

*He went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them; his mother kept
all these things in her heart. Jesus advanced
in wisdom, age and favor before God and man.*

Lk 2:51-52

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MASS TIMES

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 a.m.
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Our Parish Mission

*To all who need comfort...
To all who are lonely
& 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.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 a.m. Mass...*Jim McNally†*

10:30 a.m. Mass...*Anita Ringo†*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

No 9:00 a.m. Mass

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/
Jn 1:1-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

The Solemnity of Mary

10:30 a.m. Mass...*Special Intention*

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass...**The Xuereb Family**

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /
Gal 4:4-7 /Lk 2:16-21

The parish office
will be **closed**
Dec. 26th - Jan. 2nd.
Regular office hours
resume **on Monday**
Jan. 3rd.

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The Holy Family

Saturday, we focused our attention on the baby Jesus. Today, the last Sunday of 2021, we focus on His Holy Family, Joseph and Mary.

The first family of Genesis, of Adam and Eve, were given everything but lost it all by disobeying God's command. They were driven out of Eden, yet loved by the One who made them in His own image. At that very moment, God promised them a Holy One who would be born into a family. That first family knew struggle and ultimately tragedy, as Cain, in a jealous rage murdered his brother Abel.

The family of Abraham and Sarah, the father and mother of faith, and also in each generation that followed. We see God's love, presence and protection in the human family.

Today we are introduced to the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. As they offer their baby Jesus in the temple. We meet Simon and Anna, a pious, faithful man and woman who recognize in the child, God's beloved Son, the Messiah, Redeemer and Savior. He came into the family to die and to repair what Adam and Eve had lost.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of our family. The family is all around us and within us. We take our family with us wherever we go. We hear our parents' instructions about right and wrong long after we have become adults. We hug a friend who is having a difficult day, because at one time someone hugged us. We can sit at a table almost anywhere and remember those special tables where we sat when all the family was together. The prayers we prayed together, the special occasions we celebrated together which became family customs. And no matter how old we get, we always carry the nicknames we gave to our siblings. These family ties are what keep us connected to our family now and forever.

On the Feast of the Holy Family we gather in church grateful to God for our family, human and spiritual. We are the family of Holy Redeemer Church. Through Holy Redeemer Church we welcome Jesus in the sacraments and see Him in one another. This year we rejoice with the **49** families who received the **Sacrament of Baptism**. Jesus came in the **Holy Eucharist** for the first time to **33** children. United in love, we rejoiced with **11** couples in **Holy Matrimony**. The Holy Spirit came upon **28** young adults in **Confirmation**. We share our sadness and offer our condolences to **10** families whose loved ones passed on to eternal life.

Jesus continues to welcome, to heal and to bless countless visitors who worship with us at Holy Redeemer. The church is the place where Jesus comes to us in the sacraments. In the church, we share our joy and sorrow with God, we open our heart and offer to Jesus our thanksgiving and needs.

I would like to thank you for building and maintaining this warm place of worship. Thank you for your prayers and volunteering your time in various parish ministries. Thank you for your financial support. You are truly needed, appreciated and a blessing to Holy Redeemer.

I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Happy New Year. I pray that the peace and joy of Christ will be in your family. You and your loved ones are in my prayers.

Happy New Year

Rev. Msgr. Publius Xuereb

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary Mass 10:30 a.m.
 Jan. 4: Men's Group
 Jan. 5: RCIA 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11: Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 12: Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 12: Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
 Jan. 12: RCIA 6:30 p.m.

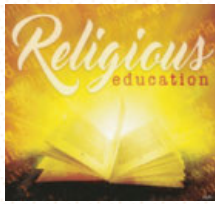
Protocols for Attending Mass in person

- If sick or exhibiting symptoms of any illness, stay home.
- Masks are optional.
- Sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Respect social distancing of 3 feet.

December 26, 2021

**New Year's Day Mass
The Solemnity of Mary**

**Saturday, January 1st
10:30 a.m.**



Religious Education News
No Classes Jan. 2nd - Classes resume on January 9th
@9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Remind Code: To receive updates and announcements:
Text @kc7dae4 to 81010

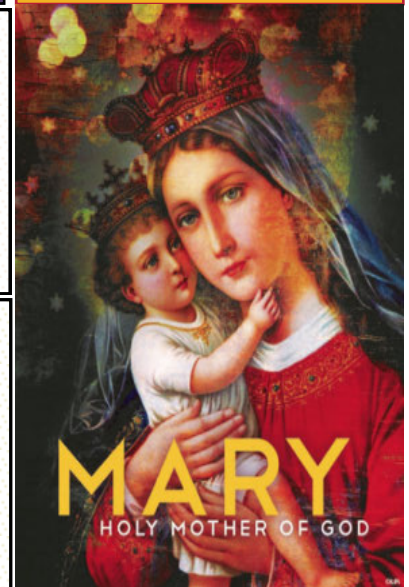
Contact **Adrian** at DRE@holyredeemeraledo.org.



Middle School Youth & High School Youth
 We invite all 6th graders - 12th graders
 Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, January 12th**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Waiting on God's Answer

It's always easier to see the big picture when we look backward. With the gift of hindsight, we can often see the reasons why we went through certain trials in our lives and the graces that we obtained through them. It's tempting to think that the Blessed Virgin was somehow different from the rest of us - that she always knew the whole plan of her life from beginning to end and never had to work her way through difficult periods.

Today's Gospel reading tells us that wasn't the case. When Jesus was lost in the Temple, Mary and Joseph didn't know where he was. They didn't know what was going on, or how it would all be resolved. It's safe to assume they prayed, but they weren't given an instant vision like some heavenly GPS sign that told them where to find Jesus. Instead, for three long days they searched, growing anxious and fearful as the days passed.

Just like us, Mary had to rely on hope during those dark times because she didn't have all the answers. When we go through trials, and we will all go through trials, we can draw encouragement from the example of Mary and Joseph. We pray and we persist in prayer, trusting that God always hears us and will respond in his time, not ours, and always believing that when we seek Jesus, we will find him in his Father's house.



2021 Year-end Giving and Tax Deductions

Please note that year-end donations must be received in our office or post-marked or entered online by **December 31, 2021** in order to be counted as a 2021 contribution. Thank you for your generosity and support of Holy Redeemer!

Save the Date:

North Texas March for Life will be in Dallas on January 15, 2022.

More details coming soon!

Men of Holy Redeemer

The next meeting is on

Tuesday, January 4th
at 6:30 p.m.

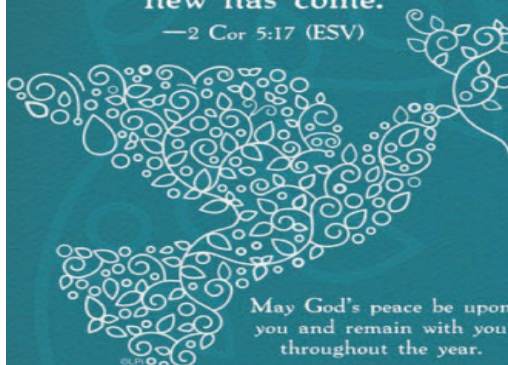
Striving to become the men

*God wants them to be in fellowship
and to grow in their faith,
service and social community!*

menofholyredeemer@gmail.com

New Year, new goals!
Hope you can attend!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
 —2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



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