



# 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** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts  
(Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].



MARCH 21, 2021

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

John 12:24

## 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

Rev. Francis Schouten

Deacon Mark Phelan

### Director of Music

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Lee Ann Arethas  
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### Youth Minister

Kim Madonia  
708.275.8922

### Business Manager

Rosemary Dempsey  
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**

Lent is rapidly drawing to a close. The fifth week of Lent starts this weekend. Easter is only two weeks away. If we have been faithful to our Lenten disciplines and done the things we said we were going to do when Lent began, we're probably feeling pretty good about ourselves right now. But even if we haven't done all we had hoped to do on Ash Wednesday, we can still make this a successful Lent.

We can make this Lent successful by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's no secret that participation in this sacrament has really fallen off. Ask someone how long it's been since their last confession and you might embarrass them. Even though people don't receive this sacrament as often as they once did, there is still a great value in it.

One thing we should keep in mind is the purpose of this sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not just meant to reconcile us with God. It is especially meant to reconcile us with the Church. Our sins hurt more than just those directly affected by them. Our sins let down the entire Body of Christ, the Church. We weaken the whole Church when we sin. The origin of this sacrament was not so much to reconcile people to God, but to readmit people to the Church who had committed serious sins, especially abandoning their faith in the face of persecution. A lot of people don't see a need for this sacrament because they think of sin as something that only affects God and the person they may have directly hurt. Many people feel they can ask God for forgiveness directly. There's no need to confess to a priest. But if we see our sins in a broader sense, as we should, then we have weakened the Church by our sins and we need to be reconciled with the members of the Church. The priest is not just a representative of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but also a representative of the Church. He not only lets us know that God forgives us, but also that the other members of the Church, those we have hurt and weakened by our sins often without even realizing it, forgive us and welcome us back too.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation also gives us the chance to unburden ourselves of the guilt we may be carrying around over some of the things we have done. It gives us the opportunity to take stock of our lives. It's a chance to see that we're headed in a wrong direction and need to make some changes in our lives. If we never stop to take a look at our lives, we can easily begin to downplay our sinfulness, to start comparing ourselves to other people and think the things we're doing aren't really wrong. It is a concrete starting point to make some changes in our lives. If you think about when we most often resolve to change our lives, it happens twice a year – on New Year's Eve and on Ash Wednesday. That's because they give us concrete starting points to change. Every time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have a concrete starting point to try to change our lives and again follow our Lord more closely. This sacrament is also valuable because we get to hear that we are forgiven. We can tell our sins to God privately in prayer and believe with all our hearts that God forgives us. But we are human beings, and, as human beings, we often need some physical reassurance. We get that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through the words of absolution which we can hear, we have concrete reassurance that our sins are forgiven.

If it's been a while since your last confession, you might want to think about receiving this sacrament before Easter. We will have additional times scheduled for this sacrament, from 2:30 – 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 27, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 30, and from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 3. I hope you will try to take advantage of the opportunity to be reconciled with God and with the other members of the Church that we are offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. Jim Hyland

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).



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

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| Meliesa Brooker     | Katie Sammon      |
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| Ronda Verback       | Colleen Kaufmann  |
| Edward Hunt         | Fr. Paul Guzman   |
| Christopher Mazurek | Michael Pufunt    |
| Mitchell Moss       | Liam Farrell      |
| Brad Liberio        | Jimmy Pufunt      |
| Patrick Harrington  | Matthew Olsen     |
| Michael J. Pedersen | Jonathon Champion |
| John Koman          | Alex Jones        |
| Sean Kaufmann       | Emma Geyer        |

**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.

## ***SJF/MHR Youth Ministry - Be Part Of Something BIGGER!***

We want to accompany you through Lent! A group of teens and young adults met via Zoom and, I am proud to say they have graciously accepted that challenge and will be offering a “virtual twist” on stations of the cross this year.

They will be available to all online [www.sjfmhrym.com/stations](http://www.sjfmhrym.com/stations) and we hope that you take time, with those you love, and give them a try. Each station will offer scripture, reflection, music and prayer.

We are hoping to tap into your faith journey, wherever you may be, and walk with you.

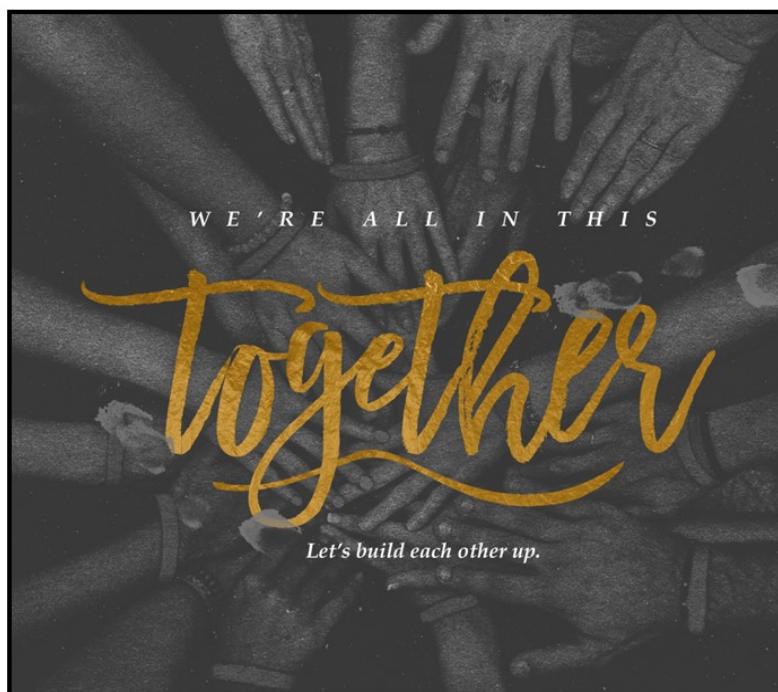


# The Stations

Begin your digital journey through the stations by clicking one of the stained glass depictions below. Each station will provide you with an understanding of Jesus' journey to Golgotha as well as a song and brief reflection presented by one of the members of our youth program.

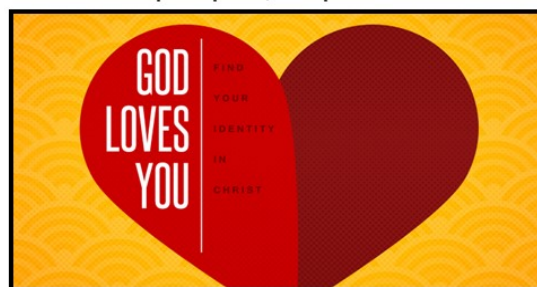
May God bless you and yours during this Lenten Season.

## Digital Accompaniment



Members of our Youth & Young Adult Ministry program have felt the need to be there for one another in this weird time. This in mind, we asked different age groups what they were struggling with most during this time of uncertainty and challenged them to give insight, advice, and solace to the group behind them.

We hope this space can bring you comfort as it continues to grow. Our first sections are written by members and supporters of our program from 8th Graders to grandparents and we thank them all for their time, participation, and openness.



Check out our Youth Ministry page at:

[www.sjfmhrym.com](http://www.sjfmhrym.com)

for more information!

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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**Most Holy Redeemer's  
Parish Lenten Challenge 2021**

**During this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are providing opportunities to serve local charities in need. Please join us as we collect items before and after all Masses for our final weekend. Drop off items at the table in the vestibule of church.**



**Evergreen Park Food Pantry Collection  
March 20th/21st  
Any non-perishable food can be donated**

Please contact Kristen Maxwell [skmaxwell2000@gmail.com](mailto:skmaxwell2000@gmail.com) with any questions.

## MASS INTENTIONS



## LECTORS FOR MARCH 20 / 21

### Sunday, March 21 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Benefactors of the Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund / Brenda and Paddy Mulvey / Elandro Smith Johnson

11:00 Barbara Crosby / William Earner / Karen Hopkins / Johnny Rodriguez

### Monday, March 22

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Wally McAuliffe

### Tuesday, March 23

8:30 Jean Molnar

### Wednesday, March 24

8:30 Wally McAuliffe

### Thursday, March 25

8:30 David Chikerotis

### Friday, March 26

8:30 Barbara Young

### Saturday, March 27

8:30 Jean and Robert Molnar

4:30 pm Wally McAuliffe

### Sunday, March 28 ~ 6th Sunday of Lent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer

11:00 Margaret C. Glennon / Johnny Rodriguez

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:30 pm - Tony Gallo / Jean Hanlon

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00 - Dan Ward / Maureen Bradley

11:00 - Aine Hynes / Matt Doyle

## LECTORS FOR MARCH 27 / 28

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:30 pm - Kathy Maxwell / Keith Maxwell

Sunday March 28, 2021

8:00 - Rick Schultz / Terri Schultz

11:00 - Vince Crivellone / Craig Miller

## CANTORS FOR MARCH 20 / 21

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:30 - Gina Mincy

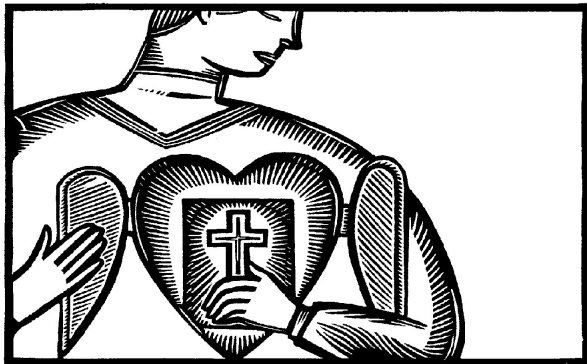
Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00 - Colleen Klimczak

11:00 - Steve Bell

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Dr. John Herbick



## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



# Our Finances

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

*Week of 03/14*

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,359
Electronic Offering	\$5,984
Total Offering	\$13,343
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	\$843

## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$404,351
Budget	\$452,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$48,149)

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