



# 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** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

**Third SUNDAY**  
of  
*Advent*

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always.  
Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances  
give thanks,  
for this is the will  
of God for you  
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Rev. James M. Hyland  
x 209

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Guzman  
x 205

### Retired Resident

Rev. Albert R. Adamich  
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**

“Rejoice!” It’s Gaudete Sunday! Advent is half over, and Christmas will soon be here. We light the pink candle on the Advent wreath today. We rejoice! That is the theme of the day. Gaudete Sunday gets its name from the entrance antiphon at Mass for this day. The entrance antiphon begins with the word, “Rejoice,” which in Latin is, “Gaudete.” Our readings also emphasize that we are to be filled with joy as we await the coming of Christ.

Despite the joy that is emphasized in the Mass today, we might not be feeling all that joyful. Maybe we have so much to do to get ready for Christmas that we’re overwhelmed. Maybe the COVID-19 pandemic has altered our plans for celebrating Christmas this year. Maybe we’re not too happy about the things we won’t be able to do and the people we won’t be able to see. Maybe the Christmas holidays are just not a happy time for us for some other reason.

If we’re not feeling very joyful these days, we should remember something else that entrance antiphon tells us. It doesn’t just say, “Rejoice!” It says, “Rejoice in the Lord always!” The Lord is the source of our joy in Advent and at Christmas. He is the one who brings us joy always. If we’re not feeling very joyful these days, maybe it’s because we are forgetting the one who is the source of our joy. Is our Lord part of our preparations during Advent? Just how big a part of our lives is He?

If we’re not very joyful, maybe we need to spend some more time with our Lord. Prayer should be part of our preparation for Christmas. Have we taken the time to pray more? Have we taken the time to worship our Lord at Mass? Spending time with our Lord will add to our joy. What are some ways we can do that in these remaining days of Advent?

Our Lord has told us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we really do for Him. We can include the Lord in our Advent preparations through works of charity. Making Him part of our Advent preparations by serving Him in the least of our brothers and sisters will bring joy to the less fortunate and make us more joyful in the process.

Maybe we’re not feeling joyful because we have grown estranged from God and others through our sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can bring our Lord’s forgiveness and mercy into our lives. That can lift a burden we may be carrying around and make us more joyful. Due to the restrictions we’re under from the Archdiocese, we aren’t able to have a Communal Reconciliation Service this year. We will have extended hours for confessions on Saturday, December 19, from 2:30 – 4:00 PM. Confessions will also be heard on Tuesday, December 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Being reconciled with God, the Church, and others through this sacrament makes our Lord part of preparations and can certainly add to our joy.

It can be difficult to be joyful at this time of year no matter what we hear in our Mass today. Let’s remember that the joy the Mass speaks to us about is not a fleeting joy. We are to rejoice in the Lord. He is the source of lasting joy. The more we include Him in our Advent preparations, the more joyful we will be.

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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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark’s Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as “Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday,” as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. “Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?” But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.



# A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that “we sure could use a little good news today.” It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, “I am not he.” He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your “ducks in a row” and always has been. Today’s encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

Today’s Readings: Is 61:1–2a, 10–1; 1 Lk 1:46–48, 49–50, 53–54; 1 Thes 5:16–24; Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

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MHR St Vincent DePaul’s mission is to assist people living in MHR Parish boundaries in times of need.

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## Parish Life



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Advent

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ADVENT

A SEASON OF PREPARATION

ISAIAH 7:14

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Congratulations to the 2nd Graders of our Parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the past two weeks. It was a wonderful evening for parents and children as they experienced the loving forgiveness of Jesus

A special thanks to our 2nd Grade Teachers and Catechists: Mrs. Geri Tilkes, Melissa Ryan, Mrs. Erin Lee, Mrs. Christine Visser and Mrs. Adrienne Kyle. They worked hard during this unusual year and prepared them for their special day!

God Bless all of our 2nd Grade students!



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### Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— *1 Thessalonians 5:16*



## MASS INTENTIONS



## LECTORS FOR DECEMBER 12 / 13

### Sunday, December 13 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Jack McGowan  
11:00 Margaret Flaherty / Judy Miller

### Monday, December 14

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / John Barry

### Tuesday, December 15

8:30 St. Michael's League / Elgie and John Smith

### Wednesday, December 16

8:30 Frank Radostits

### Thursday, December 17

8:30 Eileen Smith

### Friday, December 18

8:30 Patricia Carter

### Saturday, December 19

8:30 Loretta Podhajski, Raymond Simons, and Geraldine Getz  
4:30 pm Paul, Alvina, and Steve Czerwinski / Joe and Jean Daly

### Sunday, December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Sean Cunningham / Judy Miller  
11:00 Chester Garstka / Bill Callahan

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:30 pm - Willie Ligda / Vince Crivellone

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:00 - Julie Moran / Steve Lascola

11:00 - Jennifer Busk / Mary Riccio

## 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

DECEMBER 13, 2020 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE THANKS,  
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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## WEEKEND COLLECTION

*Week of 12/06*

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,609
Electronic Offering	\$5,603
Total Offering	\$13,212
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	\$712

## FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$242,146
Budget	\$288,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$46,354)

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