



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 4, 2022

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

Immaculate Conception Mass, **No Adoration this Thursday**

Sacramental Life

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Frs. Cameron, Pat or 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

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 am Breakfast Club, Cantwell Hall
- 10:00 am Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall
- 11:00 am Communion Economy Discussion Brunch, Cantwell Hall
- 2:00pm Confirmation Class, Clare Hall
- 2:00 pm Spanish Parents Confirmation Class, Cantwell Hall
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

- 6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Clare Hall
- 7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service, Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 6:00 pm RCIA Meeting, Clare Hall
- 6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir Practice, Church
- 7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Clare Hall
- 7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room
- 7:00 pm Bilingual Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 7:00 pm Spanish First Communion Group, Clare Hall
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 11

- 10:00 am Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall
- 11:00 am Communion Economy Discussion Brunch, Cantwell Hall
- 2:00pm Confirmation Class, Clare Hall
- 2:00 pm Spanish Parents Confirmation Class, Cantwell Hall
- 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:15am **Heidi Tse & Family**
by Sr. Terese Tsang

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:15am **Stethanie Li & Family**
by Sr. Terese Tsang

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:15am **Charlie & Joyce Cleveland**
by Julie Howe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:15am **People of Holy Redeemer Parish**
8:20am **Ernie Weber †**

by Julie Howe

7:00pm **Phyllis Weber †**
by Julie Howe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:15am **John Keller †**
by Del Keller

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

8:00am **Larry & Brad Dodge †**
by Cheri Dodge

5:00pm **Marie Hong Tran †**
by Joseph S. Tran

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 11

8:00am **HR Parishioners**

10:00 am **Joe Reding †**
by Emily Reding

Noon **Guadalupe Cruz**
by Lupe Tellez



PENANCE SERVICE ON DECEMBER 5th

If you haven't gone to confession in a while, Advent is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God. Come on **Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm**. Experience the healing gift of God's love, the chance to start over with a clean conscience and an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Regular Reconciliation times are Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm

This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 4	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Monday, December 5	Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 6	Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 7	Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 8	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Friday, December 9	Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, December 10	Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:9a,10-13
Sunday, December 11	Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

SECOND WEEK OF
ADVENT



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Church News, Outreach and Social Justice



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 last date for your memorial contribution is **Monday, 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.



SEEKING BUSINESS MANAGER

Holy Redeemer Parish/School is seeking a Business Manager to assist the Pastor in the prudent stewardship of the parish's personnel, financial and capital resources. Ensures the effectiveness of operations, informing and advising the Pastor, department heads, and various parish councils and committees as needed. Handles all accounting procedures for parish and school. This position is part of the core management team that supports the Pastor and ensures that the pastoral and administrative needs of the Parish are met.

For complete job description, see parish website: <https://holyredeemerpxchurch.org>.

Please send letter of interest and resume to Fr. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C., Pastor, at pnearycsc@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Neary at 503-285-4539.



HELP US FILL OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS BY DECEMBER 8th!

Please donate travel size: toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, lotions, soap, shampoo, hair combs/brushes. Mark donation bag "For Stockings" if possible.

Many thanks!



HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE

"Giving help and hope one person at a time." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by a small group of students in Paris in 1835 and now stretches across the globe. Its namesake and patron saint was a sixteenth century priest from Pouy, France who became known as the "Father of the Poor." The Society was unique for its time in that it was formed by lay Catholics, and it offered charity to foreigners as well as non-Catholics. A truly Christian enterprise! Our conference at Holy Redeemer seeks to reflect this Vincentian spirit through our

rent and utility assistance program as well as a food pantry, all staffed and funded entirely through volunteers. Our pantry receives food from the parish as well as partner agencies such as the Oregon Food Bank, Safeway, and Nite Hawk Cafe & Lounge. Each conference is governed by a Board of Directors which includes a spiritual advisor and is overseen by the Portland District Council www.svdppdx.org. Meetings take place in the rectory on the **second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact board president Gordon Oliver oliver.svdp@gmail.com.

TO SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES, CALL 503-285-4539 ext. 520:

Holy Redeemer SVDP Conference will have Christmas Food Boxes for those in need this year. Please call and leave a message with your Name, Phone Number, Address and Number of people in the Household. We will call back to arrange in-person delivery on Saturday December 17.

FOOD PANTRY Do you have enough food for yourself or your family? Our pantry offers fresh, frozen and canned food to those in need. Located behind the church, we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Other food resources include the SVDP website at www.svdppdx.org and foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org. SVDP is an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially.

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Pumpkin, Boxed stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Cooking Oil, Bags of Potatoes

You may bring fresh or frozen items during our pantry hours on Wednesdays or Saturdays, or email Gordon Oliver at oliver.svdp@gmail.com to arrange a drop off time. Thanks! Bring donations to the pantry during open hours, the rectory, or use the shopping cart at the entrance to the church. With your help we can offer items that are otherwise difficult to obtain. Thank you!

RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

Need help paying for rent or utilities? SVDP Holy Redeemer offers up to \$750 in rent and \$400 in utility assistance per year to individuals or families living within our parish boundaries. 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

Growing in Faith



YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORY BEGINS HERE, WITH A WARM WELCOME!
Welcome Mary, Eric, Lulu and Millie Wood! Welcome to Peter Boag!
We are happy you are joining our Holy Redeemer Family!



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Take this opportunity to share your many blessings with those in our community and brighten their holiday season. Please take a tag and return it with your wrapped gift or monetary donation to the Parish office by Friday, December 16th. Email givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org with any questions. *Your generosity is appreciated!*

CARE FOR CREATION ADVENT REMINDER:

Ways to care for God's creation when holiday decorating this year:

- Instead of buying new decorations, exchange decorations with your neighbors, family, or friends.
- Create new ornaments with plants, flowers, or craft materials you already have at your disposal.
- Make sure the Christmas lights you use are all LED as they are more eco-friendly.

Email meganmlehman@gmail.com to learn more about the Holy Redeemer Care for Creation Circle.

The Filipino Catholic Community of Oregon
and SW Washington
cordially invites you to
Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 11, 2022
2:00 PM

St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart
1716 NW Davis St, Portland OR 97209
Celebrant: Archbishop Alexander K. Sample

Concelebrants: Filipino Priests of the Archdiocese of Portland

Light Reception follows immediately after the
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist



Fr. Cameron's Message



Dear friends:

Today is our second Sunday in Advent. Last week our scripture readings focused on preparing for Christ's second coming at the end of time to judge the nations. This week's Gospel reading takes a marked turn towards focusing on the preparation for the first appearance of God's Son in our world. We are not yet rewinding the tape all the way back to the familiar stories of angelic appearances to Mary and Joseph and the first announcements made about the Savior's birth. That will come soon enough. Instead, at present, we are introduced to the striking character of **John the Baptist**.

The wild, charismatic preacher, offspring of the priest Zechariah, appears in the desert wilderness east of the Judean mountains about thirty years after Jesus' birth. He has a magnetic personality, and he draws a great crowd of whomever will listen to his potent portents of God's coming kingdom. Those who took his message seriously and desired a sincere conversion of heart and the forgiveness of their sins were washed by John in the waters of the Jordan river, as they prepared for the approach of the Kingdom.

Perhaps many people were initially drawn in just as much by curiosity at this rugged man's strange dress and diet as they were by his radical message. The locusts and wild honey he ate bespoke a rigorous asceticism that matched the tone of his message of repentance. The camel-hair cloth and leather belt that composed his apparel may strike us as nothing more than a peculiar fashion choice, but the most astute among his Jewish onlookers would immediately connect it with the prophet Elijah, who was described in 2 Kings as "A hairy man, with a leather belt around his waist."

Many in fact tried to identify John the Baptist as Elijah himself come back to earth. The prophet Elijah is one of few major figures in the Old Testament whose passing from this world was not a natural death; instead, he was "taken up to heaven by a whirlwind" (2 Kings 2). Though John himself would deny that he was literally the same person as Elijah the prophet (John 1:20), Jesus nonetheless affirmed a strong spiritual connection between the two men (Matt 11:14). Others among John's audience speculated that he might in fact be the long-awaited messiah and savior, but this too, John emphatically denied.

He explicitly identified himself as only a forerunner, a precursor for the one who is to come. Someone much more powerful than him—whose sandals John was not even worthy to untie. All four of the Gospel writers connect John with the words of Isaiah: "*A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*" *In John's Gospel, it is not the narrator, but John the Baptist himself who uses these words to identify himself when people question who he is.*

Without a doubt John the Baptist was a man who attracted many followers and carried great authority and respect—even as the sharpness of his words cut through the hypocrisy and pretension of some of the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to him, making himself some enemies as well. Yet he only used the following he had and the respect he commanded to point humbly towards the real Savior who was yet to come. At every turn, he cast away the temptation to make his mission and work about himself. There is much for us to learn from John the Baptist's humility as we carry out our mission as Christians to share the good news and be heralds of God's kingdom for others.

I also invite all of us to take to heart John the Baptist's message of repentance as part of our Advent preparations for the Lord's coming. We have all been washed in the sacrament of baptism and given access to Christ's saving mercy and love, yet for most of us, our path of conversion is ongoing and often faltering. Holy Redeemer offers the **Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30-4:30**, but we will also have a special Advent **Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 5th, at 7pm**. Let us take advantage of this sacrament of forgiveness as we seek to *prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths in our life!*

Fr. Cameron