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Weddings: Please call the office at ext. 16. Do not set the date until you have talked to Mark MacKenzie.

Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 11.

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

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

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

Pastoral Care: Please contact the office at ext. 14 for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent.

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WELCOME TO HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe



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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm

Church Open:

Daily 7:00am - 5:30pm

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, and 12:00pm (Noon)

Monday-Friday 7:00am

Saturday 8:00am

Rosary:

Saturday 7:40am and 4:10pm

Sunday 7:10am, 9:10am and 11:40am

Monday-Friday 7:30am

Confessions:

Friday 4:00-5:15pm

Saturday 2:30-4:15pm

Sunday 7-7:15am/8:45- 9:15am/11-11:45am

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7:30am —Saturday 7:30am

Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday: 09/05

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 7:30am/9:30am/Noon

Confessions: 7am, 8:45am, 11am

Monday: 09/06

Parish Office Closed Labor Day

7:00am—Daily Mass

Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Tuesday: 09/07

7:00am—Daily Mass

Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

6:00pm—YA ([parish ctr.](#))

6:30pm—K of C mtg ([parish ctr.](#))

7:00pm—HS Endow ([Zoom](#))

Wednesday : 09/08

7:00am—Daily Mass

Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

5:00pm—Corral ([parish ctr](#))

Thursday: 09/09

7:00am—Daily Mass

8:00am—Marian Movt. ([parish ctr.](#))

9:00am—Endow ([Annex](#))

Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

5:30pm— RE Info Night ([Zoom](#))

7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal ([church](#))

Friday: 09/10

7:00am—Daily Mass

7:30am—24 Hour Adoration

9:15am—Mass mtg. ([sacristy](#))

10:00am—Legion of Mary ([Annex.](#))

Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))

3:00pm—Divine Mercy ([church](#))

3:00-5:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))

Saturday: 09/11

7:30am—Benediction

8:00am—Daily Mass

8:45am—Serra mtg. ([sacristy](#))

9:00am—Blood Drive ([parish ctr.](#))

2:30-4:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))

4:30pm—Vigil Mass

Sunday: 09/12

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 7:30am/9:30am/Noon

Confessions: 7am, 8:45am, 11am

10:45am—RE 1st-6th

Readings for Sunday 09/12

Is 50:5-9a

Ps 114 (113):1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6

Isidro M. Madronio +

Tuesday, September 7

Rhondi Ferguson (healing)

Wednesday, September 8

Mary Turner +

Thursday, September 9

Jose Mercado +

Friday, September 10

Sophia Shonka (graduation)

Saturday, September 11

Anthony Weinmuller

Celebrant for Masses

September 11:
4:30pm Fr. Nathe

September 12:
7:30am & 9:30am Fr. Nathe
Noon Fr. Martin

Important Links

Sunday Mass:

<https://vimeo.com/user109632820>

Daily Mass, Angelus, & Evening

Prayer:[parish Facebook page](#)

Please remember in your prayers:

Max Beene, Christine Bolger, Carole Brown, Bonnie Craig, David Craig, George Dawson, Cece Evoniuk, Niko Falksted, Ed Gillis, Errol Graves, Alex Gustavson, Kathy Mosier, Sharon Pahl, Fran Plourd, Thomas Rohan, Frank Sobolewski +, Jody Valencia, Betty Wassick, and George Wetzel

Names stay on the prayer list for four weeks; please contact the parish office to extend the time frame.



Last Week (8/23-8/29)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 20,683.48
Realizing Hope:	\$ 674.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 280.00

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Our
Country**



Pastor's Column

September 5th, 2021

Changing Sunday Mass Times

Jesus Christ: yesterday, today, and forever ~

Our current weekend Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday 4:30pm, and Sundays at 7:30, 9:30 and Noon. At some point in the near future we are going to restructure our three Sunday Masses down to two, while keeping our Saturday evening Mass at 4:30pm. Here's why.

Need: In terms of seating capacity, we don't need four weekend Masses. Our church comfortably seats 700 people; 800 elbow to elbow, and 900 thigh to thigh. We have 900 people in the pews twice a year; for the first Christmas Eve Mass, and the 9:30 on Easter Sunday. Pre-pandemic we were averaging 400 people per Mass, or 1,600 per weekend. Meaning, that even before Covid we had 1,200 empty seats per weekend, or 57% of our full capacity (pre-pandemic). Currently we are averaging 1,128 people per weekend with 1,672 empty seats, or 40% full. While it remains to be seen how many Mass-goers will return when the pandemic is completely finished, we don't expect that number to return to what it was before the pandemic; some people have gotten used to not going to Mass. By the numbers, we're offering more Masses than we need.

Liturgical Volunteers: Ideally each Sunday Mass would have at least 26 liturgical ministers; one sacristan, four altar servers, eight ushers/greeters, one lector, four plus Eucharistic ministers, five plus choir members, and at least three people to host coffee hours after Mass. It was a challenge to get everyone we needed for a Mass before the pandemic, now we never have a full 26 person ensemble. It is very frustrating trying to launch a Mass with key people missing. Letting go of one Mass will help us to consolidate volunteers onto the remaining two Sunday Masses, making the Mass-going experience better for everyone.

Healthier community: Consolidating the Sunday Masses will increase the number of people attending the two Masses (an encouragement to the faith) and help recruit volunteers. Those two things will contribute to a better Mass going experience for everyone. Going down to two Masses will also allow more people to meet each other, which contributes to community cohesion.

Messaging: By going from four weekend Masses to three, I will be able to preside at all three weekend Masses. This will help with messaging both through the homilies and through the Mass announcements, keeping our parish informed and shepherded.

Healthier priests: When we move to three Masses from four, I will preside at all of them every weekend I'm in town. Fr. Martin will still say Masses when I'm away during the week which is more often than you may realize. He won't be saying a weekend Mass unless I'm out of town (up to five times a year). This will give Fr. Martin a much needed break during his retirement.

Sunday is supposed to be a Sabbath for priests too: Until the last few centuries, priests didn't say two Sunday Masses, let alone three. Like the laity, they too were expected to have Sundays free of unnecessary labor. Yet because of the priest shortage, that rule has changed to allow a priest to say up to two Masses on a Sunday, with three being exceptional. Sadly, three has become a norm. With two Masses on Sundays I can feel a little more sane on Sundays.

The 40% rule: For all the reasons stated above, Archbishop Etienne would like parishes to prune away a Mass where weekend attendance isn't exceeding 40%. He's right to care about priest burnout, and anemic Masses due to poor attendance and a lack of volunteers.

For perspective: In Holy Redeemer Parish's 2000 year history, Mass schedules will change numerous times.

So what's the plan?

We will have in pew surveys on Sunday, September 12. After I've had a chance to analyze the data, I'll decide on what the new Sunday Mass schedule will be. That data will include some things not on the surveys, such as the Sunday Mass schedule of surrounding parishes, and when parishioners can make it to Mass, not necessarily when they want to. One thing is for sure, we will have to maintain roughly 90 minutes between the end of one Mass and start of another for faith formation for children (Sunday school). So here are the two options that will be on the surveys for those of you who attend Mass on Sunday, September 12. You'll notice that no one gets what is currently in place. Please be open minded:

8:30 & 11:00

9:00 & 11:30

All of this information was presented to the Evangelization Team and has their full support.

In Christ, I Love You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

GROWING IN HOLINESS

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◆ Contact Melissa Abell at melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org
- ◆ To make an appointment: See Parish Personnel on the front page of the bulletin.

NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?

Contact the Faith Formation Office to meet and discuss how we can work together to build God's Kingdom in East Vancouver! Sacramental needs? Education? Let us know how we can help. Contact Mark: 885.7780 ext. 16, markm@holyredeemervanc.org

RCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith:

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ADULTS

Legion of Mary is a lay group of men and women who meet weekly 10am on Friday in the Annex for spiritual outreach in the parish and to the public. Contact Sally Custodio at bhebot50@live.com or 360-624-7555

Anne, a lay apostle—Monthly Prayer Group: Anne, the author of *The Volumes*, received the message to have a prayer group meeting once a month. The Lay Apostle prayer group will be holding their next meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, at 10:00am in the parish center. If you are interested, contact Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or jmamos1@juno.com

St. Joseph Cenacle Apostolate: Members offer a weekly Holy Hour of prayers for our priests and will meet at 3pm on the third Wednesday of the month, in the parish center, as a group. If you would like to be a part

of this exciting apostolate, email Sandra Koceja at ITEADIOSEPH2020@gmail.com

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 8:45am in the parish center (no meeting for September). For more information or if you would like to be in the loop, contact Mark:

markm@holyredeemervanc.org

Women's Spiritual Studies: Through their small groups, women are learning how to be the best version of themselves—made in the image and likeness of God—and reaching out to those around them. For more information: contact Jamie at jamiek@holyredeemervanc.org

Women's Bible Study: Want The Mass to Come Alive for you? Join our Friday mornings Women's Study *Biblical Walk Through The Mass*. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. To join please/text: Angela Maria Weinmuller 503-840-4452mmFirst meeting: Fri, Sep. 10th 9:30-11:30

Adult & Single: Vancouver Area Catholic Singles: Are you Single, Catholic and 27+ years young? Would you like to be part of a community of single Catholics in the Vancouver area? Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month, next meeting is September 18, following the 4:30 Liturgy to share in a potluck, conversation and activities. Contact Mark:

mas.itsagoodlife@gmail.com for more information.

HOME SCHOOLS

Aquinas Learning is a Catholic homeschooling curriculum and community for students PreK-12th grade. Our Vancouver center is a Catholic classical education mentoring program. AquinasLearning.com

Regina Caeli Academy is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid*® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact us at admissions@rcahybrid.org or 470.239.0259



It's not too late! Enrollment for Faith Formation is still open! Classes start next week. We have all our classes in person this year. We are shaking some things up this year, ***so make sure to read the class descriptions carefully at the link below!***

<https://holyredeemervan.org/parish-events/faith-formation-enrollment>



Holy Redeemer
Catholic Church

Don't miss out on this fun, vacation Bible school style component of our elementary faith formation program for enrolled children PreK-5th grade! Once a month, on Wednesday Nights from 5:00pm-6:30pm, children sing songs, play games, do crafts, eat snacks, and have their faith reinforced, build fellowship and grow in virtue. Planning and presenting is done by our amazing MS and HS Drivers. Save the Dates for Corral Today! 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/15, 1/26, 2/23, 4/20, 5/18

Are you 6th through 12th grade and want to be a Driver? Drivers meet during the school year on Wednesdays three times a month from 5:00pm-6:00pm to plan the Corral nights. Students 6th grade and above are welcome to be a part of the Corral Leadership Team. From 6:00pm-6:30pm Drivers are welcome to join a potluck for dinner, and then 7th-8th grade youth have their faith formation from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Contact Jamie or Katelyn with any questions:
jamiek@holyredeemervanc.org
katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org

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**American Heritage Girls &
Trail Life USA (K-12th):**

Meetings will resume, stay tuned!

Contact Julie for AHG:

nicholmarine@icloud.com

Contact Linda for TLUSA:

don.linda.anderson@comcast.net



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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

WATCH
NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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Please go to our website www.holyredeemervan.org
and go to the Faith Formation Page for updates and resources.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 09/05	Monday 09/06	Tuesday 09/07	Wednesday 09/08	Thursday 09/09	Friday 09/10	Saturday 09/11
	Labor Day Office Closed	6:00pm YA grp. (parish ctr.) 7:00pm HS Endow (Zoom)	5:00pm Corral (parish ctr.)	RE Info Night 5:30pm: Pre-K—3rd 6:00pm: 4th—6th 6:30pm: 7th—12th (Zoom)		

SAVE THE DATES

Fall Faith Formation Starts

September 12 & 15

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Mass Time Change: Please see the Pastor's Column for detailed information on a survey we will be doing next weekend at all of the Sunday Masses about new Mass Times.

Parish Annual Report: This is available on our website. Please take a few moments to see how we are doing thanks to your faith and generosity!

Children's Choir: Children's Choir practice will start on September 15th. We will meet every Wednesday 5pm - 6pm in the Church Choir Room. Please contact Angela for more details at: angelal@holyreemervanc.org or: 360-885-7780 ext. 14

Adoration Chapel is Open: For now the Adoration Chapel is open from 7am-5:30pm daily except Fridays since we have adoration in the Church on Fridays. Please remember that this is still very much a work in progress as we do not even have a plan for the final decoration of the Chapel yet.

Safe Environment Training: All volunteers with youth and vulnerable adults can benefit from Safe Environment Training. Many volunteers are required to be Safe Environment trained. With Faith Formation classes starting up next month now is a great time to sign up for a class (if you haven't already attended one in the past). To see all of the dates and times classes are offered please go to www.virtus.org and click on the first time registrant button and then you can see a list of the classes offered. The initial training is in person and then every three years you can do an online refresher training that covers different areas of safe environment. For more information please contact Ed Brands at edb@holyreemervanc.org

Calling all ushers, greeters, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of communion (EMs):

We need you-please sign up to serve through the end of September using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444afa82aa46-sign9>

Staying Close to Jesus

Angelus: We live stream the Angelus and prayer to Our Lady of Seattle for the end of the coronavirus Monday through Friday at noon and we invite you to join. The prayers are streamed through Facebook Live on our [parish Facebook page](#).

Evening Prayer: To help those at home stay close to Jesus, we have taken this ministry online and are making it more frequent. Join us Monday through Thursday at 5:00pm for Evening Prayer. The prayers are streamed through Facebook Live on our [parish Facebook page](#). [Download This Week's Evening Prayers Here](#)

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"The wounds are real. We need to acknowledge the wounds.... The wounds never go away. The wounds of Good Friday were present even after the Resurrection. The wounds never go away. But from those wounds we will rise again. He calls us to rise from our wounds so we can be one with Him.... We are all called to live in His peace." - Bishop Burns

The gaping wound you feel in your heart that came with your abortion story, He wants to heal. Come let Him clean your wound, as only a loving Father can do, and receive His merciful peace.

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

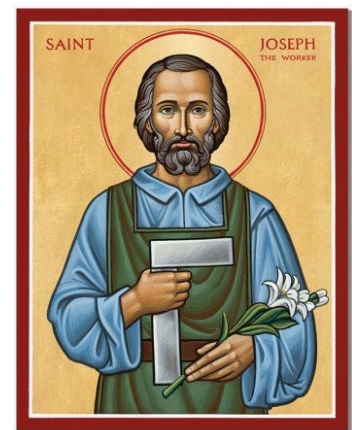
Email projectrachel@ccsw.org. Visit us at www.ccsw.org/projectrachel

Considering Separation or Divorce? Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought

healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming VIRTUAL program on Sept. 16-19, 2021, call Mark and Ronnie at 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Labor Day Prayer

God our creator,
We are the work of your hands.
Guide us in our work,
that we may do it, not for self alone,
but for the common good.
Make us alert to injustice,
ready to stand in solidarity,
that there may be dignity for all
in labor and in labor's reward.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.
V. Joseph, patron of laborers,
R. pray for us.



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