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Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.

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 6th, 2025

The 5th Sunday of Lent

“On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the liturgy presents us the episode of the adulterous woman (cf. Jn 8:1-11). In it, there are two contrasting attitudes: that of the scribes and the Pharisees on the one hand, and that of Jesus on the other. The former want to condemn the woman because they feel they are the guardians of the Law and of its faithful implementation. Jesus, on the other hand, wants to save her because he personifies God’s mercy which redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.

Let us thus look at the event. While Jesus is teaching in the Temple, the scribes and the Pharisees bring him a woman who has been caught in adultery. They place her in the middle and ask Jesus if they should stone her as the Law of Moses prescribes. The Evangelist explains that they asked the question in order “to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him” (v. 6). One might think that this was their purpose: behold the iniquity of these people — a ‘no’ to the stoning would have been a pretext to accuse Jesus of disobeying the Law; a ‘yes’ instead, to report him to the Roman Authority which had reserved such sentences to itself and did not permit lynching by the people. And Jesus must respond.

Jesus’ interrogators are confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation. However, he did not come into the world to judge and condemn, but rather to save and offer people a new life. At that point, one after the other, beginning with the eldest — that is, those who were more fully aware of their own failings — they all went away, and desisted from stoning the woman. This episode also invites each of us to be aware that we are sinners, and to let fall from our hands the stones of denigration, of condemnation, of gossip, which at times we would like to cast at others. When we speak ill of others, we are throwing stones, we are like these people.

And in the end only Jesus and the woman are left there in the middle: “misery with mercy”, as Saint Augustine says (In Joh 33:5). Jesus is the only one without fault, the only one who could throw a stone at her, but he does not do so, because God “does not want the death of the wicked but that the wicked convert and live” (cf. Ez 33:11). And Jesus sends the woman on her way with these wonderful words: “Go and do not sin again” (Jn 8:11). It is an invitation that applies to each one of us. When Jesus forgives us, he always opens a new path on which to go forward. Let us not be afraid to ask Jesus for forgiveness because he opens the door to this new life for us.”

Pope Francis Angelus, April 3, 2022

Mass Ministry Volunteers Still Needed for Holy Week and Easter Masses

Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter are still needed as follows:

- Palm Sunday April 13: 2 Lectors*, 1 Altar Server, Gift Bearers and 2 Ushers
- Holy Thursday Mass April 17: Gift Bearers
- Good Friday Service April 18: 2 Ushers
- Easter Vigil Mass April 19: 2 Altar Servers, Gift Bearers and Ushers
- Easter Sunday Mass April 20: 1 Altar Server, 1 more Usher and 1 more Greeter

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the signup sheets in the gathering space. Thank you.

*For those who would like to volunteer for Lectors for Palm Sunday please sign up on the signup sheet in the gathering space and speak to Fr. Anthony after Mass to pick up a Passion Narrative Book. Thank you.



SHARE LENT 2025 *Turn Debt Into Hope*

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada invites you to give generously to this year's Share Lent campaign entitled **Turn Debt Into Hope**. Your donation will help transform the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world as stated by The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, Peru. "As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all." Create hope for, and fulfil the dreams of, the communities we support in the Global South by giving to our Share Lent parish collection (envelopes available on the counter in the gathering space) or online at devp.org/give.

This Lent, please give generously.

Thank you for your support and solidarity!

Volunteers Needed Holy Thursday – Feet Washing Good Friday - Adoration

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers to be present during Adoration on Good Friday morning, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., even if you can only spare 1 hour, as we need to have 2 people present at all times. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the signup sheets in the gathering space. Thank you.

Lent 2025

Friday Evening "Soup and Seminar" Series During Lent (2025)

You are cordially invited to Holy Redeemer's soup and seminar series on Friday evenings during Lent. Soup will be available in the church hall at 6 PM, the presentations will begin at 6:20 PM followed by a 5 minute Q and A session. The evening will end with the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. We hope to see you there.

If you will be coming for soup, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the gathering space (the first sign-up sheet will be available next weekend).

The schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
- April 11	Pat van Rysselt	Human Trafficking

Stations of the Cross During Lent Fridays at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Penitential Prayer Service Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Lenten Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish. We encourage all to attend the penitential service even if you do not take part in individual reconciliation.

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

Tuesday, April 8 – St. Alphonsus 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 – St. Joseph the Worker 7:00 p.m.

Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada



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



Church Events April 6, 2025 to April 20, 2025

Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Catechism Classes

Thursday, April 10

(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

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Lent Soup and Seminar

Friday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

First Communion Preparation Class

Sunday, April 13 at 9 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

No Mass

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Adoration following Mass until 10 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

Adoration from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Way of the Cross Walk from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 19

Blessing of the Easter Baskets at 11 a.m.

Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20

Children's Mass at 10 a.m.



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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 5, 2025 to Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sat. Apr 5 at 5 pm †Danielle Dussault (*Friend*)
Sun. Apr 6 at 10 am Deceased members of Santiaguél
Family (*Jovy Santiaguél*)
5th Sunday of Lent

Tues. Apr 8 at 9 am
Wed. Apr 9 at 9 am Blessings for Lucy Maksymowicz
(*Anastazja*)

Thur. Apr 10 at 9 am †Pauline Rogers (*Robert Schwenk*)
Fri. Apr 11 at 9 am Blessings for Steven and Ellen Boyko
(*Anastazja*)

Sat. Apr 12 at 5 pm †For the health of Fatima Silva (*Friend*)
Sun. Apr 13 at 10 am †Dianne Mitchel (*Family*)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, April 12 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Vera Taylor & Marilyn Monterroyo

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music: John Vis

Sunday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Anita Mann & Evelyn Boyko

Lectors:

Gift Bearers:

Altar Server:

Music: Remi & Diane Morissette

