

Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Parish

Archdiocese of St. Boniface

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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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May 17th, 2026

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

"In Italy and in many other countries, the Ascension of the Lord is being celebrated today. It is a feast we know well, but which can raise several questions — at least two. The first question: Why celebrate Jesus' departure from earth? It would seem that his departure would be a sad moment, not exactly something to rejoice over! Second question: What does Jesus do now in heaven?"

Why we celebrate. Because with the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven — this is the first time — that is, he brought it in God. He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God forever. We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself "changed" — from then on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity! Thus wrote an ancient Father in the faith: "What splendid news! He who became man for us [...] to make us his brothers, presents himself as man before the Father to bear with himself all those who are joined with him" (cf. St. Gregory of Nyssa, Discourse on the Resurrection of Christ, 1). Today, we celebrate "heaven's conquest" — Jesus, who returns to the Father, but with our humanity. And so, heaven is already a little bit ours. Jesus opened the door and his body is there.

The second question: So, what does Jesus do in heaven? He is there for us before the Father, continually showing our humanity to him — showing him his wounds. I like to think that Jesus, prays like this in front of the Father — showing him his wounds. "This is what I suffered for humanity: Do something!" He shows him the price of redemption and the Father is moved. This is something I like to think about. This is how Jesus prays. He did not leave us alone. In fact, before ascending, he told us, as the Gospel says today, "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20). He is always with us, he looks at us, and "he always lives to make intercession" (Heb 7:25) for us. To show the Father his wounds, for us. In a word, Jesus intercedes. He is in the best "place", before his Father and ours, to intercede on our behalf.

Intercession is fundamental. This faith helps us too: it helps us not to lose hope, not to be discouraged. Before the Father, there is someone who shows him the wounds and intercedes. May the Queen of heaven help us to intercede with the power of prayer."

Pope Francis Angelus May 21, 2023

Young Altar Server Training

Dear parents. Altar Server training is being offered for anyone who has received their First Holy Communion. There will be 2-3 sessions after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Dates to be determined.

If your child is interested or would like any information, please email Grant Mandrick at serversathr@gmail.com

Youth & Young Adults Updates

Contact: youthgroup@hrwpg.ca

Next Y&YA Schedule to be Planned

Calling all youth ages 12-17 and young adults 18+: Come join your fellow Youth & Young Adults on Fridays at 7 p.m. throughout the following months! If you would like to participate, we invite you to send us an email with your availability or what activities you would like to do. We will be planning many fun events for the summer, and we'd love it if you could join us!

An Evening With His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt

Celebrating Women's Contributions in the Church

All are warmly invited to **St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall** (basement no elevator), 505 Brewster St., on May 28th at 6:30pm for a special presentation by Archbishop Albert LeGatt on the topic: **Women in the Catholic Church in 2026 with a focus on the Synod of Synodality.**

Come join us as we reflect on the prominent roles women have played and continue to play in Church life, including advancing reconciliation, human dignity, and social justice.

As we focus on Service, we invite you to bring a **new baby item** to the event. The items will be donated to **Villa Rosa**. Coffee and tea will be served. We invite you to bring a sweet treat to share

Stewardship May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said. . . 'I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.'" (JOHN 17:4)

Christ fulfilled his vocation by finishing the work God gave him. An important part of our stewardship is the discernment of our role in God's plan. Stewardship is about fulfilling the unique tasks that God has given to each of us.

Thanks from the Ladies Auxiliary

Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased tickets and attended the Ladies Auxiliary Brunch in support of the parish's elevator fund. Everyone had a good time, and the food was delicious. Thank you also to all the volunteer servers who made this brunch possible. We could not have done it without you.

Let There Be Light: Community Dance

We invite you to an upcoming celebration of dancing and fellowship at the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba's Youth, Family, and Community Dance. This year's theme is "Let There Be Light".

This fun-filled evening is for all ages and will take place on June 6, 2026 at the Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, [460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg](https://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/dance). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dancing from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. If cost or payment method is a barrier, please reach out—we want everyone to be able to attend.

Tickets:

\$7 each. Children 4 and under free.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by June 4 (no sales at the door)

You can visit <https://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/dance> for more details, or call them by phone at (204)-233-4268

Ave Maria Diocesan Grotto Annual Pilgrimage

Mark your calendars! The **130th annual** pilgrimage will take place in St. Malo on Sunday, August 16, 2026. This is an important date and a historic anniversary for St. Malo.

Procession: 9:00 a.m. From the church to the statue of Mary in front of the chapel at the Grotto

Confessions: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

In French: 10 :00 am

In English: 3: 00 pm

Lunch: from 11 :30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Holy Hour: from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Follow Us On Social Media

Follow us for parish news, information, and communication on Facebook and Instagram @holyredeemerwpg

Illuminate – May 22

Evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on **Friday, May 22 at 7:30 PM**, at **Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes Parish**. 162 Centrale Ave, Ste Anne, MB

Come and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of a vibrant Catholic community. For more information, visit:

www.illuminatemb.com

facebook.com/illuminatemb

Eighth Annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

Registrations are open for the 8th annual Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage. Pilgrims are free to join us for a few hours, a day or two, or for all four days. Overnight rest stops are arranged, your sleeping gear will be transported there for you. Breakfast and supper are provided, also there are rest stops during the day where you will find refreshments.

This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Regina, it will start on August 11 at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yorkton and will end at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama in time for the annual Assumption of Mary pilgrimage. For more information go to www.stphilomena.ca

Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala

The Saint-Boniface Archdiocesan Gala will take place on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, at the **Saint-Boniface Cathedral** and will honour Bishop Albert LeGatt and Bishop Émilien Goulet, who will be celebrating their 25th episcopal anniversaries as bishops. Tickets will go on sale starting June 1, 2026.

For more information, contact Julie Turenne-Maynard by email at consultationjtmconsulting@gmail.com or by phone at 204-771-5585.

World Youth Day 2027

We are excited to invite all young adults interested in traveling to Seoul, South Korea to consider joining our delegation from the Archdioceses of St. Boniface and Winnipeg for World Youth Day 2027 (July 27 – August 11)! Open to young adults ages 18–35 (must be at least 18 by July 27, 2027). Registration deadline: May 15, 2026. For more information, visit our archdiocese website or contact Yssa at ylicsi@archsaintboniface.ca or call the Archdiocese Youth Office at (204) 594- 0271.

Church Events

May 16, 2026 to May 31, 2026

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

Mass 6:30 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Catechism – End of Year Pentecost Party

Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Catechism Registration

Thursday, May 28 at 6 p.m.

Food Bank

Friday, May 29 at 1 p.m.



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

Notice About Bill C-9

A short while ago, Parliament passed Bill C-9, which makes “hate speech” a criminal offence punishable by up to two years in imprisonment. Based on comments by members of Parliament, citing certain passages of the Bible could be considered “hate speech,” and the offending Catholic or Protestant clergy could face legal consequences.

Bill C-9 is currently being considered by the Senate, and there is an urgent need for prayer that the upper chamber will either reject C-9 or, at least, attach a religious exemption to it. A petition asking for the removal of Bill C-9 is available for signing at stopc9.ca. For the e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of senators, go to sencanada.ca/en/senators/.





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Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV For May 2026

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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, May 16, 2026 to Sunday, May 24, 2026

Sat. May 16 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. May 17 at 10 am	†Isidore Nkundiyabo (<i>Winnie</i>)
	†Concessa Nyiraraburgo (<i>Winnie</i>)
	†Peter Daviduik (<i>Christensen Family</i>)
	†Lawrence Strick (<i>Peter Kazina</i>)
	The Ascension of the Lord
Tues. May 19 at 9 am	Tania Stegne (<i>Louis Stegne</i>)
Wed. May 20 at 9 am	Healing for my mum, conversion of my family, and God's will for the family (<i>Anonymous</i>)
Thur. May 21 at 9 am	Kazmier Lobchuk <i>(Family)</i>
Fri. May 22 at 9 am	Peter Daviduik (<i>D Zamkotowich</i>)
Sat. May 23 at 5 pm	Holy Redeemer Parishioners
Sun. May 24 at 10 am	†Anne Zak (<i>Mandrick Family</i>)
	†Verna Ball (<i>Celine Laroche</i>)
	†Lawrence Strick (<i>Family</i>)
	Pentecost Sunday

Next Week's Mass Ministries Schedule

Saturday, May 23 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Vera Taylor & Marva Brooks

Altar Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri & Amely Musafiri

Music: Adult Choir

Sunday, May 24 at 10 a.m.

Greeters: Sandy & Mark VanHelvert

Lectors: Gregory Opone & Diane Skalenda

Gift Bearers: Ajong Family

Altar Server: Grant Mandrick

Music: Remi & Diane Morissette

