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Weddings: Please call the office, ext. 16. Coordinate with Mark before setting date.

Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 14.

OCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About The Catholic Faith:

Everyone is invited to learn more about the faith or seek to become a Catholic. Contact the parish office at ext. 16.

Annulments: Confidential help is available. Please call the office at ext.16.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the office at ext. 11 for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

December 3rd, 2023 The First Sunday of Advent

Pastor Father Thomas Nathe



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Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am

Monday-Saturday 8:30am

Rosary: Saturday 4:10pm

Sunday 8:10am and 10:40am Monday - Saturday 8:10am

Confessions: Friday 4:00 - 5:15pm

Saturday 2:30 - 4:15pm

Sunday 7:45 - 8:15am and 10:00 - 10:45am

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 9:00am - Saturday 8:00am

Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

WEEK OF 12/3/2023 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please join us 20 minutes prior to Mass to pray the Rosary.

Sunday: 12/03

The First Sunday of Advent

Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (Church) Confession: 7:45-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am

Monday: 12/04

8:30am~Daily Mass For the Souls in Purgatory+

<u>Tuesday:</u> 12/05

8:30am~Mass Christine Bolger+

Wednesday: 12/06

8:30am~Daily Mass Nick McDonough

Thursday: 12/07

8:30am~Mass Chris Quinn+

Friday: 12/08

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

~Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Offices Closed

8:30am~Mass

11:00am ~Mass

7:00pm ~ Mass

(Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: See the special sched-

ule to the right for December 8th, 2023)

3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)

Confessions ~ 4:00pm-5:15pm (Church)

Saturday: 12/09

8:30am~ Mass Margo Mahoney

4:30pm ~ **Saturday Vigil Mass** (Church)

Confessions $\sim 2:30$ pm-4:15pm

<u>Sunday:</u> 12/10

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass: 8:30 am & 11:00am (Church)

Confessions $\sim 7:45-8:15$ am, 10:00am-10:45am



Friday December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses 8:30am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

12:00pm to 6:00pm [Retired during 7pm Mass] Friday 8:00pm to Saturday 8:00am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:00pm

Confessions

4:00pm-5:15pm

The Parish Offices will be closed 12/8/2023 in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation

WEEK OF 12/03/2023 MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Sunday: 12/03

The First Sunday of Advent

12:30pm~ Advent Fest Night (Parish Center)

<u>Monday:</u> 12/04

9:00am ~ Monday Marian Movement (Choir Practice Room)

4:30pm~American Heritage Girls(Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Trail Life USA (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

Tuesday: 12/05

10:00am~ Women's Bible Study with Littles (St. Clare Room)

6:00pm~ OCIA Meeting (Parish Center)

Wednesday: 12/06

10:00am~Medicare Seminar (Parish Center)

5:00pm~ Children's Choir (Choir Room) 6:00pm Fidelis and Fraternus

Thursday: 12/07

9:00am~ Endow (St. Clare Room)

9:15am∼ Marian Movement (Choir Practice Room)

6:30PM~Bible Study on Angels (Parish Center) 7:00pm~ Adult Choir Practice (Choir Practice

Friday: 12/08

Holy Day of Obligation ~ Parish Offices Closed

Saturday: 12/09

9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Choir Room)

9:15am~ Women Growing in Faith

(Parish Center)

Room)

6:00pm~ Empty Nesters Movie Night (Annex)

<u>Sunday: 12/10</u>

Second Sunday of Advent

9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes (Parish Center)

Please Remember in your prayers:

Amelia Austria+, Paul Bennett, Tim Brewer, Darla Brock, Bonnie Craig, Rumite Cumming, Janet Easley, Tina Marie Ellis, Evelyn Ferma, Allyn Gallant+, Ramute Cumming, Kevin Greene+, Trevor Grenz, Dennis William Hamich+, Danny Harden, Carlos Blasquez Huerta, Aaron Kennedy, Fran Plourd, Diane Poissant, Ivan Quinata+, Matthew Reynolds+ and Family, John Robinson, Benjamin+ & Josephine Sablan+, Judi Seekins, Jerry Alton Thompson, Kathleen Tomassi, Bill Toohey+, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Angelina



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Sunday:	\$	34,364
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$	1,005

Pastor's Column

December 3rd, 2023

Advent and Christmas Seasons

Jesus Christ: King of Kings and Lord of Lords ~

The national timetable for the holiday season goes something like this: Thanksgiving, then the day after; begin the month-long preparation for Christmas by shopping and decorating; then celebrate Christmas (mostly on Christmas Eve); then on December 26 start returning to normal. The point of all that fuss is family and the "holiday spirit." Sound about right? Of course, that's not what the Christian focus was or how Christians acted did prior to materialism becoming our national religion. Nor should it be our focus and practice today.

We are now in the season of Advent and shortly enough, the season of Christmas. Historically this time of year for Christians was a more deliberate, quiet, and peaceful time; not more hectic and stressful. A time in which Christians historically slowed down and simplified, becoming more mindful of the special, hidden, coming of Jesus Christ; and the time that follows with the baby Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It still can be, if we are mindful about the true nature of this special time.

Wars and the threat of them are breaking out around the world, the world's economy is fragile and tottering, democracies are tottering too, climate change is wreaking havoc on ecosystems, abortion (baby killing) is a sacred right, as is pornography, fornication, adultery, sodomy and now transgenderism. The world has lost its peace because it has lost the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. More news, music, shopping and fretting is not going to restore that peace or make anyone happier.

This Advent and Christmas season put the Prince of Peace first. Slow down. Make some changes. Make a point of less screen time and less focus on shopping and materialism, and more intentional about daily prayer, daily silent time, and daily spiritual reading. The ancient enemy already robs us of our peace; don't add fuel to his fire this season by being frenetic. Slow down, get smaller, get quieter, get peaceful, get Jesus.

Let's intentionally make daily time for Our Lord by consciously slowing down *inside* of ourselves through prayer and spiritual reading, with less time with the radio and TV on, and a lot less time on our smart phones. Here are some ideas that could be helpful, calming antidotes to the seasonal frenzy:

- Spend more of the day with Jesus on your mind.
- Establish time daily for prayer. Especially consider the Rosary, a great family devotion.
- Start reading the Bible, or any one of those Catholic books you haven't started reading or put down a long time ago.
- Go to Confession at least once during Advent. On Thursday, December 21st, there will be eight priests here to hear Confessions for our annual Advent penance service. Between that opportunity and our normally scheduled Confessions, please make it a point to go. Reminder: Fridays from 4:00-5:15, Saturdays from 2:30-4:15pm, and on Sundays before the Masses from 7:45-8:15am & 10-10:45am. Please don't wait to the last minute. Others have that idea too and many will lose out.
- Attend a weekday Mass if you can. Monday through Saturday morning at 8:30am.

May Almighty God Bless You,

In Shown Author

Fr. Thomas Nathe



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 10AM-1PM & 3-5PM

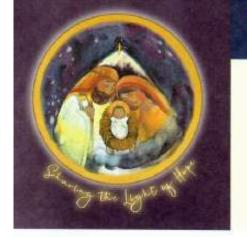
Help us Bring Joy!

We're holding a **DRIVE THROUGH** and **DROP OFF** for donated NEW unwrapped toys at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver. The toys will be distributed through the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas program.



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2023 CCS/CHS SOUTHWEST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Family Housing Network partnered with the City of Tacoma to create 20 Safe Parking spaces on the former Holy Rosary campus. Guests who live in their vehicles are invited to use the hygiene facilities, laundry, and 24/7 case management on the pathway to stability and permanent housing. Area parishes provide meals and other support.
- In Olympia, a partnership with Providence St. Peter Hospital allows CCS to convert two Drexel House shelter beds to medical respite care for medically fragile elderly and disabled guests.
- CCSWW received \$2.7 million from USDA's Farm Worker Relief Program through Catholic Charities USA, one of 14 nonprofit organizations and one tribal entity selected nationwide to provide direct grants to help agricultural households impacted by COVID-19, including residents at CHS housing in Lewis, Clark, and Cowlitz Counties.
- Network Builder Isabel Cisneros Rueda, a member of the Archdiocesan Mental Health Committee, was the first to receive and subsequently provide "safeTALK" suicide prevention training in Spanish to the Latino community in our region.
- CCS SW now provides Housing and Essential Needs (HEN), a housing stability program funded by the state, in Thurston County under the seasoned leadership of the HEN team in Kitsap County.
- In its first year of operation, Bertha's I and Bertha's II, 88 new shelter units serving veterans and older people experiencing homelessness in Vancouver, helped more than 80 residents move on to permanent housing.
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program has helped over 400 veterans and veteran families at risk for homelessness find housing stability through Rapid Rehousing and other CCS homelessness prevention programs in Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties.









SHARING THE LIGHT OF HOPE ACROSS WESTERN WASHINGTON

COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN

CCS/CHS actively participates in the **Communities of Concern Commission**, a statewide coalition of Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color in urban and rural areas disproportionally affected by poverty.

FAMILY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

CCS FBH is a recognized leader and pioneer among state behavioral agencies. This year, FBH hosted child welfare experts and agency leaders from Japan seeking to learn how to better address and prevent child abuse and neglect using programs like our **Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)**. 95% of the thousands of children and youth we served last year with intensive mental health treatment, integrated pediatric outpatient services, crisis response, and de-escalation remained safely with their families.

IMMIGRATION

Catholic Charities USA awarded CCSWW two grants in 2023 to provide asylumseekers in our region with help and support. A \$25,000 grant provided direct financial assistance to clients of CCS' Catholic Immigration Legal Services (CILS). CCSWW divided the second grant of \$350,000 between CILS and 41 parishes providing emergency services and supplies to refugees in their communities.

LONG TERM CARE (LTC)

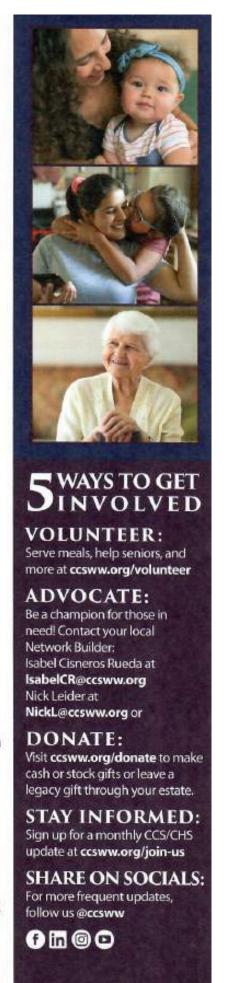
CCS Long Term Care (LTC). Last year, we served 4,600 homebound elders and others with disabilities, helping to keep people in their homes in all 19 counties of western Washington. This year, thanks in part to CCS LTC advocacy, more low-income clients are benefiting from "the most significant anti-poverty change in Long Term Care in many years:" the increase of their personal needs allowance from 100% to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

NETWORK BUILDERS

Every year, **CCS Network Builders** work regionally to support service ministries in our deaneries and parishes, connecting the faithful to the people we serve. This year, CCS Network Builders are finding ways to support parish service ministries as they discern the path ahead through the Partners in the Gospel process.

PREPARES (PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SUPPORT)

One hundred four parish partners have joined the CCSWW **Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program**, offering vulnerable families the promise of support and assistance from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday, including food, clothing, diapers, parenting classes, and referrals to social services. This year, parish volunteers offered special events including community baby showers for high school Teen Parent programs, and participation in Welcome Circle Family Days for refugees.



GROWING IN HOLINESS

NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Contact the Faith Formation
Office to meet and discuss how
we can work together to build
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Vancouver! Sacramental needs?
Education? Let us know how we
can help. Contact Mark:
360.885.7780 ext. 16, or
markm@holyredeemervanc.org

OCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith: Contact Mark MacKenzie

PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement Groups: The Marian Movement has three groups that meet on different days of the week. The first group (Monday), the second group (Thursday) meets in the Sacristy meeting room, and the third group meets on Saturday in the choir practice room. All groups meet at 9:00am. Contact Ruth Iversen at 360.281.0096, or

<u>ruth_iversen@icloud.com</u>

Anne, a lay apostle: Anne, the author of *The Volumes*, received a message to have a prayer group meeting once a month. The Lay Apostle prayer group holds their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00am in the parish center. Contact Marilynne Belden at 503-701-2493.

ADULTS

Bible Study: The 6:30pm Thursday Evening Bible studies will start soon! A three week study began November 30th on Isaiah, bring your Bible! Men of Faith: All men in the parish are invited to attend our monthly gatherings. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:15am in the

parish center. For more information contact Mark by email at markm@holyredeemervanc.org



Women Growing in Faith: All women in the parish are invited to attend our monthly talks. Our next gathering will be December 9 at

9:15am. For more information contact Judy at judym@holyredeemervanc.org

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Kandoll, daughter of Berywn and
Amanda; Felix Kwizera-Masabo,
son of Janvier and Krystina; Rose
Hansen, daughter of Paul and
Hanh into the One Holy
Catholic Church by the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism on
Sunday, November 26.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Prek-8th Grade

St. Joseph
https://www.stjoevanschool.org/
Our Lady of Lourdes

https://lourdesvan.org/

Holy Redeemer Parish provides per-pupil assistance for active parishioners who enroll their children in grades K-8 at local Catholic Schools. This allows families to receive discounted tuition rates.

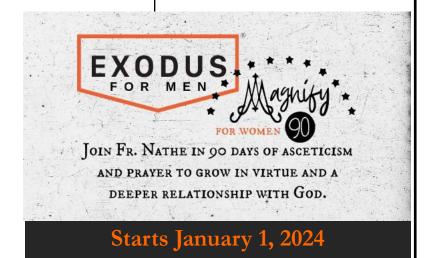
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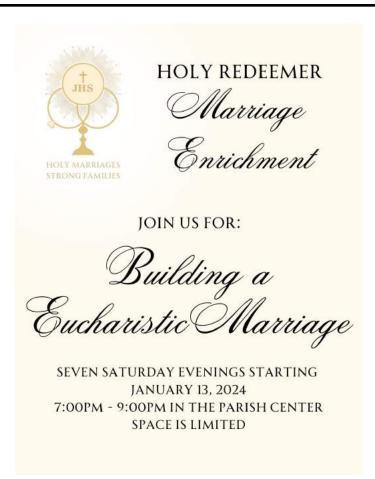


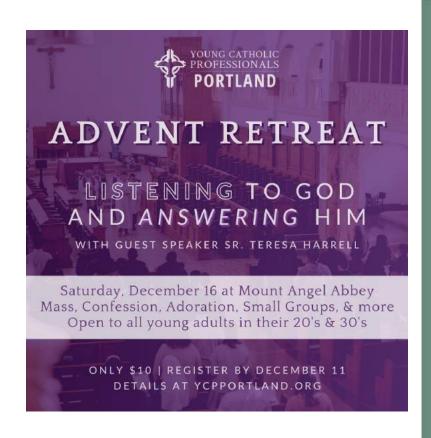


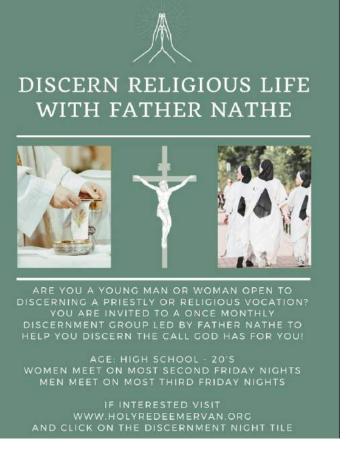


GROWING IN HOLINESS









PARISH HAPPENINGS



Friday December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

During this first week of Advent we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see page 2 of this bulletin for the schedule of Liturgy that day, including a one time modification to the schedule of Eucharistic Adoration. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 11:00am and 7:00pm.



Advent Candles for Sale

A set of four Advent candles is

available for purchase at the Parish Office during regular office hours. The cost is only \$5 per set!

2023 Advent Penance Servíces Eveníngs



Besides the Holy Redeemer weekly schedule of Confessions on Fridays, Saturdays and

Sundays, listed below are additional Advent Penance Services for the Southern Deanery this year.

Tuesday, December 19: 6:30pm
St. Rose, Longview

Wednesday, December 20: 6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Ridgefield
Thursday, December 21: 6:00pm
Holy Redeemer, Vancouver

IN & BEYOND OUR PARISH

Musicians Wanted For Christmas Liturgy!

Our Music Director Angela Lee is



recruiting orchestra instrument

players (violin/viola/cello/flute/clarinet, and etc.) for Christmas Eve 7pm Mass. If you are interested, please e-mail our Choir Director Angela Lee at angelal@holyredeemervanc.org.

Women Growing in Faith ~ December 9th

The next meeting of Women Growing in Faith will be held on **Saturday**, 12/9/23 at 9:15am in the Parish Center. This



month's featured speaker will be **Christie Walker**, presenting The **Holy Spirit Part II: Charisms and Evangelization**.

Women Growing in Faith welcomes women of all ages to join for a morning of light hospitality, faith and fellowship. No fees, no need to sign up, simply join us! Good will offerings are appreciated.



St. Víncent de Paul Christmas Dríve

Thank you for your support of St. Vincent de Paul's Food Drive> Holy Redeemer families contributed 6,526 lbs. of food in November!



This Christmas, with your help and generosity, the Vancouver Society of St. Vincent de Paul will

now provide **Christmas Food Boxes for families.** They are accepting phone calls (**360-694-**

BEYOND OUR PARISH

5388) and online registrations from families wishing to receive a food box until their list is full. They will also be hosting a **Drive-Through Toy Drive** on **Wednesday, December 13**th at St. Joseph Catholic Church. See the insert in today's bulletin for details.

The Grotto Festival of Lights ~ Nov. 24th-Dec. 30



The Grotto Christmas Festival of Lights is now open. Tickets are available online at https://thegrotto.org The Grotto (National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother) is located at NE 85th and

Sandy Blvd. in Portland.

Mater Dei Radio Advent Resources

Mater Dei Radio is offering a number of Advent resources this season (prayer

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