



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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NOVEMBER 19 2023

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED You are invited to list the names of your loved ones in the Book, fill out a Remembrance Card and bring a photo of your loved one who has passed on to new life and place it on the Altar of Remembrance.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Paul or Fr. 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

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 am Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall
10:30 am RICA Spanish Group, Guadalupe Room
11:00 am Care For Creation Meeting, Rectory Basement
11:00 am English First Communion Group, School Room 134
1:15-3:15pm Confirmation Year 2 Class, Clare Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir & Organ Practice, Church
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 pm Charismatic Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass & Blessing of Breads, Church
No Adoration, Happy Thanksgiving!

6:30 pm Guitar Group Practice, Clare Hall

7:00 pm AA Meeting, Church Basement

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:30 pm Pray the Rosary in Spanish, Church

6:00 pm Charismatic Group, Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Spanish Bible Study Group, Clare Hall

7:00 pm El Cenacolo de Oracion, Clare Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00 pm Confirmation 6-8 Grades Recreation Night, Clare Hall

5:00 pm Confirmation Middle & High School Youth Mass, Church

6:00 pm Confirmation Middle & High School Group Supper, Clare Hall

6:30-7:30 pm Confirmation High school Youth Group/ Recreation, Clare Hall

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be collecting donations at the back of the Church after the Masses NEXT weekend. Thank you for your continuing support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:15am **Wilson Fong & Chau Van Tran & Family**
by Sr. Terese Tsang

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:15am **Margaret Mary Sarsfield Byrne †**
by Folz Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:15am **Herman & Dolly Battilega †**
by Marc & Kathy Battilega

8:20am **Mr. & Mrs. Mysliwiec**
by Folz Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:15am **John Mildenberger †**
by Bob & Teresa Moore

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:15am **Catherine Fung & Family**
by Sr. Terese Tsang

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00am **Joe Proulx & Family**
by Tom & Kathy Fromherz

5:00pm **John Mildenberger †**
by Bob & Teresa Moore

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am **HR Parishioners**

10:00am **John Calcagno †**
by Rossana Calcagno

12:00pm **Mariana Mari Vasquez †**
by Antonio Martinez

This Week's Readings

Sunday,
November 19 Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday,
November 20 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,
54-57,62-63
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday,
November 21 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday,
November 22 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday,
November 23 Sirach 50:22-24
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday,
November 24 1 Maccabees 4:36-37
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday
November 25 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday,
November 26 Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46



FOOD PANTRY Our pantry is located behind the church, we are open **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm**. SVDP is an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially.

PANTRY REQUESTS: Cereals, Granolas and Hot Cocoa Packets/Cans. Deliver donations during pantry hours on or use the shopping cart at the entrance to the church, or the rectory office. Thank you!

RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE Need help? 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.

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Fr. Paul's Message



Dear Holy Redeemer,

G.K. Chesterton, a British author, devout Catholic, and all around brilliant guy once wrote: "Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, "Do it again" and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony, the repetition of seemingly sameness of ordinary life. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."

Our gospel today is a challenge, a challenge of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm comes from the Greek "En Theos" or "to be in God." Time and again we come here and gather to be Church, the body of Christ. Time and again married couples awake to each other, time and again we go to work, we go to school, we go out into the world and all seemingly is the same, for some that's a comfort, for others it is a bore. But the challenge still remains, will we be enthusiastic to meet the day. Will we be "in God" as we receive this gift of life, this new day, this responsibility to one another?

We hear of a master who gives talents to each of his servants. You may think of talents like skills, like a baseball player who has five brilliant skills, throws far, runs fast, catches everything near him, hits for power, hits with frequency: The Willie Mays or Mickey Mantles of the world. Or maybe you think of person who sings well, dances fantastically, brilliantly smart, handsome or beautiful beyond believe, and is also a good person: The Gene Kelly's and Julie Andrews of the world. But what Jesus is referring to is a measurement of wealth. Talents were weights of copper, gold or silver. The value of a five talent weight was fifteen years of labor. Take your own average annual household income and multiply it times fifteen years. This was a lot of money.

Notice in our gospel that the "five talent" person and the "two talent" person did not get into psychological games about who had the most talent. They didn't get into games about "I am superior because God gave me five talents" or "I am half as good because God gave me only two talents." There were no "comparison games" being played here. Both people realized that their master and owner had lent them resources and they were both to use these resources to benefit their master. That was simple and clear.

Here is the problem. One slave buried the gift that the master had given him. It seems that this slave was embarrassed that God gave him only one talent and so he went and buried the talent that God had given him. Or maybe he was afraid to succeed and give his talents back to God. Remember this talent was not meager in and of itself: it was worth three years of wages. Three years of wages is a considerable sum of money. But compared to the servants who had been given fifteen years of wages or six years of wages, the gift of three years of wages may have seemed meager to the person who was given one talent.

Similarly, God has been generous to all of us, including those who feel that God has not given them sufficient gifts. Even so, we as human beings can bury treasures/resources/ skills that God has given each one of us. We can minimize God's gifts to us and complain, "I have been given only one talent." Even the one talent gift was a generous gift. How much more so should we view this gift of life, every day spent in God's magnificent creation? Every breath, every moment, priceless, so much so that the rich spend billions to slow their aging, to cheat death, to have life more abundantly.

May we spend our very lives with the enthusiasm of a child, may we view every day a gift, an opportunity to show forth our talents, that through us God's brilliance will shine forth, bringing the liberation promised in Christ. For to whom much is given, much is expected, may we meet that challenge and bring forth the kingdom of God.

Fr. Paul Ybarra C.S.C.

YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORIES BEGINS NOW! We are happy to welcome William Gifford IV, Michelle Gifford and their daughter, Emilie Rose Gifford! We also welcome Andrew, Erika and Evelynne Brewer! We rejoice in our growing Holy Redeemer Family!

THE GIVING TREE IS COMING NEXT WEEKEND! Share your Merry Christmas joy with our community by taking a tag from the Giving Tree *next weekend* and return it, with your wrapped gift or monetary donation, to the parish office by Friday, **December 15th. Email givingtree@holyredeemerpdx.org with any questions. *Your generosity is appreciated!***