

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 5, 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

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 Second Sunday in Advent

10:00am Advent Day of Reflection, Cantwell Hall

10:00am Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall

4:00pm Confirmation Class, Cantwell Hall

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Church

7:00pm Confessions, Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Church

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall7:00pm Hispanic Choir Practice, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Church

7:00pm Immaculate Conception Mass, Church

7:00pm Safety Meeting **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

7:00pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Clare Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Church

6:00pm Hispanic Baptism Class, Clare Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00am First Reconciliation, Church

5:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Church6:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

6:00pm Our Lady of Manananitas, Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 Third Sunday in Advent

10:00am Hispanic First Communion Class, Clare Hall

4:00pm Confirmation Class, Cantwell Hall



ADVENT





HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR PARISHIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:15am Mrs. Catherine Fung

by Sr. Therese Tsang

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 7:15am Mary Ip †

by Sr. Therese Tsang

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am HR Parishioners 8:20am Kwok Yee Tse † by Heidi Tse 7:00pm Sheri Luen Fan

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by Sr. Therese Tsang

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 10:00am John Keller †

by Dell Keller

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15am Kwai Chun Mak †
by Sr. Heidi Tse

SATDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00am Deacon Robert & Leslee Lukosh

by Pat Cary & Gordon Oliver

5:00pm HR Parishioners SUNDAY. DECEMBER 12

8:00am Guadalupe Nunez †

by Eduardo Nunez

10:00am The McGowan Family

by HR Community

Noon Lupe Cruz †

by Lupe Tellez

This Week's Readings

Sunday, Baruch 5: 1-9

December 5 Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Monday, Isaiah 35: 1-10
Luke 5: 17-26
Tuesday, Isaiah 40: 1-11
December 7 Matthew 18: 12-14
Wednesday. Genesis 3: 9-15. 20

December 8 Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12

Luke 1: 26-38

Thursday, Isaiah 41: 13-20
December 9 Matthew 11: 11-15
Friday, Isaiah 48: 17-19
December 10 Matthew 11: 16-19
Saturday, Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11
December 11 Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13
Sunday, Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

December 12 Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 10-18



YOUR STORY BEGINS HERE:

Welcome Greg Busch!

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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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD HOTLINE BEGINS NOVEMBER 8 at 9:00am-12:00pm

Serving Multnomah County Residents, call 503-595-2292

Lines open Monday through Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm, until capacity reached.

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 peanut butter, jam and dried fruits or nuts. 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.

<u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS</u>: Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Juice, and Paper Shopping Bags. You can bring these to the rectory or to the Food Room during Wednesday & Saturday hours.

<u>SOCK DRIVE</u>: 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!

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@holyredeemerpdx.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.



Growing in Faith



WE JOYFULY ANNOUNCE THE BAPTISM OF:

Verna Louise Somers (Marc and Victoria Somers). May Holy Redeemer Parish be an example in faith for them as we live as followers of Jesus Christ.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

As the Church brings the Year of St. Joseph to an end on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. One way to complete this year is to prayer a 9-Day Novena though the intercession of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Universal Church. Any prayer can be used, however, the following prayer specifically for this time of pandemic might appeal to people. The Novena begins on Nov. 30 (Wed) and is completed 9 days later on December 8 (Wed). St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and patron of the Church, pray for us!

Our Novena Prayer to St. Joseph during Pandemic

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation. Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know--like you do— how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility. Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters. Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick. Bless, O St. Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness. Accompany, O St. Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest. Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that on one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Do you know someone who wants to know about becoming Catholic? Here is something you may not know: YOU, our Holy Redeemer parishioner, are the very best one to invite that person to find out more! Tell your interested friend, acquaintance, or spouse that we are ready and waiting to answer questions and, if their seeking leads them to the Church, walk with them on their journey of faith. Have them call or email Teresa Markgraf the parish office, and we'll get back to them right away.





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Pastor's Message

Dear Friends:

In the wake of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May of 2020, we were all confronted by the tragic reality of endemic racism in our country. As I read the various posts by Meaghen Igloria on our parish Facebook page on the theme of racism, I came upon a link to the life of Fr. Augustine Tolton, the first African-American Catholic priest in America. I found myself inspired by this holy man of God who endured the scourge of racism but who remained faithful and loving to the end.

I wanted to share with you this biographical summary about Fr. Augustine Tolton provided by St. Luke's Productions, which presents live productions on the lives of the saints:

"A colored child born April 1, 1854, son of Peter Tolton and Martha Chisley, property of Stephen Elliott." That is all it says in the baptismal record for Fr. Augustus Tolton. Born a slave to Peter Paul and Martha Tolton, of Brush Creek, Missouri, he grew up to become the first African American Catholic priest. Ten years later, his father who had gone to fight for the Union Army in the Civil War was presumed dead.

His heroic mother then risked her life to escape slavery. With her three young children, she crossed the Mississippi in a boat with one oar. After dodging Confederate bullets, she and her children then ran all the way to the town of Quincy, in the free state of Illinois. There they made a home, and Augustus Tolton grew in the Catholic Faith and in the conviction that God was calling him to be a priest. Constantly the victim of racial prejudice, he was cast out of the local Catholic school. Because no U.S. seminary would accept him, he went on to study for the priesthood in Rome. He was ordained on April 24, 1886 in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, with the intention of heading for Africa as a missionary. However, God had other plans. Instead, Augustus was sent back into the hostile environment of his own hometown of Quincy, Illinois.

His sermons and presence there were inspiring and charismatic. White and black alike flocked to his church. This aroused the jealousy of the other Catholic priests in the area. Protestant black ministers were also envious and felt he was stealing people away from their congregations. Finally, Augustus was transferred to Chicago where he set about establishing a parish in that city. First, his tiny congregation met in the basement of "Old Saint Mary's" Church. Then he began the work of building Saint Monica Church, named for the African mother of Saint Augustine. Father Tolton's reputation for holiness grew.

The phenomenon of a black Catholic priest, who was a terrific preacher, placed a demand on him to travel the country. This he did tirelessly, evangelizing and raising money for his struggling congregation. Returning from a priests' retreat, Father Tolton collapsed from heat exhaustion and was taken to Mercy Hospital. Tragically, he died there on July 9, 1897, at the age of 43. Father Augustus Tolton's life here on earth was one of hidden holiness. His cause for canonization has been presented by Cardinal Francis George to the Vatican and is moving forward quickly. Bearing the insults of racial prejudice, he suffered with Christ, reminding us of these words of Psalm 118: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

I am happy to report that Holy Redeemer will be hosting a performance by St. Luke Productions entitled, "Tolton: From Slave to Priest," on Monday, January 10. We will have a 1 p.m. show in the church for our Holy Redeemer students from grades 5-8, and then a show for the entire parish that same evening at 7 p.m. I thought that now would be the time to start spreading the word. I am truly excited that we will be able to host this special event at our parish to celebrate the life of Fr. Augustine Tolton. More news will soon be forthcoming!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Pat