



# 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 12, 2021

## 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

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact a priest eight months in advance.

### BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Michael, Ext. 510.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF 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

Christmas Holiday hours:

Week of December 20-23 8:00am-12:00pm

CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE December 24

CLOSED WEEK OF December 27-31

Back to regular hours Monday January 3!

## Parish Calendar

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 **Third Sunday in Advent**

10:00am Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall  
4:00pm Confirmation Class, Cantwell Hall

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00pm Advent Prayer Service, Church

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30pm SVdP Meeting, Rectory Conference Room  
7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall  
7:00pm Hispanic Choir Practice, Church

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00pm Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10:00am Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall

## JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you interested in learning more about becoming Catholic? We welcome inquiries any time of year! Just call or email Teresa Markgraf at the parish office and a member of the Initiation Team will get right back to you.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

Do you or someone you know need food this Christmas? The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference is providing food boxes this Christmas for those in our parish boundaries. Please call 503-285-4539 ext 511 by December 16 to register this need, please say family size. Boxes will be delivered December 18 in the morning.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SANCTUARY LIGHT: Safranski Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

7:15am **Bonnie Bradley †**

*by Marc & Kathy Battilega*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

7:15am **Leo Damazo Porra**

*by Justina Hernandez*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:15am **Harvey Freeman †**

*by Linda Beasley Freeman*

8:20am **Guadalupe Nunez †**

*by Eduardo Nunez*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

7:15am **John Safranski**

*by Dick Safranski*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:15am **Fr. Peter Tsang †**

*by Heidi Tse*

**SATDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:00am **Eric Tejanda Sorrano**

*by Justina Hernandez*

5:00pm **Torres-Mondragon Young Adults**

*by Torres-Mondragon Parents*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:00am **Skip † and Sandy Willis**

*by Mindy Garlington*

10:00am **HR Parishioners**

Noon **Rosa Elia Salinas †**

*by Maria del Socarro Campos*

## This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 12	Zephaniah 3: 14-18a Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18
Monday, December 13	Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21: 23-27
Tuesday, December 14	Zephaniah 3: 1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21: 28-32
Wednesday, December 15	Isaiah 45: 6b-18, 21b-25 Luke 7: 18b-23
Thursday, December 16	Isaiah 54: 1-10 Luke 7: 24-30
Friday, December 17	Genesis 49: 2, 8-10 Matthew 1: 1-17
Saturday, December 18	Jeremiah 23: 5-8 Matthew 1: 18-25
Sunday, December 19	Micah 5: 1-4a Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

## Pastoral Team

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# Church News, Outreach and Social Justice



## HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY?

If you are struggling, you are not alone. We can help you get through difficult times with nutritious fresh and canned food from our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Located in the church basement off Williams Avenue, we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. All requests are treated confidentially. Another resource is [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](http://foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org)

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS:** Our Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul Conference aims to provide 100 Christmas food baskets to families within our parish boundaries. We're asking you to consider picking up extra groceries on your shopping trips this month. Each week we will ask for a different donation, although all foods are welcome. **This week's special request is for box/can milk and oats/oatmeal packets.** Please bring your donations to the church on Saturday or Sunday, to the rectory during office hours (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.), or drop by during pantry hours of 2:30 to 4 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please specify that the donations are for the Christmas food baskets. Thanks for your generosity.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Pancake mix, jam, coffee, tea, and empty one-dozen egg cartons. You can bring these to the rectory or to the Food Room during Wednesday & Saturday hours.

**SOCK DRIVE:** Again, this year we will be collecting socks for the homeless. There will be a barrel in the entrance to the church for your donation. Take advantage of the after Thanksgiving sales to purchase socks. All donations will be given to Saint Andre Bessette Downtown Chapel for distribution. THANK YOU!

**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. Ainsworth/ N. Killingsworth to the Columbia River and MLK to NE 22nd Ave.). We are able to provide this assistance due to the generosity of parishioners.

### ADVENT GIVING TREE:

Holy Redeemer's Giving Tree is here! Take this opportunity to share your 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 Tuesday, December 14.** Alternatively, visit our virtual tree at <https://signup.com/go/hUtbSdo> to contribute directly. Email [givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org](mailto:givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org) with any questions. 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.

### HOLY DAY DONATIONS USING EFT:

Thank you to everyone who make offertory contributions through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Did you know you can also sign up to donate by EFT annually on Holy Days, such as Easter, Christmas, the Assumption of Mary, All Saints, the Immaculate Conception, and Mary, Mother of God? If you would like to sign up to give electronically on Holy Days, please contact Kathy Battilega in the Parish office – 503-285-4539 or [kbattilega@holyredeemerpx.org](mailto:kbattilega@holyredeemerpx.org).

### HOLY REDEEMER PARISH Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

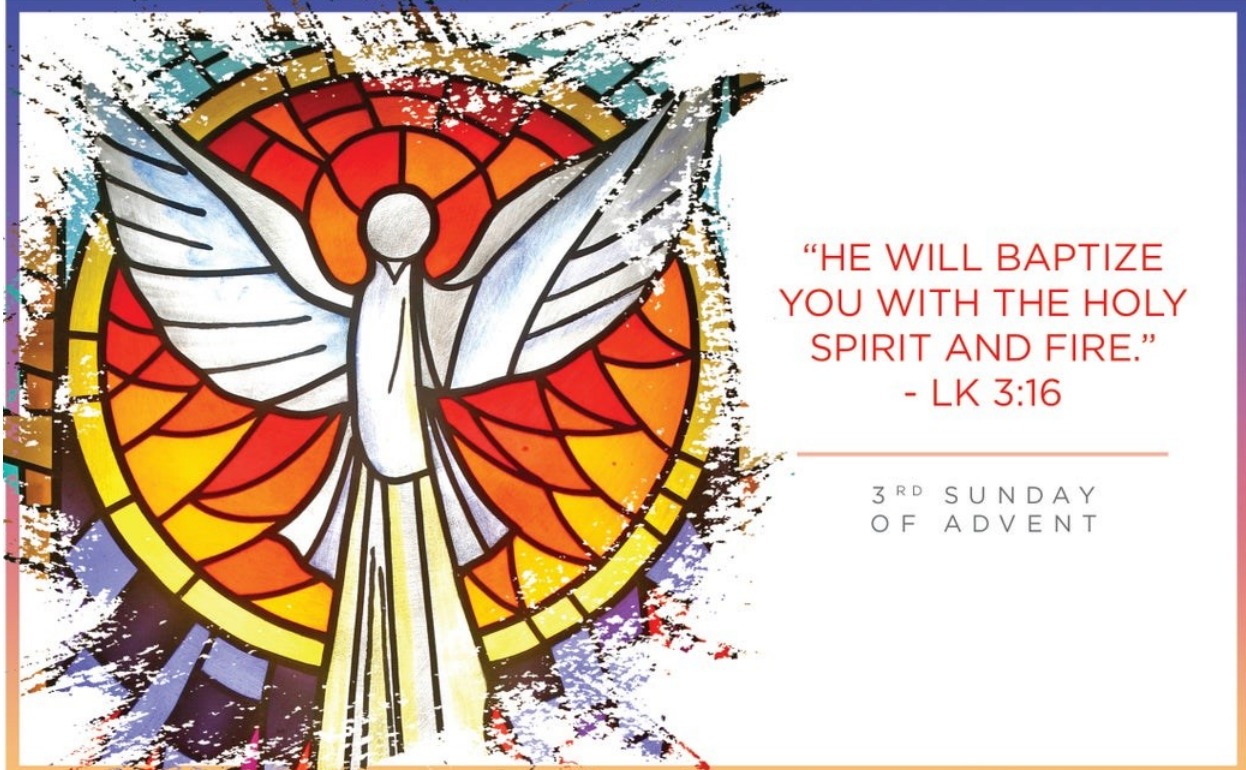
Offertory	Actual	Budget	% of Goal	Actual	Budget	% of Goal	
July	\$38,146	\$43,750	87%	September	\$36,943	\$43,750	84%
Year-to-Date	\$38,146	\$43,750	87%	Year-to-Date	\$112,569	\$131,250	86%
Annual Budget		\$525,000		Annual Budget		\$525,000	
August	\$37,480	\$43,750	86%	October	\$36,161	\$43,750	83%
Year-to-Date	\$75,626	\$87,500	86%	Year-to-Date	\$148,730	\$175,000	85%
Annual Budget		\$525,000		Annual Budget		\$525,000	



## Growing in Faith

### SYNOD PRAYER FROM THE VATICAN

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we journey together as a “Church on the Way in this Synodal Process.” Bless us with an openness to various voices and a fidelity to the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. Help us to accept the challenge of ongoing conversion so as not to let sin lead to disorder, but rather teach us to accompany one another as we follow you on the synodal path. “The heart of the church’s mission is prayer,” and we make this prayer from our hearts so as to be drawn closer to you and to one another. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Holy Redeemer Catholic School  
Annual Dinner & Auction  
Saturday, March 5, 2022

Follow the Yellow Brick Road and Join Us Over the Rainbow



**Support the Students of  
Holy Redeemer Catholic School**  
By Purchasing A

“You Choose” Raffle Auction Ticket

Tickets are \$25 each. Only 1,200 available.  
Drawing will take place the night of the auction.  
Need not be present to win.

To learn more visit: [holyredeemerpx.org/auction/raffle](https://holyredeemerpx.org/auction/raffle)

## Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

When I preached at the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe last year, I made reference to the Harry Potter series, when several people, including Prof. Lupin and Prof. Snape, say to Harry, “You have your mother’s eyes.” I said to those present, “Today I can say to all of you blessed to be of Mexican descent, ‘You have your mother’s eyes,’ for Our Lady of Guadalupe is your mother.”

She chose to appear in Mexico to their ancestors, namely to Juan Diego, a simple, indigenous farmer. She showed them, and showed all of us, the feminine face of God. And for most of their families, their *abuelitas* (grandmothers) have been pillars of faith, showing them the feminine face of God: one that is loving, patient, consoling, strengthening, believing, sacrificing, serving, forgiving, and unifying.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, known as *La Morenita*, (the dark-skinned one) also represents a mixture of the cultures which blended to form Mexico, both racially and religiously. She is also referred to as “the first Mexican,” bringing together people of distinct cultural heritages, while at the same time affirming their distinctiveness.

In my mind, *La Morenita* is more relevant than ever, as we seek to overcome racial divisions in our nation and strive to bring together people of many races and diverse cultural traditions.

How blessed have I been to have lived in Mexico, Chile, Kenya, and Uganda. I learned that our Catholic family is very large, and that we have brothers and sisters in every land. Their skin color, their languages, their food, their music and dances, are all unique and beautiful. Imagine being at the Basilica of Guadalupe today to see the diversity of her people and the beauty of their faith on display.

I believe that God delights in our amazing human diversity. Far from separating us as Americans, our diversity should be seen as a gift to be honored, affirmed, and celebrated. Racism is simply human blindness. For we are all one in God.

In the tilma (tunic) of Juan Diego, where Our Lady of Guadalupe’s image is still miraculously preserved to this day, Mary’s eyes are looking downwards towards Jesus her Son. She is inviting us to draw closer to her Son, and he will enlighten us, end our sadness, and fill us with his peace. He will make us a light to his people.

Our Lady of Guadalupe has no eyes but yours. You have your mother’s eyes. Christ has no eyes now but yours. You have Christ’s eyes. Your eyes must look out upon the people of this world with love and compassion, with mercy and with tenderness.

Today our eyes turn towards Mexico and we join the many pilgrims in Mexico City to honor *La Virgencita*, Mother and Queen of Mexico and the Mother of the Americas. May she intercede for us, that we may see everything with her eyes of faith.

And as Mass is celebrated at her Basilica in Mexico City, and here at Holy Redeemer, and we receive the sacred host from the altar—which is Christ himself—we are one in his body. Christ looks at us and we look at him in the host. And Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Mother, smiles with her loving eyes upon us all, just as she did with Juan Diego.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat