



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 10 2023

HOLY REDEEMER SENDS CONDOLENCES FOR JAN ZIMMER.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Zimmer, Julie Howe’s mother. “Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.”

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 11:15 am RCIA Session, Rectory Basement
- 1:15-3:15 pm Confirmation Year 2 Class, Clare Hall
- 1:15-3:15 pm Spanish Confirmation Parents Class, Cantwell Hall
- 7:00 pm Advent Lessons in Carols & Vespers, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir & Organ Practice, Church
- 6:30 pm SVDP Meeting, Rectory Large Conference Room
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement
- 8:00 pm **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, Cantwell Hall**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 6:00 pm Confirmation Make Up Class Year 2, Clare Hall
- 7:00 pm Charismatic Group Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 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 15

- 6:00 pm Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall
- 3:00-8:30 pm Spanish Missionaries of God, Clare Hall

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:15am Jam Zimmer †
by Nancy Holdorf

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:15am Guadalupe † & Eduardo Nunez †
by Eduardo Nunez

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15am Gene Jacobs †
by Teri Hopkins

8:20am Guadalupe † & Eduardo Nunez †
by Eduardo Nunez

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:15am Heidi & Kic Tse
by Heidi Tse

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:15am John Safranski's birthday
by Dick Safranski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00am Gene Jacobs †
by Teri Hopkins

5:00pm Cynthia Reding †
by Emily Reding

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17

8:00am Mrs. Tse & Sr. Terese Tsang
by Heidi Tse

10:00am HR Parishioners

12:00pm Marcela Lirios Ortiz †
by Pedro Davila

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FOR THE WEEK OF 12-3-2023

Electronic Donations	\$7,244.00	<u>2nd Collection:</u>	
Envelopes	\$4,355.00	Our Lady Statue	\$886.00
Loose	<u>\$1,163.10</u>	Educate-A-Child	\$247.00
Total	\$12,762.10	Religious Retirement	\$70.00
		Mary Mother of God	\$10.00

This Week's Readings

Sunday, Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
December 10 2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Monday, Isaiah 35:1-10
December 11 Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, Isaiah 11:1-10 or Zechariah 2:14-17
December 12 Luke 10:21-24 or Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, Isaiah 40:25-31
December 13 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, Isaiah 41:13-20
December 14 Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, Isaiah 48:17-19
December 15 Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday Sirach 48:1-4,9-11
December 16 Matthew 17:9a,10-13

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



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Upcoming Holy Redeemer Parish Events



THE GIVING TREE IS HERE! Share your Christmas Season Joy with our community by taking a tag from the Giving Tree and return it, with your wrapped gift or monetary donation, to the parish office by Friday, **December 15th at 3:00pm**. Questions? Email givingtree@holyredeemerpdx.org. *Your generosity is appreciated!*



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 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. The last date for your memorial contribution is **Monday, December 18th**, to allow time to prepare the list for the bulletin on Christmas. 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.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be collecting donations at the back of the Church after the Masses NEXT 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*

THE BLUE BUCKET COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER COLLECTED OVER \$1,000.

Together we were able to feed up to 20 needy families. Thank you for your generosity!

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 for the Christmas Food Boxes: **canned veggies/soups/fruits/ tuna/chicken/refried beans/beans; pasts & sauce; peanut butter & jelly; stuffing; coffee and cereal. Please Donate before Thursday, December 14th.** 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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX SIGN-UP Call **971-430-4443** to sign up for a Christmas Food Box. Leave a message with your name, address, phone # and how many are in the household. *Return calls will be made to confirm delivery on Saturday, December 16.*

VEHICLE DONATION: Have an unwanted vehicle taking up space in your driveway? Consider donating it to St. Vincent de Paul to support the Portland Chapter's emergency assistance programs. Vehicle donations are tax-deductible, and SVdP covers all towing and administrative costs. To donate a vehicle, call Katie at 503-595-2286 or email cars@svdppportland.org.

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 will be given to Saint Andre Bessette Downtown Chapel for distribution.** THANK YOU!



CHURCH NEWS

YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORIES BEGINS NOW!

We are happy to welcome many families and individuals to our Holy Redeemer Community:

Celia Montes and her son, Jesus Facundo

Raldy Francisco Juan

Benjamin and Abigail Mysliwicz

Reynaldo Ortiz Barajas

Celestino Hernandez and wife, Elvira Nieves

Carmen Hernandez

Richard Diaz

Angel Diaz

We rejoice in our growing Holy Redeemer Family!



DECORATE HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, December 17

FROM 1:00-5:00PM Join Parish friends to hang wreaths, place poinsettias, candles, and trees with lights!

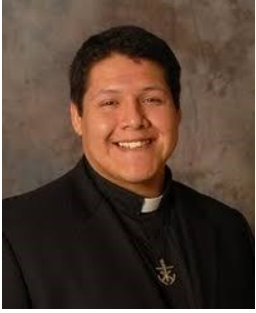
SIGN UP TO DELIVER CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES!

The Holy Redeemer SVDP Conference has an exciting Christmas volunteer activity to share with parishioners. Each Christmas, our parish delivers 50+ Christmas boxes to individuals and families in need in our local area.

Volunteer driver information:

- ✦ **When:** Saturday, December 16, 9a-12p
- ✦ **Where:** Meet at the school gym
- ✦ **What:** 2 volunteers per vehicle will be assigned households to deliver Christmas boxes to.
- ✦ **Sign me up!** Email svdpsecretary@holyredeemerpx.org letting us know you are interested in volunteering and who will be joining in your vehicle. *We are in need of only those volunteers with cars at this time.
- ✦ **Can't volunteer to drive, but still want to help?** The pantry will be in need of food to replenish our stock following the holiday season! Please consider leaving the following donations in the shopping cart in the back of the vestibule (for canned foods, when possible, please provide pop-tops): canned soups, tuna/canned meat (chicken, salmon, etc.), chili, peanut butter, jelly, sugar (small boxes), pasta, pasta sauce, coffee (instant or ground), tea, and/or snacks.

Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

Saint John the Baptist, a great Advent figure, announces to us every year the proximity of the Lord. That is why he invites us to conversion. Conversion is the basic condition of a sincere faith, the starting point of any religious renewal, and the best preparation for the joy of Christmas.

What is conversion?

It is a profound, total change that encompasses the whole person; a change of mentality, an inner change - that leads us to transform our entire outer life as well. It is a return, a definitive opening to God and others.

In the life of every Christian, there is a first conversion: on the day of our Baptism we are converted, by the grace and strength of God, into new, redeemed beings, children of God.

In every Christian's life, there should also be a second conversion: to realize that being a Christian is more than living Christian customs and routines. Making the personal decision for a Christian life, a deliverance of one's self to God and others, becoming generous to all, committed - but by conviction, not just by tradition.

Sometimes we have an overly simplistic concept of conversion: moving from a situation of atheism to faith, or from a moral corruption to a righteous life.

There are conversions of this kind: a radical change of direction, the choice of a new life—for instance, the conversion of Saint Paul, Saint Augustine, and Saint Francis. We can even say that the history of the Church is the history of its conversions and renovations, the history of its great converts. Also, in our present times, there are ecclesial movements that have produced many conversions.

But there is also another form of conversion, a more common and general form: they are men and women who do not make such spectacular turns. They are people who constantly show up, and are ever present for God and others. Every year they are seen as more generous, cheerful, more profound in their wisdom and service to others. They are the women and men of small conversions, of daily conversions.

If we want to say it through an image: the conversion is like a FIRE. Today's Gospel says: "He will baptize you with fire." And there is also that word of Jesus: "I came to bring fire to the earth" (Luke 12:49). All converts have been drawn to that fire of Jesus: for some, it is like a fire that seems to suddenly burn them and everything changes ... For others - without doubt, the great majority - the fire is interior, discreet, slow, but constant. A fire that lights, burns, heats. A fire that permanently revives and spreads ...

Now, what are the fruits of this constant conversion?

- Marian apparitions. For instance, the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe this week, a conversion of an entire nation, Mexico.
- Families that are open and available to God, families that are committed and supportive towards their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Proof of the effectiveness of this grace of transformation is ourselves.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask Mary and Jesus to awaken in us, more and more, the desire to change. May they give us the grace of permanent transformation - so that this time of Advent prepares us and opens us up for the great irruption of God in the miracle of Christmas, the Incarnation of Christ.

Fr. Paul Ybarra, CSC