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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 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. 14 for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

December 11, 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor Father Thomas Nathe



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Church Open: 7:30am - 4:00pm daily

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 12/11/2022
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 12/11

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15AM, 10:00-10:45am

Monday: 12/12

8:30am~Daily Mass *Fr Raphael Shen, S.J.* +

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Tuesday: 12/13

8:30am ~ Daily Mass *Stephen Valent* +

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Wednesday: 12/14

8:30am~Daily Mass *Darrin Jefcoat* +

12:00pm ~ Hermena Wirsching Funeral Mass

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Thursday:

12/15

8:30am~ Holy Day Mass *Kelton Morris*

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

Friday: 12/16

8:30am~Daily Mass *Josephine Oescobedo* +

9:00am-Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

3:00pm~Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

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

Saturday: 12/17

8:00am~Benediction (Church)

8:30am~Daily Mass *Leodegario Refil* +

2:30-4:15pm~Confessions (Church)

4:30pm~Vigil Mass (Church)

Sunday: 12/18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15AM, 10:00-10:45am

God Bless You for your generosity.

Last Week (11/28-12/04)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 33,451.50
Realizing Hope:	\$ 61,369.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 1,880.00



*"Rejoice
in the Lord
always;
again I say,
rejoice.
Indeed,
The Lord
is near."
~Phil.4:4-5*

*Please
Remember in
your prayers:*

Mia Ainaradi +, Becky Bjorklund+, Larry Bolton, Joanne Brandon+, Pam Brown, Sherry Callaghan, Bonnie & David Craig, Lee Dettling+, Bob Faust, Evelyn Ferma, Mary Gill+, Irma Gomez, Cora Grimm, Alex Gustavson, Charles Jackson, Jr., Michael James+, Shirley Kealey +, Jay Mahoney, Victoria Mercer & Family, Annie Mersarlen, Kelton Morris, Joseph Pleckinger +, Fran Plourd, Art Ricchiuti, Agnes Sarno+, Henry Schram+, Fr. Raphael Shen SJ+, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Jody Valencia, Diane Walsh+, Betty Wassick, George Wetzels, Adeline Wright and Mike Yee.



**WEEK OF 12/11/2022
MINISTRIES & MEETINGS.**

Sunday: 12/11

Third Sunday of Advent

9:45am Drover Planning (Annex)

9:45am Religious Education K-5th

Monday: 12/12

9:00am ~ Marian Movement (Parish Center)

12:30pm ~ Pinochle Group (Parish Center)

4:30pm~ AHG Meeting (Parish Center)

6:30pm ~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

6:30pm~ Endow (Zoom)

6:30pm~ TLUSA (Parish Center)

Tuesday: 12/13

9:00am ~ Lay Apostles Prayer Group

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6:30pm~ Baptism Class (St. Clare Rm)

Wednesday: 12/14

5:00pm~ Children's Choir (Choir Practice Room)

6:00pm~ Fidelis & Fraternis

6:30pm~ RCIA (Choir Practice Room)

Thursday: 12/15

9:00am~ Endow (St Francis Room)

9:00am~ Marian Movement (Parish Center)

7:00pm~ Adult Choir (Choir practice Rm)

Friday: 12/16

5:30pm~ Coral Pre-k-5th Grade (Parish Center)

Saturday: 12/17

9:00am~ Angela Maria's Women's Group (Annex)

9:15am~ Saturday Marian Movement (Choir Practice Room)

5:30pm~ Knights Meals after Masses (Parish Center)

5:30pm~ Adult & Singles Potluck (Annex)

Sunday: 12/18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45am ~Drover Planning (Annex)

9:45am~ Religious Education K-5th

6:00pm~ Caroling Night (Meet at Parish Center)

Pastor's Column

December 11th, 2022

A Beautiful Story

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

For the past 65 years, religious vocations have been few and far between. To address this shortage some bishops and religious superiors, in searching for future priests and religious, have mistakenly taken on some bad apples to offset that shortage. Thinking that anyone is better than no one, some have let wolves into the [sheepfolds](#) with very bad consequences. Then swinging in the opposite direction, some bishops and religious superiors have turned away good candidates because they weren't talented enough. Remember, Jesus couldn't get the talented ones to join Him so he called much simpler fare – fishermen. In this vein, I stumbled upon a beautiful story of a convent in France that takes in women with Down Syndrome to become consecrated women religious, solemn vows and all. Of course the women have deep faith and are stable, healthy (enough), and virtuous. Enjoy!

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252798/only-religious-community-in-the-world-for-sisters-with-down-syndrome-seeks-american-sisters>

Only religious community in the world for sisters with Down syndrome seeks American sisters

By [Eddie Heipel](#)

Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Nov 12, 2022 / 09:00 am

Deep in the hills of the Indre region of southern France, a community of religious sisters with Down syndrome faithfully live out their vocation of contemplative prayer.

It's the only religious community in the world that welcomes sisters with Down syndrome, Mother Line — who serves as prioress — told CNA.

And now, the community seeks able sisters from America to join it.

A 'joining of two vocations'

Les Petites Sœurs Disciples de l'Agneau, or The Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb, was founded by the "joining of two vocations," Mother Line told CNA in a translated interview.

In 1985, a young woman with Down syndrome — Sister Veronica — met Mother Line. Sister Veronica had already received her vocational calling to become a nun but had been turned away by several religious communities.

Mother Line recognized Sister Veronica's call to become a nun, so the two began living together — hoping that other young women with Down syndrome who felt a call to religious life would join the community.

Mother Line said that at the time, the Church and religious communities did not understand “how a person with Down syndrome could have a call from God” to join religious life.

But Mother Line, who had studied psychology and taught the Catechism for many years, saw that the people she worked with who had Down syndrome were “very spiritually inclined.”

As time went on, more women with Down syndrome joined the community, and the Church saw the need for its existence.

In 1999, the Little Sisters was established as an official religious institute of contemplative life by the archbishop of Bourges, Pierre Plateau.

By 1995, the community moved to Le Blanc, in the Indre region of France, where the sisters reside now. Today, seven sisters with Down syndrome live alongside Mother Line and Sister Florence, where they fulfill their vocations together.

A life of contemplative prayer and work

The Little Sisters live in a beautiful priory, tucked away in the French countryside, where the divine meets ordinary life.

Their private chapel, built in 2010, is situated on rolling acreage within a park, surrounded by woodlands, and especially conducive to private prayer and contemplation.

Mother Line says those with Down syndrome are “particularly inclined to the contemplative life,” and that the sisters have taken up the saying of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): “Do small things with great love.”

“We follow the path of Teresa: ‘major actions are beyond our realm,’” the community's website [notes](#). “We will never be theologians. Our life is very simple and without a doubt similar to the secret life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph of Nazareth.”

While the Little Sisters organize each day around prayer and worship, they also are inspired by the Benedictine way of life, which balances prayer and work.

“It is very important for the Little Sisters to be kept busy,” Mother Line said.

As such, the sisters spend much of their time cultivating their gardens, harvesting vegetables, weaving scarves and bags, and even making tea from medicinal herbs — which they sell in special shops where other convents sell their goods. Most important of all, Mother Line said, is for others to recognize that these women have a genuine calling.

“We are not an institution for people with disabilities, we are a [consecrated religious] community,” Mother Line said, emphasizing how each sister chose to come and live in the community.

“They really have a call from God; it’s a vocation,” she said. “It’s not the parents who decided that they are going to live with the community simply because it’s a really good place to live. It is really the sisters who made the decision.”

‘Able’ sisters needed

Mother Line says that the Little Sisters are able to fulfill their religious vocations because they have the support of “able-bodied sisters” like her and Sister Florence, who have dedicated their lives to this mission.

She says the community especially prays that able sisters from America may join them. “In Europe, it’s very, very difficult looking for help — for young women who would like to join the community and share their lives with people with Down syndrome,” Mother Line said.

Mother Line added that Americans have a different outlook on those with Down syndrome than Europeans do. “They are considered as human beings [in America],” Mother Line said. “In Europe, most people with Down syndrome go to live in institutions. It is right that in the United States, people with Down syndrome stay in their family.”

The sisters said they hoped this article “will maybe help find young women who want to come to France” to join the community [French language optional?].

“We’re ready and happy to welcome a young American woman,” Mother Line said.

She added that the community was ready to welcome young women with a call to come and live in the order so that they can take what they learn with the Little Sisters back to the United States and start similar communities that will flourish and thrive.

For young able women who have already received their religious vocation, the Little Sisters offer [retreats](#) for those who want to see whether the Lord has called them to this mission.

Mother Line emphasized that the call to live with sisters with Down syndrome is a “lifelong commitment.” “You have to be trustworthy and faithful,” she said, adding that the lifestyle could be demanding at times and requires a lot of patience.

But for Mother Line, the joys of life with the Little Sisters outweigh any challenges. “We learn from them, particularly spiritually ... a lot about forgiveness. They’re very good at forgiving, and that’s a difficult one,” Mother Line said. “They are teaching us how to be on the path to God.”

(Be sure to see the Beautiful Pictures on the next page!)

Les Petites Sœurs Disciples de l'Agneau

The Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb

Le Blanc, France



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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 God's Kingdom in East Vancouver! Sacramental needs? Education? Let us know how we can help. Contact Mark: 360.885.7780 ext. 16, or markm@holyredeemervanc.org

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

PRAYER GROUPS

Additional Marian Movement Group Added! The Marian Movement has added an additional group on Saturdays. It will meet at 9:00am in the choir practice room. The Monday and Thursday groups will continue to meet at 9:00am in the parish center. Contact Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or jmamos1@juno.com

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 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 as a group on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm in the parish center. Contact Sandra Koceja at ITEADIOSEPH2020@gmail.com

ADULTS

Bible Study: The morning Bible study sessions will resume in January and the study is "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life". Books are \$30 and can be purchased in the FF office.

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

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 jamiiek@holyredeemervanc.org

Endow en español: Es un grupo para Mujeres donde podemos aprender acerca del amor de Jesus y María Ven y unite a nuestro grupo Todos los lunes de 6:00pm a 8:00pm en el Annex. Para mayor información Maria Chavez 360.513.4824 or angel77uver@gmail.com

Adult & Single: The community of singles thanks Holy Redeemer Parish and the Faith Formation Team for their support and encouragement to create an ongoing opportunity for single Catholics to gather, share our faith journey, family and friendship. At this time Faith Formation and the leadership of the Singles group have agreed to place the group on a pause. Our final gathering will be Saturday, December 17 following the 4:30 liturgy in the Annex. Contact Mark Sawtelle at mas.itsagoodlife@gmail.com



ADVENT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Hello Holy Redeemer Families!

We would like to invite you to the Advent Family Fun Night on Dec 16th at 5:30pm-7:00pm at Holy Redeemer! This is going to be a fun night of fellowship celebrating the various saints and traditions of Advent as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas. You can click the link below to RSVP. [Register Now!](#)



Christmas Caroling!
Sunday, December 18th,
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us for a festive evening caroling through the neighborhood around Holy Redeemer. We'll bring the music and hot cocoa, you bring Christmas Cheer! Start by gathering in the Parish Center, then we'll go caroling together, then return to the parish center for warm drinks, snacks, and watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

[Click here to let us know you're coming!](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Mini Retreat Night 4 Catholic World View:

Jan.11, 2023

Verso L'Alto and Life is Christ Social Nights: Jan. 29, 2023

Serra Vocations Dinner: Feb. 3, 2023

Arise Women's Conference: Feb.10-11, 2023

Verso L'Alto and Life is Christ Social Nights: Feb. 12, 2023

HS Retreat in Mt. Angel, OR : March 10-12, 2023

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PARISH MINISTRIES

December 25th *The Nativity of the Lord* *Christmas Mass Schedule*



Bring your family to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord at any of this year's Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24th

4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass

Christmas Day *December 25th*

10:00am Christmas Mass



Advent Penance Services *Evening of Reconciliation*



Listed below are the Advent Penance Services for the Southern Deanery this year.

Wednesday, December 14: 6:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Vancouver

Thursday, December 15: 6:00pm

St. Mary, Ridgefield

Thursday, December 22: 6:00pm

Holy Redeemer, Vancouver



Empty Nesters Creaky *Knees Hiking*

will be hiking the Downtown Vancouver Discovery Loop on

PARTNER MINISTRIES

Monday December 12, 2022. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's north parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 8:15AM. Bring lunch money. We will be walking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay. For more information please call Bill Daudistel at 360-882-8371.

Prepares

PREPARES provides pregnancy and parenting support services from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday and is open to all. Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing the clothing closet, filling PREPARES bags and as family companions. Meetings are the first Saturday of the month following morning mass in the annex. For more information please contact Nancy Kern at (360)798-0229 or prepares@hrvan.org.

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion
If the thoughts and feelings you have carried inside since the day of your participation in an abortion decision have burdened you with regret and remorse, join others women and men for healing and forgiveness.

Eng.: (206) 920-6413 /

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Email projectrachel@ccsww.org.

Visit us at

www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

World Wide Marriage *Encounter*

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." This Advent make the decision to grow in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on

OTHER UPDATES

January 13-15 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

"Save the Date"

February 18-19, 2023

The International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles is coming to Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish!



Saturday February 18, 2023

Sunday February 19, 2023

Stay tuned for future announcements of details and exhibit hours.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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www.holyredeemervan.org

Sunday Mass:

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Daily Mass

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