



Most Holy Redeemer Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

Sunday

8, and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

8:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:30 a.m.

Rosary

Recited daily after

the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Cross

Adoration Chapel

3650 W. 96th Street

Monday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, closed

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

9 a.m. - 12 noon

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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The Epiphany

OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

Parish Staff

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Rev. James M. Hyland
x 209

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WELCOME

If you are new to our Church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a Church home, or your Church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our Church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Contact the Parish Office at 425.5354 ext 203 to register.

We're glad you're here and hope you'll join us!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Call 708-425-5354 to make arrangements with the Rectory for the Baptism and the Enrichment Program. Baptisms will take place on the first and third Sundays at 12 noon.

Marriage

Couples intending to marry should call the Rectory and speak to one of the priests.

Wedding Music Selections
Contact the Director of Music at lmaffiola@mostholyredeemer.org

Funeral Liturgy Information

Please visit the MHR parish website mostholyredeemer.org scroll down to the "Funerals" box to find the funeral guidelines, readings, music selections, and order of liturgy.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, commit ourselves to enriching our relationship with God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our midst. Our vision is to foster the faith of all through prayer, service, education, and ministry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I have witnessed enough Christmas morning gift-opening frenzies to know that expensive wrapping paper is a waste of money. So, for years, I have bought my wrapping paper at Dollar General or Family Dollar or some other store that sells everything for a dollar. A few days before Christmas, I was buying wrapping paper. As I watched the total ringing up on the cash register, I suddenly found out to my surprise and chagrin, that “Dollar Tree” was now “Dollar and a Quarter Tree.” You know things are bad when your dollar store gets hit with 25% inflation.

That was an unpleasant surprise to me, and I began wondering what other surprises the new year will hold. There will be problems that arise that we aren’t expecting. There will be unexpected changes that take place. Sometimes we know a change may be coming, but we’re still surprised when we find out what it is. This year, we know some changes will take place in our community because of the *Renew My Church* initiative. We do not yet know what those changes will be. They may surprise us. Surprises will happen in our lives this year, but those surprises don’t always have to be unpleasant. Our attitude in facing them will make a big difference.

As we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, we see a lot of surprises happening. The magi are surprised to find that the newborn king is not living in a palace but a common house. Despite this surprise, they still are open to what is taking place, and recognize Jesus as the king they were seeking. Mary and Joseph must have been surprised too. They too, are open to what is happening, and they no doubt ponder over what it all means. They will be surprised again after the visit of the magi. Joseph will awake from a dream to flee to Egypt with Jesus and Mary because Herod wants to kill Jesus. This openness in the face of surprising events made it easier to accept these surprising events. This openness made it possible to see what God was doing.

Something else that can help us face the surprises the new year will inevitably bring is to keep in mind the words of the ancient blessing we hear at Mass every year on January 1. “The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!” These ancient words of blessing let us know that God is always with us. God is always blessing us, filling our lives with His gifts. God wants us to have peace in our lives. Some of the surprises the new year brings our way will be good surprises. Good things will happen that we weren’t expecting. I hope we can see God blessing us when the surprises are pleasant. Even when they’re not, knowing that God is there to help us through those times makes it easier to face those unpleasant surprises. Knowing that God is still with us and still blessing us helps us have a better outlook too.

What will 2022 bring our way? We really don’t know at this point. One thing we do know is that there will be changes and many surprises along the way. Maybe more of those surprises can be pleasant ones when we keep an openness about them and remember that no matter what comes our way God is always with us to bless us and fill our lives with His gifts.

Fr. Jim Hyland

Spiritual Life

Do you know someone in the military and would like to add their name to our list? We would be happy to include their name and pray for them. Please call the Rectory at 425.5354 ext 203 or email bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org.

BAPTISMS

Rev. Charles Rubey baptized James Xavier, son of James and Rachel (King) Rynne; Rev. James Hyland baptized Abigail James, daughter of Matthew and Shannon (Ready) O'Neill; Rev. John McGivern baptized Mae Elizabeth, daughter of Dru and Lindsay (McGivern) Green.



We welcome these infants to our parish family!

PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Robert Leitelt	John McDoniel
Jonathan Edborg	Kevin Deering
Ryan Carrasquillo	Brendan W. Brown
Brian P. Duffy	Christopher Kurtz
Charles Cassidy	Maggie Kealy
Michael McRae	Joe Butler
Dan Graal	Anthony Boehm
Michael McCartin	Anton Thauer
John W. Campbell	Casey Hopkins
Andrew Jackson	Carolyn Roberts
Donald L. Brady	Katie Sammon
Meliesa Brooker	Molly Koman
Thomas Dwyer	Colleen Kaufmann
Ronda Verback	Fr. Paul Guzman
Edward Hunt	Michael Pufunt
Christopher Mazurek	Liam Farrell
Mitchell Moss	Jimmy Pufunt
Brad Liberio	Matthew Olsen
Patrick Harrington	Jonathon Champion
Michael J. Pedersen	Alex Jones
John Koman	Emma Geyer
Sean Kaufmann	Frank Doyle
Michael Parker	Brendan W. Brown

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

MHR St Vincent DePaul's mission is to assist people living in MHR Parish boundaries in times of need.

If you are having difficulty due to illness, employment changes, caring for a loved one, etc, PLEASE CONTACT us through the rectory office at 708-425-5354. We can help with utility bills and other housing expenses, help pay for food, and find additional resources that can offer additional aid. We often get requests for help too late in the situation to help effectively. The sooner you contact us, the more we can help and find relevant resources to assist you. If you, or someone you know, needs help we are here for you.

All contact is strictly confidential.

GRIEFSHARE

Christ the King parish is establishing the GriefShare program, a Christ-centered support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one to death. It is a 13 week program, each session including a video of subject pertinent to the grief experience, scripture-based study and reflection, and small group discussion. Participants can enter the program at any week in the session. The program will begin Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 630pm in the basement meeting room of the rectory.

Information about the GriefShare design is available at GriefShare.org. Anyone interested in participation or volunteering or with any questions please contact Tom Bianciotto at: Griefshare@ckchicago.org or call Tom @ 773-398-4682.



A PRAYER FOR “RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age in our own time, you call us to say : Re-
new My Church . Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
To hear you clearly
To listen to each other attentively
To imagine our future boldly
To discern your direction wisely
To persevere in your holy will courageously
To stay together in charity
To embrace the greater good
To hand on your gifts to the future generations
May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their examples and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Community News

WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

SEEKING DONATIONS:

ALL NEW:

Baby hooded towels and washcloths
Baby toys/teethers
Baby wipes, shampoo and lotion
Kids toys
Lanolin
Nursing pads
Nylon/cotton hats
Post-partum products
Receiving blankets
Shampoo and conditioner
Sleepers: All sizes, especially 0-3m & 3-6m

NEW OR GENTLY USED (pre-cleaned):

Baby swings
Bassinets
Combo strollers
Clothes: All sizes, especially Boys 7-8 & 14-16 and Girls 14-16
Exersaucers
High chairs
Infant car seats/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old)
Lightweight dressers
Single strollers
Toddler beds

In-kind donations are accepted at our Cicero Avenue location on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call 815-504-5059 when you arrive to hand your donations to an employee. Please also find the most up-to-date list of what we accept on our website www.GoTWC.org.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Have spare time on Saturdays and want to make a big difference for Life?! The Women's Center is in need of volunteers! If you can donate a few hours on Saturdays, please email csanchez@gotwc.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Most Holy Redeemer has a opening for a part time administrative assistant for School of Religion.

If you are interested, please call or email Fr. Hyland at 708-425-5354 x 209 or jhyland@mostholyredeemer.org



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Please contact pastor *Fr. James Hyland* at 708 425 – 5354 or Brendan Keating, Sr. Director of Planned Giving at 312.534.5271 or bkeating@archchicago.org for more information.

*You may also give a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Today's Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

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MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, January 2 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Almaquio Polido / Mary Bliss

11:00 Cathy Kellogg / Susie Brett / Kevin Gory

Monday, January 3

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Letty Townsend

Tuesday, January 4

8:30 Bernard Murphy

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 Rev Richard Dempsey

Thursday, January 6

8:30 Rev. James Brassil / Patricia Carter

Friday, January 7

8:30 Carol O'Malley

Saturday, January 8

8:30 SJames Cullen

4:30 Mark McCollom / Frank Condon

Sunday, January 9 ~ Baptism of the Lord

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund / Marcella and Edward Shusis

11:00 Scott Bizewski / Michael Hall / Karen Edgeworth / Marlene Bartolotta

BANS OF MARRIAGE

I Emily Daniels and Connor McDonald

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Ronald Nemchausky
Father of Rev. Matthew Nemchausky

ALTAR SERVERS FOR JANUARY 2

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Olivia Winstead

Dylan Cody

Ava Obermeier

Sunday, January 2, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Tommy Harty

John Kratzer

Charlie Cushing

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 1 / 2

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 - Winnie Ligda / Steve Lascola

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 - John Lavin / Maureen Bradley

11:00 - Aine Hynes / John Rowan

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 8 / 9

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:30 - Jean Hanlon / Judy Crudele

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 - Rick Schultz / Terri Schultz

11:00 - Jennifer Busk / Dan Ward

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 15 / 16

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:30 - Winnie Ligda / Lucy Diaz

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 - Julie Moran / Steve Lascola

11:00 - Leah Ostry / Robert Speski

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 22 / 23

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:30 - Mary Riccio / Don Grochocinski

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 - Kristen Maxwell / Sean Maxwell

11:00 - Liam Lyons / Quinn Lyons

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COME TO
WORSHIP
THE KING**



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