

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”

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DECEMBER 27 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 31, 2020

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

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

Closed January 1, 2021



Masses for the Week



SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00am Lori Belinski †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Annie Kuhl

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am Nick & Esther Krafft †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Sharon Hecht

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00am HR Parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Glen Kersey †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am Christy Bremer

10:00am Carie Weisenbach-Folz

Noon Ruben Day

2:00pm HR Parishioners

This Week's Readings

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday,
January 2 1 John 2: 22-28
John 1: 19-28

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



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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.

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.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please contact Fr. Michael to determine if we can bring Eucharist to their homes.



HOLY REDEEMER SVDP CONFERENCE

Holy Redeemer parish Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: As of 12/09/2020, we've served 19 families with \$2,305 in food. Holy Redeemer church/school donated 493 lbs of food and volunteers offered 36 hours of time. Thank you for your ongoing love and sacrifices.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have openings for Wednesday 2:15-4:15 in the HR Food Pantry in the basement of the church. volunteers work 2 hours once every four weeks. During the COVID emergency, only Volunteers work in the pantry, packing boxes to give out to clients and their families. All volunteers are wearing masks and using gloves. This is a great opportunity for HR Parents to earn Fair Share Hours. Commitment is 2 hours every 4 weeks. Most volunteers say that they receive much more than they give from their involvement in this ministry. If interested, or if you'd like more information, contact Carol Chislett at svpd@holyredeemerpx.org or 503-880-2780.

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.**



HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL RAFFLE

HRCS Auction Raffle Tickets are still available!

Tickets are only \$25.00 each.

For more information and to purchase a raffle ticket visit: <https://holyredeemerportland.ejoinme.org/raffle>

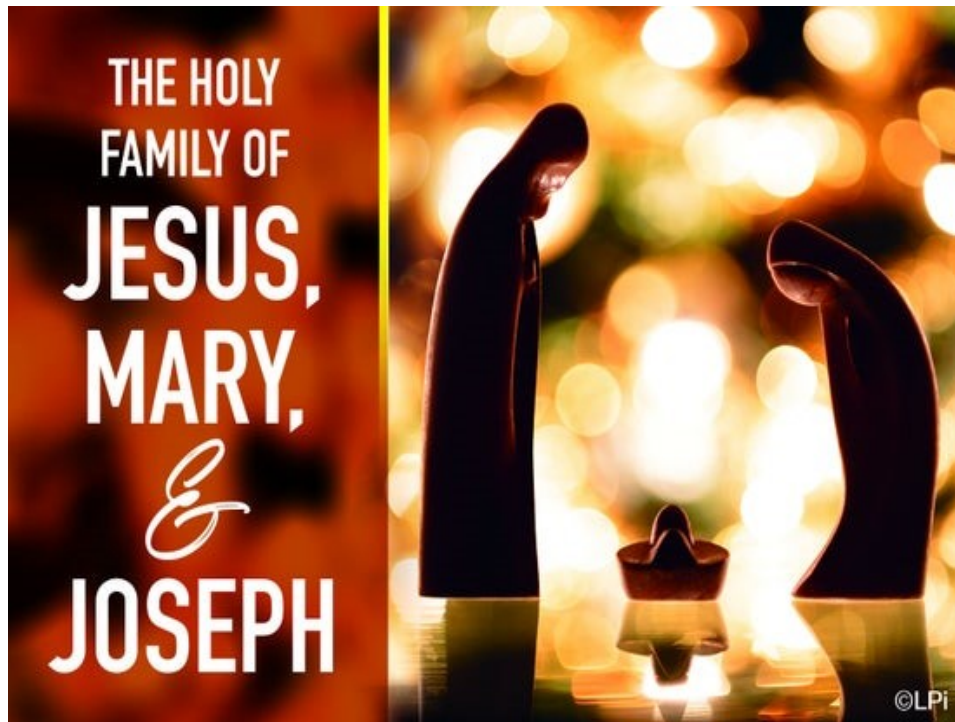
All proceeds to Holy Redeemer Catholic School.

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



While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the fin His gifts of faith, hope and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they share, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.

YEAR END GIVING

Holy Redeemer Church and School are funded through your generosity. Please remember us in your end of year gifts and donations. If you are over the age of 70 1/2, you can direct your annual distributions or withdrawals from your retirement account to make tax free donations. This provision is known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Holy Redeemer is a qualified public charity 501 (c)(3) and can receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). All gifts and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Consult your tax expert and we will send you a tax receipt and/or acknowledgement. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATION

Thank you, Lord, for all the many great and wonderful gifts you give to our family. Help us to live each day with joy and humility. Keep us totally dedicated to serving you. Teach us to recognize the many ways you make your spirit known. Then help each of us to accept your gift– the grace to answer your call to form, strengthen and expand the Body of Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27, we remember that God's love is experienced through families. Let's encourage that love through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Virtual Experience is on February 19-21, 2021. To apply, go to rediscoverthespark.org. Call 503-853-2758 or email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

Pastor's Message



Dear Friends:

Today is your special day, the Feast of the Holy Family!

But maybe you're thinking: I love my family, but I wouldn't describe it as particularly holy. I mean, we have our struggles and differences like any other family. We're just normal.

I suspect that if we were in the home at Nazareth, we would have quickly realized how normal family life was for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Most days involved preparing meals, eating together, talking, washing dishes, doing the laundry, working in the carpentry shop, socializing with family and friends, and going to the synagogue. Jesus spent thirty years at home and only three years in his public ministry. He was incredibly ordinary most of his life.

This should remind us that holiness is mostly found in the ordinary, everyday things of daily family life. It's realizing that washing dishes, heading to work, sharing a meal, helping our children with their on-line homework, watching a movie together, praying with our kids before they go to sleep—all of these things are holy, if I'm consciously present to them.

It's also about doing little things for our families with great love. As Mother Teresa once said, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

We would also be naïve if we thought that the Holy Family didn't have any problems. How about Mary getting pregnant before she and Joseph lived together? How about Mary and Joseph in a panic when they left Jerusalem and couldn't find their young son anywhere?

Most poignant for me would be the death of Joseph and how it must have affected Mary and Jesus. In my home parish there is a beautiful mural of the death of Joseph on the ceiling of our church. Joseph is in bed, nearing the end, and Mary and Jesus are lovingly at his side.

My father wouldn't allow us to stare up at it during Mass, but on the rare occasion when we could sit in the choir loft, I couldn't take my eyes off of it. It was so clear to me that not even the Holy Family could escape pain and loss in their lives at Nazareth.

So our families, too, will experience loss, hardships, separation, and misunderstandings at times. But they will also experience moments of joy, humor, forgiveness, and celebration.

More and more I think that holiness is simply seeing that, because God created the world, and God became a human being in Jesus, just being an ordinary human being in an ordinary human family is something incredibly holy. It is the ordinary path to sainthood for most of us.

May God bless your holy family in a special way this day!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat

