

## 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.

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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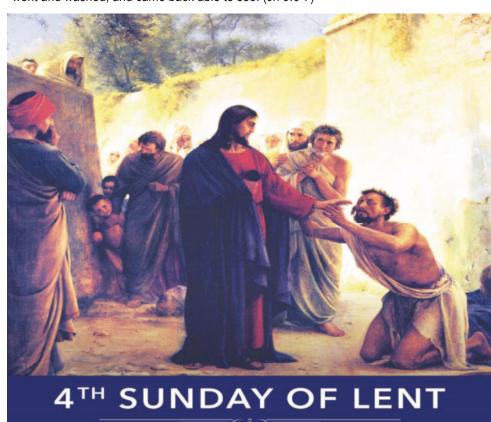


#### Readings for March 19, 2023

**First Reading:** Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

**Second Reading:** "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

**Gospel:** He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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#### **Parish Staff**

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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.

## Do You Use Electronic Contributions?

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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

"Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest, a flawed human being? Why can't I just confess my sins directly to God and tell God I'm sorry? Why do I have to go through an intermediary?" That is a question I have been asked many times over the years. While certainly a legitimate question, it also betrays a lack of understanding of the sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation as we often refer to it today.

When our Lord gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins in His name, He did not leave them with a formula or ritual to use. At first, there was no need in the Church for a sacrament of Penance. Everyone had to be baptized to join the Church, and baptism forgave, not only original sin, but all personal sin an individual had committed up to that point.

The question then became, "What about sins committed after baptism, especially, what about those who abandoned the faith in time of persecution and now want to be part of the Church again?" A rite of Penance started to develop. This took the form of confession to a priest, followed by a period of penance which was very public. Everyone knew you had sinned and wanted to be part of the Church again. At the end of the period of penance, the penitent would receive absolution and be welcomed back into the Church. A person was only allowed to receive the sacrament of Penance once, which led to many people waiting for death to be imminent before receiving Penance.

There are two things to keep in mind here. One is that sin was seen not just as an offense against God. Sin was also an offense against the Church. Sin weakened the whole Body of Christ. That was true of those who abandoned the faith in time of persecution. It is still true today. For example, when we don't have a truly legitimate reason for not being there, missing Mass on Sunday is still a sin. We have seen in recent years many parishes closing and others unifying with each other in large part because Sunday Mass attendance is so low. That sin has affected more than just the person who misses Mass. The whole Church is weakened by it.

The second thing is that since sin was not only an offense against God but also against the Church, a sinner had to be reconciled with God and also with the Church. The priest has a dual role in this sacrament. The priest stands in the place of Christ, letting the penitent know that God forgives him or her. But the priest is also the representative of the Church, and lets the penitent know the Church also forgives him or her and welcomes that person back. If we understand that sin not only offends God but also weakens the Church, we will see why we celebrate this sacrament as we do. We will also understand the dual role of the priest.

While the practice on the continent of Europe during the days of the Roman Empire was to receive this sacrament only once, a different practice developed in Ireland. A more private ritual developed there. A penitent would meet privately with a priest to receive this sacrament. Penance was not public by nature. You could also receive this sacrament as often as you desired. After the Roman Empire fell, Irish monks who came to re-Christianize Europe brought this practice with them. It came to dominate and is the practice we are familiar with today. Even though the celebration of the sacrament was more private than public, sin still offended God and also the Church. You still had to confess your sins to a priest.

While this is the reason why we confess our sins to a priest, I think it is good to see some practical benefits to receiving this sacrament. One is that it gives us a chance to take stock of our lives. It's very easy to fall into the trap of saying, "Ah, that's not so bad," of the sins we commit. Our sins can get worse and worse, and we can drift farther and farther away from God if we don't take stock of our lives on a regular basis. Confessing our sins to a priest is a way to unburden ourselves. Many of us are weighed down by the things we have done and the guilt we feel. Confessing our sins is a way to relieve ourselves of this. Receiving the sacrament of Penance also gives us a concrete starting point to begin to change our lives. If you think about it, most of us resolve to change our lives on New Year's Eve and Ash Wednesday.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR CONT.

I think that's true in great part to the fact that they are concrete starting points. We can point to those days and say, "From this point on, I'm going to do better." We can say the same thing every time we go to confession. Finally, the sacrament of Penance gives us physical reassurance that our sins are forgiven. As human beings, we need that. We can confess our sins directly to God, but we're not going to hear God tell us we're forgiven as we will hear the priest tell us that. Even though we believe with all our heart that God forgives us, we still need that reassurance from time to time. We receive it from the priest in the sacrament of Penance.

I hope this helps us understand this sacrament a little better. We are certainly encouraged to receive this sacrament during Lent. There will be a Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. There will be additional opportunities to receive this sacrament as Easter approaches. I hope we will take advantage of them.

Fr. Jim Hyland

#### **Spiritual Life**

## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute anonymous survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



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.

## PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.

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## An evening of prayer and Lenten renewal with Fr. Thomas Hurley

Most Holy Redeemer Parish
Let's pack the church with God's faithful Lenten Mission
Tuesday, March 28th
7:00 p.m.
Most Holy Redeemer Church
9525 S. Lawndale Ave, Evergreen Park, IL. 60805



Fr. Tom Hurley works in Administration and campus ministries at Marist High School. His very first parish as a priest was Most Holy Redeemer. He then spent 24 years at Old St. Pat's as an Associate Pastor and Pastor. Please join us for a wonderful Lenten Talk!

#### **MHR School News**



#### OUR PARISH, OUR COMMUNITY.

The MHR School Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity. Recently founded by parents in the community, the MHR Foundation aims to support the long-term success of the school, our parish and our community.

www.mhrfoundation.com

#### WHAT WE DO

The MHR Foundation raises funds for the sole benefit of our parish school. The establishment of the MHR Foundation ensures that every year Most Holy Redeemer School will receive a monetary gift (10% of our total assets) from the foundation's endowment. As the endowment grows, this annual gift will increase and goes directly to the operating budget of the school. The school's operating budget includes expenses like <u>teachers' salary</u>, <u>technological improvements</u>, <u>and building upkeep and maintenance</u>. Growing an endowment will help ensure that Most Holy Redeemer can continue to provide quality, value based Catholic education.

#### **OUR STORY**

The MHR Foundation story is just beginning. It started with a group of parents asking how can we promote Catholic education and ensure the long-term success and financial health of our school? With that, the idea of the MHR Foundation came into existence. Fundraising began with the successful launch of <u>Raider Races</u>, which allowed the MHR School Foundation to make its first monetary donation to the school.

Most Holy Redeemer parish is **our** faith-based community that has flourished for more than eight decades. For many of us, the MHR experience has become the foundation of our lives, education, faith and community. MHR has been a defining force in our hearts, marriages, children, friends, family and traditions. We are beyond proud to call ourselves the **Most Holy**Redeemer Raiders!

Whether you are a stakeholder in our community, active parishioner, student, alumni, parent, or grandparent we need you to answer the bell during MHR's time of need. As a community of believers, the strength of our school is ours to build together. Our best days are in front of us as we pass the torch with a brighter flame to a fresh group of stewards.

As we expand our fundraisers and seek donor support, we look forward to continuing this story with our parish, our school, and our community. We are deeply grateful for your support!







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#### **Parish Life**

#### 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.

# EVERGREEN PARK FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH



Parking Lot Drop-off 9am-12pm

- · sweet breakfast cereals
- grape or strawberry jelly, peanut butter
- · canned green beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables,
- · canned kidney beans, black beans, baked beans
- · garbanzo beans (chickpeas)
- · canned tuna and chicken
- · catchup, mustard, salsa, relish, pickles, salad dressings
- · pancake mix, syrup
- · flour, sugar, cocoa mix, cake mixes, frosting
- · snack items- cookies, peanuts
- bar soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toilet paper

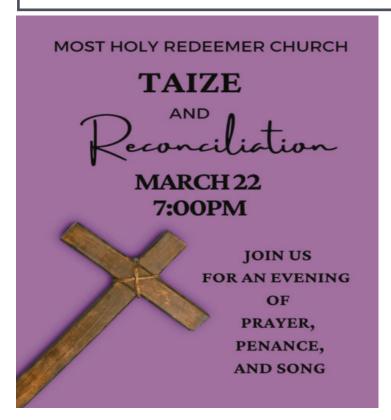


#### **Parish Life**

#### Women's Guild Mother's Day Brunch

The Women's Guild will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday April 29 at Ridge Country Club so please save the date! We will send out more information via email and through our Facebook group over the next few weeks.

Reach out to the women's guild via email, <a href="mailto:mhrwomensguild01@gmail.com">mhrwomensguild01@gmail.com</a> with any questions.



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!

#### **FAMILY ADDRATION**

Are you looking for something to do as a family, please feel free to stop by the chapel and pray together.

Chapel hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

"I urge priests, religious and lay people, to redouble their efforts to teach the younger generation the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and Devotion."
- St. John Paul II



#### **Community News**

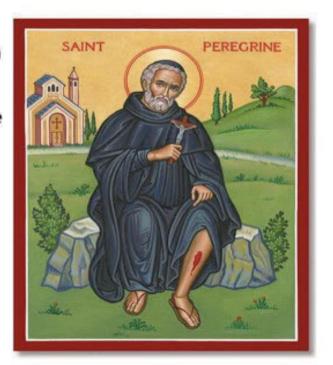
#### ST. CATHERINE'S NOVENA

Join us for a novena to St. Peregrine to seek his intercession for relief from suffering and illness.

All evenings will begin at 7PM. Please enter through the doors on Kedvale.

- March 6
- April 3
- March 13
- April 10
- March 20
- April 17
- March 27
- April 24
- May I Feast of St. Peregrine

Questions - please contact Karen Brogan at 708-691-9529.



#### **EASTER BUNNY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Evergreen Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #854, in conjunction with the American Legion Post #854, is hosting a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday, April 2, 2023 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. You are welcome to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children between 5-12, and children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Post Bar, or at the door. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice shall be served.

All are welcome to this family friendly event. Proceeds help support various veteran's organizations thru the American Legion. Thank you for your participation and support.

American Legion Post #854 is located at 9701 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois.



They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed,

and now I can see." — 10 9:13:15

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**



Sunday, March 19 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Michael Phelan11:00 Bernard Smith / Mary Ann Callaghan / Karen Hopkins

Monday, March 20

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Jack Burns / Joey Del Giudice

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 St. Michael's League

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 Nicole Summers

Thursday, March 23

8:30 Susie Brett

Friday, March 24

8:30 Mary Bridge

Saturday, March 25

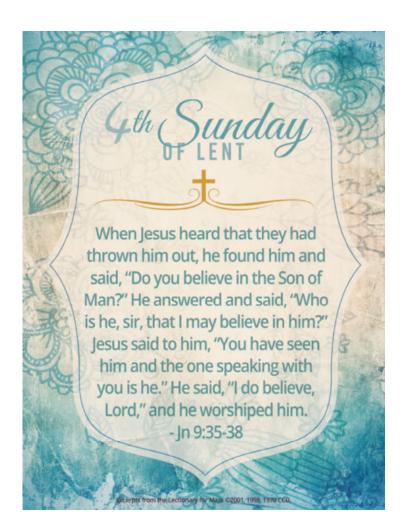
8:30 Margaret Curley / Rene Alonso Urena Jr.

4:30 Barbara Cahill / Sweeny, Montgomery, and Higgings families

Sunday, March 26 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Michael Phelan / Thomas Curran / Margaret Curley

11:00 Daniel O'Donnell / Patrick O'Donnell / Neily O'Donnell / Bernaadette Sedlacek



### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CANTORS, AND SERVERS FOR MARCH 25 / 26

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Cantors
4:30 p.m.	Ava Obermeier Tommy Watson Mary Kate Watson	Christine Howley Therese O'Riordan Winnie Ligda	Rick Schultz Terry Schultz	Linda Maffiola
Sunday 8 a.m.	Lyla Phelan Andrew Phelan Bridget Mallinger	Jenn Hynes Jan McAuliffe Christine Bibro	Debra Vinci - Minogue Quinn Lyons	Colleen Klimczak
11 a.m.	Lauren Barry John Barry Olivia Winstead	Ted Durkalski Terri Durkalski Chris Lanuti	Vince Crivellone Craig Miller	MHR Choir

#### **WEEKEND COLLECTION**

#### Week of 03/12

In church and drop off envelopes	\$6,231
Electronic Offering	\$4,790
Total Offering	\$11,021
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$1,473)

#### FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$408,710
Budget	\$475,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$66,290)

Your continued support of the parish is critical to our fiscal health. Please make provisions if you are away on vacation to continue to make your offering or visit www.givecentral.org to contribute via check or credit card. As always, thank you for your generosity.





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