



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 — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).



*The shepherds
went in haste
to Bethlehem
and found*

**MARY AND JOSEPH,
AND THE INFANT
LYING IN
THE MANGER.**

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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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 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

“Especially with the most blessed virgin Mary, Mother of God.” Those, or similar words, are spoken as part of the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. No matter which version of the Eucharistic Prayer is used, there is always a reference in it to Mary, Mother of God. We say or hear those words so often that we never really stop and think about them. This title though, “Mother of God,” under which we honor Mary today has quite a history behind it. It also gives us something to think about as we begin a new year.

There were many heresies in the early Church which offered erroneous ideas about Jesus and the Catholic faith. Heresies such as Arianism, Manichaeism, and Novatianism often caused a great deal of division and confusion in the early Church. One of the heresies that was very problematic was Nestorianism.

The Nestorian heresy had to do with the human and divine natures of Christ. The Nestorians claimed that Jesus was really two separate persons – a human person and a divine person. Mary was the mother of the human Jesus, not the divine Son of God. The Nestorians maintained that Jesus was not God incarnate from the moment of the Annunciation while still in Mary’s womb. The divine Son of God later put on the human nature of Jesus similar to the way that we put on clothes. The Nestorians refused to call Mary “Mother of God.” She was the mother of Jesus, who they did not see as divine.

My explanation may not be a very good one, but I’m sure you see how this could have caused a lot of confusion and division in the early Church. The Nestorian heresy was the subject of The Council of Ephesus in 431. The Council of Ephesus condemned the Nestorians. The Council stated that the human and divine natures of Christ cannot be separated. The Council further proclaimed that Mary was indeed the Mother of God. The Council called her by the name *Theotokos*, which means, *God-bearer*. Mary is the one who bears God and brings God into the world in Jesus. It is this role of Mary as God-bearer that gives us something to think about as we begin a new year.

While God can work in the world in any way God chooses, God chooses to work most often with human cooperation. We see this throughout the scriptures. Whether it was Noah, Abraham, Moses, one of the prophets, or later, one of the Apostles, God chooses to work with human cooperation. God needs human cooperation if His work is going to be done.

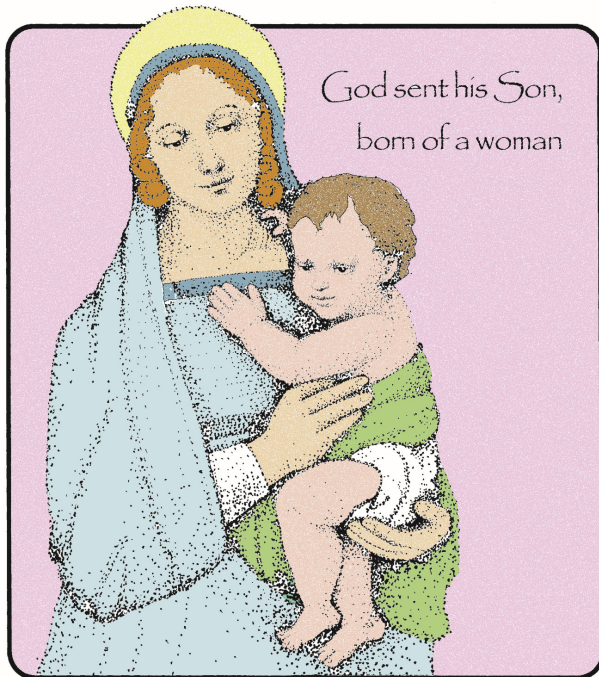
We especially see this in the event we celebrated a week ago and will celebrate in the Church for another week, the Nativity of our Lord. For God to take on human flesh and enter our world, human cooperation was needed. Mary’s cooperation, her “Yes,” made it possible for God to enter our world in the person of Jesus, true God and true man.

God did not just wish to enter our world long ago in the Nativity. God wants to enter our world today. He still needs human cooperation to do that. God needs our cooperation. We have to be God-bearers like Mary. We are the ones who have to bring God into our world today. We do this by practicing works of mercy. We do this by forgiving those who wrong us. We do this by standing up for our faith. We do this when we live by the values of the gospel. When we do these things, God becomes incarnate and enters our world again through us. The beginning of a new year is a time when we make resolutions. A good resolution for us might be to take a cue from Mary, especially from the title we honor her under today. Mary is the Mother of God, the *Theotokos*, the one who brings God into the world. Maybe we can resolve that in the new year each of us will also try to be a *Theotokos* and make God more present in the world through our words and actions. Happy New Year!

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.



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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.

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary's face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God's face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call "full of grace." At the conclusion of the blessing in today's first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God's *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

Today's Readings: Nm 6:22–27; Ps 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4–7; Lk 2:16–21

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A colorful graphic for "Happy New Year!" where each letter is a different color and contains a small gear or mechanical part. The colors are: H (green), a (orange), p (purple), p (teal), y (red), N (orange), e (pink), w (green), Y (red), e (orange), a (yellow), r (green), ! (blue).

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**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023**

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The **Anointing of the Sick** will take place during the 8:30 morning mass on Saturday January 7th following the homily. Those who are unable to approach the altar at that time are asked to sit in the pews at the front of the church. People suffering from both short and long term illness are encouraged to receive this wonderful sacrament which confers the graces necessary to face health issues with strength, courage and peace.

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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.

PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

January 14, 2023
6 p.m. in Briody Hall

All parishioners that volunteer throughout the year are welcome to join us for the 2023 Parish Appreciation Dinner

Please RSVP by Monday, January 9th to the rectory office at (708) 425-5354 or bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org

Community News



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Dr. Caley Scott will speak about integrative medicine, boosting your immune health, and how functional medicine can help prevent disease.
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Questions? Contact Reenie Panella at 708-557-7687



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 ADORATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 / 9:30 / 11:00 Living and Deceased Members of Most Holy Redeemer

Monday, January 2

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Cathy Kellogg / Susie Brett

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 The Scialabba Family

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 The Olson Family

Thursday, January 5

8:30 The Jadowski Family

Friday, January 6

8:30 Rev. James Brassil / Patricia Carter

Saturday, January 7

8:30 Gail Vacca and ILEHC

4:30 Denis Boyd / James Doyle

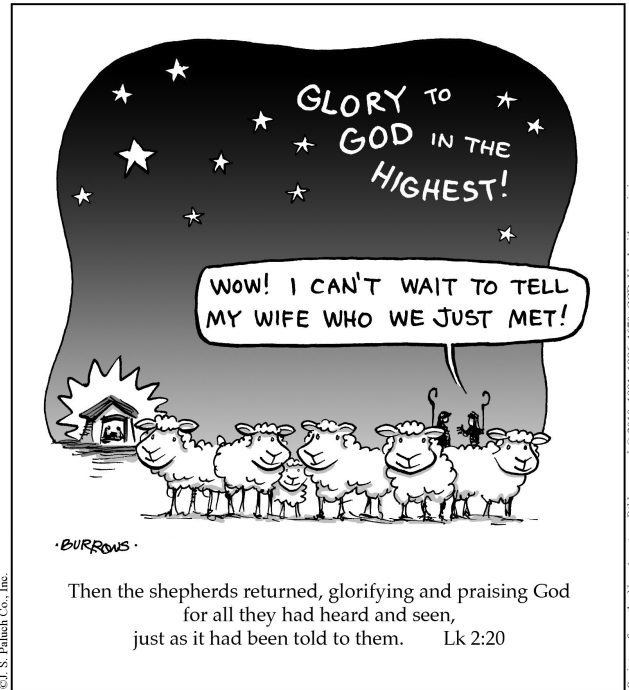
Sunday, January 8 ~ The Epiphany of The Lord

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

11:00 John Pfeffer / Therese Dyrek / Stanley Szydlo

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

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Our Finances

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 12/18

In church and drop off envelopes	\$6,422
Electronic Offering	\$4,110
Total Offering	\$10,532
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$1,968)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$273,065
Budget	\$325,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$51,935)

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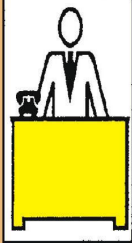
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