

Holy Redeemer Chapel

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Holy Innocents, Martyrs

December 28th, 2025

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Massacre of the Holy Innocents

“A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.” (Matt. 2, 18)

✱ **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** ✱

Sunday, December 28 th	HOLY INNOCENTS, MM For my soul (<i>Mrs. Joan Pang</i>) Mr. Wilfredo Pablo family (<i>The Aguirre family</i>)	8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.
Monday, December 29 th	St. Thomas Becket, BpM Fr. Oscar Saavedra (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goggins</i>)	11:15 A.M.
Tuesday, December 30 th	Within Octave of Christmas (<i>resumed Sunday</i>) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jenceleski (<i>Fr. Ercoli</i>)	11:15 A.M.
Wednesday, December 31 st	St. Sylvester I, PC ✠Paulino F. Pablo -birthday (<i>Mr. Wilfredo Pablo</i>)	11:15 A.M.
Thursday, January 1 st	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST Special Intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nguyen</i>)	8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Friday, January 2 nd * <i>First Friday Devotions</i>	Octave Day of St. Stephen , Protomartyr Mrs. Joan Pang -birthday (<i>Sr. Elizabeth</i>)	11:15 A.M.
Saturday, January 3 rd * <i>First Saturday</i>	Octave Day of St. John , ApEv Michael Ann Sagin (<i>Mr. William Shaefer</i>)	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, January 4 th	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS ✠Margaret Ladan (<i>Mr. John Ladang</i>) ✠Deceased parishioners (<i>Purgatory League</i>)	8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

✱ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✱

Wishing you a Blessed New Year 2026

- **THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION, A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.** Please note that Holy Mass will be said as on Sunday, at **8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**
 - **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** is taking place this Friday, at 6:00 P.M. Holy Hour followed by Distribution of Holy Communion.
 - **VENI CREATOR INDULGENCES.** The faithful who on the first day of the year join in the devout chanting of the hymn “*Veni Creator*” in a church, public oratory or semi-public oratory in order to pray for God’s help throughout the course of the year, are granted: An *partial indulgence* of 10 years; A *plenary indulgence*, if they go to confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the pope (as established by the Church). (Racc. # 681)
 - **NEW 2026 TRADITIONAL CALENDARS** are available in the vestibule. **Color \$15**
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WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Nativity of Our Lord

- “*Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy; with trembling because of your sins, with joy because of your hope.*”—St. Gregory Nazianzen

THE CHRISTIAN IN TIME OF PERSECUTION AND OF PEACE

by St. Gregory the Great

I ***n time of persecution we should give our lives; in time of peace, restrain our desires.*** When Christ suffers bloody persecution then there is often need to give up life itself, as the farmer buries the seed and allows it to die in the earth, so that he may obtain the fruit. But since, in the Holy Church, there are times of persecution and times of peace, our Redeemer distinguishes between one and the other in his precepts. In times of persecution we should lay down our lives; and in times of peace kill all those earthly desires, as far as we can. And what are they? How are they overcome?

A contradiction between Christ and our desires. Perhaps it may not cost much effort to give up all we possess, but it is a very difficult thing to deny ourselves. Just as, in the games, it is necessary to be stripped of all clothing, so that the enemy has nothing to catch hold of, so we have to fight the devil, naked of heart and stripped of all earthly affections.

Let us separate ourselves from ourselves, that is, from what we made of ourselves through sin; and let us remain in the state in which grace constituted us. The lustful man, the miser and the proud, once they take upon themselves the contrary virtues, deny themselves and follow Christ. To follow him it is essential to deny oneself and take up the cross, which may consist in mortification or in charity, according as we suffer in body or in soul, when we have compassion on the evil of our neighbor as if it were our own. (...) He who practices mortification must be careful not to fall into a very dangerous vice, that of vainglory.

Dangers of time of peace: love of riches. When there is no persecution on the part of the enemy we must be alert and careful to safeguard our affections, because, when we live at peace and there are no real trials, ambition usually attempts to take possession of us. Let each one meditate on the brevity of this life and the little we need in order to live it. It would be stupid to take much luggage with us when the journey is so short.

Christ and human respect. There are times when we do not over-estimate the things which perish, but we do not dare to manifest clearly the interior righteousness which is ours, and especially we manifest God's justice less the more we fear men. (...) The Lord applies a powerful remedy: He who is ashamed of me before men, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him. (...)

My hearers will say to me: We are not ashamed of the faith of Christ. And I will answer them: that happens because, when you profess your faith, those who hear you are also Christians. If the name of Christ were not so glorious at the present moment, the Church would not have so many confessors.

If you wish to know whether you confess Christ or are ashamed of him, examine your consciences to see if you cease to act according to his precepts out of human respect. In times of persecution it can easily be seen that there was a possibility that Christians might defect, being ashamed of Christ, because they were stripped of all things they possessed (...) but nowadays we have other things to try us, namely, the sincere following of Christ in his precepts.

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



elcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

* PLEASE, OBSERVE OUR DRESS CODE *

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

* APPOINTMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION *



if you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at (206) 299-1522. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at (586) 215-3251.

PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE NEW YEAR

O SACRED AND ADORABLE TRINITY, hear our prayers on behalf of our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. *Amen.*