

1st Sunday OF ADVENT



*To all who need comfort...
To all who are lonely and need companionship...
To all who seek sheltering love...
To all who sin and need a Redeemer...
To all who offer praise to the Lord...
To all who long for peace...
To those who would serve a living God...
To all who come, from near or afar
this church opens wide its doors
and in the name of Jesus says:
Welcome*

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MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month: *The Mass of Healing* ... 5:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00 a.m. Mass...Morris Rickenberg †

10:30 a.m. Mass...Laura Davis

5:30 p.m. Mass...Special Intention

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. Mass...John Wright †

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Mass...Jim & Nora Boswell

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. Mass...Jim Maruschak

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30 p.m. Mass...Sean & Susan Carroll

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book and the name listed below:

Evan Mendoza

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A Pilgrimage of Stillness

Advent is a short season, but it is the long road of a soul from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It is such a short distance as we are accustomed to thinking of distances. Yet it is a road into infinity, into eternity; it has a beginning, but no end. In truth, Advent is the road of the spiritual life, the pathway all of us must take if we wish to go to heaven. It is the place from which we must start if we do not want to miss our destination. We must start with a *fiat* that echoes Mary's *fiat*. A *fiat* that each of us should say in the quiet of our hearts and preferably at eventide when all creation is still.

Let us then arise and shake the sleep from our eyes, the sleep of our emotions run amuck, the sleep of indifference, of tepidity, of self-pity, of fighting God. Let us arise from that sleep with its dark nightmares, and journey to Bethlehem, but let us understand that Bethlehem is **our own** souls, hearts, and minds.

Advent is a time of standing still, and yet making a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage in which we don't use our feet. A pilgrimage in which we stand and yet walk a thousand miles across the world... So let's enter, you and I, into the pilgrimage that doesn't take us from home. Ours is a journey of the spirit, which is a thousand times harder than a journey of the feet. Let us go!



Advent Penance Service

**Monday, Dec.16th
at 7:00 p.m.**

Prepare for Christmas through confession!

Men of Holy Redeemer

The next meeting will be on
**Tuesday, December 3rd
at 6:30 p.m.**

Our vision is to commit ourselves to be men of truth by: leading our families, building relationships, serving our church and community and promoting values, sacraments and beliefs of our faith.

For more information contact:
MenofHolyRedeemer@gmail.com



Advent
Called to Worship
a night of Eucharistic adoration,
prayer, & worship



Thursday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Special 2nd Collection on December 14th & 15th

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.

The Mass of Healing on December 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Come feel the tender invitation of Jesus telling you:

"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome. I will refresh you and give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec. 1: Vocation Adoration 9:00 a.m. | Dec. 4: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 1: NO Religious Education | Dec. 4: RCIA 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 1: Children's Choir 11:30 a.m. | Dec. 6: First Friday Adoration 9:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 1: <i>The Healing Mass</i> 5:30 p.m. | Dec. 10: Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 2: Rosary/Respect Life 9:30 a.m. | Dec. 12: "Called to Worship" 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 2: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. | Dec. 16: Advent Penance Service 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 3: Men's Group 6:30 p.m. | Dec. 17: Men's Group 6:30 p.m. |



Religious Education News & Notes

No Religious Education Classes on 12/1
Classes will resume on December 8th!

For more information, questions or to volunteer please contact Nicole Reynolds at 817-441-3500 or DRE@HolyRedeemerAledo.org



Holy Redeemer Youth Group
will meet
on Wednesday, December 4th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Music - Games - Snacks - Friends - Faith - Fun for 6th - 12th graders!

For more information contact Adrian Garcia: Youth@HolyRedeemerAledo.org

Christmas Eve Mass Children's Pageant

We need **YOUR CHILDREN'S HELP** for the 5:30 p.m. Children's Mass on Christmas Eve!
We are asking for children currently in **1st - 5th grades**
to participate on the pageant and the children's choir for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Rehearsals are as follows:

- Dec. 1: 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Dec. 8: 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Dec. 15: 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Dec. 22: 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.



We are looking forward to creating a fun celebration of Jesus' birth!

Please contact Laura Puente at office@HolyRedeemerAledo.org for more information.

JOIN US FOR



December 15th
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, make crafts and bring your camera to take a picture with Santa! You can still purchase tickets at the door.

\$5 per person or \$20 per family.



Angel Wing Tree

Thank you for the great response! All of the wings have been chosen! We are happy to be able to help the families from Freedom House and Flourishing Tree this Christmas season.

All gifts due on Dec. 7th & 8th!

For more information please contact Melissa at HolyRedeemerAngelWings@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:

Sat., Dec. 7 • 5:30 p.m. Mass

USHERS

Dave Knesek Zachary Cronin
Tom Merkley Richard Walters

SOUND

Larry Mask

Sun., Dec. 8 • 8:00 a.m. Mass

USHERS

Jeff Hensley Lou Profera
Paul Slabbekoorn Hannah Jozwiak

SOUND

Robert Speer

Sun., Dec. 8 • 10:30 a.m. Mass

USHERS

Brian Snell Chris Novakov
Weston Reese Yvette Rieser

SOUND

Mike Andrews

That They Might Have Life



Early Registration is \$35.00 starting now to January 31st.

FEB 22, 2020
10AM - 7PM

6TH-8TH GRADERS
NOLAN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

We want YOU to be in our parish directory!

We have added 2 more photography dates:

December 13th & 14th



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