

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.

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 — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).



December 25, 2022 • Christmas

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. James M. Hyland
x 209

Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Guzman
x 205

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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

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

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.” These words are the beginning of the story of the Nativity from the gospel of St. Luke. It is the most familiar Christmas gospel and the one we come to Mass on Christmas expecting to hear. While this is the most familiar Christmas gospel, there are three other ones that can also be read. One of the more interesting of these other gospels is the one that is usually read at the first Mass on Christmas morning. It is also from the gospel of St. Luke and takes place after Mary wraps Jesus in swaddling clothes and lays Him in the manger. It is the story of what the shepherds do after the angels appear to them.

After the angels leave, the shepherds say to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” I think it’s no accident that the word “this” is used here. The shepherds go to Bethlehem to see one specific thing. They go to see the baby in the manger. They go to see Jesus. They go to see God in human flesh. They go to see the Word of God made incarnate. They go to see the love of God revealed. That is the “this” the shepherds saw. Is this what we also see?

There are so many things that fight for our attention and occupy us at Christmas. We worry about whether people will like the gifts we gave them. We wonder whether we will get everything we asked for. We hope people saved the receipt in case we don’t like what they gave us. Maybe we notice a string of lights that has gone out and we try to decide what to do about it. Dinner certainly grabs our attention. We want to make sure it’s as perfect as possible. We may hope that our Christmas guests don’t eat all of our favorite cookies. They can have all the fruitcake they want, but they better leave some of those good cookies for us. We see all of these things and more at Christmas. But do we also see this thing that the Lord has made known, this thing the shepherds saw?

Do we see this thing that Christmas is really all about? Do we see that this thing that has taken place reveals the love of God and the faithfulness of God? Do we see that in this thing that has taken place, that God has entered our world in human form? This thing tells us that God still enters our world in human form today, in the people we encounter in our lives. Do we see that in this thing that has taken place God reveals Himself to us? God shows us what He is really like. Do we see in this thing that has taken place that God never gives up on us? Do we see in this thing that God wishes to save us and have us live one day with Him forever? I hope we do. If we don’t, we miss what this day is really all about.

Shepherds were pretty low on the social scale in ancient Israel. They were not considered particularly smart. These shepherds were smart enough though, to go to see this thing that had taken place that the Lord made known to them. This Christmas, I hope we will be just as smart as these shepherds. There are many things that will cry for our attention this Christmas. I hope we will make sure that one thing that gets some of our attention is this thing that has taken place. This thing is what Christmas is about. It is this thing, this thing which the Lord has made known to us, that brings meaning and joy to Christmas and to our lives. Merry Christmas!

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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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.



Christmas 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“The Word was made flesh, and he made his dwelling among us.” These momentous words from the beginning of John’s Gospel describe exactly what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has indeed come among us and become a part of our human family. He shared our joys and our sorrows. He came to know the full expanse of our human experiences, those that lift us up and those that cast us down. Through his death and resurrection, he has transformed our lives and our very world. The One born among us as Son of God and Son of Mary has given us a new birth in hope.

We know the challenges that marked his life from the very beginning. We recall how the Holy Family shared the plight of refugees, when they had to flee to Egypt to protect their newborn child from violence. These challenges find an echo in our world today. We see people flee the violence of war and oppression and crushing poverty. Their plight moves our heart to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Their story, framed within the story of the Holy Family, also reminds of the unfailing hand of God’s providence that leads us and saves us. And that gives us joyful confidence.

Whatever the challenges we face as individuals and communities—from war, violence, disease, injustice, natural climate disasters—we do not lose hope. We know that the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He walks with us. He sustains us. He gives us a hope that will not disappoint.

Join me in prayer this Christmas season. Let us ask God to deepen our faith in the Incarnate Word. Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God’s love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Eucharist in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Archbishop of Chicago

Archdiocese News

DECEMBER 25TH – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

“I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of Most Holy Redeemer Parish located in Evergreen Park, Illinois. However, if Most Holy Redeemer Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead.”



Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact Fr. James Hyland, 708.425.4354, jhyland@mostholyredeemer.org. [or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org].



The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2022

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— John 1:5

Parish Life

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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Sunday, January 8, 2023
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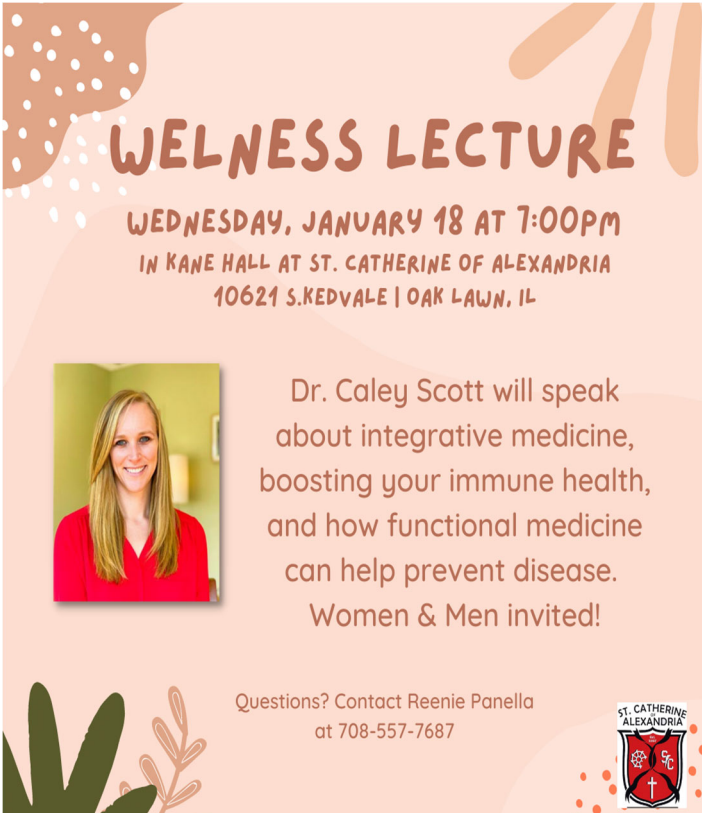
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WELNESS LECTURE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 7:00PM
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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, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 / 9:30 / 11:00 Living and Deceased Members of Most Holy Redeemer

Monday, December 26
8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Judy E. Neely / Wesley Durkalski / Giovanna Frangela / Ensila Frangela

Tuesday, December 27
8:30 Raul Gonzalez / James Doyle

Wednesday, December 28
8:30 Noel Naughton

Thursday, December 29
8:30 Susie Brett

Friday, December 30
8:30 Eleanor O'Connell

Saturday, December 31
8:00 Will Kellogg / Wesley Durkalski
4:30 Living and Deceased Members of Most Holy Redeemer

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

ALTAR SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 31 / JANUARY 1

December 31, 2022

4:30 - Bridget Mallinger / Liam Zurella / John Kratzer

January 1, 2023

8:00 - Shane Lyons / Marty Signorelli / Declan O'Connor

9:30 - Owen Sise / Colin Sise / Charlie Cushing

11:00 - Lauren Barry / John Barry / Olivia Winstead

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Week of 12/11

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Electronic Offering	\$5,005
Total Offering	\$12,230
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$270)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$262,533
Budget	\$312,500
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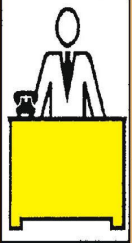
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