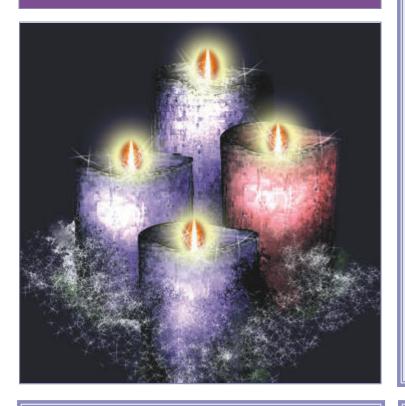
December 18 & 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent





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Mass Schedule

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

12:00 noon

Mondays - Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina

Saturday 9:00 a.m.



Assistive Listening Devices & Large Print Bulletins are available, just ask a Minister of Hospitality. To request a Sign Language Interpreter, please contact the Parish Office.

*All Masses are In-Person and are celebrated safely & responsibly following the directives of the state of Maryland, Prince George's County & the Archdiocese of Wash-

Holy Redeemer School

301-474-3993 EMAIL: school@holy-redeemer.org WEBSITE: school.holy-redeemer.org FACEBOOK: facebook.com/HRSCollegePark Mrs. Katrina Fernandez, 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.

Fealy Hall

Fealy Hall, our original church, is now a beautiful reception hall and is available to registered parishioners to rent for family celebrations. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

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St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up

and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Holy Redeemer Parish on YouTube



- Did you miss the End-of-Life Issues Workshop on November 21st?
- Did you miss some or all of the Advent Mission on December 5-7th?
- Would you like to see any of the presentations again?

They (along with other Holy Redeemer content) are all available to be viewed on our parish **YouTube** page.



Just go to YouTube.com and in the search bar at the top of the page type in:

Holy Redeemer College Park





Join us for the Masses of the Christmas Season this Year!

Use this Christmas Season Guide so that you don't miss Mass!

Christmas - The Nativity of Our Lord - Masses

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation

- Friday, December 24th, 5:00 p.m. (Children's Mass)
 - Friday, December 24th, 7:30 p.m. (Family Mass)
- Saturday, December 25th, 12:00 a.m. (Midnight Mass)
 - Saturday, December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

NOTE: There is NO Vigil Mass on December 25th at 5 p.m.

Feast of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Sunday Masses

- Sunday, December 26th, 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 26th, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 26th, 12:00 noon

NOTE: There is NO Vigil Mass on December 25th at 5 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

*Because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Masses

- Saturday, January 1st, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 2nd, 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 2nd, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 2nd, 12:00 noon

DEADLINE to place your order for a Memorial Brick in this batch is December 31, 2021!



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Memorial Pathway



Fall 2021

Our new Memorial Pathway has turned out beautifully! We are now beginning Brick Orders Batch #2 so you can memorialize your loved ones, show your appreciation for blessings received, mark a special time or occasion, or leave a personal message. If you missed your chance over the summer, and would like to place an order, please fill out this form to place an order or place your order on our parish website before December 31, 2021.

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- By Mail: Holy Redeemer Church 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD 20740
- In Person: Stop by the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Drop it in the Offertory basket!





Advent Prayer Service



You are invited to join a group of parishioners on Wednesday evenings following 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions during Advent for an Advent Prayer Service.

The Advent Prayer Service generally begins at or just after 7:30 p.m. following

the Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The remaining night is Wednesday, December 22nd.

Church Decorating



Come out & help us decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, December 24th at 9:00 a.m. following Morning Adoration & Mass.

Many hands make light work!

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Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 19, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Children &

Mother of Eileen Walters, RIP

Requested by Pat Krug

5:00 p.m. Michael George Chismar, Jr., RIP

Requested by the Young Family

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS

10:00 a.m. Elizabeth M. Russo, RIP

Requested by Carole Wilkinson

12:00 noon George DeVaughn, RIP

Requested by the DeVaughn Family

Monday, December 20, 2021

8:30 a.m. Rev. Charles F. Smarsh, RIP

Requested by the Winterson Family

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Children &

Mother of Eileen Walters, RIP

Requested by Pat Krug

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Ann Russo, RIP

Requested by the Winterson Family

Thursday, December 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. Natalie Theis, RIP

Requested by the Winterson Family

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Children &

Mother of Eileen Walters, RIP

Requested by Pat Krug

5:00 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS

Requested by Carole Wilkinson

7:30 p.m. Michael George Chismar, Jr., RIP

Requested by the Young Family

Midnight DeLores McAllister, RIP

Requested by Rick & Carol Boettinger

Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Day)

10:00 a.m. Lorna V. Pardo, RIP

Requested by Vilma Kari

5:00 p.m. NO VIGIL MASS

Sunday, December 26, 2021 (Feast of the Holy Family)

8:00 a.m. Elaine Harris, RIP

Requested by Ray Smith

10:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS

12:00 noon Tyler Yates, RIP

Requested by Betty Yanchulis



In Your Prayers

FOR THE ILL & INFIRM: Earl Armstrong, Nancy Baker, Mike Bovich, husband of Maria Bovich, Rollins O'Brien Bradford, grandson of Sharon O'Brien, Clarice Briscoe, Mark Burchik, son-in-law of Paul & Dorothy Wathen, Edwin Dabila, Mary Anne Denevan, Emil Girczyc, brother of Carole Wilkinson, Alan Hilderbrand, brother of Jennee Chin, Leslie Hilliard, Francis Hunter, Richard James, son of Del & Emily Fanning & father of Daniel James, Adele Kasinskas, sister of Carol Macknis, Pat Krug, Agnes Longanecker, aunt of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Marcela Maes, aunt of Marie Winterson, Rose Mary McAleer, mother of Janet Bradford, Mike McGinnis, brother of Jim McGinnis, Mary Lou Milstead, Maureen Murphy, Dorothy Myrtle, Roy & Anne Nelson, Ferenc Payerle, father of Tom Payerle, Dolores Reese, Stacey Rehsenberg, niece of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien, Alan Richwald, Richard Roelofs, brother-in-law of Beth Scribner, Mia Rojas, Nancy Schultz, Nicholas Scribner, son of Lee & Beth Scribner, Michael Urban, husband of Rachel Urban & father of Evan Urban, Sharon Wathen, niece of Paul & Dottie Wathen, Helen White, sister of Anne Nelson, Marion Wilkinson, aunt of Carole Wilkinson, Wayne Williams, All who are ill this week throughout the world

FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD: Esther Anderson, mother of Tracey Batacan and grandmother of Jasmine & Jada Batacan, Ana Andura, William "Bill" Beck, brother of Mary Armstrong, Joseph "Scotty" Bowles, cousin of Pat Krug and Sharon O'Brien, Russell Bradford, father of Alan Bradford, Michael Chismar, husband of Carmen Chismar and stepfather of Marlyne & Sofia Anaya, Eugene Corrado, Sr., Jeffrey Steven Cruz, son of Lucy Cruz and brother of Rick Cruz, Bernard Downey, cousin of Patrick Renzi, Fran Egelanian, Michael Grimley, son of Mike & Mary Grimley, Richard A. Keller, Donna Thompson Lewis, sister of Terri Thompson Brady, Delores "Dee" McAllister, Rachel Mecholsky, grandmother of Nicholas Mecholsky, William James O'Brien, father of Bob O'Brien and grandfather of Kate, Billy, & Maggie O'Brien, Elizabeth A. Russo, mother of Mark Russo and grandmother of Anthony & Peter Russo, Fr. Charles Smarsh, Anthony Sorge, son of Joe & Rita (RIP) Sorge, Andrew Staley, cousin of Katie White, Margaret Strahorn, Natalie Theis, mother of Joe Theis & grandmother of Hilary Beall, All who have died this week throughout the world

Stewardship

Offertory Collections

December 11 & 12, 2021

Poor Box Collection: \$92.24 Offertory Envelopes Collected: \$3,386.54

Offertory Faith Direct Collected: \$5,311.25

Total: \$8,697.79
Budget Goal: \$9,450.00
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