



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.

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

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
9 a.m. - 12 noon

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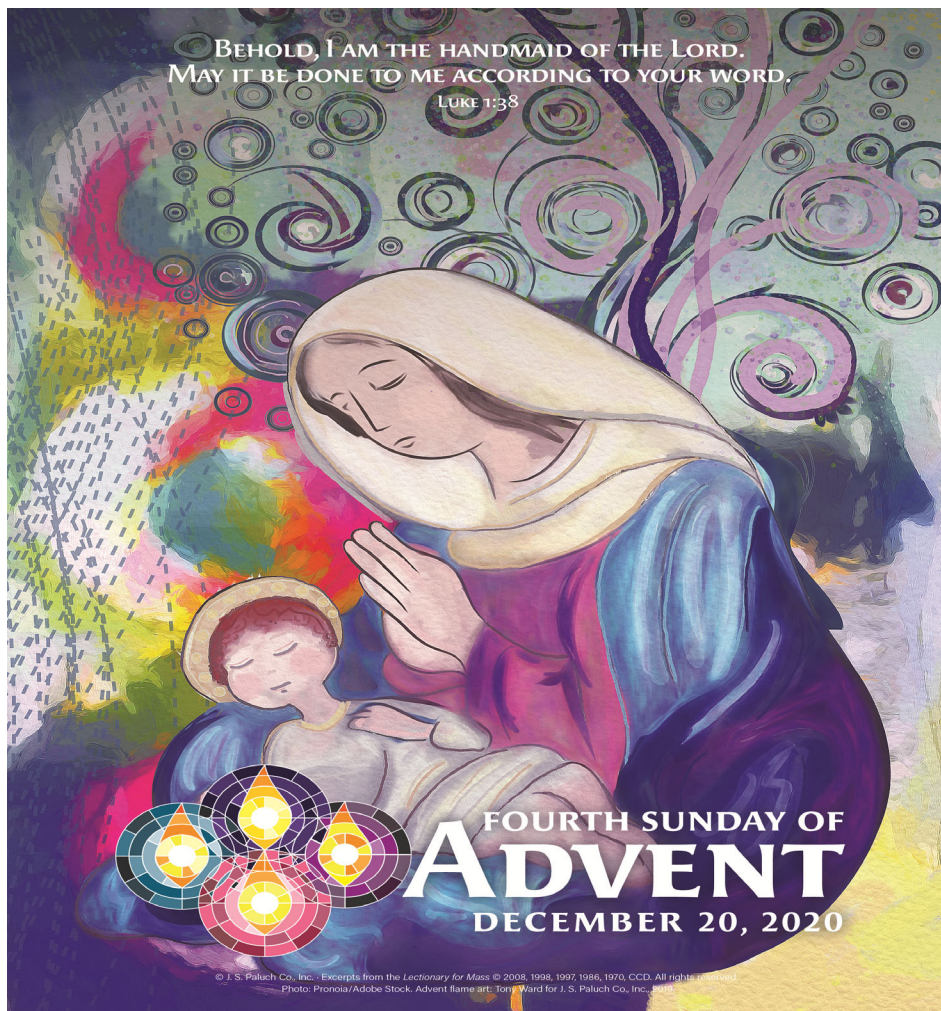


Today's Readings

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).



Parish Staff

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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 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

“Imagine you are given a bowl on the First Sunday of Advent. What will you fill that bowl with in the days leading up to Christmas?” That image was proposed at an Advent prayer service I took part in many years ago. It’s an image that has stuck with me. That Advent, I filled my bowl with many things. I filled it with Christmas parties. I filled it with Christmas shopping. I filled my bowl with Christmas presents, Christmas cards, and Christmas cookies. I filled it with wrapping and decorating. But the times my bowl was most full was when I filled it with Christ, whether by extra prayer or works of charity. Turning to our Lord and making sure He was part of the Advent season and the preparing I was doing was what was most important and what brought the most meaning to the season and to my preparation.

Even though that prayer service was many years ago, I find the image still holds true. When we include Christ in our preparations, we bring the most meaning to our Advent preparations and to our celebration of Christmas.

This is the final week of Advent. There are still opportunities to include our Lord in our preparations if we have not already done so. There will certainly be opportunities to practice greater works of charity in these remaining days before Christmas and afterwards. We don’t have to limit our charity to food drives and gifts for the needy and the Salvation Army kettle. Maybe someone in our own families could use a kind word, or a little of our time, or a show of appreciation. Maybe a neighbor or someone we work with could benefit from the same. These are works of charity too, and they are ways we include our Lord in our preparation.

Something else we might want to do is receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We were not able to have our Communal Reconciliation Service this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is though, an opportunity to receive this sacrament this coming Tuesday evening. Confessions will be heard in church from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Taking advantage of this opportunity to receive our Lord’s mercy and forgiveness would be a good way to include Christ in our preparation.

I do hope that we will include our Lord in our Christmas celebration by participating in Mass on Christmas. Our participation at Mass celebrating the birth of our Lord should be the central part of Christmas for us. Again, the COVID-19 pandemic is going to make things a little different for us this year. We are going to have our regular schedule of Christmas Masses: 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 PM on Christmas Eve, and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM on Christmas morning. Even though there is not an obligation to attend Mass this year because of the pandemic, we are offering our full Christmas mass schedule to give the opportunity to attend Mass on Christmas to as many people as possible. As has been the case for Sunday Masses, you will have to make a reservation for Christmas Mass. This can be done at the parish website: www.mostholyredeemer.org. Reservations for Christmas Mass will close at 11:59 PM on December 23. Reservations are first come, first served. Because of the restrictions the coronavirus places on us, we have to limit the number of people who are able to attend each Mass. The limit for Christmas is 225 people at each Mass. Obviously, with this limitation, we can’t have the usual 500 – 600 people at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. I hope that we would be open to attending Mass at a different time this year. We have been taking reservations since last Sunday. I don’t know how many people we can still accommodate. Don’t wait too long to make your reservation. The pandemic is changing our celebration of Christmas in many ways. Maybe we could make a change this year in the Mass we usually attend. I know that many people still don’t feel comfortable coming to church because of the coronavirus. We will be livestreaming the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve over the internet. You will be able to watch it at the parish website or on our social media.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR CONT.

I found years ago that my Advent bowl was most full when I filled it with Christ. That is still true today. I hope you will make sure you include our Lord in your remaining Advent preparations, and especially in your celebration of Christmas by joining us for Mass on Christmas, hopefully in person, or else on-line. Merry Christmas!!!

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.



*May it be done to me
according to your word*

PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.

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An Advent Prayer
to Remember God's
Promises

Lord,
Advent is here, but so is family tension.
Advent is here, but so are dysfunctional relationships.
Advent is here, but so are old habits.
Advent is here, but gone are people we love.
Advent is here, but old baggage still exists.
Advent is here, but fears surface.

You say, "I see all that, and I can handle all that."

You say, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

You say, "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."

You say, "Tell everyone who is discouraged, Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue..."

What looks unscalable, You boost me over.
What seems unbearable, You bring me through unbelievably.
What can't be managed, You say, "Let down your guard and I will guard you."

Amen.

-Edited from Kelly Balarie's "[7 Verses When Relationships Hurt at Christmas](#)"



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.

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Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? This is your chance to update records. Contact Eileen at ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org or the rectory office at 708.425.5354 with any changes.

If you have not been receiving email updates, please send your email address to ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org so we can keep you updated and encouraged!

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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, December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Sean Cummingham / Judy Miller

11:00 Chester Garstka / Bill Callahan

Monday, December 21

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 Susan Brett

Wednesday, December 23

8:30 Kevin Cunnane / Raul Gonzalez

Thursday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

8:30 John Dickman / Finn, McCarthy, and Long Families

4 / 6 / 10 pm People of Most Holy Redeemer

Friday, December 25 ~ Christmas

8 / 9:30 / 11 People of Most Holy Redeemer

Saturday, December 26

8:30 Rev. Richard Dempsey

4:30 pm Living and Deceased Members of the Montgomery and Higgins Families

Sunday, December 27~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Benefactors of the Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund

11:00 Raul Gonzalez / John Bradley

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER 19 / 20

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:30 pm - Aine Hynes / Donna Delany

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00 - Leah Ostry / Craig Miller

11:00 - Sean Maxwell / Kristen Maxwell

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER 26 / 27

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:30 pm - Jean Hanlon / Winnie Ligda

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 - Steve Lascola / Leah Ostry

11:00 - Dan Ward / Don Grochinski

Cantors and Musicians for Christmas Eve / Day Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm

Cantor - Eileen Brett

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz

6:00 pm

Cantor - Madonna Pufunt

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz

10:00 pm

Cantor - Gina Mincy

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am

Cantor - Colleen Klimczak

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz

9:30 am

Cantor - Colleen Klimczak

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz

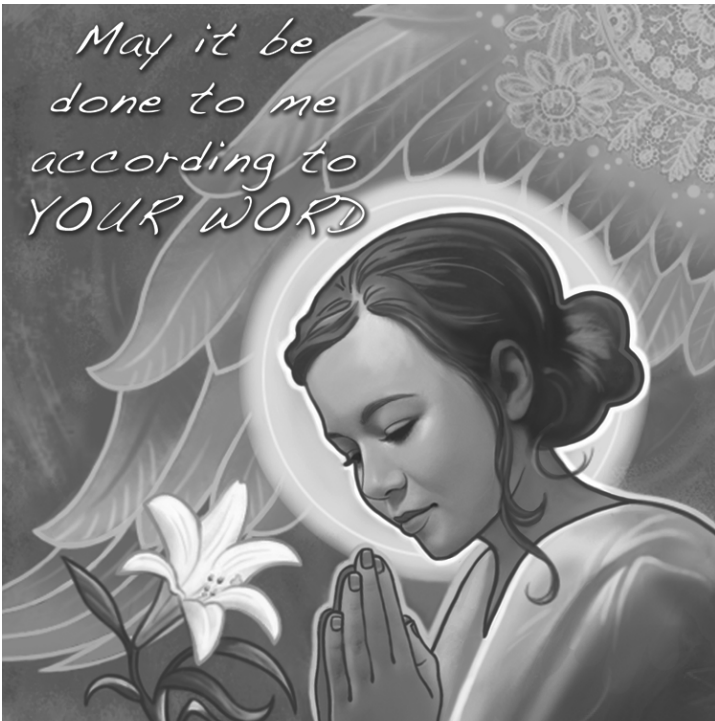
11:00 am

Cantor - Steve Bell and Eileen Van Haren

Violin - Analise Biddie

Flute - Danielle Nabor

Percussion - Stephanie Piatkiewicz



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and said, "Hail, favored one! ..."

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T _____ "

Answer: *The Lord is with you.*

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