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Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Wednesday after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Third Sunday of Advent December 11th, 2022

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, which is called Gaudete Sunday; that is, the Sunday of joy. In the Liturgy the invitation rings out several times to rejoice, why? Because the Lord is near. Christmas is near. The Christian message is called the 'Gospel'; i.e. 'good news', an announcement of joy for all people;

However, the joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It consists in knowing one is welcomed and loved by God. As the Prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God is he who comes to save us and who seeks to help, especially those who are fearful of heart...

He is a God who loves us so very much, he loves us and that is why he is with us, to help us, to strengthen us, help us go forward... Thanks to his help, we can always begin again.

How? Begin again from scratch. Someone might say to me: "No, Father, I did so many reprehensible things ... I am a great sinner.... I cannot begin from scratch!". You are wrong! You can begin from scratch! Why? Because he is waiting for you, he is close to you, he loves you, he is merciful, he forgives you, he gives you the strength to begin again from scratch! Everybody!

And so we are able to open our eyes again, to overcome sadness and mourning to strike up a new song. And this true joy remains even amid trial, even amid suffering, for it is not a superficial joy; because it permeates the depths of the person who entrusts himself to the Lord and confides in him.

Christian joy, like hope, is founded on God's fidelity, on the certainty that he always keeps his promises. The Prophet Isaiah exhorts those who have lost their way and have lost heart to entrust themselves to the faithfulness of the Lord, for his salvation will not delay in bursting into their lives. All those who have encountered Jesus along the way experience a serenity and joy in their hearts which nothing and no one can take away. Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love is inexhaustible!..

May the Virgin Mary help us to hasten our steps to Bethlehem, to encounter the Child who is born for us, for the salvation and joy of all people. To her the angel said: "Hail, full of grace: the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). May she obtain for us the grace to live the joy of the Gospel in our families, at work, in the parish and everywhere. An intimate joy, fashioned of wonder and tenderness. The joy a mother experiences when she looks at her newborn baby and feels that he or she is a gift from God, a miracle for which she can only give thanks!"

Pope Francis Angelus December 15, 2013

Advent Penitential Prayer Service
This Wednesday, December 14, 2022
at 7:30 p.m.

This Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., there will be an Advent Penitential Prayer Service at Holy Redeemer Parish. We encourage all to attend the penitential service even if you do not take part in individual reconciliation.

Advent Penitential Prayer Services will also be held throughout the Deanery on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 13 – St. Alphonsus 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15 – St. Joseph the Worker 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18 – St. Gerard 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20 – Blessed Sacrament 7:30 p.m.

Main Floor Bathrooms Refurbishment
A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help refurbish and paint the main floor bathrooms. Thank you for all your time, effort, hard work and generosity. It is very greatly appreciated, as the bathrooms look wonderful.

Ministry Volunteers Needed for
Christmas and New Year's Masses

The parish is looking for volunteers for the Christmas and New Year's Masses for the following ministries: Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Altar Servers, and Ushers. Please note that for the December 24 5 p.m. Mass the ministries will be done by the youth and Catechism children.

If you would like to volunteer, we ask that you please sign up on the ministry signup sheets that are available on the counter in the gathering space. Thank you.

2022 Donations

Please note that the last day for donations to be included in the 2022 tax receipt is December 31, 2022. Any donations received after this date will be included on the 2023 tax receipt.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2023 offering envelopes, they can be picked up at the church during office hours or when you come to Mass. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Christmas Hampers
Items Still Needed

This Advent Season, the Knights of Columbus, the Youth Group, and the Catechism classes have been collecting food and money donations for Christmas Hampers. We thank all who have donated, however there are still items that need to be purchased. We kindly ask that you please pick one or two items off the Christmas Tree in the gathering space.

The Knights will be delivering the hampers after December 18, so all food items will need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 18.

We thank you for your generous support.

Classics, Carols & Cookies
A BIG THANK YOU!

Close to 200 people attended Classics, Carols & Cookies with the Sokol Polish Folk Ensemble on Sunday, December 4th and were treated to a marvellous concert featuring a beautiful selection of liturgical music and traditional carols. The concert was a great success

Thank you to the many volunteers who worked together to make it happen including all members of the Refugee Committee, audio technician John Vis, the ticket sellers/takers, set up/take down crew, ushers, elevator operator, security, the Ladies Auxiliary volunteers in charge of the reception and, of course, all the cookie makers. A special thank you to our young parishioners Marisa, Cecelia and Tobin Zielinski who greeted our visitors and handed out programs.

The concert raised a net profit of \$1,741.12 to be divided equally between our parish general funds and the Refugee Committee in support of our sponsorship application. We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the parishioners who purchased tickets and attended. Your support is greatly appreciated. We hope you left the concert filled with the spirit of the Advent season.

January and February 2023
Lector, Server and Gift Bearer
Schedules Available

The January and February 2023 lector, server and gift bearer schedules have been emailed out. There are also a few paper copies available in the lector and server mailboxes.

Holy Redeemer Parish Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, 2022 - Christmas Eve
Mass at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th, 2022 - Christmas Day
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 31st, 2022
New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2023
New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 7th, 2023 - Feast of the Epiphany
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 8th, 2023 - Feast of the Epiphany
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Please note that the 9:00 a.m. weekday Masses will be cancelled the week of Tuesday, December 27th to Friday, December 30th, 2022.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Concert For Children

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a 'Keep Christ in Christmas' poster contest for children aged 5 - 14. Children are invited to create a free-hand drawing or collage. Please see the Catechism bulletin board in the Gathering space to pick up an entry form and for all contest details.

There are 3 prizes awarded, one in each age group: K- Grade 2, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8. Deadline for poster submissions is Thursday, December 15. Submit your finished poster to the parish office or hand them in the last day of Catechism (December 15). If you have any questions, please contact Kate Klassen.

Stewardship - December 11, 2022

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Christmas Memorial Angels

This year, the Youth Group and the Catechism Classes are selling Christmas Memorial Angels for \$5.00. With every purchase, we welcome you to write your loved one's names on Mary's Angels card and place it on the Memory Tree in the gathering space. These cards will serve as a reminder of those we have lost but whose memories we have not forgotten.

The youth of our parish will be in the gathering space after each Mass from November 26 to December 18. All proceeds will go to the youth of our parish. We thank you for your generous support.

Church Events December 11 to 23, 2022

Finance Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service
Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Catechism
Thursday, December 15
Children's Choir/Mass Practice 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Catechism Class 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, December 20
Mass 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Food Bank
Friday, December 23, 10:00 a.m.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**





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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For December 2022

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Available by appointment. Please call the office.

Baptism: Please email Father Anthony or call the office at least three months in advance.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Available by appointment. Please call the office.

Are You A New Parishioner?

If you are new to our community or interested in joining us here at Holy Redeemer parish, please complete the Parish Registration Form found on the right side of the counter by the bulletin board in the gathering space. The form is also available on the parish website.

Once completed, the form can be placed in the Offering basket at Mass, dropped off or emailed to the office. We look forward to hearing from you and welcome to our parish

Liturgy Schedule, Saints' Days and Intentions

Saturday, December 10 to Sunday, December 18, 2022

Sat. Dec 10 at 5 pm †Ted Kernoski
(With love from the Waznys and Hendricks)

Sun. Dec 11 at 10 am For the Intentions of Mele (Friend)

Tues. Dec 13 at 9 am Saint Lucy

Wed. Dec 14 at 9 am Saint John of the Cross

Thur. Dec 15 at 9 am

Fri. Dec 16 at 9 am

Sat. Dec 17 at 5 pm †Terri Lucyk (Donor)

Sun. Dec 18 at 10 am †Maria Farias (Alda Reis)

Lector and Server Schedule

Saturday, December 17 at 5 p.m.

Lectors: Raya Recio and Liz Patzer

Servers: Jean-Pierre Musafiri and Amely Musafiri

Sunday, December 18 at 10 a.m.

Lectors: Bernadette Mandrick and Doug Wazny

Server: Grant Mandrick

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