

DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 noon

Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mrs. Marie Winterson
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Mrs. Kathie Bernitt
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HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL

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Mrs. Maria C. Bovich, Principal
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Beforecare & Aftercare Available
Tuition Assistance Available

MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to speak with a priest and to schedule Pre-Cana Formation and a wedding date.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of ***"the Lord of the house."***

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour - namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower

in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



The Season of Advent begins **this weekend, December 2nd & 3rd.**

Fr. Mark and Fr. Matt will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Rec-

onciliation following all Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during Advent and during Wednesday evening Eucharistic Adoration. Confessions will also be held at the usual time, Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., and by appointment.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. On Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immacu-

late Conception will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m., 8:20 a.m. (Holy Redeemer School Mass), 12:10 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Gaudete! Rejoice!

Advent Day of Prayer & Adoration



*Saturday, December 16th
beginning after 8:30 a.m. Morning Mass
through the night
to Sunday, December 17th at 8:00 a.m.*

As we approach the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas, why not put aside the shopping and the baking and take some quiet time with the Lord to reflect upon the true reason for the season?

We invite you to come pray before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament! We would love to have all the families & individuals, groups & ministries of our parish spend some time with the One who loves them. Just come by! To ensure that we have at least 2 people in the church to accompany our Lord throughout the day and night, hopefully some will commit and sign up online through the Holy Redeemer Happenings weekly email or on the sign up sheets on the Mezzanine.

Never been to Eucharistic Adoration before? Step-by-step prayer aids to guide you through your hour of prayer will be provided.

Celebrate the weekend of Gaudete Sunday with Holy Redeemer & Come spend an hour with the Lord!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION



Congratulations to the sixteen children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 2nd!

Thank you to all of the parents along with our 2nd grade Holy Redeemer School teacher Mrs. Kathy Gardenhour and our 2nd Grade School of Religion catechist Mrs. Barbara Asbury who prepared these children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers, especially as they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist:

**Emilie Becraft
Evelyn Cutler
Molly Daly
Layla Dukes
Lana Jane Franco**

**Elijah Guzman
Conor Hughes
Scott James
Marie McAndrew
Nicolas Rivero
Jonah Schmick**

**Harold Slaughter
Khloe Smith
Gabriela Sorto
Alexander Soto
Leonardo Ventura**

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



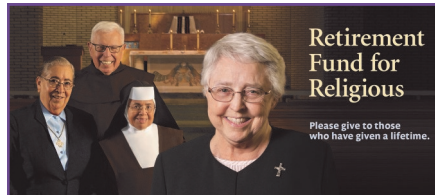
School of Religion will be in session this Sunday, December 3rd along with next Sunday, December 10th

and Sunday, December 17th.

There will be no School of Religion on Sunday, December 24th due to Christmas break.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berard in the parish office or via e-mail at bberard@holy-redeemer.org.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS



The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held this year on **the weekend of December 9th & 10th in the Archdiocese of Washington.**

This parish-based appeal coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Thank you for your generosity!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



Next Sunday, December 10th, there will be a Confirmation Gathering from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room. This Gathering is for the Confirmandi only.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Berard in the parish office or via e-mail at bberard@holy-redeemer.org.

CALLING ALL CURRENT & FUTURE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!



All current Eucharistic Ministers are asked to join us at **1:00 p.m. after Mass on Sunday, December 10th** in the church for a

brief refresher meeting.

Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister? Please come to this Refresher Meeting to meet Fr. Matt and pick up more information!

HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE



Please stop by the **Mezzanine after Masses next weekend, December 9th & 10th** for our Crafters third and final sale of 2017.

Crafts have been marked down and all proceeds will go towards our Harvest Bazaar totals.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, BAND AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



Our annual School Christmas Pageant, Band Performance and Musical Performances will be held on **Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room**. All school & parish families are invited to come see the wonderful performances which will get you into the spirit of Christmas!

SING PRAISE TO THE LORD



The communion antiphon sung during the Sunday liturgies is from Psalm 85: *"The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit."*

During the Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. liturgies, the Holy Redeemer Choir and Schola will be singing a beautiful motet based on the Advent chant, *"Creator Alme Siderum"*. The translation is as follows:

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear Thy servants when they call.
2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the medicine, full of grace,
To save and heal a ruined race.
3. Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide;
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.
4. At Whose dread Name, majestic now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
And things celestial Thee shall own,
And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
5. O Thou Whose coming is with dread
To judge and doom the quick and dead,
Preserve us, while we dwell below,
From every insult of the foe.
6. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.



Advent Prayer

Wednesday Evenings
in the Church
During Advent
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.



Christmas Masses Schedule

- . Sunday, December 24th, 5 p.m.
Christmas Carols at 4:45 p.m.
- . Sunday, December 24th, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Carols at 7:15 p.m.
- . Monday, December 25th, 12 Midnight
Christmas Carols at 11:30 p.m.
- . Monday, December 25th, 10 a.m.



WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

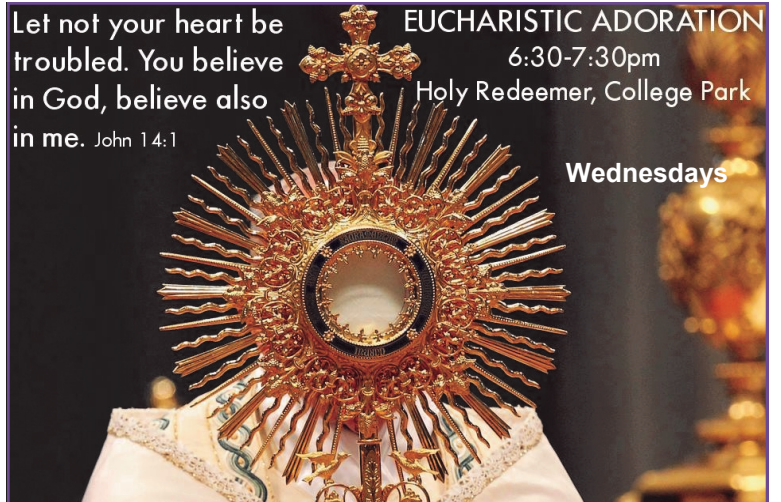
Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:30-7:30pm

Holy Redeemer, College Park

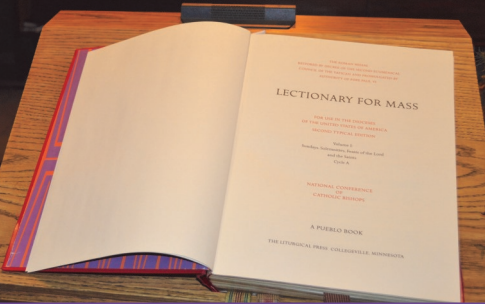
Wednesdays



DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

Lectio Divina
Saturdays, 9 AM

- Grow in Knowledge and Appreciation of Sunday Readings
- Learn to Pray with the Bible
- Encouragement and Support of a Small Faith Group



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL & INFIRM

Russell C. Bradford, father of Alan Bradford
Cyrilla Clarke, aunt of Pat Krug and Sharon O'Brien
Patrick Duck
Edna Fink
Fr. Michael Hall, O.S.B.
Debbi Garner & James E. Krug, III,
cousins of Pat Krug and Sharon O'Brien
Bob Sweet

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Helen Anastasi,
mother of Joanna Shaulis and Annette Rease
Jean Mary Krug, aunt of Pat Krug and Sharon O'Brien
Milton Traegar, father-in-law of Dick Hageman

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Dexter Leland
requested by Laura Donnelly

5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 a.m. Jason Wines, RIP
requested by the Wines Family

10:00 a.m. Marie Milligan, RIP
requested by the Asbury Family

12:00 noon Special Intentions of Karen Gilday
requested by Betty Gilday, RIP

Monday, December 4, 2017

7:30 a.m. Kathy Hageman, RIP
requested by the Hageman Family

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:30 a.m. James Sheeran, RIP
requested by Joan Balducci

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

7:30 a.m. All Members of the Stanner Family
requested by Roy & Anne Nelson

Thursday, December 7, 2017

7:30 a.m. Joseph Raymond Krug, RIP
requested by Flore Gooch

Friday, December 8, 2017 (Immaculate Conception)

7:30 a.m. Cara Buckwell, RIP
requested by Robyn Connor

12:10 p.m. Ina Anderson, RIP
requested by Gregg & Carol Savard

7:30 p.m. Remedios Pardo, RIP
requested by Lorna Pardo

Saturday, December 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. Rebecca Chikoti, RIP
requested by Annie Hutchinson

5:00 p.m. Sara Walukonis, RIP
requested by the Walukonis Family

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Max & Kay Swoboda, RIP
requested by the Swoboda Family

12:00 noon John L. O'Brien, RIP
requested by Pat Krug

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS

November 26, 2017

Poor Box \$84.75

Offertory Collected \$7,971.00

Budget Goal: \$9,000.00

Surplus/Deficit: (\$1,029.00)

Same Sunday 2016: \$7,318.28

THANK YOU!