



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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DECEMBER 17, 2023



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
8:00am Saturday

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

Parish Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

11:00 am Care For Creation Meeting, Rectory Basement
11:00am-5:00pm Posadas Group, Cantwell Hall
1:00-5:00 pm **Decorate the Church for Christmas**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir & Organ Practice, Church
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 pm Charismatic Group Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30-7:00 pm Adoration, Church
6:30 pm Guitar Group Practice, Clare Hall
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement
7:30 pm 10AM Mass Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 pm Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall
4:30-8:30 pm El Cenacolo de Oracion, Clare Hall

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 am English Sunday Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Sunday Mass
4:00 pm English Family Christmas Eve Mass
7:00 pm Spanish Christmas Eve Mass
11:45pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Deceased Loved Ones

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:15am **Jam Zimmer †**
by Nancy Holdorf

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:15am **Gene Jacobs †**
by Teri Hopkins

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:15am **Natalie G. Pope †**
by Del Keller

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:15am **Tom Dinsmore †**
by Sisters of the Holy Names

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:15am **Healing of Pedro Antonio
Salvador Velazquez**
by Carmen Salvador

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00am **Cynthia Reding †**
by Emily Reding

5:00pm **HR Parishioners**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24

10:00am **John Calcagno †**
by Rossana Calcagno

12:00pm **Herman & Dolly Battilega †**
by Marc & Kathy Battilega

4:00pm **Bob Hicks †**
by Margie Hicks

7:00pm **Hamilton Bryan Ramirez Garcia †**
by Luz Maria Ramirez

12:00am **HR Parishioners**

This Week's Readings

Sunday,
December 17 Isaiah 61:1-2a;10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8;19-28

Monday,
December 18 Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday,
December 19 Judges 13:2-7,24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday,
December 20 Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday,
December 21 Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Friday,
December 22 1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Saturday
December 23 Malachi 3:1-4,23-2
Luke 1:57-66

Sunday,
December 24 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
1Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FOR THE WEEK OF 12-3-2023

Electronic Donations	\$7,244.00
Envelopes	\$4,355.00
Loose	<u>\$1,163.10</u>
Total	\$12,762.10

2nd Collection:

Our Lady Statue	\$886.00
Educate-A-Child	\$247.00
Religious Retirement	\$70.00
Mary Mother of God	\$10.00

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Upcoming Holy Redeemer Parish Events



TOMORROW, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH IS THE LAST DAY TO ADD TO OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FUND. As is our Christmas tradition, a list will be published so all of the Parish community can join in prayer for those remembered or honored. You may drop your monetary gift, marked FLOWER FUND, at the Parish Office. Be sure to list the names of those to be remembered and your name as the donor.



SVDP COLLECTION TODAY

SVDP volunteers will be collecting donations at the back of the Church after the Masses this weekend. ***Thank you for your continuing support.***



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*

FOOD PANTRY Our pantry is located behind the church, we are open **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.** SVDP is an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially.

PANTRY REQUESTS: **Nonperishable items canned veggies/soups/fruits/tuna/chicken/refried beans/beans; pasts & sauce; peanut butter & jelly; stuffing; coffee and cereal.** Deliver donations during pantry hours or use the shopping cart at the entrance to the church, or the rectory office. Thank you!

RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE Need help? To apply, call the **SVDP Emergency Services Hotline at 503-235-8431** or visit the website at www.svdppdx.org. Parish donors make this assistance possible. Thank you.

ADVENT LITTLE BLUE BOOKS Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will once again this year be providing the Little Blue Books for the Advent/Christmas season. They will be available in English and Spanish at the back of the church beginning this weekend. These books have short daily meditations from the first Sunday of Advent through January 8. There is no charge to our parishioners for the books, but SVDP always gratefully accepts donations for our work providing food, rent and utility assistance to our neighbors in need.

REQUEST FOR SOCKS Again, this year we will be collecting socks for the homeless. There will be a barrel in the entrance to the church for your donation. Take advantage of the after Thanksgiving sales to purchase socks.

All donations go to Saint Andre Bessette Downtown Chapel for distribution. THANK YOU!



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

CHURCH NEWS

YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORIES BEGINS NOW!

Welcome to our Holy Redeemer Community:

Nenita Sablada

**The Huerta family, Hilary, Jesus, and their children,
Montserrat and Neomi**

Eredira Ramirez

**Angelica Gonzalez and her children, Aymando, Eduardo,
Mallillany and Martha**

**Gabriela and Clint Hendricks and their children, Wesley and
Maribella**

**Jesus Rangel and Mariela Rangel Aguilar and their son,
Jesus**

Luz Barron and her children, Anthony and Zayda

Pedro Davila and Ana Centeno with their son, Adrian

**Elizabeth Aguilar and Eloiso Valdez with their children,
Paulina, Erick and Sebastian**

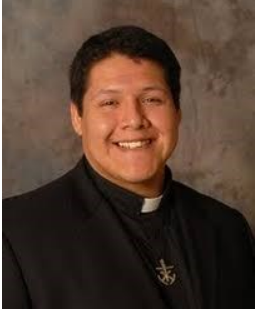
**We rejoice in our growing Holy Redeemer Family!
HAPPY ADVENT!**

DECORATE HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH TODAY—FROM 1:00-5:00PM

Join Parish friends to hang wreaths, place poinsettias, candles, and trees with lights!



Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

Isaiah the Prophet joyfully proclaims to the world the qualities of the Messiah. He does so with force, showing his strong desire for liberation. The Messiah is consecrated by God: "the spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me. My mission is to proclaim the year of grace of the Lord." That is: "announce the good news of universal forgiveness, heal the wounds of sin, free people from the slavery of evil, and offer everyone true life."

The announcement of the imminent coming of the Savior causes an overflowing joy: "I overflow with joy for the Lord and I am delighted with my God. We sing the love of God that has dressed me in fine vestments and has wrapped me in a cloak of triumph."

Advent is the announcement of the manifestation of God's love which covers us all and is expressed as one who is crowned or the bride adorned with jewels.

We are happy and sing to the Lord because his coming will produce fruits of Holiness and justice, reconciliation and peace.

St. Paul urges us to live happily; we are to be always joyful. We are glad and happy because Christ has been conceived and will be born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are happy because Christ is born in our hearts from the gift of baptismal grace. After all, grace introduces us to the Trinitarian communion, and because we are adopted children of God and heirs to the Kingdom.

Be in constant prayer. At all times give Thanksgiving; this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Christ is the means to true joy. We need to pray. That is: "let us love all for the Lord, saying that we love to be witnesses of God's love. We must have prayer centered on the Eucharist, where we are renewed in Christ's love."

Do not turn away from the spirit. Let us be faithful to the Holy Spirit to know good from evil, not to sin, to persevere, and to grow in holiness. Then, God will find us fully devoted in soul and body, and will protect us until the second coming of the Lord. We live confident and cheerful, without fear because we have been called to be loyal and honor the sacraments.

Because we give witness to the true light, that which has already come. It is Christ who illuminates the world dispelling the darkness of error and evil, of original sin, and consequently personal sin.

Christ is the eternally luminous idea of God who gives us the solution to sin, which shines in our hearts. He is truth and love. He is the cause of our joy.

This was the Mission of John the Baptist. He was the voice that said: "I am the voice."

In order for the voice to exist, there must be the word. The word is the Word of God. We love the mystery of the Word made flesh in the heart of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery of our redemption.

It is the voice that shouts: "make clear the way of the Lord. We have no fear, we open the doors to Christ by conversion, recovering his redeeming grace in the sacraments."

Fr. Paul Ybarra, CSC

