



# 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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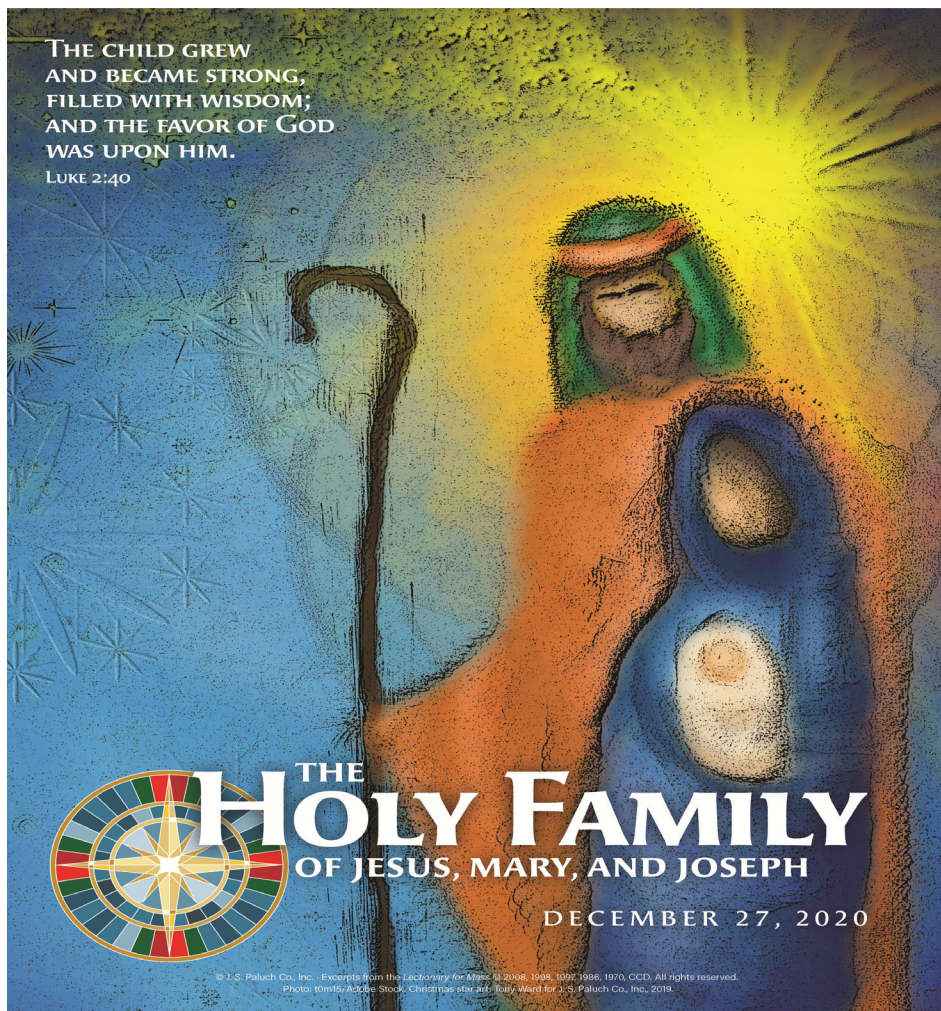


## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Rev. James M. Hyland  
x 209

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Guzman  
x 205

### Retired Resident

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x 212

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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](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**

It was a much smaller group that gathered around the table this past Thanksgiving in my family. Instead of the usual 12 -15 people who usually gather together, we only had 6 this year. As we ate our dinner, I realized that I hadn't seen a few of my nephews, who were not present on Thanksgiving, since last Christmas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on family life. It had an impact on our celebration of Thanksgiving. It no doubt had an impact on our celebration of Christmas. That is something for us to think about this weekend as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family.

Our Lord was born into a human family. He grew up as a member of a family. That fact should tell us that families are important. Family life has value. The family, because Jesus was part of a family, is something holy and sacred.

While the pandemic has certainly affected family life and been restrictive in many ways, I hope we can also see that it may have also had some positive effects on family life. I know that not seeing my nephews in so long has made me appreciate them a little more. That can certainly be true of our extended families. If we haven't had the usual family gatherings and celebrations because of the pandemic, it might make us realize just how important these members of our families are to us. We may complain about them at times. We may laugh at their eccentricities and human foibles. But they are still part of our families. They are important to us, and we miss them when they aren't around. Hopefully, the pandemic has helped us to realize that.

I hope it has also helped us to realize the importance of the members of our immediate families. One of the things I heard from people when the pandemic started was that they were spending a lot more time together as families. Without children running around to different practices and activities, families were eating meals together. They were playing games together and doing other things together as families, much more so than before the pandemic. Maybe some of that togetherness has lost its glow as the pandemic and the restrictions it brought dragged on, but hopefully that greater time spent together as families helped us see the value of the members of our immediate families. Even though we no doubt still argue and fight with them, maybe we learned something new about them. Maybe we saw some talent we hadn't noticed before. Maybe we saw their good qualities stand out more as we spent greater time with them. Hopefully, we see greater value in those family members closest to us and realize how important they are in our lives, and what a loss it would be if they weren't there.

The feast of the Holy Family is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas, unless Christmas falls on a Sunday. It's not by accident. We have gathered with family, both immediate and extended, to celebrate Christmas. This feast not only asks us to see that family life is important. It also asks us to see that all family members, despite their flaws and shortcomings, are valuable and important. Maybe one blessing of this most unusual year in which we haven't been able to gather for family celebrations the way we usually do, is that we have come to realize even more just how important and valuable each member of our family really is.

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](mailto:bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org).

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. “Family” may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the “father, mother, child” family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today’s Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and “your descendants will be more numerous than the stars.” The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.



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Alpha



A Prayer For  
**Families**

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessings on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all our trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let's Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit full of flight and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray...and the church says...

**AMEN!**

Prayer by: Sadlier Religion

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## POWER IN PRESCRIBED RITUALS

Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the temple at eight days old, as was prescribed by Mosaic law. For many Catholic families, baptismal gowns were handed down through generations, and a baptism was a time of great celebration. Sadly, in our culture, baptisms continue to decline. There are many reasons for this: fewer practicing Catholics, more interfaith marriages, more secular weddings, fewer weddings by clergy, and problems or misunderstandings that turn people away. Many have left the church altogether because of the way they were treated. For some the parish is not a welcoming place. For others baptism has become just a ritual they go through for the sake of the grandparents.

When someone does present a child for baptism, it can become too easy for others to pass judgment because the parents don't know the rubrics well, or aren't dressed better, or "why is that single mother having her baby baptized during Mass?" Notice that the Gospel says nothing about the priests of the temple and how they received Jesus. Rather it talks about Simeon and Anna. They are worth a study in themselves. Simeon is a devout man who is there waiting for a particular sign, and it is fulfilled when he see the Christ Child. Anna is just in the temple praying, as is her custom. After the presentation of Jesus, she does what she does best—she goes back to praying in the temple. Perhaps these readings teach us how we as a faith community can see the sacredness in those families presenting their children for baptism, and welcome them as did Anna and Simeon. May we all learn from their wisdom!

Today's Readings: Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Ps 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19;  
Lk 2:22–40 [22, 39–40]

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### **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

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All contact is strictly confidential.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, December 27 ~ The 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

### Monday, December 28

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, December 29

8:30 Theresa Pederson

### Wednesday, December 30

8:30 Jim Cullen

### Thursday, December 31 ~ New Years Eve

8:30 Will Kellogg / John Goodpaster / Eileen Ward

4:30 pm People of Most Holy Redeemer

### Friday, January 1 ~ New Years Day

9:30 / 11 People of Most Holy Redeemer

### Saturday, January 2

8:30 Jean and Robert Molnar

4:30 pm Susan Brett

### Sunday, January 3 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer

11:00 Rev. Richard Dempsey

## 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 Grochocinski

December 27, 2020



The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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# Our Finances

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

*Week of 12/ 13*

In church and drop off envelopes	\$9,817
Electronic Offering	\$5,134
Total Offering	\$14,951
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	\$2,451

## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$258,832
Budget	\$301,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$42,168)

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