



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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9 a.m. - 12 noon

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Today's Readings

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).



The Visitation
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Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:41-42*

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

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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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To set up electronic contributions visit www.givecentral.org. In the search box, enter *Most Holy Redeemer*. Select *View All* to see the different ways to support our parish. When you are ready, click on *My Gift Basket* to either Log In or Sign Up.



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

As we begin the final week of Advent, I'm sure we are going through our lists and making sure we have everything ready for Christmas. We want to make sure that we have gifts for everyone on our list, and that all our gifts are wrapped. We want to make sure that our cards have been sent and packages that had to be mailed were sent on time. We want to make sure our decorations are up. We want to make sure that all our baking is done, and we have all the food we need for our Christmas feast. We might have to run few last-minute errands, but we will have everything ready to celebrate when Christmas arrives at the end of the week.

We will get all these tasks accomplished to be ready for Christmas. But are we truly ready? Have we spent any time preparing ourselves for what Christmas is really about? I hope we have done some spiritual preparation for Christmas during these weeks of Advent. I hope that we have spent some extra time in prayer. I hope we have performed some extra works of charity. I hope many of us have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. If we haven't done much in the way of spiritual preparation, we still have almost a full week before Christmas. What can we do this coming week to make sure we are spiritually ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord?

It's not just Advent where we have to make sure we don't neglect the spiritual side of things. We also have to make sure that we don't neglect the spiritual side of things in our celebration of Christmas. The best way we have of doing that is to make our participation at Mass on Christmas a central part of our celebration of the feast. I hope to see you at one of our Christmas masses, either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

As we get all our final preparations for Christmas completed this week, I hope we remember to prepare spiritually too. It sometimes seems the joy of Christmas is very short-lived. I think that happens when we haven't prepared ourselves spiritually. We're left with an emptiness inside, feeling there has to be something more than gifts and decorations and lots of food. There is a lot more. There is a Christmas joy that lasts. That joy can be ours when we remember that we are celebrating the coming of Christ into our world. That joy can especially be ours when we have prepared ourselves spiritually for the celebration. If we haven't done that already, I hope we will try to do so in these final days of Advent. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Jim Hyland



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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted.

— *Psalm 80:15-16*

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year we will have a full schedule of Christmas Masses at 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 on the eve and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 on the day.

Please consider volunteering for one of the services. Signup sheets are located in the back at the usher table starting November 28 for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.



Robert Leitelt	Christopher Kurtz
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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.

Advent

Trying to make some time for prayer this advent season?

Please join us for the rosary with advent reflections.

Thursday December 9th, 16th, and 23rd
MHR Adoration Chapel
6:30pm



BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE

With the upcoming holidays, our bulletin publisher has requested early transmittal dates.

December 19 bulletin ~ Deadline is December 10
December 26 bulletin ~ Deadline is December 16
January 2 bulletin ~ Deadline is December 23

Articles can be submitted to bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org by 12 noon. Your cooperation in meeting these early deadlines is appreciated.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Most Holy Redeemer has a, opening for a part time administrative assistant for School of Religion.

If you are interested, please call or email Fr. Hyland at 708-425-5354 x 209 or jhyland@mostholyredeemer.org

A PRAYER FOR “RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age in our own time, you call us to say : Renew My Church . Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
To hear you clearly
To listen to each other attentively
To imagine our future boldly
To discern your direction wisely
To persevere in your holy will courageously
To stay together in charity
To embrace the greater good
To hand on your gifts to the future generations
May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their examples and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



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Community News

WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

THE WOMEN'S CENTER IS HIRING! (Please see our website, www.GoTWC.org, for further details)
CLIENT ADVOCATE (Evergreen Park Office): Polish or Spanish is a plus. Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.
CLIENT ADVOCATE (Cicero Avenue Office): Polish speaking preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to pbrunk@gotwc.org.

SEEKING DONATIONS:

ALL NEW:

Baby hooded towels and washcloths
Baby toys/teethers
Baby wipes, shampoo and lotion
Kids toys
Lanolin
Nursing pads
Nylon/cotton hats
Post-partum products
Receiving blankets
Shampoo and conditioner
Sleepers: All sizes, especially 0-3m & 3-6m

NEW OR GENTLY USED (pre-cleaned):

Baby swings
Bassinets
Combo strollers
Clothes: All sizes, especially Boys 7-8 & 14-16 and Girls 14-16
Exersaucers
High chairs
Infant car seats/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old)
Lightweight dressers
Single strollers
Toddler beds

In-kind donations are accepted at our Cicero Avenue location on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call 815-504-5059 when you arrive to hand your donations to an employee. Please also find the most up-to-date list of what we accept on our website www.GoTWC.org.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Have spare time on Saturdays and want to make a big difference for Life?! The Women's Center is in need of volunteers! If you can donate a few hours on Saturdays, please email csanchez@gotwc.org.

Community News

GRIEFSHARE

Christ the King parish is establishing the GriefShare program, a Christ-centered support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one to death. It is a 13 week program, each session including a video of subject pertinent to the grief experience, scripture-based study and reflection, and small group discussion. Participants can enter the program at any week in the session. The program will begin Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 630pm in the basement meeting room of the rectory.

Information about the GriefShare design is available at GriefShare.org. Anyone interested in participation or volunteering or with any questions please contact Tom Bianciotto at:

Griefshare@ckchicago.org or call Tom @ 773-398-4682.

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!

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's "comfort and joy." Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that "shall reach to the ends of the earth." Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the "offering of the body of Jesus Christ" saves us all.

In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

Today's Readings: Mi 5:1–4a; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lk 1:39–45

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MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, December 19 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 Therese Kearney / Chester Garstka / Kevin Gory / Julie A. Moriarty

Monday, December 20

8:30 Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 St. Michael's League

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 Meg Moonan / Michael Flaherty

Thursday, December 23

8:30 Robert Scorzo / Raul Gonzalez

Friday, December 24

8:30 Jean and Robert Molnar / Wally McAuliffe

4:00 / 6:00 / 10:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of Most Holy Redeemer

Saturday, December 25

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

Sunday, December 26 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Loise Crivellone

11:00 Rosemary Sheehan / Ann Goodpaster

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER 18 / 19

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:30 - Winnie Ligda / Jennifer Busk

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:00 - Steve Lascola / Julie Moran

11:00 - Quinn Lyons / Liam Lyons

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER 26

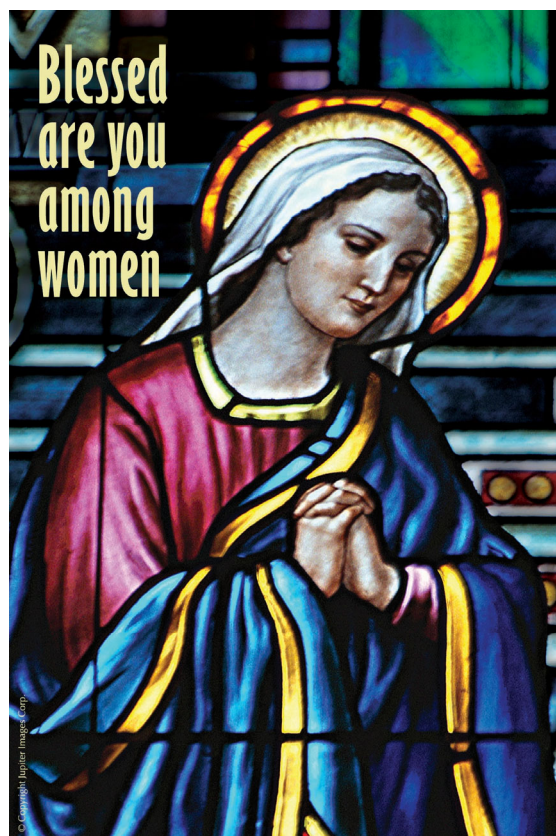
Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 - Kristen Maxwell / Sean Maxwell

11:00 - Vince Crivellone / Craig Miller

BANS OF MARRIAGE

III Emily Daniels and Connor McDonald



ALTAR SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 26TH

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Katelyn Steinmetz

Will Steinmetz

Jack Howley

Sunday, December 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Cali Maloney

Jonathan Kaminski

Liam Zurella

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40



FOURTH Sunday OF *Advent*

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