



# 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. 96<sup>th</sup> 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** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11.*

**Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9.*

**Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

A voice came from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:11

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## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Rev. James M. Hyland  
x 209

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Guzman  
x 205

### Retired Resident

Rev. Albert R. Adamich  
x 212

### Weekend Associate

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x 204

## 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](mailto:lmaffiola@mostholyredeemer.org)

### *Funeral Liturgy Information*

Please visit the MHR parish website [mostholyredeemer.org](http://mostholyredeemer.org) scroll down to the "Funerals" box to find the funeral guidelines, readings, music selections, and order of liturgy.

### *Reconciliation*

Saturday at 3:30 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**

The Christmas Season concludes this weekend as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It was a different Christmas celebration in many ways this year. But it was still Christmas and we had a wonderful celebration here at our parish. There are many people to thank for that.

Thanks to all who assisted at our liturgies as lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Thanks to Tony Gallo who coordinated the scheduling of ministers for our Christmas and New Year's Masses. Thanks to our sacristans for their help and service. Thanks to those involved in our music ministry under the direction of Lina Maffiola. Thanks to our cantors and musicians who added so much to our Masses.

I had people asking me if we were going to decorate our church for Christmas this year. I guess they thought we might not do it because of the COVID-19 restrictions. It wouldn't have been Christmas without decorations in our church. Our church did look beautiful for the Christmas holidays. Thanks to Mark Phelan for taking care of the decorations with help from Patty Skalitzky, Emily Callahan, Tara Furlong, and Julie Moran. They did an outstanding job. Thanks to Tim O'Connell and our maintenance crew and to Mary's Maids for getting the church cleaned and ready for Christmas. Thanks to the rectory staff who keep things running smoothly and answer so many questions about our Christmas events and schedule. Thanks to Ellie Menke for doing the livestream of the Christmas Eve Mass.

While we were not able to have a lot of our usual Christmas activities this year, we were still able to help families in need through the Catholic Charities Christmas program. Thanks to Sharon Gainer for taking the lead on this once again. Thanks to all who contributed to different drives and collections to help the needy. Your generosity made Christmas happier for a lot of people.

A special thank you goes to all the members of our Reopening Committee and all who volunteered to serve as greeters and cleaners at our Christmas masses. The only reason we have been able to offer Mass and other services is because we have these willing volunteers. Thanks to the additional helpers who volunteered for Christmas. We were able to have our full schedule of Christmas Masses because we had people willing to volunteer their time for this. A special thank you also goes to Mike Cushing and Jennifer Hynes who coordinated the reservations and seating for our Christmas Masses.

Thanks to all who attended Christmas Mass with us this year. We were very happy that you chose to celebrate our Lord's birth with us. We are always happy to see you at Mass and hope you will join us again soon. Thanks finally, to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas collection which is so vital to the financial health of our parish. Christmas contributions are still coming in. If you haven't given yet, please try to do so soon. We will announce the total for the Christmas collection when all gifts have been received. Thanks again to all who helped in our parish celebration of Christmas this year. I hope that next year will be a much more normal celebration with most of our regular Christmas activities and events.

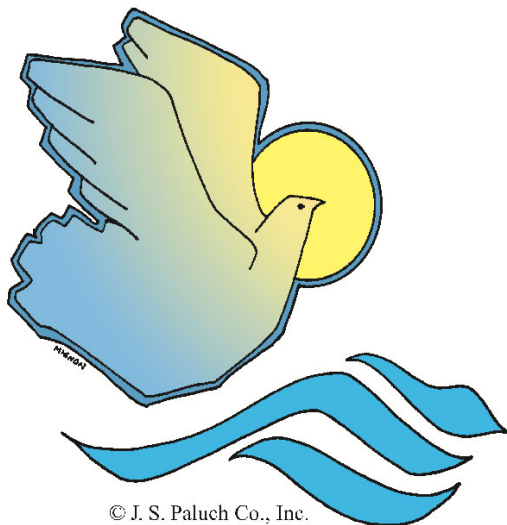
Fr. Jim Hyland

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

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](mailto:bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org).

He will baptize  
with the  
Holy Spirit



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*Love*

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*Help us*

to focus on what we have  
not on what is removed or changed.

*Strengthen us*

when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

*Embrace us*

so that we know Your loving presence within us and among us.

*Walk with us*

as we bring Your love, and carry Your light, into our world.

Virtual Young Adult/Adult Alpha & Teen Alpha in progress! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue our journey! If you are interested in participating in the next cycle, contact Kim Madonia at 708-275-8922.

For more information please visit our website: [www.sjfmhrym.com](http://www.sjfmhrym.com)

Alpha

and the church says...  
*Amen.*

- Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC -



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FOREVER  
— FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE —  
AND THE GREATEST  
OF THESE IS  
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1 Corinthians 13:13

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## BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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1/10/2021

### **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.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, January 10 ~ Baptism of the Lord

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer  
11:00 Margaret Flaherty / Chester Garstka

### Monday, January 11

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, January 12

8:30 Rev. Richard Dempsey

### Wednesday, January 13

8:30 Rev. Joseph Ruiz

### Thursday, January 14

8:30 James Rooney / Maureen Dombro / Theodore Spanos

### Friday, January 15

8:30 Susan Brett

### Saturday, January 16

8:30 Jean and Robert Molnar

4:30 pm Paul, Alvina, and Steve Czerwinski / Joe and Jean  
Daly

### Sunday, January 17 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Margaret  
Soucie

11:00 Margaret Ruane / Benefactors of the Fr. Franzen  
Scholarship Fund

## LECTORS FOR JANUARY 9 / 10

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:30 pm - Don Grochinski / Jean Hanlon

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 - Sean Maxwell / Kristen Maxwell

11:00 - Liam Lyons / John Rowan

## LECTORS FOR JANUARY 16 / 17

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:30 pm - Winnie Ligda / Jennifer Busk

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 - Steve Lascola / Julie Moran

11:00 - Matt Doyle / Aine Hynes

## CANTORS FOR JANUARY 9 / 10

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:30 - Eileen Van Haren

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 - Colleen Klimczak

11:00 - Madonna Pufunt

## PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Margaret Hronec

John Bryan



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## The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1



# Our Finances

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

*Week of 01 / 03*

In church and drop off envelopes	\$5,558
Electronic Offering	\$2,740
Total Offering	\$8,298
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$4,202)

## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$285,857
Budget	\$327,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$41,643)

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