DECEMBER 3, 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Good morning and welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist at Christ the Redeemer Parish.

The saint's memorial and feast days for this week are:

Monday – St. John Damascene Wednesday – St. Nicholas Thursday – St. Ambrose Friday – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday – St. Juan Diego

Confessions will now be heard Monday through Friday at 10:30AM.

Our North Pole Breakfast featuring Santa Claus is today (Sunday) in the Sacred Heart auditorium. Santa's elves are serving fresh made delicious food. Please support your parish and come and have a hearty breakfast and get your photo taken with Santa Claus.

The English Advent Retreat is taking place through Tuesday December 5th. <u>Fr. Demetrius Thomas</u> is the Retreat Preacher. Advent is a season of preparation. Please take the time to attend.

The annual Christmas Giving Tree is in the church vestibule. The tree has tags listing gift cards for those in need. Please drop off your gift card at the Parish office by December 11th. Gift cards can be purchased through the Scrip program or at any store.

Pierogi and Stuffed Cabbage are available for purchase in the Parish office during regular hours.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner will take place on Monday, December 11th at 6PM in the Sacred Heart auditorium. Please contact the parish office by December 4th if you will be attending.

The Parish New Year's Eve Party will take place on Sunday, December 31st at Christ the King School. Tickets for the Party are \$120 per person and will be available in the coming weeks after mass and in the Polish stores. The New Year's Eve Party will be BYOB with DJ entertainment.

Volunteers are being sought for a new ministry in the parish: The Mercy Choir.

The Mercy Choir will sing at funerals. There are no rehearsals, no auditions. If you like to sing and are available a couple of times of month please consider joining. Contact the office for more information.

Click onto the parish's webpage, as <u>Donna Roman</u> has an important message for you taken from the readings for this Sunday's Mass.

Thank you for your contributions last week or those you have either mailed in or donated through on-line giving. Today's second collection after Holy Communion will be for <u>Diocesan Assessment</u>. Please be generous.

Thank you for Taking A Step and increasing your weekly donation. If you did not do so please prayerfully consider to do so. Donate 1 hour of your wage each week if possible. We are very grateful for all your contributions.