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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

DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe



GLORIFY GOD AND SANCTIFY SOULS!

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Address:	17010 NE 9th Street, Vancouver, WA 98684
Office Hours:	Monday-Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm
Church Open:	Daily 7:00am - 5:30pm
Mass Schedule:	Saturday Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am Monday-Friday 7:00am Saturday 8:00am
Rosary:	Saturday 7:40am and 4:10pm Sunday 8:10am and 10:40am Monday-Friday 7:30am
Confessions:	Friday 4:00-5:15pm Saturday 2:30-4:15pm Sunday 7:45-8:15am and 10-10:45am
Eucharistic Adoration:	Friday 7:30am — Saturday 7:30am

Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday: 12/5

2nd Sunday in Advent

Mass: 8:30am & 11am

Confessions: 7:45am & 10am

9:45am—RE 1st-6th (parish ctr & annex)

Monday: 12/6

7:00am—Daily Mass

10:00am—Marian Movt. (parish ctr.)

Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)

4:00pm—AHG (parish ctr)

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

6:30pm—TLUSA (parish ctr)

6:30pm—Endow PM (zoom)

Tuesday: 12/7

7:00am—Daily Mass

9:00am—WINGS (annex)

Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

6:00pm—YA grp (parish ctr)

7:00pm—HS Endow (zoom)

Wednesday : 12/8

The Immaculate Conception BVM

Office Closed

7:00am—Mass

11:00am—Mass

Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

7:00pm—Mass

Thursday: 12/9

7:00am—Daily Mass

8:00am—Marian Movt (parish ctr.)

9:15am—Endow AM (annex)

10:30am—Bible Study AM (parish ctr)

Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)

5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

7:00pm—Choir practice (choir rm)

Friday: 12/10

7:00am—Daily Mass

7:30am—24 hr. Adoration (church)

10:00am—Home Sch. Co-Op (parish ctr)

10:00am—Legion of Mary (annex)

Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)

4:00-5:15pm—Confessions (church)

6:00pm—Single Adult Bk Sty (annex)

Saturday: 12/11

7:30am—Benediction

8:00am—Daily Mass

Saturday: 12/11

2:30-4:15pm—Confessions (church)

4:30pm—Vigil Mass

Sunday: 12/12 3rd Sunday in Advent

Mass: 8:30am & 11am

Confessions: 7:45am & 10am

9:45am—RE 1st-6th (parish ctr & annex)



Please remember in your prayers:

Max Beene, Christine Bolger, Carole Brown, Bonnie Craig, David Craig, Errol Graves+, Alex Gustavson, Janet Lange+, Fran Plourd, Sandra Schaffer +, Jody Valencia, Marissa Wallin-Quidachay+, Betty Wassick, Ted Wessinger+, and George Wetzl



Important Links

Sunday Mass: <https://vimeo.com/user109632820>

Daily Mass, Angelus, & Evening Prayer: [parish Facebook page](#)

Last Week (11/22-11/28)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 16,842.00
Thanksgiving (SVDP):	\$ 1,169.00
Realizing Hope:	\$ 2,734.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 40.00

Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. She gives most who gives with joy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Pastor's Column

December 5th, 2021

The Obligation to Attend Mass is Back – Praise God

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Most of you reading this have heard by now that Archbishop Etienne is ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. The dispensation meant that attending Mass wasn't an obligation as long as it was in effect. The dispensation ends this Wednesday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times that day are 7am, 11am, and 7pm. If you know of other Catholics in Western Washington that have stopped going to Mass since the pandemic began, please pass this column onto them, either in paper or through our website (mouse over the "Resources" tab and click on "Pastor's Columns").

I include in this pastor's column two things. The next couple pages are from a previous pastor's column on the precepts of the Church, specifically the first one about the obligation to attend Mass. The final page has a letter from Archbishop Etienne about ending the dispensation from attending Mass.

May God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

We know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide; we know how to drive a car with all its myriad rules; we know about photosynthesis; we know what it takes to do our taxes annually; but when it comes to knowledge of our faith, we can be woefully uninformed. Almost four years ago I ran a multiple part series on the precepts of the Catholic faith. I run them again now because they are critically important to know and live, and most of you don't have them memorized and should. Finally, we should be able to teach them to others.

The Precepts of the Catholic Church: "pre" meaning "before", and "cept" meaning "life" – before there can be full life in God, these seven laws must be observed. Failure to live them out would constitute a mortal sin: when one has knowledge of them and acts without undue coercion to disregard them. "The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary *minimum* in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor." – *Catechism #2041*. This week we begin working our way through them by exploring the first precept. Here are the seven precepts:

The Precepts of the Catholic Church

To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and resting from servile works.

To observe the days of abstinence and fasting.

To confess our sins to a priest, at least once a year.

To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during Easter Season.

To contribute to the support of the Church (tithing & volunteering).

To obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony.

To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls.

The first of the precepts comes straight from #3 of The Ten Commandments: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath. “The Sabbath or seventh day, on which God rested after the work of the ‘six days’ of creation was completed, as recounted in the opening narrative of the Bible. Creation is thus ordered to the Sabbath, the day to be kept holy to the praise and worship of God. Just as the seventh day or Sabbath completes the first creation, so the ‘eighth day’, Sunday, the day of the week on which Jesus rose from the dead [The Lord’s Day], is celebrated as the ‘holy day’ by Christians – the day on which the ‘new creation’ began. Thus the Christian observance of Sunday fulfills the commandment to remember and keep holy the Sabbath day” – *Glossary, Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

“The first precept, “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”, requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principle liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration [Mass], in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.” – *Catechism #2042*.

Sundays are always holy days of obligation as well as in the Archdiocese of Seattle: January 1st (Mary, Mother of God), August 15th (Assumption of Mary), November 1st (All Saints), December 8th (Immaculate Conception), and December 25th (Nativity of Our Lord). What constitutes a good reason for missing Mass on a holy day of obligation? Three good reasons come to mind: infirmity, lack of transportation, and work.

If someone is too ill or weak to attend Mass, then they are not responsible for violating this precept; this is a prudential call whether we truly are or aren’t, God knows all.

If someone can’t make it to Mass because they lack the means to get there, then they are not responsible for violating the first precept. In the past 21 years I have missed a Sunday Mass thrice because I was infirm. During that same period of time I have been to multiple American states, Mexico, Peru, Italy, Israel, and camping, and have never missed a Mass on a holy day of obligation. The internet makes finding a Mass anywhere in the world relatively easy. When we travel we make all kinds of arrangements: what to pack, where I’m going to stay, who I’m going to travel with, car, boat, or plane, how much money it’s going to cost, what I am going to do, etc. One of the things we need to figure out while planning a trip is: “where am I going to attend Mass on the holy days of obligation?” Once we’ve figured that out, then we need to inform in advance the people that we are going to be traveling or staying with (people don’t like surprises), that we will be attending Mass on such and such a day in such and such a place. If we fail to do this out of laziness or cowardice, then we inadvertently communicate to others that our relationship with God and His Church is not as important as the people or events on this trip. By simply attending Mass, we participate in the Church’s mission to evangelize (precept #7). Imagine the statement it makes to others about how important Christ and His Church are when we make going to Mass away from home, perhaps far away from home, a reality. Now imagine what we communicate to others when we don’t attempt this: Christ and His Church are not as important as the company and other plans that I am keeping. FYI, sporting events at home or on the road apply to everything I’ve just said.

Now to missing Mass due to work. Sometimes people will not be able to attend Mass on a holy day of obligation because of a job and there is no Mass offering that they can get to on time. If this is truly the case, then we are not responsible for violating the first precept. However, when I worked in the market place, I asked my employers if they could make an allowance for me to attend Mass either on a Sunday morning or Saturday evening and they always did. I might have had to work the rest of that day but they were accommodating. I think most employers will try to make an accommodation *if we ask*. Of course this is again a great opportunity to evangelize our faith (precept #7) simply by our deeds.

Finally to the second part of the first precept: God doesn't want us to work on the holy days of obligation or to make someone else work on those days, unless we have to. Now some jobs require us to work on Sundays or the handful of other holy days or we'll lose our job. If this is the case, then we're not responsible for violating the first precept. Just remember that when we frequent places of businesses on holy days of obligation (stores, restaurants, etc.,) then we force others to work on that day. What if I have to run my business on the holy days of obligation to remain competitive? Because civil laws in America don't enforce rest from labor on the holy days of obligation, then Christian business owners sometimes find themselves in the unenviable position of having to work on those days or losing business to competitors. This may ultimately result in the business going out of business, or being adversely effected by losing 'market share' to the point of having to lay people off. If this is the dynamic for a Catholic business owner and it may not be, but if it is, then the coercion of the free market system may negate their freedom to choose to stay closed on the holy days of obligation: thus they are not responsible for violating the first precept.

This has been a lot of very important information, thank you for bearing with me and memorizing it. I hope it will be helpful for you and for others through you, to grow in love of God and neighbor. Next week the second precept.

Fr. Thomas Nathe

+ November 10, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings and joy of our Lord be with each of you! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard keeping our parishes and schools running so that we can continue our mission. Despite the challenges and darkness of this pandemic, we continue to bring the light of Christ to others as seen in our outreach ministries, food banks, visits to the homebound, prayer groups, faith formation, adoration, and much more. Thank you to all the volunteers, staff, students and others who have creatively nurtured our parish communities! You are His light in our world today.

Our Coronavirus Taskforce has been tracking the latest science to inform the guidance we are issuing. As you know, this data has led to temporary changes to how we do things. These changes are warranted to keep people safe while not compromising the sanctity of the Mass. I remain firm in my resolve to keep our people safe — including the most vulnerable among us — so that we can continue safely celebrating the Eucharist.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have celebrated tens of thousands of Masses with only a handful of cases of coronavirus spread, which have been traced to people not following our safety guidance. In general, this indicates that our protocols are effectively protecting people and providing a safe environment for worship. This is something for which we can be very grateful!

As such, the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (including the Saturday/vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247) during Advent on December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Advent is a wonderful time to draw near to Christ. It is time to renew our faith through personal reception of the sacraments and rebuild the relationships and community life of our parishes.

As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are excused from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is ill or immunocompromised, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting COVID in a large group.

I invite you to come back to church. Be a part of our family of faith. Make the Lord's Day a true celebration of the Resurrection, and a great celebration of being renewed in his life, mercy and love. I continue to pray for you, and I ask for your prayers as well.

As always, I remain, In the Heart of Christ,
Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

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: Contact Mark MacKenzie to make an appointment at 885.7780 ext. 16, markm@holyredeemervanc.org

ADULTS

Bible Study: Bible study sessions have resumed in the parish center on Thursdays. The AM session is at 10:30am and The PM session is at 6:30pm.

Legion of Mary is an international association of the Roman Catholic Church who serve it on a voluntary basis, its main purpose is for the sanctification of its members. The group meets every Friday at 10:00 in the annex. 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 holds their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, at 10:00am in the parish center. 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. Contact 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. Contact Mark: markm@holyredeemervanc.org

Upcoming Sisterhood Nights

December 15 Sisterhood Night

January 26 Sisterhood Night

April 20, 2022 Sisterhood Night

Endow 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 Zoom Women's Study, "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass". Explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. Monday mornings at 11:00 AM. Contact Angela Maria Weinmuller (654) 888-3300

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* following the 4:30 Liturgy to share in a Potluck, Conversation and Activities. Contact Mark: mas.itsagoodlife@gmail.com

Mini Retreat Nights

Do you want to cultivate a deeper relationship with God but don't know how to even start? Join us for our Mini Retreat Night series, in the Church, on Wednesday evenings 7-8:30pm. Lead by your own Faith Formation staff. Each session will provide practical tips and tricks and inspiration for developing the spiritual life.

Night 1: Habits and the Spiritual Journey Feb 23, 2022

Night 2: Strengths, Charisms, and My Life May 18, 2022

Night 3: Sharing the Story TBD

No registration or RSVP required

Save The Date

HS Winter Retreat:

Feb. 18-20, 2022

Mini Retreat Night:

Habits and the Spiritual Journey

Feb. 23, 2022

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



AHG meets Monday afternoons @4:30pm in the parish center.

Contact Julie for AHG:
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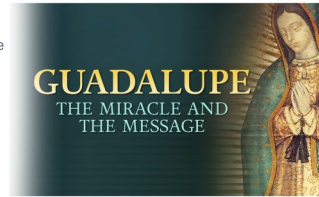
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2021

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



Free account: formed.org/signup and enter 98687 to select our parish

REMINDER: When attending any function at the Annex (our house across the street), everyone must park in the Holy Redeemer parking lot across the street - not in the driveway or on the street! This is a promise we made to our neighbors and we want to honor it.

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 12/5	Monday 12/6	Tuesday 12/7	Wednesday 12/8 Immaculate Conception of BVM	Thursday 12/9	Friday 12/10	Saturday 12/11
9:45am RE 1st-6th (parish ctr & annex)	4:30pm AHG (parish ctr) 6:30pm TLUSA (parish ctr) 6:30pm Endow PM (Zoom)	6:00pm YA grp (parish ctr) 7:00pm HS Endow (Zoom)	7:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 7:00pm Mass	9:15am Endow AM (annex) 10:30am Bible Study AM (parish ctr)	10:00am Home School Co-op (parish ctr)	

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“How can I repay the Lord
for all the great good done for me?”
Psalm 116:12

SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

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Stewardship is our response to God's generosity. It's how we give back. It's how we spend our time, our energy, our thoughts and much more. While stewardship is often equated to money, we are more than the sum of our material value. Stewardship is a way of life.

Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to the call for this year's parish stewardship, which supports our parish and our ministries. Together with our parish family, seeds of stewardship can grow.



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OUR IMPACT

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PARISH HAPPENINGS



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Wednesday, December 8th. Mass will be at 7am, 11am & 7pm

The Parish Office will be closed

Archbishop Etienne invites you to come back to Mass

Dispensation to be lifted December 8

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (including the Saturday/vigil Mass) is to be reinstated during Advent on December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Read the archbishop's letter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Family Promise: Our next week to serve starts right after Christmas (December 26-January 2), we want to make sure we have everything covered before the busy weeks prior to Christmas are upon us! Please signup now on the home page of our website if you can help!

What's New at WHO?: Lots, they are allowing volunteers to help again this year, for more information and to sign up to help please use the links below:

WHO December Shifts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=4090548ac922a2f94->

[whodecember&view=standard](#)

WHO February Shifts: (January is full!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=4090548ac922a2f94->

[whofebruary&view=standard](#)

Father Nathe on Masks and Mass:

Mask wearing is mandatory indoors. For the well-being of others and for their peace of mind, I am asking all of you to mask up when at Mass.

Giving Tree: Come pick up an ornament or two for this year's giving tree in the Narthex and show those in need how much we and God loves them! Please turn in your gift(s) by December 13th. Thank you!



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration Chapel UPDATE: Now you can come and adore HIM anytime from 7:30 Saturday morning to 7:30 Friday morning; the code to get in is the same as the code used overnight for adoration on Friday night/Saturday morning. If you need this code, please call the parish office or e-mail Ed Brands at edb@holyredeemervanc.org.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Repentant tears wash out the stain of guilt." - St Augustine

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www.ccsww.org/projectrachel



Simbang Gabi Novena Mass Schedule

11 Dec Saturday **11am** Commissioning Mass at St James Cathedral **Seattle**

Masses are at **Our Lady of Lourdes** in Vancouver unless noted otherwise

15 Dec Wednesday at **6pm**

16 Dec Thursday at **6pm**

17 Dec Friday at **6pm**

18 Dec Saturday at **5pm** @ St Thomas Aquinas

19 Dec Sunday at **9am** @ St John the Evangelist

20 Dec Monday at **6pm**

21 Dec Tuesday at **6pm**

22 Dec Wednesday at **6pm**



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