

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://churchholyredeemerpxd.squarespace.com>

DECEMBER 20 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

NO ADORATION on December 24

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– Wednesday 8:00am-3:00pm

Closed Christmas Eve and Day

December 28-31 11:00am-3:00pm

Closed January 1, 2021



Masses for the Week



SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00am John & Emily Maka †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Dave Sutter †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00am Bill Thayer †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm HR Parishioners

7:00pm Maria Concepción Lara Martinez

9:00pm Armando Pascual Lopez

12:00am Edwin Scholle †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am Alfred Weldon & Mai Powell †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Kim Safranski

Madaline Pitkin †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00am Leopoldo Renteria Ramirez †

10:00am Sharon Hecht

Noon HR Parishioners

2:00pm Alfred Weldon & Mai Powell †

This Week's Readings

Monday,
December 21

Song of Songs 2: 8-14
Luke 1: 39-45

Tuesday,
December 22

1 Samuel 1: 24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday,
December 23

Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24
Luke 1: 57-66

Thursday,
December 24

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
Mathew 1: 1-25

Friday,
December 25

Isaiah 52: 7-10
Hebrews 1: 1-6
John 1: 1-18

Saturday,
December 26

Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59
Matthew 10: 17-22

Sunday,
December 27

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



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Mrs. Carie Weisenbach-Folz, Parish Secretary
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Miss Fatima Garcia Salvador
Saturday Receptionist

Church News and Outreach & Social Justice

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Governor Brown announced new coronavirus guidelines on November 25. Faith institutions will be limited to a maximum of 25% capacity or 100 people indoors. With our current capacity and physical distancing requirements, we will be able to accommodate up to 22 groups of people, not to exceed 100 people total per Mass.

HOLIDAY MASSES

Lottery attendees have been notified by email or phone.

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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

You are invited to give your spouse the gift of great communication, a deep love and a marriage filled with God. Consider participating in a Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 19-21, 2021. To apply for YOUR WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org.

For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org



HOLY REDEEMER SVDP CONFERENCE

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Holy Redeemer parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: As of 12/09/2020, we've served 19 families with \$2,350 in food. Holy Redeemer church/school donated 3,579 lbs of food and volunteers offered 42 hours of time. Thank you for your ongoing love and sacrifices.

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 2021 CALENDAR

The Parent Club is selling calendars featuring angel artwork created by the students. This fundraiser is taking the place of the Monster Mash and Lenten Fish Fry that can't take place this year because of the covid virus. Calendars are \$15 each and can be ordered now on the school's website.



Growing in Faith

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL RAFFLE

For more information or to buy a ticket online, please visit:
<https://holyredeemerportland.ejoinme.org/raffle>

Tickets are available for purchase at the rectory during office hours.

Grand Prize \$3,000 gift card for travel expenses to your dream destination-OR- \$3,000 tuition voucher for Holy Redeemer Catholic School or ANY Catholic school in the US for the 2021-2022 school year.

Second Place Prize \$700 gift card to Amazon –OR– Target

Third Place Prize \$400 gift card to Apple Store –OR– Microsoft Store

Proceeds go to school operating expenses.

Only 1, 200 tickets available. Drawing on March 6, 2021

HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S
"YOU CHOOSE"
AUCTION RAFFLE
RAFFLE TICKETS
\$25 EACH
BUY A TICKET AND
SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
YOU LOVE!

CATHOLIC SENTINEL AND EL CENINELA

Available inside the church side door and at the rectory office or online at: catholicsentinel.org and elcentinelacatolico.org

Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent! And since Christmas is just a few days away, Merry Christmas, too!

Little did we ever dream this time last year what we would be facing just a few months into the New Year. I'm not sure that anyone will be sad to see the Year 2020 come to an end.

Certainly our hearts go out to anyone who finds little reason to feel joyful this Christmas. Most of us know of families who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19, or of people who have lost jobs or businesses because of the economic downturn. The July wildfires in Oregon destroyed thousands of homes and many livelihoods. The number of homeless on our streets has grown noticeably these past nine months. May God give hope and comfort to those who find life so burdensome.

When I think of the reasons why I feel thankful this Christmas, I am first drawn to our school. Our principal, teachers, and staff have been unflagging in their commitment to educating our children in such trying circumstances. They are true heroes in my book.

I think of our office personnel who have spent countless hours scheduling people to attend Masses, as well as our musicians, lectors, ushers, and videographers, who have been faithfully at their post in church every week since this pandemic began.

I look at the superb work of Religious Education and marvel at how well our children and young people were prepared for First Communion or Confirmation during these difficult months. I will never forget having to schedule eight Masses for First Communion and two Masses for Confirmation.

I'm so proud of all those involved in our hosting of Farm to Family for two months this summer. We had so many parish youth enthusiastically greeting and serving the people in need who came to pick up food boxes.

It goes without saying that we have one of the best St. Vincent de Paul conferences around. All involved have gone the extra mile in assisting those living with food insecurity, or who haven't been able to pay their rent or utility bills.

If I could pick one Scripture quote to sum up my feelings this Christmas, it would be from the Prologue of the Gospel of John, which is always the Gospel read at Mass on Christmas morning: "What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (*John 1: 4-5*)

Thanks to all of you for being a light to others when times seemed darkest this past year. May Jesus Christ, the true light who enlightens everyone, fill you with his light, peace, and joy at Christmas. May your lamp be kept burning brightly until Christ, our light, appears in glory!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Pat

