



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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DECEMBER 26, 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

Christmas Holiday hours:

CLOSED WEEK OF December 27-31

Back to regular hours Monday January 3!

Monday—Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:00pm Hispanic Choir Practice, Church

6:30pm Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00am Mary Mother of God Mass, bi-lingual, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

10:00am Scouts Tree Recycling, Parking Lot

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:15am **Senior Ignacio †**
by Erica Reynel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15am **Annie Kuehl**
by Dick Safranski

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15am **Glen Kersey †**
by Kathy Kersey

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:15am **Linda Grier †**
by Carmen Salvador

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:15am **Lyonya Gladkov †**
by Folz Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00am **Christopher Kelly †**
by HR Community

5:00pm **HR Parishioners**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00am **Emiliano Mondragon**
by Mondragon Torres Family

10:00am **Edgardo Cabalfin †**
by Cabalfin Family

Noon **Luis Villafuerte †**
by Maria del Socorro Campos

This Week's Readings

Sunday, 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28
December 26 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24
Luke 2: 41-52

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

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

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

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

Friday, 1 John 2: 18-21
December 31 John 1: 1-18

Saturday, Numbers 6: 22-27
January 1 Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2: 16-21

Sunday, Isaiah 60: 1-6
January 2 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

HOLY REDEEMER

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

If you would like to participate in a regular bible study group with parishioners, please contact Fr. Michael as soon as possible. Thank you!



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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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Pancake mix, sugar, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LIGHT:

If you would like to offer a Mass intention for weekday or Sunday Mass, or Sanctuary light (by the week, Monday–Sunday), please stop by the rectory office.

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 call Kathy Battilega in the Parish office at 503-285-4539 or kbattilega@holyredeemerpx.org.

ANNUAL TREE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

BSA Troops 71 and 571 will be hosting their Annual Tree Recycling Fundraiser on

Sunday, January 2nd 10am-4pm

Saturday, January 8th and Sunday, January 9th 10am-4pm

You can drop off your tree/wreath at one of two locations; Holy Redeemer (drop-off is in the parking lot) or The Optimist Tree Lot. Suggested donations: Tree drop off: \$10 per tree and \$5 per wreath. Cash, Venmo and Check accepted.

Scouts will pick up your tree/wreath or Tree pick up, Suggested donations: \$15 per tree and \$5 per wreath *Please call/text 971-350-9910 to schedule pick up or Scan QR Code. Cash, Venmo and Check accepted.

All proceeds benefit BSA Troops 71 & 571 Scouts to attend summer camp and other scout outings. Thank You for Your Support!



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.

JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH – INQUIRIES WELCOME

Our Initiation Team here at Holy Redeemer would be happy to answer any questions you have about becoming Catholic. We would like nothing more than to welcome seekers into our parish community and share the joy we find in the gospel of Jesus! Call or email Teresa Markgraf at the parish office, and a Team member will return your call promptly.

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God’s peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

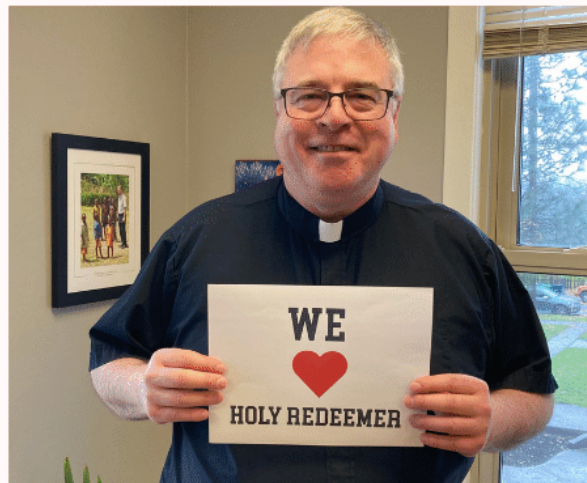
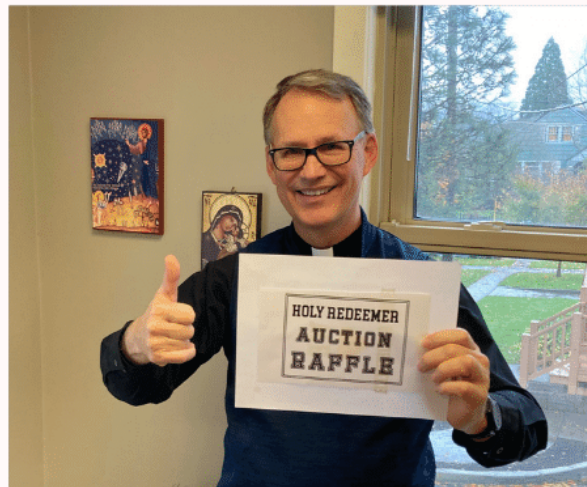
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Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

Traditionally the day after Christmas is the feast of St. Stephen, a deacon and the first Christian Martyr as recorded in Acts of the Apostles. It is superseded this year as it falls on a Sunday. In some ways it seems jarring that the joyful birth of Christ is juxtaposed with the death of Stephen, until we realize that the birth and death of Christ are commemorated at every Mass we celebrate. The gift of gold and frankincense are hand-delivered by three wise men along with myrrh, a perfume used in burial rites of the time.

Stephen seems to have been of Greek origin and was chosen to be among the seven deacons set apart to assist the Apostles in serving the needs of the poor in the Christian community. For whatever reason, Stephen was targeted by people who had reason to hate him for his background and his Christian beliefs. He pulled no punches in his defense while on trial and referred to his accusers as a betrayers and murderers of Christ himself. But as he was being stoned to death, he prayed aloud for the very same people: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." (Acts of the Apostles 7: 60)

Stephen has a lot to teach us contemporary Christians who are called to give witness to the faith in the world of today. God really does not call extraordinary people to be his disciples but ordinary people like you and I. The Apostles themselves, in their ordinary lives, were probably less gifted than most of us. But ordinary people filled with the Holy Spirit can do everything an apostle can do. Some amazing things are meant to happen through you while on this earth.

Like Stephen, we are called to be people of *grace* and *truth*. You see that in Stephen's life: one minute he's pointing his finger at the religious leaders and calling them heartless murderers (truth), and the next—as *they're stoning him*—he prays for their forgiveness (grace). It's not usual to find somebody switch gears like that. In our society, we have no category for people who can speak prophetic truth with tender grace.

What we often experience in the news and in social media are content and pronouncements too often divorced from truth and grace. Studies show that the mental health of our young people is negatively affected by phone content that demeans their self-image. Increasingly, truth is considered completely subjective and is simply left up to the individual to decide. Some commonly held positions in our society contradict our belief in the inherent dignity and worth of every human being from start to finish.

Our society has no category for someone speaking prophetic truth with tender grace. So when Christians and people of good will embody both, the world scratches its head. We are less likely to be martyred for our faith today but more likely to be ignored, discounted, or even hated for what we hold to be true and just. Like good St. Stephen, we pray for the courage to be people of grace who can speak the truth in love—even when our heart is pounding and it ends up costing us something.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

