



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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MAY 5, 2024

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

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:

SUNDAY, MAY 5

10:00 am Holy Redeemer Catholic School First Communion Mass, Church
10:00 am Parish Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall
11:00 am Living Communion Meeting, Rectory Basement
11:00 am Parish English First Communion Class, School Room 134
1:15-3:15 pm Confirmation Year 1 Class in Clare Hall and Spanish parents in Cantwell Hall

MONDAY, MAY 6

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:00 pm Charismatic Group Class, Clare Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:30-7:30pm Confirmation Year 1 Makeup Class, Clare Hall
7:00 pm Spanish Charismatic Choir Practice, Church
7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory Large Conference Room

THURSDAY, MAY 9

4:30-7:30pm Adoration, Church
7:30 pm 10am Mass Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, MAY 10

5:30 pm Rosary & Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00am-3:00pm Spanish Charismatic Diocesan Choir Practice, Cantwell Hall
8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall
11:00 am Quinceanera Class, Clare Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 12, The Ascension of The Lord

11:00 am RCIA Session, Rectory Basement



Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 6

7:15am **Francis Platz †**
by Pat Cary & Gordon Oliver

TUESDAY, MAY 7

7:15am **Healing of Diana Rangel Torres**
by Carmen Salvador

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:15am **Alexis McCabe †**
by Pat Cary & Gordon Oliver

8:20am **Estee Marsh**
by HR Community

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:15am **Kay Nessel †**
by HR Community

FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:15am **Gonzala Espinoza †**
by Eduardo Nunez

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00am **Ed Fernbach**
by Pat Cary & Gordon Oliver

5:00pm **Claire Safranski †**
by Dick Safranski

SUNDAY, MAY 12, The Ascension of the Lord

8:00am **HR Parishioners**

10:00am **Gloria Safranski †**
by Dick Safranski

12:00pm **Healing of Concepcion Castelan**
by Lucrecia Espinoza

This Week's Readings

Sunday,
May 5 Acts 10:25-26;34-35;44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Monday,
May 6 Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday,
May 7 Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday,
May 8 Acts 17:15,22—18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday,
May 9 Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

Friday
May 10 Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23a

Saturday,
May 11 Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28

The Ascension of The Lord,
Sunday,
May 12 Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FOR THE WEEK OF 4/21/2024

Electronic Donations	\$6,325.13	<u>2nd Collections:</u>
Envelopes	\$1,601.00	Rice Bowls \$14.40
Loose	<u>\$1,093.06</u>	Easter \$165.00
Total	\$9,019.19	Educate-A-Child \$120.00

HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE Sister Marian Watkins, SNJM, of Holy Redeemer parish was honored with the Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award at the SVdP Annual Dinner on April 21. The award recognized St. Marian's tireless volunteer work at our Holy Redeemer food pantry. The Ozanam Award was given to 16 Portland-area Vincentians this year for their excellent work and dedication to the Society's mission. Sr. Marian, who lives across the street from the pantry, was praised for her frequent service in working with volunteers and those receiving assistance. "She literally appears whenever an extra hand is needed in our food pantry," the award noted. She is cherished by our volunteers and those we serve.

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Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

The word 'commandment' often implies coercion and order, and 'obedience' implies an unwilling or even petulant child. In the case of God's commands, however, a commandment is a gift, indicating the way in which love can be expressed; and obedience is a way of seeking to draw closer to God by imitation. The commands of God are not random or domineering, but are indications of the ways in which we can draw just a little closer to the infinite qualities which are seen in the creating and redeeming God. The generosity seen in the beauties of nature and humanity, in the beauty of tolerance and forgiveness are reflections of the Divine qualities. This is how Jesus kept his Father's commandments and remained in his love, and how we too may do the same.

It might even be said that Jesus needed to suffer so that we might see that God too can endure suffering. Suffering and the supreme suffering of death are human experiences which cannot be predicated of God, and so Jesus himself took them on to share and ennoble these also. Jesus showed his love of the Father and his love of humanity by adopting and enduring the experiences which cannot touch an impassive God. Such is the full meaning of the love expressed by "as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

Today's reading adds three more dimensions to the concept of the love shared by Jesus and his Father and by Jesus and his disciples. It is a love of friendship not of subservience. Linked to the awed reverence for God there has always been an astounding warmth friendship in the Jewish tradition of love of God. Abraham was known as 'the friend of God' (this still persists in the Muslim tradition). We see it in the bargaining of Abraham with God over Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18. It comes again in David's unselfconscious joy as he dances before the Lord (2 Samuel 6) and in the intimacy of the prophet Jeremiah's frank complaints to God about the treatment he has to endure for insisting on his message of doom. Again, in the warm relationship to God of the charismatic Galilean rabbis of the time of Jesus: Abba Honi actually threatens God that the people will stop calling God 'Abba' if he does not send rain. When God teases him by sending a few drops of rain, Honi again complains, to be rewarded with a torrential deluge. Honi counters with a further complaint and is at last rewarded with a steady rain.

The second aspect of Christ's love expressed in the Gospel is that he lays down his life for his friends. Christ's death was not only the expression of loving obedience to his Father but also the extreme expression of his literally boundless love for his friends whom God reconciled by that shedding of blood.

A third aspect is the openness of this friendship. One of the principal aspects of true friendship is openness, the trust which permits friends to have no secrets from one another. We can have no secrets from Christ, and he on the other hand reveals to us all we can understand about God, with a fearless intimacy and frankness in prayer which equal and exceed that of any human friendship.

In our second reading, the commandment that we should love one another is based on the staggering truth that love of God and of our neighbor is no more than a response to and a reflection of God's love for us. Our love is not an initiative on our part but only a reply to the love lavished by God. So total and so expansive in God's nature is love, that unless we love others, we cannot claim to be children of God, or even to know God. The knowledge itself sparks our love. The central truth is that God's nature is love, and this is shown by the fact, repeated twice within these few verses, that he sent his Son as an atonement for our sins. Throughout the Old Testament we have seen that God's love is strong, passionate and forgiving, but never to the extent of sending his Son. If his love as seen in the Old Testament demanded a response, how much more as seen in the New Testament? How much more are we called to love in the light of Christ?

Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.