

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

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WELCOME TO
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH!

Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in the Christmas season. To mark the less festive nature of the season, a season of preparing and waiting for a more festive celebration, there are several liturgical changes. Purple vestments are worn; the *Gloria* is not sung on Sundays. Instruments, during Mass, are used only to accompany singing. Sanctuary decorations are more subdued.

To help to further underscore a less festive use of music during Mass, we use the traditional ordinary chants of the *Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei*. This also gives us a chance to fulfill the provision of various liturgical music directives of the Church that encourage that the Latin language in the Liturgy be fostered, noting these chants in particular.

This provides an opportunity to preserve and effectively use this important tool of our liturgical tradition even while it helps set Advent (and later Lent) apart from other seasons. The location of these chants are noted on the worship order, and we even let people “dog ear” the page for easy reference.

It is hard to buck the trend of how the secular world celebrates Advent. It is somewhat like a hectic and overly commercial pre-Christmas. But hopefully the quieter liturgy might spill over and encourage a little more quiet or spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus.

For we Catholics, of course, the Christmas season does not begin until December 24th. That is when we begin to sing the familiar Christmas carols at Mass, as we will until the Feast of Epiphany, up to the day before the Baptism of the Lord.

In Christ,

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Monday—Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am

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Confessions

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 am—7:00 pm

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SUNDAY, 11/29/09	MONDAY, 11/30/09	TUESDAY, 12/01/09	WEDNESDAY, 12/02/09
7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masse — <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i> <i>Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2</i> <i>Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</i> No refreshments this weekend	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 10:9-18</i> <i>Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11</i> <i>Matthew 4:18-22</i> <i>Intention: Omer Riehl+</i> 10:00 am—Marian Movement 4:30 pm—AHG Troop Meeting 7:00 pm—BSA Troop 462	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i> <i>Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17</i> <i>Luke 10:21-24</i> <i>Int: Connie McClafferty-Helley</i> 4:30 pm—Catechism Classes 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 6:45 pm—MS Youth Night 7:00 pm—KC Meeting	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Isaiah 25:6-10a</i> <i>Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6</i> <i>Matthew 15:29-37</i> <i>Int Patrick & Mary Scanlon+</i> 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Study 6:00 pm—HS Retreat Meeting 6:30 pm—Love and Logic Parent Class 6:45 pm—HS Youth Night

- ◆ We have had an amazing response so far to this year's Renewal of **Stewardship** of Treasure campaign: 338 families, or 43.2% of our registered households, have returned a pledge card as of November 23rd. It's not too late - simply drop it off in the mail or at the parish office or in the Sunday collection. We like to hear from everyone, even those that need to say "Sorry", so be sure to return a card - it will keep a follow-up letter from being sent.
- ◆ **The Giving Tree** is set up in the narthex of the church. Please take an ornament and return the wrapped gift with the ornament attached by **December 13th**.
- ◆ If you would like to contribute toward **Christmas poinsettias** to decorate our church or to be shared with those we visit at home and in convalescent centers, donation envelopes are available at the church entrances this week and next. Father Mitchell will offer Mass on Christmas Day at midnight for the intentions of those who donate funds. The suggested donation for each poinsettia is \$15.00. Please return the envelope to the parish office no later than December 20th.
- ◆ The next **Baptism preparation class** for parents wishing to have an infant child baptized (under seven years of age) is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12th**, at 9:30 a.m. Anyone anticipating a baptism in the next four months should contact the parish office. Call the parish at 885-7780 to register.
- ◆ Holy Redeemer will be publishing its **Tenth Anniversary Parish Pictorial Directory** in 2010. We are seeking photographs (preferably digital, but not mandatory) of parish activities that may be included in the directory. If you would like to submit a photo (no guarantees), digital copies may be e-mailed to parish@holyredeemervanc.org; please include a brief description of what the photo shows. Hard copies may be dropped by the parish office, again with a description of what the photo shows, who the photo is submitted by, and whether or not you want the photo returned.
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul** is in need of your donations of non-perishable food items and cash contributions for their annual Christmas Food Basket program. The food can be put in the barrel in the back of church or taken directly to the St. Vincent de Paul office. Money can be donated by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelope or sent directly to the SVDP office. Also needed are names of families in need of a food basket. Mail the names, addresses, phone numbers, family size and the ages and sex of children under 16 by **December 9th** to St. Vincent's at 2456 NE Stapleton Road, Vancouver, WA 98661. St. Vincent de Paul also needs your help in locating parish families whose children are in need of warm clothing. Send their names and addresses to St. Vincent's also. Be sure to consult with the families prior to submitting their names to make sure that they will accept the gifts.

Other Catholic Happenings

- ◆ BSA Troop 462 will be delivering **Holiday Evergreen orders** following Saturday and Sunday Masses on December 5th/6th. Contact Terri Gerichs at 882-3438 if other delivery arrangements need to be made.
- ◆ The **Knights of Columbus** are selling Christmas cards and **Advent books** in the narthex of the church.

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THURSDAY, 12/03/09	FRIDAY, 12/04/09	SATURDAY, 12/05/09	SUNDAY, 12/06/09
7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Isaiah 26:1-6</i> <i>Ps 118:1& 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a</i> <i>Matthew 7:21, 24-27</i> Intention: Art & Anne Haas 7:00 pm—Bible Video Study 7:00 pm—Homeschool Co-op Meeting 7:00 pm—RCIA 8:00 pm—Homeschool Committee Meeting	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Isaiah 29:17-24</i> <i>Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14</i> <i>Matthew 9:27-31</i> Intention: Ed & Yvy Forney 6:30—FF Team Meeting 7:00 pm—KC Social	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26</i> <i>Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6</i> <i>Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8</i> Intention: Myrtha Hammer 9:00 am—Serra Club Meeting 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass	7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — <i>Baruch 5:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6</i> <i>Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11</i> <i>Luke 3:1-6</i> 12:30 pm—St. Nicholas Advent Fair 4:00 pm—RCIC <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refreshments after Mass</i></p>

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

. these members and friends of Holy Redeemer Parish in your prayers:

Dorick Beaudoin, Mary Anne Benson, Shannon Brasher, Margaret Brien, Joan Bounds, Jenny Bulder, Leonard Cebula, Patti Cline, Michelle Coles, Joanne Condon, Ruth Cook, Betty Jo Crumley, Cuddy DeMarco, Lola Dixon, Donna Gaines, Nicole Garcia, George Gebhardt, Gustafson Family, Myrtha Hammer, Eloy Heniff, Christine Jensen, Claire Lackner, George Lorbeer, Suzette Madsen, Steve Mercer, Kris Miles, John Mulligan, Mike Palmer, Greg Patton, Gerry Pinzone, Harold Potts, Craig Ranft, Ginny Rayniak, Mina Reis, Sheree Robert, Pat Scott, Joseph Tardio, Peggy Uribe, John Wagner, William & Corinne Wagner, Betty Wassick, and Jane Woodman.

(Phone 885-7780 to add a name to the prayer list. Let us know if a name should continue for more than 4 weeks.)

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Baptisms: Please arrange for pre-baptism preparation by contacting Fr. Mitchell at 885-7780. Arrangements should be made well in advance of child's birth. For adult baptisms, see RCIA;

Weddings and Funerals: Please call Father Mitchell at 885-7780. Archdiocesan policy requires six months for wedding preparation; **RCIA and Learning About The Catholic Faith:** Everyone is invited to learn more about the faith or seek to become a Catholic. New classes have begun. Please contact Jessica Gustafson, Pastoral Assistant for Sacramental Life at 885-7780;

Annulments: Confidential information is available through Father Mitchell at 885-7780; **Pastoral Care:**

Requests for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent are received through the parish office; **Catholic Cemeteries:**

Clark County has several Catholic cemeteries: Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, downtown Vancouver; St. John Parish, Vancouver; Holy Cross Cemetery, Washougal (operated by St. Thomas in Camas); and St. Mary of Guadalupe, Ridgefield. Details are available through the parish

STEWARDSHIP!

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Offertory for November 21/22—\$13,827.50 Children's Envelopes—\$12.32

The children also helped with WHO sign-ups, kept their room clean, did their homework without complaining, and didn't get upset when they couldn't play with their neighbors!