



In celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a day on which the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass ... and to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body" (CIC, can. 1247), the Church in Freeport is offering the following opportunities to attend Holy Mass:

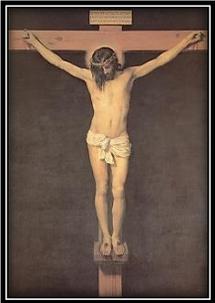
## 7 December 2015

5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. (Spanish)

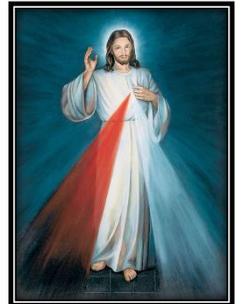
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7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 5:00 P.M. (Spanish) and 7:00 P.M.

As the Church, on 8 December remembers that "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus* (1854): DS 2803.), She will also enter into the *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* (8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016) called for by Pope Francis to be "a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God ... a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective." Because this year is to "be linked (as the Holy Father writes), first and foremost to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection of mercy", the Parish of Our Holy Redeemer will be offering an additional:



**First Sunday Works of Mercy Mass at 5:00 P.M.  
and an additional Hour of Confession  
Every Friday from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**



In addition to these offerings of the Parish, I am additional offering yourselves. Please spend Perpetual Adoration Chapel. There you will Original Sin; the Faith that made Mary say: "Let the Joy that made Mary "soul proclaim the God her Saviour"; the Love that Mary gave birth to on Christmas Day.

asking everyone to consider making an "one hour" more a week with Him in our find the Grace that preserved Mary free from it be done unto me according to thy Word"; greatness of the Lord and Her spirit rejoice in

Please indicate "a day of the week" and "a time of the day" when you can *come home* and find the One everyone is looking for" in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. It is my hope to have at least three people watching and praying **every hour of the day; every day of the week, throughout the Holy Year** (8 December 2015 to 20 November 2016). With your one hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and our additional hours of Confessional Mercy and Holy Mass, together we will help – in the words of Pope Francis – "enable the celebration of the Holy Year to be for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God ... a living experience of the closeness of the Father ... a genuine experience of God's mercy."



### OUR HOLY REDEEMER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH PERPETUAL ADORATION

Yes, I will "spend one hour with Him" in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I have indicated below when I commit myself to "watch and pray".  
(Please deposit this form in the Sunday Offertory Basket or bring t to the rectory. Thank you.)

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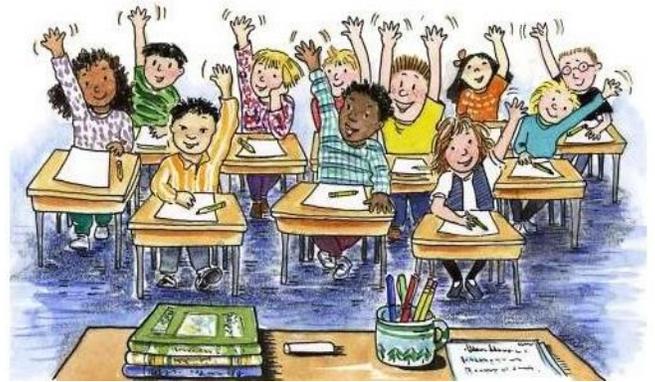
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DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. P.M.

## GROWING DEMANDS, INCREASING NUMBERS & THE RIGHT COMBINATION

“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more” (Saint Luke XII:48).

**25 December** is approaching quickly, and with it the universal celebration of the Nativity of Our Holy Redeemer! In most places around the world, that celebration is accompanied by the exchange of Christmas presents; Christmas presents that people of all ages can find under a Christmas tree or in a Christmas stocking. It is a ritual that husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, neighbours and friends, and people of all ages have participated in for over two thousand years.



Ever since becoming Our Holy Redeemer’s tenth Pastor on 25 June 2008, people have asked me: “Father Arcoleo, what do you want for Christmas (your Anniversary)?” Honestly, I really don’t want anything specifically for myself. What I want for Christmas (my anniversary) is whatever will help me to please God and serve the needs of others: a dedicated staff, faithful volunteers, and enthusiastic parishioners – all of whom live in gratitude for the Presence of Our Holy Redeemer Who came forth from the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary *on a cold winter’s night that was so deep!*



While all these certainly help to satisfy that “want”, I am hoping that you, the reader of this Pastor’s Message, in thanksgiving for the Birth of Our Holy Redeemer, will consider increasing your weekly offering to Our Holy Redeemer by 25 cents a week. The combination of a dedicated staff, faithful volunteers, enthusiastic parishioners and your **25 cents more a week** will help me to meet the growing number of demands coming from an increasing number of children entering the Catholic Church through Baptism and being educated in the Catholic Faith through their participation in our Parish Religious Education program. That combination will help me to meet the growing number of demands coming from an increasing number of people knocking at the door of our Parish Human Services who want for food, clothing, and other material assistance. That combination will help me to meet the growing number of demands coming from the passage of time and effects of nature to maintain, repair, and improve Parish buildings and grounds.

If it is hard for you to believe that **25 cents more a week** can make that kind of difference in the life of a parish, just consider (from your own experience) the difference that one person in that parish (perhaps a maintenance worker, an Usher, a Lector, a Catechist, a Priest) makes in your life. One person can make a difference! And if you still don’t believe it, consider the difference that one Person has been making for two thousand years; a difference that I hope you will agree is certainly worth **25 cents more a week** in celebration of **25 December!**