Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish



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Adoration: Wednesday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Closed on Monday

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April 27th, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

"Today, the last day of the Octave of Easter, the Gospel recounts the first and second apparition of the Risen One to the disciples. Let's focus on the two main characters, Thomas and Jesus, looking first at the disciple, and then at the Master. There is a good dialogue between these two.

The Apostle Thomas, first of all. He represents all of us, who were not present in the Upper Room when the Lord appeared, and did not have other physical signs or apparitions from him. We too struggle at times like that disciple: how can we believe that Jesus is risen, that he accompanies us and is the Lord of our life without having seen him, without having touched him? Here, we too are like Thomas, with the same doubts, the same reasoning.

But we do not need to be ashamed of this. By telling us the story of Thomas, in fact, the Gospel tells us that the Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. The Gospel shows us Thomas' "crisis" to tell us that we should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. Dear brothers and sisters, is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Woe to those, woe to them!

And, faced with Thomas' absence and his journey, which is often also our own, what does Jesus do? The Gospel says twice that he "came" (vv. 19, 26). First once, then a second time, eight days later. Jesus does not give up, he does not get tired of us, he is not afraid of our crises, our weaknesses. Jesus always comes back, he always knocks on the door, and he does not come back with powerful signs that would make us feel small and inadequate, even ashamed, but with his wounds; he comes back showing us his wounds, signs of his love that has espoused our frailties.

Brothers and sisters, especially when we experience moments of weariness and crisis, the Risen Jesus wishes to return to stay with us. sJesus is the Lord of "other chances": he always gives us another one, always. So let us think about the last time – let's try to remember a little – that, during a difficult moment or a period of crisis, we closed in on ourselves, barricading ourselves in our problems and shutting Jesus out of the house. And let us promise ourselves, the next time, in our fatigue, to seek Jesus, to return to him, to his forgiveness – he always forgives, always! – to return to those wounds that have healed us. In this way, we will also become capable of compassion, of approaching the wounds of others without inflexibility and without prejudice."

Congratulations

Congratulations to Daniella Di Santo who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. May God bless Daniella and may we welcome Daniella into our Catholic family and keep her in our prayers.



Weekday Masses Cancelled Tuesday, April 29 to Friday May 2, 2025

Please note that the 9 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled this week, Tuesday, April 29 to Friday, May 2, as Father Anthony will be attending the annual priests' retreat.

Thank You from the Knights

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the parishioners that gave cans and other food to our 40 Cans for Lent event this year. We collected 1206 soup cans and over 300 miscellaneous items...

Thank you all so very much. Your Holy Redeemer Knights

Holy Week Thank You

Last week we journeyed through the mystery of our Lord's suffering, death and Resurrection; the Holiest week of the year. A very special thank you to everyone who graciously volunteered their time, talent and effort towards the Liturgical celebrations. We are truly grateful and may God bless and keep you.

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Condolences

In faith and love, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Francine Perrett, wife of Deacon Ken Perrett and long-time parishioner, who passed away on April 18, 2025. We join with them in prayer during this time of loss. Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Parish on Tuesday April 29, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., with the Rosary at 11 a.m. Fr. James Panikulam will be presiding.

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

Grief and Bereavement Program – "Understanding Your Grief"

Understanding Your Grief by Dr. Alan Wolfelt Ph.D will be offered in the Kilcona Deanery

This comprehensive well-designed program includes a small group of those that have lost a loved one and are looking for a safe place to learn and understand the uniqueness of their own grief, and how to navigate through the myriad of emotions and feelings that complicate life, allowing for growth and understanding going forward.

The program is to understand and guide participants through the wilderness of grief in a ten-week program, facilitated and directed in a small group environment. It offers information to integrate loss into their lives, and how to help and avoid some of the unnecessary pain caused by well-intentioned but misinformed friends, family, members, and even some professionals. For further information phone Deacon Jim @ 204-229-7241. Or email fraterjim218@gmail.com.

Multicultural Mass at St. Boniface Cathedral

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, July 1st His Grace Archbishop LeGatt will preside at a multicultural Mass at 10:30 am at the St. Boniface Cathedral, followed by cultural performances and food from many different countries!



SHARE LENT 2025 Turn Debt Into Hope

This Lent Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins the global campaign to **Turn Debt into Hope**. Given the events of recent weeks it is a challenge to ask you to focus on the debt of so many countries in the global south when things are so uncertain at home. However, there is a difference and it is found in the word HOPE.

In Canada and other western nations facing economic uncertainty we know there is always hope. In many third world countries it is not as easy to be hopeful given their past history.

Pope Francis has stated that remedying the cause of injustice, feeding the hungry and settling unjust debts is necessary for peace in the world and has asked the richest nations to "acknowledge the gravity of so many of their past decisions and determine to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them." He called it not "a question of generosity," but "a matter of justice."

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the gathering space or you can obtain more information and donate online at devp.org/give.

This Lent, please consider giving as best you can. Thank you for your solidarity and support.

27th Annual "Walk for Mary"

"Rosary is a devotion most pleasing to our Blessed Mother. In one of her 15 promises she has said – all those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities."

The 27th Annual "Walk for Mary" will be hosted at Holy Eucharist Parish on Sunday, May 18th, 2025, starting at 2 PM "Walking and praying together as Pilgrims of Hope in this the Jubilee Year".

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact: Joan 204-669-3666 or 204-294-2276 or more information

Church Events April 27, 2025 to May 11, 2025

First Communion Preparation Class Sunday, April 27 & May 11 at 9 a.m.

Catechism Classes

Thursday, May 1 & 8 (Grade K-1) Catechism Class at 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. (Grade 2-6) Catechism Class to follow

Food Bank

Friday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Tuesday, May 6 at 1 p.m.



Please pray for the sick, their families and their caregivers



Stewardship April 27th, 2025 Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" – John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his stewards. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.



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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available by appointment. Please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Father Anthony 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.

Are You A New Parishioner?

If you are new to our community or interested in joining us here at Holy Redeemer parish, please complete the Parish Registration Form found on the counter in the gathering space. The form is also available on the parish website.

Once completed, the form can be placed in the Offering basket at Mass, dropped off or emailed to the office. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome to our parish.

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions Saturday, April 26, 2025 to Sunday, May 4, 2025

Sat. Apr 26 at 5 pm Samson Oboh (Samson Oboh)
Sun. Apr 27 at 10 am †Daniel Mandrick (Mandrick Family)

2nd Sunday of Easter

Tues. Apr 29 No Weekday Mass this weekWed. Apr 30 Saint Marie of the Incarnation

Thur. May 1
Fri. May 2
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Saint Athanasius

Sat. May 3 at 5 pm †Joan Moses (*Peter and Bev Henry*)

Saint Philip & Saint James

Sun. May 4 at 9 am Birthday blessings for Bart

(Anastazja)

3rd Sunday of Easter

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Judy Johnson & Vera Taylor

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music:

Sunday, May 4 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Len Trach & Fran Trach
Lectors: Donna Jacobson & Gregory Opone
Gift Bearers: Davedow Family
Altar Server: Paul Kosowan
Music: Adult Choir

