



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

25 NORTH ROSA PARKS WAY, PORTLAND, OR 97217-2028

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“WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION”

<https://holyredeemerpxchurch.org>

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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

4:30-7:30m Thursday

Sacramental Life

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Frs. Cameron, Pat or 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

Rectory Office Closed for Christmas Break:
December 24– January 2, 2023

Merry Christmas to all!

See you January 3rd 8:00am-3:00pm



Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Day English Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir Practice, Church

7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 pm Christmas Season “Hymn Sing”, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room

7:00 pm 10am Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, New Year’s Eve

3:30 pm Individual Confessions, Reconciliation Room

5:00 pm Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:00 am Mass in English

10:00 am Mass in English

10:00 am-4:00 pm Boy Scouts Christmas Recycling, Parking Lot

11:00 am Communion Economy Discussion Brunch, Rectory Basement

12:00 pm Misa en Espanol

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: Folz Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:15am **Kim Safranski**

by Dick Safranski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:15am **Marie Hong Tran †**

by Joseph S. Tran

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15am **Lepoldo Renteria †**

by Monica Vargas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15am **Annie Kuehl**

by Dick Safranski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:15am **Marie Hong Tran †**

by Joseph S. Tran

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00am **Marie Hong Tran †**

by Joseph S. Tran

5:00pm **HR Parishioners**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1,

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00am **Walter Holdorf †**

by Nancy Holdorf

10:00am **Leo Gladkov †**

by Arlo Family

12:00pm **Jairo Salazar †**

by Rosa Allamby

This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 25	Isaiah 25:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
Monday, December 26	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 27	1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1a,2-8
Wednesday, December 28	1 John 1:5—2:2 Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday, December 29	1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35
Friday, December 30	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
Saturday, December 31	1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18
Sunday, January 1	Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

O Come All Ye Faithful

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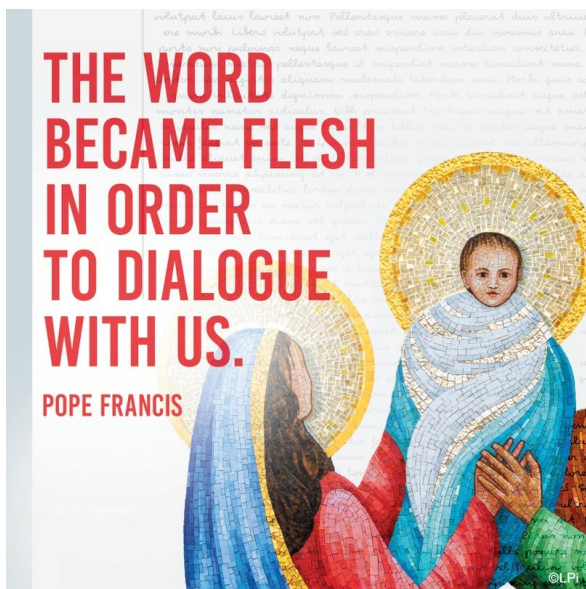
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Church News, Outreach and Social Justice





IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE

PRESCHOOL - 8TH

JANUARY 18TH, 4-6pm

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HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE

"Giving help and hope one person at a time." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by a small group of students in Paris in 1835 and now stretches across the globe. Its namesake and patron saint was a sixteenth century priest from Pouy, France who became known as the "Father of the Poor." The Society was unique for its time in that it was formed by lay Catholics, and it offered charity to foreigners as well as non-Catholics. A truly Christian enterprise! Our

conference at Holy Redeemer seeks to reflect this Vincentian spirit through our rent and utility assistance program as well as a food pantry, all staffed and funded entirely through volunteers. Our pantry receives food from the parish as well as partner agencies such as the Oregon Food Bank, Safeway, and Nite Hawk Cafe & Lounge. Each conference is governed by a Board of Directors which includes a spiritual advisor and is overseen by the Portland District Council www.svdppdx.org. Meetings take place in the rectory on the **second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact board president Gordon Oliver oliver.svdp@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY Do you have enough food for yourself or your family? Our pantry offers fresh, frozen and canned food to those in need. Located behind the church, we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Other food resources include the SVDP website at www.svdppdx.org and foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org. SVDP is an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially.

PANTRY NEEDS: COOKING OIL, POTATOES, CANNED FRUIT, FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES.

You may bring fresh or frozen items during our pantry hours on Wednesdays or Saturdays, or email Gordon Oliver at oliver.svdp@gmail.com to arrange a drop off time. Thanks! Bring donations to the pantry during open hours, the rectory, or use the shopping cart at the entrance to the church. With your help we can offer items that are otherwise difficult to obtain. Thank you!

RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

Do you need help paying for rent or utilities? SVDP Holy Redeemer offers up to \$750 in rent and \$400 in utility assistance per year to individuals or families living within our parish boundaries. 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

SEEKING BUSINESS MANAGER

Holy Redeemer Parish/School is seeking a Business Manager to assist the Pastor in the prudent stewardship of the parish's personnel, financial and capital resources. Ensures the effectiveness of operations, informing and advising the Pastor, department heads, and various parish councils and committees as needed. Handles all accounting procedures for parish and school. This position is part of the core management team that supports the Pastor and ensures that the pastoral and administrative needs of the Parish are met. **For complete job description, see parish website:** <https://holyredeemerpdxchurch.org>.

Please send letter of interest and resume to Fr. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C., Pastor, at pnearycsc@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Neary at 503-285-4539.



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Troop 71 & 571 Holiday Tree Recycling Fundraiser

Curbside Pickup - Sliding Scale Donation
\$15-25 per Tree / \$5-10 per Wreath/Swag

Saturday 1/1, Saturday 1/7 & Sunday 1/8, 2023
10am - 4pm each day

To schedule, call 971-350-9910
or signup online at the QR Code below.

Or drop-off at one of our sites:

Holy Redeemer Church
25 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR

Optimist Tree Lot
7487 N Chataqua St., Portland, OR

All proceeds help BSA Troop 71 & 571
Scouts to attend summer camp and
other scout outings.
Cash, Check, and Venmo accepted.



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Fr. Pat's Message



Dear Friends:

When we think of how God decided to come to earth, it isn't how any of us would have planned it. The angel Gabriel addressed Mary as "You who are highly favored," but as a teen mother, pregnant before marriage and destined to give birth among barn animals, she might be forgiven for regarding this greeting with a certain sarcasm.

The whole Christmas story is enigmatic: the Creator pulls on a garment of blood and bone. Almighty God is somehow present in a fragile newborn. The deliverer of humankind is delivered in a place smelling of dung. It makes us realize that if God came here, he has come everywhere.

While people understandably looked to a Messiah to liberate Israel from Roman oppression, the birth of Jesus asserts that the most important things are not political or social but personal and human. God is not bringing us a new way of organizing society but a new way of being human, marked by compassion, dignity, and kindness. Politics has its place, but the greater priority is to honor God's image now present in every human life.

As author Michelle Kondrich puts it, "In the scriptures, Jesus is given the name Emmanuel, which is Hebrew for 'God with us.' He entered the bowels of human existence for the sake of every human soul. The implications are remarkable. It means that there are no insignificant or pointless lives. It means that the events and choices of an average day carry eternal significance. It means that a journey of meaning and purpose—a life of courage and generosity—can begin from whatever desolate place we find ourselves."

It is good to be reminded that even lives that seem completely ordinary, or lives that seem hopefully broken, carry some deeper divine purpose. We are embraced, loved, elevated, and dignified by a God who became humble enough to share our human condition.

And it should remind us that no matter what happens, God is with us. If we have a loved one with a chronic illness like dementia, a shattered relationship, some kind of personal or professional failure, ongoing depression or anxiety, or the tragic loss of a family member, God is with us. In life and in death, God will never leave us or forsake us.

We place our faith in this extraordinary person whom we receive in the Eucharist and who dwells within us and within every human being. Our faith does not promise us release from suffering but it can bring release from fear.

In the poetic words of Michelle Kondrich, "The hope that began at Christmas Day still shines like a star and swells like a song, carried across the centuries by chanting monks and gospel choirs, filling great cathedrals and revival tents, but clearest in the quiet of our heart: God is with us."

Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

