

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 6, 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

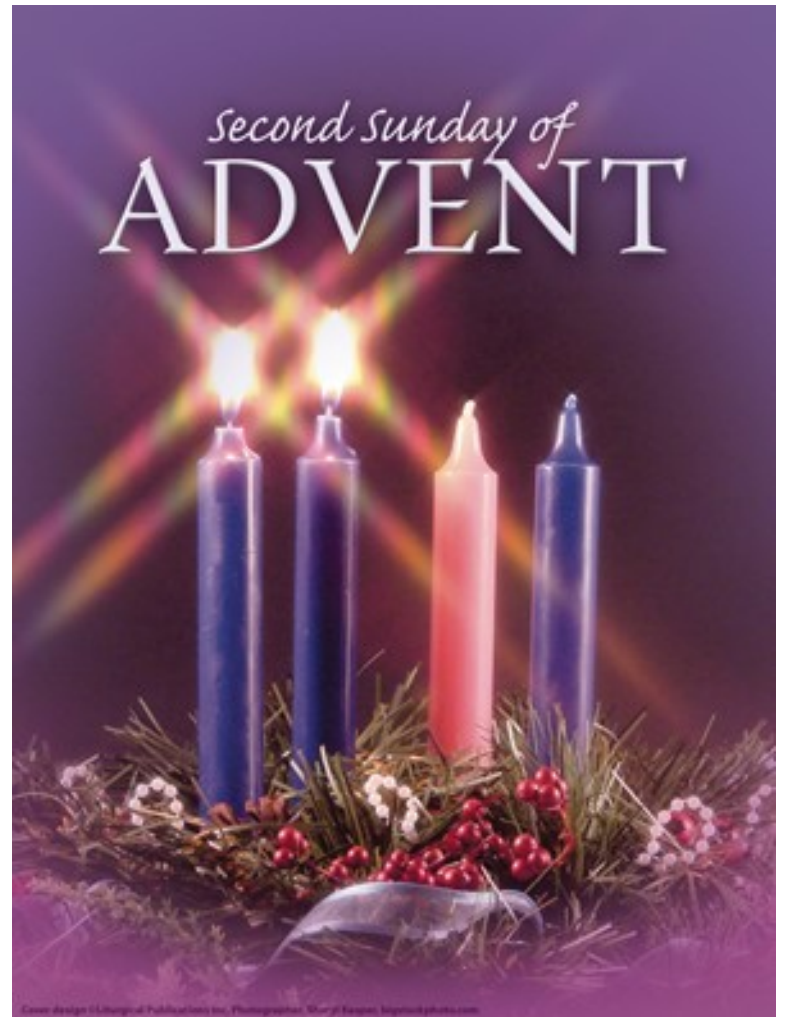
Please contact Teresa Markgraf, Ext. 502.

FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Please contact Meaghen Igloria, Ext. 512.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday– Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



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.

HOLIDAY MASSES

Lottery attendees have been notified by email or phone.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please contact Fr. Michael to determine if we can bring Eucharist to their homes.

Masses for the Week



SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00am Jesse Ernst †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

HR Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00am John Keller †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Anton Golouber

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Rosella McKay

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Guadalupe Nunez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am HR Parishioners

10:00am Cody Folz

Noon Guillermo & Telma Ramirez

2:00pm Sara Monoz & Salvador Rangel

This Week's Readings

Monday,
December 7

Isaiah 35: 1-10
Luke 5: 17-26

Tuesday,
December 8

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12
Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday,
December 9

Isaiah 40: 25-31
Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday,
December 10

Isaiah 41: 13-20
Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday,
December 11

Isaiah 48: 17-19
Matthew 11: 16-19

Saturday,
December 12

Zechariah 2: 14-17
Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday,
December 13

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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Church News and Outreach & Social Justice



HOLY REDEEMER SVDP CONFERENCE

For the week of November 25th we served 19 families with \$2,075 in food. Holy Redeemer church/school volunteers offered 38 hours of time. Thank you for your ongoing love and sacrifice.

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.

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.**

FARM TO FAMILY FOOD BOX LOCATIONS: <https://evangelization.archdpdx.org/usda-food-box>

This program is USDA partnered with Pacific Coast Fruit & Archdiocese of Portland:

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.

JESUIT FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS

Jesuit High School is accepting applications for incoming 9th graders. The admissions and financial aid applications are both due **January 15th**. Your student will also have to register to take an online placement test on **December 12th**.

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. They're available in the rectory during office hours. Both No charge, but, contributions for our work within our parish boundaries are gratefully accepted.

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!

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 18th**. 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.



Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

It is an interesting fact that the feast day of John the Baptist falls near the summer solstice, which marks the longest day of the year, but then the days begin to shorten. The birth of Christ falls near the winter solstice, which marks the shortest day of the year, but then the days begin to lengthen. It reminds me of the words of John the Baptist, who said, "I must decrease and he must increase." It seems most fitting that Christ our light should appear in the time of greatest darkness and that with his appearance the light should grow.

The sun is slow to rise these days and quick to set. Yet in this time when the darkness comes earlier and earlier, we speak of the season of lights. The light of our Advent candles and the lights on our Christmas trees seem to shine more brightly and warmly when it is dark outside.

I get reminded over and over how God brings light in the midst of the world's darkness. A few days ago I rode my bike along the Willamette River towards the Tillicum Bridge. I then crossed and made my way north towards the Broadway Bridge. Nothing prepared me for the sight of endless graffiti, the countless boarded up buildings, or the sea of tents along Broadway Street of those who are homeless.

Suddenly, a gentleman in a city park I passed began to play the bagpipes. Then I saw some jugglers showcasing their skills, and further along, I witnessed a few young people walking a tightrope. I think they felt called to give everyone a lift in their own simple way. They were signs of light and joy in the midst of a disheartening scene.

I then had a Zoom call to touch-base with our Hispanic leaders of the parish a few days ago. Despite the tears and hardships shared, I heard the moving testimony of some who are taking food to the homeless each week, or of another who visits the local prison and is helping an older man recently released from prison who has no family. These good people are light bearers to those who are suffering.

A star once heralded that Christ our light was to be born in Bethlehem. Our Advent wreath reminds us that Christ our light is coming anew. St. John wrote "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Until Christ our light returns in glory, we are the light of Christ in the world to all who need love, light, and warmth.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

