



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

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“WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION”

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APRIL 28, 2024

Mass & Confession Times

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm Saturday Vigil
8:00am Sunday (English)
10:00am Sunday (English)
Noon Sunday (Spanish)

DAILY MASSES :

7:15am Monday—Friday

CONFESSIONS—

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30-7:30pm Thursday

Sacramental Life

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Paul or Fr. Michael.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Michael, Ext. 510.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact Rectory Office.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please contact Teresa Markgraf, Ext. 502.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact a priest eight months in advance.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:00am-3:00pm.

We are united in Christ, in our one mission, and you are part of it in this Archbishops’ Catholic Appeal.

Visit JesusChangesEverything.church or call (503)233-8336.

Parish Calendar:

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 am- “Bearing Witness” Art Installation, Cantwell Hall
3:00 pm
11:00 am Care For Creation Meeting, Rectory Basement
2:00 pm Spanish Baptisms, Church
5:00-7:30pm Middle & High School Youth Mass, Supper & Recreation— begin in Church

MONDAY, APRIL 29

5:30 pm Stepping Into Serenity Al Anon Meeting, Guadalupe Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 pm Confirmation Mass, Church
7:00 pm Charismatic Group Class, Clare Hall
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00 pm Spanish Charismatic Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, MAY 2

4:30-7:30pm Adoration, Church
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement
7:30 pm 10am Mass Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, MAY 3

5:30 pm Rosary & Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall
6:45 pm Spanish Missionaries of God, Clare Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:00 am Holy Redeemer Catholic School First Communion Mass, Church
10:00 am Parish Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall
11:00 am Care For Creation Meeting, Rectory Basement
11:00 am Parish English First Communion Class, School Room 134
1:15-3:15 pm Confirmation Year 1 Class in Clare Hall and Spanish parents in Cantwell Hall

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Safranski Family

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:15am **Annabelle Lopas †**
by Cathy & David Rossman

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:15am **Cristal Reynel Garcia's improved health**
by Erica Garcia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:15am **Ludmilla Pitkin †**
by Maria Moreno

8:20am **Pat & Elaine Keavney**
by Gordon Oliver & Pat Cary

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:15am **Lucia Ordway †**
by Rossana Calcagno

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:15am **Bonnie Hinsz †**
by Rilatt Family

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00am **Jesus Reynel Moreno's 19th Birthday**
by Maria Moreno

5:00pm **Allison Keavney †**
by Gordon Oliver & Pat Cary

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00am **Bonnie Stai**
by Dick Safranski

10:00am **HR Parishioners**

12:00pm **Isabela Juan Pascual †**
by Maria Moreno

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FOR THE WEEK OF 4/14/2024

Electronic Donations	\$2,891.00	<u>2nd Collections:</u>	
Envelopes	\$2,070.00	Educate-A-Child	\$70.00
Loose	<u>\$1,114.55</u>	Rice Bowls	\$47.55
Total	\$6,075.55	Easter	\$437.00

This Week's Readings

Sunday,
April 28

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Monday,
April 29

Acts 14:5-18
John 14:21-26

Tuesday,
April 30

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday,
May 1

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday,
May 2

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

Friday
May 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Saturday,
May 4

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sunday,
May 5

Acts 10:25-26;34-35;44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Archbishop Alexander Sample will preside at our Confirmation Mass on Tuesday April 30.

**Please pray for our Confirmands,
"Come, Holy Spirit!"**



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Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

Right outside the door of the rectory at my previous parish there was a fruit tree, an orange tree. It was kind of impressive, with all its green foliage, its abundant shade; it stood in stark contrast with the rest of our yard that resembles a gravel pit, or what Arizonans call desert-scape. But for the longest time I thought the tree was cursed, like brujeria, witchcraft or something. All the fruit on the tree was blackened, dried-out, and rotten. I thought we should cut the tree down, even though it looked healthy; it seemed to produce rotten fruit. I'd walk past it and think about what sin I committed that could have caused the ruined nature of that tree, or what sins did the other priests committed to ruin that tree or that maybe some malicious spirit had followed us home after a house blessing and was holding our tree hostage. However, me being from the city and

all, I didn't know that you had to prune the tree every year, so that healthy fruit would grow. That if the fruit isn't picked, then it will rot, and no new fruit can come forth.

This image of fruit in our gospel elicits many images for us. We may think of fruits as the payoff for all the labor we do. The money we make, the property we own, the wealth we have accumulated are the fruits of our own labor, fruits for our own enjoyment. There is a problem with this way of thinking. It is a lie. In our own minds we are the apex predators of our own ecosystem, the voracious consumers of all that we see, masters of our own universe, or simply put everyone a king or queen in their own home. This is far from the image of the vine and the branches presented to us today, an image of utter dependence, not superiority.

The only action given to us from Christ, the only choice or power we have is to "abide". What does that mean, to abide? It's more than staying or remaining. If I abide with you, I'm not simply standing next to you; I am not just spending time with you. If I abide with you, then I truly live with you. All parts of my life, all parts of who I am are present to you, and all parts of who you are, all parts of your life are present to me. To abide has a depth of presence that Christ is trying to get across to us. That he is the vine, and we are the branches. Our very lives are determined by our dependence and depth of connection to that source from which we all draw life, Christ. It is to God alone that we are given forth as fruit, not just our labor, not just our paychecks or wealth, but our very lives. God is the one who prunes us, that new life might spring forth in abundance, for all eternity. If we don't abide, if we are not connected deeply to Christ, then there is no life. If God never comes for us, never prunes us from this tree of life, then what are we but rotten fruit, spoiled, given for nothing, death our only end.

Why love? Why in Christ do we find an everlasting abiding, self-sacrificial love? Because it is the only thing that truly makes sense. Why do we spend our money on what will not satisfy us? Why do we chase relationships that leave us unfulfilled? Why are we restless, when what we seek stands before us telling us to abide in him?

My mother used to sing lullabies to get my sisters to go to sleep at night. My older sister got "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine" and my little sister got the George Gershwin tune "It's wonderful, it's marvelous that you should care for me." I didn't get one. My mom said I'd give her strange looks when she'd sing, roll over, and pull the blankets over my head. I do remember certain songs though, Motown songs, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross and the like. One stands out. A Stevie Wonder song called "As." I'd like to think God says this to us; that this is what Christ is trying to point to; that maybe my mother tried to sing me this and I rolled over in embarrassment, in shame, and maybe unbelief:

As around the sun the earth knows she's revolving
And the rosebuds know to bloom in early May
Just as hate knows love's the cure
You can rest your mind assure
That I'll be loving you always
As now can't reveal the mystery of tomorrow
But in passing will grow older every day
Just as all is born is new
Do know what I say is true
That I'll be loving you always

May we believe in an ever-abiding love, seeking always to show forth that love to other, all through Christ our Lord.

Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.

HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE Our conference is staffed and funded entirely through volunteers.

Thank you for donations from the parish and from partner agencies. We are an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially. **FOOD PANTRY:** Our pantry is located behind the church, we are open **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.**