



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”

<https://holyredeemerpxchurch.org>

DECEMBER 19, 2021



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact a priest eight months in advance.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Michael, Ext. 510.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF 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

Christmas Holiday hours:

Week of December 20-23 8:00am-12:00pm

CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE December 24

CLOSED WEEK OF December 27-31

Back to regular hours Monday January 3!

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00am Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

7:00pm Hispanic Choir Practice, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass, Church

7:00pm Christmas Eve Spanish Mass, Church

11:45pm Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00am Christmas Mass, Church

No Confessions and No 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Happy Holy Family Feast Day!

8:00am, 10:00am and Noon Masses



Holy Redeemer is growing, welcome to the Mabelly Gomez and Jorge Quintero Family!



Thank You!



The Saint Andre Besette Downtown Chapel will distribute all of the socks donated— we appreciate your support for our SOCK DRIVE!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:15am Ed † and Alice Brown

by Dan & Stephanie Brown

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:15am David Connell †

by Nancy Holdorf

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:15am David Connell †

by Nancy Holdorf

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:15am Florence Frank †

by Dick Safranski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:15am Madaline Pitkin †

by Mary Pitkin

4:00pm HR Parishioners

7:00pm Edgardo Cabalfin †

by Senffner Family

Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass

11:45pm Bernard Rilatt †

by Rilatt Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am Bob Hicks †

by Margie Hicks

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00am Kim Safranski

by Dick Safranski

10:00am HR Parishioners

Noon Hamilton Bryan Ramirez Garcia †

by Luz Ramirez

This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 19	Micah 5: 1-4a Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45
Monday, December 20	Isaiah 7: 10-14 Luke 1: 26-38
Tuesday, December 21	Song of Songs 2: 8-14 Luke 1: 39-45
Wednesday, December 22	1 Samuel 1: 24-28 Luke 1: 46-56
Thursday, December 23	Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24 Luke 1: 57-66
Friday, December 24	2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Luke 1: 67-79
Vigil Midnight Mass	
Friday, December 24	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1: 1-25
Saturday, December 25	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18
Sunday, December 26	1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Luke 2: 41-52

HOLY REDEEMER SENDS CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Drew Ryan Jr. and the Ryan family. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

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Church News, Outreach and Social Justice



HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

If you are struggling, you are not alone. We can help you get through difficult times with nutritious fresh and canned food from our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Located in the church basement off Williams Avenue, we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. All requests are treated confidentially. Another resource is foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Cffee, tea, sugar, jam and empty one-dozen egg cartons. You can bring these to the rectory or to the Food Room during Wednesday & Saturday hours.

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. Ainsworth/ N. Killingsworth to the Columbia River and MLK to NE 22nd Ave.). We are able to provide this assistance due to the generosity of parishioners.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

11/18/21 We've served 19 families with \$3,075 in food/rent/utilities. Holy Redeemer Church/School donated 222lbs. of food and volunteers offered 39 hours of time. **Thank you for your ongoing sacrifices and love.**

HOLY DAY DONATIONS USING EFT:

Thank you to everyone who make offertory contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Did you know you can also sign up to donate by EFT annually on Holy Days, such as Easter, Christmas, the Assumption of Mary, All Saints, the Immaculate Conception, and Mary, Mother of God? If you would like to sign up to give electronically on Holy Days, please call Kathy Battilega in the Parish office at 503-285-4539 or kbattilega@holyredeemerpx.org.



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Growing in Faith

JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH- INQUIRIES WELCOME

Our Initiation Team here at Holy Redeemer would be happy to answer any questions you have about becoming Catholic. We would like nothing more than to welcome seekers into our parish community and share the joy we find in the gospel of Jesus! Call or email Teresa Markgraf at the parish office, and a Team member will return your call promptly.

SYNOD PRAYER FROM THE VATICAN

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we journey together as a “Church on the Way in this Synodal Process.” Bless us with an openness to various voices and a fidelity to the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. Help us to accept the challenge of ongoing conversion so as not to let sin lead to disorder, but rather teach us to accompany one another as we follow you on the synodal path. “The heart of the church’s mission is prayer,” and we make this prayer from our hearts so as to be drawn closer to you and to one another. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Holy Redeemer Catholic School
Annual Dinner & Auction
Saturday, March 5, 2022

Follow the Yellow Brick Road and Join Us Over the Rainbow

"You Choose" Raffle Tickets
Now On Sale - Only 1,200 Available
To learn more visit: holyredeemerpx.org/auction/raffle

In Search of Auction Item Donations
Please reach out to Lindsay Steele for details: auction@holyredeemerpx.org

For Auction Information Visit: holyredeemerpx.org/auction

Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

One of the most beautiful reflections that I have read about the meaning of Christmas was published in the Washington Post just two short years ago. Not the place one usually expects to find profound messages of faith. I am not even sure how I stumbled upon it, given that I do not subscribe to that newspaper.

The author, Michael Gerson, wrote that, “The whole Christmas story is pregnant with enigma and violated expectations. The Creator pulls on a garment of blood and bone. Almighty God is somehow present in a fragile newborn. The deliverer of humankind is delivered, slimy with vernix, in a place smelling of dung. If God can come here, amid the shame and the straw, he can come anywhere. If God came here, he has come everywhere.”

He adds that, “The universe held its breath as a baby drew his first. God arrived, not as a conqueror, but as a child in a stable. A teacher on a hillside. A man nailed to a cross. And his achievement—bringing God’s presence to humankind—makes every victory achieved by force look trifling in comparison.”

I think it is beautiful to think that if God came here, he has come everywhere, even to the messiest of places. He is in refugee camps and he is at the border of our country among those families hoping for asylum. He has pitched his tent with the homeless and he sits in prison cells. He is sits in ICU wards and mental wards. He is with all who suffer in the world.

While he was first born in a stable, we must not forget that he was also born in us at our baptism. Christmas reminds us that God is for us, God is in us, and God is with us. We were created in his image and likeness, and we are meant to bring God’s presence to others—especially to those who feel sad, lost, lonely, or afraid, or who sometimes feel that life is not worth living. We can be bearers of hope to all we meet in our daily lives.

To quote Michael Gerson once more, “The hope that began on Christmas Day still shines like a star and swells like a song, carried across the centuries by chanting monks and gospel choirs, filling great cathedrals and revival tents, but clearest in the quiet of our hearts, God with us.”

May this same hope be with each of you and with your families at Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

