



# 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 3 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

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 3

10:00 am Spanish First Communion Group, Clare Hall  
 10:30 am RICA Spanish Group, Guadalupe Room  
 11:00 am English First Communion Group, School Room 134  
 1:15-3:15 pm Confirmation Year 1 Class, Clare Hall  
 1:15-3:15 pm Spanish Confirmation Parents Class, Cantwell Hall  
 5:45-8:00 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Church

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:30 pm Stepping Into Serenity Al Anon Meeting, Guadalupe Room  
 5:45 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Church  
 7:00 pm [Parish Reconciliation Service, Church](#)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir & Organ Practice, Church  
 6:30 pm Charismatic Group Classes, Clare Hall  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:45 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Church  
 6:00 pm [Lectio Divino in the Church, then a social in Rectory](#)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30-7:00 pm Adoration, Church  
 5:45 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, 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 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:15 am English Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church  
 5:30 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Clare Hall  
 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall  
 7:00 pm Spanish Missionaries of God, Clare Hall

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 am Spanish First Communion Group, Clare Hall  
 10:30 am RICA Spanish Group, Guadalupe Room  
 11:00 am English First Communion Group, School Rm 134  
 1:15-3:15 pm Confirmation Year 2 Class, Clare Hall  
 1:15-3:15 pm Spanish Confirmation Parents Class, Cantwell Hall  
 5:45-8:00 pm OLG Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Church

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

7:15am **Jerri Carleton**  
*by Jim Carleton*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

7:15am **Kelly Hawthorne**  
*by Jan Zimmer*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**

7:15am **Steven Larson**  
*by Larson Family*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:15am **HR Parishioners**

8:20am **Kathy Fazio †**  
*by Marc & Kathy Battilega*

7:00pm **Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.**  
*by HR Community*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

8:00am **John Keller †**  
*by Del Keller*

5:00pm **Nellie Simone**  
*by Tom & Kathy Fromherz*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10**

8:00am **HR Parishioners**

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

12:00pm **Mariana Mari Vazquez †**  
*by Antonio Martinez*

## This Week's Readings

Sunday,  
December 3      Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

Monday,  
December 4      Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday,  
December 5      Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

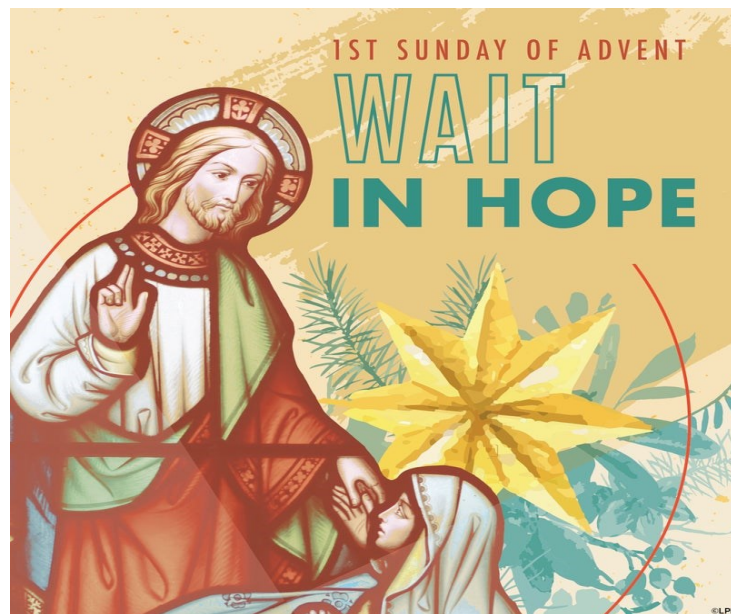
Wednesday,  
December 6      Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday,  
December 7      Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday,  
December 8      Genesis 3:9-15,20  
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12  
Luke 1:26-28

Saturday  
December 9      Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26  
Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

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



## Pastoral Team

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## Upcoming Holy Redeemer Parish Events

### Giving Tree Donations



**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@holyredeemerpx.org](mailto:givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org). *Your generosity is appreciated!*



**ALTAR LINENS** The Altar Linen Team needs more members! Groups of two help one or two months per year to wash, dry and iron the purificators, corporals and lavabo towels used in celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

Interested, questions? Contact Lupe Torres by email: [lupetorres7@gmail.com](mailto:lupetorres7@gmail.com) or call 503-449-1774. Many hands make light the work, and are rewarded by our beloved Lord.



**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.



### **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 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](http://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.*

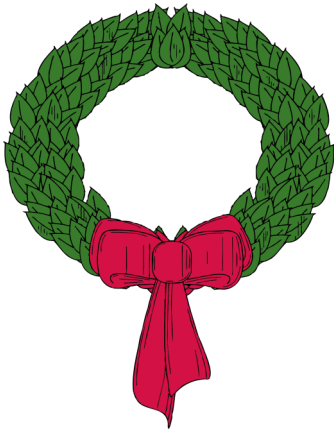
**VEHICLE DONATION:** Have an unwanted vehicle taking up space in your driveway? Consider donating it to St. Vincent de Paul to support the Portland Chapter's emergency assistance programs. Vehicle donations are tax-deductible, and SVdP covers all towing and administrative costs. To donate a vehicle,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

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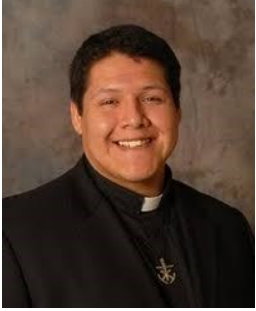


### DECORATE HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH ON DECEMBER 17, FROM 1:00-5:00PM

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



## Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

I enjoy watching reality TV shows. I have had to confess, in confession, that I have watched such silliness with regularity since I was a child. I used to watch the Love Connection with Chuck Woolery, he always said that they be back in two and two before every commercial break. I actually timed it, they were back much later than two minutes and two seconds, Chuck Woolery. Most of the couples didn't marry, over 2000 episodes, and 31 marriages in total, that is just over 1 percent success rate. More recently there are all the versions of the Bachelor or Bachelorette, even the Golden Bachelor. I did some research, nine marriages out of 47 seasons. Either way, the percentages, although better than Love Connection, 19 percent? Not great when we are talking about finding the love of these people's lives. All those roses, wasted. Truthfully, most people can't fall in love before a national television audience. Might it be that marriage is more than a couple and their bizarre desire to become reality television stars. Might it have to do with God.

Advent is a time of longing, and strangely enough matchmaking; we are longing for the coming of Christ, we know we cannot be fulfilled until he comes to us. We need reminding that what we are longing for is a joyful event, the marriage of heaven and earth, when everything will be put right. And our being watchful does not have to be anxiety inducing, like who will get a love connection or the last rose. God should find us alert in care and service to one another.

We must not over spiritualize this Advent season. As if it is a Christmas movie that has family, celebration, the overcoming of some whimsical adversity. Something that is nothing like the reality we all live in. We believe in sacraments; we believe in the incarnation, when the word became flesh. Material reality is not on a different plane from spiritual reality, it is not a figment of the imagination nor is it so distant that its someone else's love story, someone else's happily ever after. God meets us here and now, in the stuff of everyday life, and the tasks of making the world a better and a freer place. He meets us in the bread and wine at this Mass – not just in pious thoughts; and he meets us in our struggle to be the good news for a broken people, not in some alternate reality. Jesus comes into the world to make real in flesh and blood God's love for us.

But our struggle is not about ourselves doing good, looking good on television for all the people and sponsors to see, it is not our social media account that matters: our lives are meant to be an announcement, a pointing toward Jesus who is the good news. The style of our struggle in the world is not a frantic effort to force the world to become a better place: that will just make us angry, because we would not succeed anyway; it will play havoc with our blood pressure, if we yell at our TV screens begging so and so together, or so and so to lead our nation, or worse yet, believing leadership has to do with a Twitter account or which celebrities endorse us. Some of the most uptight people in the world are highly idealistic people who think that they have to do it all. But our task is to work in such a way that we are pointing to Christ alone. That takes a lot of pressure off us.

We are not all called to preach about Jesus directly; and some people who do talk about Jesus are a real pain: I think that is because they are trying to force us into their Jesus camp, rather than letting us be free to meet the Savior who sets us free. No, our way of working in the world is to demonstrate that the way to Christ – siding with the poor and the broken hearted, caring about prisoners and oppressed people – is in fact the way of happiness. "Why should the devil have all the best music?" asked William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. Whether the Salvation Army came up with particularly good music, I have no idea, but the truth of bringing joy into worship was a way of telling people that faith is not miserable. Marriage to God, lived out in our relationships with others can be a joyful existence. Rejoice in the Lord always: The Lord is near.

Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.