



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://holyredeemerpdxchurch.org>

DECEMBER 24, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 am English Sunday Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Sunday Mass
4:00 pm English Family Christmas Eve Mass
7:00 pm Spanish Christmas Eve Mass
11:45pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
5:30 pm Stepping Into Serenity Al Anon Meeting, Guadalupe Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 pm Charismatic Group Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:30-7:00 pm Adoration, 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 29

6:00 pm Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 THE HOLY FAMILY

8:00 am English Sunday Mass
10:00 am English Sunday Mass
12:00 pm Spanish Sunday Mass

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Deceased Loved Ones

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

10:00am Millie & John Mildenerger †
by Bob & Teresa Moore

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:15am Kim Safranski's Birthday
by Dick Safranski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:15am Lori Belinski †
by Fr. Michael Belinsky, C.S.C.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15am Leopoldo Renteria Ramirez †
by Monica Vargas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15am Annie Kuehl Birthday
By Dick Safranski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

**8:00am Healing for Pedro Antonio
Salvador Velazquez**
by Carmen Salvador

5:00pm Salvador Velazquez Family
by Carmen Salvador

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 **THE HOLY FAMILY**

8:00am HR Parishioners

10:00am Gene Jacobs †
by Teri Hopkins

12:00pm Jose Tellez †
by Lupe Alejandro



This Week's Readings

Sunday, 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
December 24 1Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

(Evening) Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

(Midnight) Isaiah 62:11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

Monday, Isaiah 52:7-10
December 25 Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-5,9-14

Tuesday, Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
December 26 Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday, 1 John 1:1-4
December 27 John 20:1a,2-8

Thursday, 1 John 1:5—2:2
December 28 Matthew 2:13-18

Friday, 1 John 2:3-11
December 29 Luke 2:22-35

Saturday 1 John 2:12-17
December 30 Luke 2:36-40

Sunday, Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
December 31 Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Pastoral Team

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Upcoming Holy Redeemer Parish Events



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 canned veggies/soups/fruits/tuna/chicken/refried beans/beans; pasts & sauce; peanut butter & jelly; stuffing; coffee and cereal.** 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. Parish donors make this assistance possible. Thank you.

ASSISTANCE IN THE MONTH OF NOVBER We served 165 households with 686lbs. of food donated by the parish and school families and \$3,328 in rent/utilities assistance to 13 families. Thank you for your ongoing sacrifices and love to support our community members in need.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Don't give each other things this Christmas, **give each other the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God** by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 16-18, 2024 in Beaverton, Oregon.

To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or email reservations@rediscoverthespark.org



CHURCH NEWS



YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORIES BEGINS NOW!

**Welcome to our Holy Redeemer Community:
Jesse Graunitz and his sons, Eden and Leo**

**Juana Sebastian Juan and her husband, Emilio Pascual and their
children, Emilio, Dolores, Martin, Melina, Raymundo and Maria.**

Holy Redeemer welcomes you!

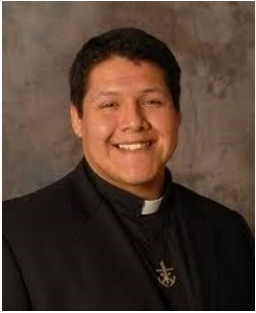


ALTAR LINENS The Altar Linen Team needs more members! Groups of two help one or two months per year to wash, dry and iron the purificators, corporals and lavabo towels used in celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

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



Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

Christmas is the Mystery of the Incarnation of God, a demonstration of his kindness and goodness. Christmas is the revelation of Love: because God so loved the world that he gave us his beloved Son.

God comes to meet us; to meet each person, to give them a special happiness, that each family feel deeply united, that all people receive a call to peace.

We celebrate the completion of a prophecy; a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. He carries on his shoulders the fate of all, the kingdom of heaven. The child we worship in Bethlehem is true God and true man. He is the Word made flesh, all that exists has been created through Him. He is the Redeemer that raises all of God's children up, he is the salvation. He is the Counselor that, being made man, resolves our sinfulness, through him alone is our redemption. Therefore, he is the light that shines through the darkness. He is the Prince of the Peace that triumphs over war, terrorism and injustice; he is the one that reconciles us with God the Father and with all our brothers and sisters.

Christmas is the presence of Christ in the world. He is Emmanuel, God with us and for us. He has delivered us from every wickedness and prepared a people redeemed, dedicated to the good works of God.

May we be humble. May we be rescued from sin, purified by grace and dedicated to truth, in goodness, in charity, in peace, in justice, and in solidarity.

We celebrate a historic and authentic event. Mary and Joseph come from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be registered. In Bethlehem, Mary gives birth virginally, by work of the Holy Spirit. He is the child Jesus. We worship this Mystery. To worship the child Jesus is to worship the Divine Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ that is divine like the Father. We worship a saving God. Christ is the supreme revelation of the Love and the Mercy of God the Father. He is our salvation.

Please, look over at our nativity, the scene of our salvation. See Mary, she is the Virgin Mother, by the work of the Holy Spirit. She offers us the Mystery of a child that is also God, that when we receive him we might also learn to keep him in our hearts, following her example. See Saint Joseph. He protects the virginal maternity of Mary and protects, in a fatherly way, the child Jesus. He teaches us to guard and to defend a life of grace.

See the angels. They announce the Good news, the joy of all peoples giving praise to God "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of Good will." We join in their song of praise and thanksgiving.

See the shepherds. They represent the simple, the humble, and the poor. They are the first in receiving the Good News and they quickly make their way to worship Jesus. They teach us to be poor and simple of heart, to leave behind everything so as to encounter the child Jesus in Bethlehem; to leave behind all to encounter God.

The source of our true happiness is not the hustle and bustle of the world. It's in our hearts. The joy of Christmas will be authentic if we allow the child to be born in our hearts by God's grace, if the world grants to God the place that belongs to him.

Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.