

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 13 2020

Mass & Confession Times

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00am Sunday (English)

10:00am Sunday (English) (Live on Facebook)

12:00pm Sunday (Spanish) (Live on Facebook)

2:00pm Sunday (Spanish)

DAILY MASSES

9:00am Monday and Wednesday

CONFESSIONS

Call to make appointment 503-285-4530

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30-7:30pm Thursday

Sacramental Life

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact a priest eight months in advance.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Michael, Ext. 510.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

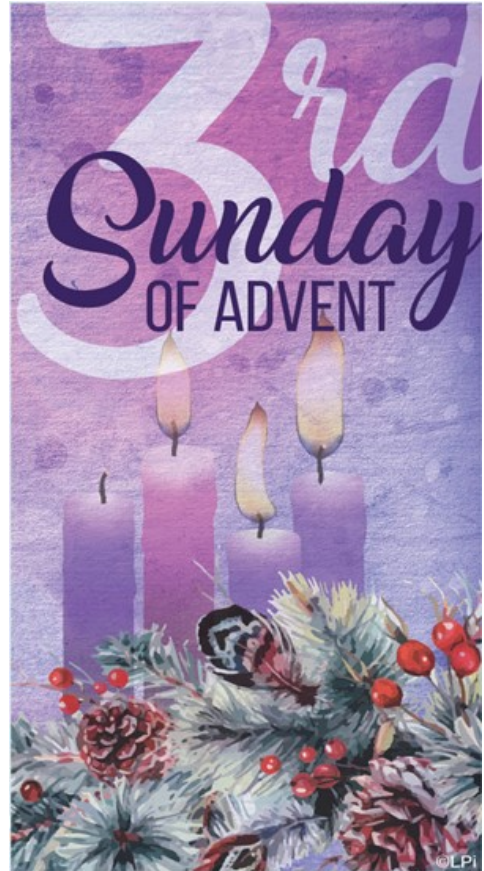
Please contact Teresa Markgraf, Ext. 502.

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Please contact Meaghen Igloria, Ext. 512.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday– Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



NEW MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Governor Brown announced new coronavirus guidelines on November 25, 2020, which took effect on Wednesday, December 2. Faith institutions will be limited to a maximum of 25% capacity or 100 people indoors. With our current capacity and physical distancing requirements, we will be able to accommodate up to 22 groups of people, not to exceed 100 people total per Mass.

HOLIDAY MASSES

Lottery attendees have been notified by email or phone.

COVID19

Until further notice only clergy will distribute the Eucharist at Mass. No Precious Blood will be distributed until further notice. Face coverings need to cover both your mouth and nose when you come to Holy Redeemer for Mass or church meetings.

Masses for the Week



SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00am Cliff Jones †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Gary Thompson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am John Safranski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Jim and Virginia Lawlor †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Leo Cassinelli

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Skip † and Sandy Willis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am Edna McIver †

10:00am Bernard McCormack †

Noon HR Parishioners

2:00pm Bradley Krautscheid

This Week's Readings

Monday,
December 14

Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17
Matthew 21: 23-27

Tuesday,
December 15

Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21: 28-32

Wednesday,
December 16

Isaiah 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25
Luke 7: 18-23

Thursday,
December 17

Genesis 49: 2, 8-10
Matthew 1: 1-17

Friday,
December 18

Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Matthew 1: 18-25

Saturday,
December 19

Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25
Luke 1: 15-25

Sunday,
December 20

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38



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Miss Fatima Garcia Salvador
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Church News and Outreach & Social Justice

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious older priests have served our Church and world. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet hundreds of religious communities don't have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Thanks for your generosity..



HOLY REDEEMER SVDP CONFERENCE

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 503-235-8431, so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

As of 12/2/2020, we've served 19 families with \$2,305 in food. Holy Redeemer church/school donated 493 lbs of food and volunteers offered 38 hours of time. Thank you for your ongoing love and sacrifices.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have openings for Wednesday 2:15-4:15 in the HR Food Pantry in the basement of the church. Volunteers work 2 hours once every four weeks. During the COVID emergency, only Volunteers work in the pantry, packing boxes to give out to clients and their families. All Volunteers are wearing masks and using gloves. This is a great opportunity for HR Parents to earn Fair Share Hours. Commitment is 2 hours every 4 weeks. Most Volunteers say that they receive much more than they give from their involvement in this ministry. If interested, or if you'd like more information, contact Carol Chislett at svpd@holyredeemerpx.org or 503-880-2780

RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

We are able to provide emergency rent and utility assistance-for those facing utility cutoff or eviction. Assistance is provided to registered parishioners and households within our parish boundaries (N. Alberta to the Columbia River and N. Denver to NE 26th Ave.). We are able to provide this assistance due to the generosity of parishioners. The Oregon Community Foundation grant program is closed at this time.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

HR's SVDP Food Room (back side of church, basement level) is open every Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30 - 4:00 PM. Anyone in need of emergency food is encouraged to go to the food room during these hours of operation to be given emergency food. All requests are treated confidentially. All visitors must wear masks.

SVDP PANTRY NEEDS:

Fresh eggs, canned meals/meats/tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cereal & fresh fruits. Please drop them off in the parish office. **Thank you for your help.**

HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL 2021 CALENDAR

The Parent Club is selling calendars featuring angel artwork created by the students. This fundraiser is taking the place of the Monster Mash and Lenten Fish Fry that can't take place this year because of the covid virus. Calendars are \$15 each and can be ordered now on the school's website.



HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL AUCTION

HRCS Auction Raffle Tickets make the BEST Stocking Stuffers!

Tickets are only \$25.00 each.

For more information and to purchase a raffle ticket, visit the auction website at:

<https://holyredeemerportland.ejoinme.org/raffle>

All proceeds to Holy Redeemer Catholic School.

Growing in Faith



Advent Lessons & Carols
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church



Live on Facebook
December 15th, 7 pm

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Whose voice are you listening to, the world or God? Invite God into your marriage by attending a Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 19-21, 2021. To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthepark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or email at reservations@rediscoverthepark.org

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH 2021 CALENDARS

Calendars, English and Spanish, are available in the rectory office.

WE JOYFULLY ANNOUNCE THE BAPTISM OF:



Emily Ramos Aragon, Benjamin Ramos Aragon and Edward Ramos Aragon (Jose Ramos Garcia & Claudia Aragon Zamora) and Arianny Gregorio-Murguia (Alonso Gregorio Carmona & Monica Gregorio-Murguia) May Holy Redeemer Parish be an example in faith for them as we live as followers of Jesus Christ.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS FOR ADVENT

Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul Conference is providing the Little Blue Books for Advent and the Christmas season daily readings and meditations for November 29 (the first Sunday of Advent) through January 10, in English and Spanish. They're available in the rectory during office hours. No charge, but, contributions for our work within our parish boundaries are gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It is time for those wishing to participate in the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund to do so. A list will be published so that all of the Parish community will be able to join in prayer for those remembered or honored. The cut-off date for your memorial contribution is **Saturday, December 19th**. This allows 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.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Holy Redeemer's Giving Tree is here! Take this opportunity to share your many blessings with those in our community and brighten their holiday season. This year, due to COVID, we are asking for gift cards for our Giving Tree families. Please bring your gift card or monetary donation to the Parish office by **Friday, December 18th** at 3:00pm. Your generosity is appreciated!

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass intention for weekday or Sunday Mass, please stop by the rectory office.



Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

Probably the most formative chapter in my life was the spring semester I spent in Mexico City in 1983 while an undergraduate at Notre Dame. I lived with a wonderful Mexican family and was introduced to a culture wholly different than anything I had ever known. In short order, I fell in love with Mexico, her people, her food, and all her beautiful customs and traditions. When I was taken to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and saw her image on the enshrined *tilma* (cloak) of Juan Diego in the cathedral, I understood that her appearance was the core religious event and symbol of this profoundly Catholic nation. I later learned that the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage destination in the world.

It all began in 1531, not long after the Spanish conquest of Mexico, when Our Lady of Guadalupe made multiple appearances to Juan Diego and spoke to him in his native Nahuatl. She asked him to see the Bishop and to request that a shrine be built on the site of her appearances. Naturally skeptical, the Bishop insisted that he needed a sign. She then instructed Juan Diego to pick the roses on the hillside at Tepeyac and carry them in his *tilma* to the Bishop's residence. Unbeknownst to Juan Diego, the roses he picked were Castilian roses that do not grow in Mexico, but in the Bishop's home region of Castile in Spain. When he opened his *tilma* in the Bishop's presence, and the roses fell to the ground, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe had been imprinted on his cloak.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is known as "la morenita," "the brown woman," who represents a mixture of the cultures which blended to form Mexico, both racially and religiously. She is also referred to as "the first Mexican," bringing together people of distinct cultural heritages, while at the same time affirming their distinctness.

The author Judy King asserts that, "The Virgin of Guadalupe is the rubber band that binds this disparate nation into a whole." Nobel Literature laureate Octavio Paz wrote in 1974 that "The Mexican people, after more than two centuries of experiments and defeats, have faith only in the Virgin of Guadalupe and the National Lottery." Octavio Paz is perhaps on to something!

The Virgin of Guadalupe is considered the Patroness of Mexico and the Continental Americas. Her feast day is December 12, which we just celebrated here at Holy Redeemer.

In my mind, "la morenita" is more relevant than ever, as we seek to overcome racial divisions in our nation and strive to bring together people of many races and diverse cultural traditions. I believe that God delights in our amazing human diversity. Far from separating us as Americans, our diversity should be seen as a gift to be honored, affirmed, and celebrated.

¡Que Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe! Pray for us!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

