

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Office Hours > Monday: Closed. 8:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Wednesday: 8am – 4pm

Thursday/Friday: 8:30am – 12pm

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February 22nd, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

“The Gospel of this first Sunday of Lent presents to us Jesus in the desert, tempted by the devil (cf. Mt 4:1-11). “Devil” means “divider”. The devil always wants to create division, and it is what he sets out to do by tempting Jesus.

From whom does the devil want to divide Jesus? After receiving Baptism from John in the Jordan, Jesus was called by the Father “my beloved Son” (Mt 3:17), and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove (cf. v. 16). Then Jesus himself will say that he came into the world to make us, too, partake in the unity between him and the Father (cf. Jn 17:11). The devil, instead, does the opposite: he enters the scene to divide Jesus from the Father and to distract him from his mission of unity for us. He always divides.

The devil wants to take advantage of the human condition of Jesus, who is weak as he has fasted for forty days and is hungry (cf. Mt 4:2). The evil one then tries to instil in him three powerful “poisons”, to paralyse his mission of unity. These poisons are attachment, mistrust, and power. The three temptations of Jesus. And we too live among these temptations, always. He wanted to do this to Jesus, he wants to do it to us: to lead us to desperation.

But Jesus defeats the temptations by avoiding discussion with the devil and answering with the Word of God. This is important: one does not argue with the devil, one does not converse with the devil! Jesus confronts him with the Word of God. He quotes three phrases from the Scripture that speak of freedom from things (cf. Dt 8:3), trust (cf. Dt 6:16), and service to God (cf. Dt 6:13), three phrases that are opposed to temptation. It is an invitation to us too; one does not argue with the devil. We defeat the devil by countering him in faith with the divine Word. In this way, Jesus teaches us to defend unity with God and among ourselves from the attacks of the divider. The divine Word that is Jesus’ answer to the temptation of the devil.

And we ask ourselves: what place does the Word of God have in my life? If I have a vice or a recurrent temptation, why do I not obtain help by seeking out a verse of the Word of God that responds to that vice? Let us try, it will help us in temptation, it will help us a great deal, because amid the voices that stir within us, the beneficent one of the Word of God will resound. May Mary, who welcomed the Word of God and with her humility defeated the pride of the divider, accompany us in the spiritual struggle of Lent.”

Pope Francis Angelus Feb 26, 2023

2025 Donation Tax Receipts Correction Notice

Please note that there was a discrepancy in the donation tax receipts for 2025. The corrected receipts are ready and available for pickup in the Gathering Space. Kindly stop by to collect yours at your convenience. Thank you for your continued generosity, and we apologize for the inconvenience.

ABLAZE Prayer Group

We hear the support loud and clear... so it's official! Everyone is warmly invited to Holy Redeemer's "ABLAZE" Prayer Group **every Monday evening at 7:00 pm** for a time of Worship Music and Songs, Sharing/Teaching, prayer and fellowship. **Rosary at 6:30 pm.**

For more information please contact Pat Kapilik at 204-899-4928 or Melvin/Maria De Paz at 431-777-8877.

SEEK: Singles for Christ Christian Life Program at Holy Redeemer

CFC Singles for Christ Winnipeg invites all single young adults ages 18 to 40 to register for SEEK, our Christian Life Program, starting March 14 at Holy Redeemer Parish.

Are you searching for more in your faith, a deeper understanding of your vocation, or a community that truly walks with you? The Christian Life Program is a simple and powerful way to start—or restart—your faith journey. Singles for Christ is a Catholic charismatic community of young adults growing together in faith, friendship, and life in the Holy Spirit. If you're ready to encounter God in a real and personal way and not walk your journey alone, we invite you to seek Him with us.

Lenten Penitential Prayer Service Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 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:

Wednesday, March 11 – Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 17 – St. Alphonsus 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 19 – St. Joseph the Worker 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 20 – St. Gerard 7:00 p.m.

Lent 2026

Friday Evening "Lenten Seminar" Series

You are cordially invited to Holy Redeemer's Lenten Seminar series on Friday evenings during Lent. The presentations will begin at 6:00 PM in the worship area followed by a 5 minute Q and A session. Coffee will also be available in the gathering space at 6:30 PM. The evening will end with the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. We hope to see you there!

<u>Date</u>		<u>Speaker Topic</u>
- Feb 27	Evelyn Boyko	Sir Wilfred Grenfell: A life of service
- Mar 6	Melany Kehler	Family Support Center
- Mar 13	Lou Van Rysselt	Christians in Palestine
- Mar 20	Beverly Henry	Living a purposeful and meaningful life. Sharing my story of faith
- Mar 27	Robert Schwenk	(A) The Eucharist and the collapse of time. (B) Near-Death experiences and the trans-physical soul.

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

Knights of Columbus News

Pancake Breakfast Returning Soon!

The Holy Redeemer Knights of Columbus are planning their next pancake breakfast for Sunday, March 22, 2026 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Tickets will be available starting the week of March 7th/8th, and will have a cost of \$10.00, with Children 5 and under free. We hope to see you there!



40 Cans for Lent

The Knights need your help with keeping the Food Bank supply of cans up to par. Please bring a can of food to the Food Bank bin for each day in Lent

KofC ICCD Books

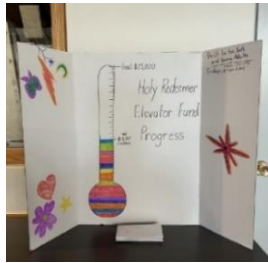
To all who still have Knights of Columbus ICCD: Please sell the tickets and return to Doug Wazny.

Call him at: 204-801-0333

REMINDER & UPDATE: Elevator Fundraiser Status

We wish to remind parishioners that the church is currently raising money to replace our elevator. Those who wish to contribute are kindly asked to include their name on the envelope and place their donation in the regular parish collection.

The parish will need to raise **\$25,000 to \$30,000**, depending on the final quotations, and as of February 15th, **we have surpassed 15,729\$, over 60% of our goal!** We thank you for your **patience, understanding, and continued generosity.** You can follow our progress in the Gathering Space.



SHARE LENT 2026

This Lent, let's move forward On Track for Justice

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's 2026 Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, has been launched! Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity.

1. By donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 59 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. Get the Mini-magazine and follow the Solidarity Calendar with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

For more information, contact [Name of local D&P — contact person] at [Telephone number] or [Email address].



Couples for Christ: Christian Life Program

We invite everyone to join the Christian Life Program, sponsored by Couples for Christ Winnipeg East 1 Chapter, starting March 7, 2026 at 6:30PM at St. Gerard Parish (45 Foster St).

It is a faith-filled program focused on strengthening families, marriages and our relationship with God. CFC members will be at the lobby after the Mass to share more details and help with registration. Thank you.

Church Events February 21, 2025 to March 8, 2026

First Communion Prep

Sunday, February 22, March 1 and 8 at 9 a.m. before Mass

ABLAZE Weekly Prayer Meetings

Monday, February 23 and March 2 at 7 p.m.

Rosary at 6:30 pm

Catechism Classes

Thursday, February 26 & March 5

(Grade K-1) Catechism Class at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.

(Grade 2-6 + Confirmation) Catechism Class at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 27 & March 6 at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Lenten Seminars

Friday, February 27 & March 6 at 6 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, March 3 at 1 p.m.

Food Bank

Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.



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

Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Celebrations

The Archdiocese of St. Boniface warmly invites your parish and cultural community to take part in our Annual Multicultural Mass and Celebration on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. This will be a joyful gathering that celebrates the rich cultural diversity of our local Church. **Please contact us at multiculture@archsaitnboniface.ca for more information.**





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Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV For February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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, Feb 21, 2026 to Sunday, Mar 1, 2026

- Sat. Feb 21 at 5 pm Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- Sun. Feb 22 at 10 am Jovita Taiwo Birthday Thanksgiving
(Louisa Ovadje)
- Tues. Feb 24 at 9 am For all the Souls in Purgatory,
especially the deceased members
of F.O.S.S *(Donor)*
- Wed. Feb 25 at 9 am Healing of my mum, conversion of
my husband, and God's will for the
family *(Anonymous)*
- Thur. Feb 26 at 9 am For all the Souls in Purgatory,
especially the deceased members
of F.O.S.S *(Donor)*
- Fri. Feb 27 at 9 am †Sinh Dinh *(Vince & Trinh Huynh)*
- Sat. Feb 28 at 5 pm Holy Redeemer Parishioners
- Sun. Feb 29 at 10 am Joseph Paul Wazny *(Family)*
†Marlyn Marion *(Husband)*

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, February 28 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Liz Patzer & Raya Recio

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music: Amare et Servire

Sunday, March 1 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Winnie Vugampore & Chris Bills

Lectors: Rebecca Davedow & Pat van Rysselt

Gift Bearers: Tekle Family

Altar Server: Paul Kosowan

Music: Adult Choir

