing.

NEW in 2020, due to COVID-19: We are ensuring that the celebration is organized in such a way that respects the sanitary measures required by the province. There will be no reception following the Mass this year.

Space is limited - register soon! Deadline to register is September 28. You may register online at [www.bit.ly/anniv-2020](http://www.bit.ly/anniv-2020). For more information, please contact the Marriage, Family and Life Office at [mfl@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl@archsaintboniface.ca) or 204-594-0274.

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### Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Grotto in St. Malo October 11, 2020



This year, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic requires us to cancel the pilgrimage that was to take place in August. We are unable to ensure the necessary hygiene measures in order to accommodate a large gathering of people coming from all over. However, there will be a celebration on Sunday, October 11, 2020, in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (which is actually on October 7).

This celebration will be livestreamed from the little chapel. The English Mass will be livestreamed at 9 AM and the French Mass at 11 AM; both Masses will be available on the Archdiocesan Facebook page. Though it is unfortunate that we will not be able to hold a large gathering of the faithful this year for the annual diocesan pilgrimage, which has been growing in attendance, we will be united in prayer through this virtual gathering on October 11. We remain hopeful that the 2021 diocesan pilgrimage will take place as planned.

## Campaign Life Coalition 40 Days for Life



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

Abortion continues unchecked in Canada with 100,000 pre-born children lost every year. Consequently, Campaign Life Coalition will be sponsoring another 40 Days for Life campaign beginning September 23 and continuing daily until November 1. For the 2017 campaign, we are aware of at least 2 pre-born children who were saved from abortion as a result of our witness.

You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil for 1 hour or more from 8am – 8pm, in the public right-of-way outside of the new Women's Hospital at 665 William Ave (corner of Sherbrook). Due to the pandemic, social distancing will be required but wearing a mask will be optional.

You can already sign up for 1 hour or more on the calendar at [www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg](http://www.40daysforlife.com/winnipeg). If you would like more information, please contact Maria Slykerman at 204-452-2459.

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### 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.

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### 2019-20 Financial Report For the Archdiocese of St. Boniface

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was filled with productive and inspiring initiatives. The Archdiocese worked closely with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, families and parishes to sponsor 120 refugees. These efforts included welcoming them and helping them settle in their new country. In November, the Diocesan Study Days focused on the sanctity of life. Michel MacDonald of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family and other presenters offered many ideas on the respect for life, and how to advocate for it with joy. In addition, a diocesan committee was created to support parishes in the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. An effort that will support our communities of faith for years to come.

In December and January, Diocesan Centre staff were already anticipating that the COVID-19 pandemic would be presenting significant challenges. This foresight has enabled everyone, diocese and parishes, to mobilize in a pro-active way. Projects and efforts that, as Archbishop Albert LeGat points out, demonstrate that "the diocese and parishes have remained strong and have continued to focus on our priority of evangelization."

To read the Financial Report please go to [https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/media/Administration/AS-B-Rapport-Financier-2020\\_ENG.FINAL.pdf](https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/media/Administration/AS-B-Rapport-Financier-2020_ENG.FINAL.pdf).


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## **Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For September 2020**

### **Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered,  
but shared in a just and respectful manner.

## **Mass Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions**

Saturday, September 19 to Sunday, September 27, 2020

**Sat. Sept 19** at 5:00 p.m.    †Peter Cassidy (*Family*)

**Sun. Sept 20** at 9:00 a.m.

**Sun. Sept 20** at 10:30 a.m. For Holy Redeemer Parishioners

**Mon. Sept 21**

No Mass

**Saint Matthew**

**Tues. Sept 22** at 9:00 a.m.

**Wed. Sept 23** at 9:00 a.m.

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

**Thurs. Sept 24** at 9:00 a.m.

**Fri. Sept 25** at 9:00 a.m.

**Sat. Sept 26** at 5:00 p.m.    †Seanus Grennan (*Family*)

**Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions**

**Secondary Patrons of Canada**

**Sun. Sept 27** at 9:00 a.m. For Holy Redeemer Parishioners

**Sun. Sept 27** at 10:30 a.m.

## **Mass Intentions**

Let us not forget to offer Mass for others whenever we can. Mass intentions can be offered for two of the weekend Masses and one on each day from Tuesday to Friday. If you would like to offer a Mass for a beloved one who has died or a loved one, please contact the office.

## **Mass Information**

The allowed number of Mass participants is 70. If you would like to attend a weekend Mass, please contact the parish office no later than noon on Friday to add your name to the list of participants. There is no need to sign up beforehand for the weekday Masses; however, participants will have to sign their name to a list upon arrival. For the purpose of contact tracing, if ever needed, please add your phone number or email next to your name.

We kindly ask you to sit singly at a numbered seat to ensure the pre-measured physical distancing. Even though not yet obligatory, it is highly recommended that you wear a mask. Two meter distancing is obligatory in the church, gathering space and parking lot.

Thank you for your patience and care for one another.