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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.

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WELCOME TO HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent

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 **(No Vigil on December 25!)**

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: 12/19 4th Sunday in Advent

Mass: 8:30am & 11am
Confessions: 7:45am & 10am
6:00pm—Life is Christ (annex)
6:00pm—Verso L'Alto (parish center)

Monday: 12/20

7:00am—Daily Mass
10:00am—Marian Movement. (parish ctr.)
Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)
6:30pm—Endow PM (zoom)

Tuesday: 12/21

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 center)
7:00pm—HS Endow (zoom)

Wednesday : 12/22

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)
5:00pm—Children’s Choir practice (choir room)
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

Thursday: 12/23

7:00am—Daily Mass
8:00am—Marian Movement (parish center)
9:15am—Endow AM (annex)
Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)

Friday: 12/24 Christmas Eve

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)
3:00pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00pm—Christmas Vigil
7:00pm—Christmas Vigil

Saturday: 12/25 Christmas

12:00am—Midnight Mass
10:00am—Christmas Day Mass

NO CONFESSIONS OR VIGIL MASS!!!

Sunday: 12/26 Holy Family

Mass: 8:30am & 11am
Confessions: 7:45am & 10am

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20

Hope Hansen +

Tuesday, December 21

Stella Reynolds +

Wednesday, December 22

Maria Ho & Thi Nguyen +

Thursday, December 23

Carol N. Mahoney +

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve +

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers:

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

Important Links

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

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

Last Week (12/6-12/12)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 35,645.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 1,565.00
Realizing Hope:	\$ 5,030.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 850.00

“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” – Mother Teresa



Pastor's Column

December 19th, 2021

Musings on the Church and Our Faith

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

As the title of this column suggests, I have a few things to share about the Church as we roll toward Christmas and the end of another year.

The first is the state of the Catholic (universal) Church. Some of you are aware that Pope Francis has called for a synod on synodality. The words synodality or synod are a bit ambiguous, but its basic meaning in the context of the Church, is a body which gives the pope a way of discussing the issues of the day, and receiving feedback and advice from the episcopacy (bishops). Popes have always done this, consulting with their bishops on different matters, in one form or another. Pope Francis has used synods as a way of giving him legitimacy for making changes in the Church that he wants to see. Pope Francis wants to use the coming synod on synodality like previous popes have used ecumenical councils, such as Vatican II, to make permanent changes in the Church. Pope Francis' changes don't appear too much to be about trying to change doctrine, truths about the faith and morals, so much as Pope Francis wants to use the synod to change the way in which the Church is organized and ministers to people. Changing the focus of the Church from the Glory of God and the salvation of souls, to the edification of people and helping them with their material and emotional needs. We'll see how this goes.

The German bishops are in a multi-year process of synodality and should wrap their synod up by this February. So far it looks as if the German bishops are using synodality to legitimize optional celibacy for priests, ordination of women, blessings of sodomitical unions, and giving Holy Communion to anyone (Catholic or not, mortal sin or not). If the German bishops go ahead with this plan, then I think there will be great confusion for the whole Catholic Church unless Pope Francis makes some things very clear, which he is not prone to do. So between what the German bishops are already primed to do, the pope's ambiguity, and the world's bishops entering into an undefined synod on synodality to explore changes for the Church – we all have a lot to pray for – and trust Our Lord in. 2022 will be an interesting year for the Church, and potentially very challenging. We at Holy Redeemer will continue to live and teach the same faith that has been passed down to us from Jesus and the apostles. Stay strong in the faith. Others need us to be lighthouses, guiding them safely into the harbor of Our Lord amidst the confusion and division in the Church.

Here at home, the dispensation to skip Mass has ended (with lots of exceptions) but Mass attendance doesn't reflect that. I've heard from a few different pastors who share the same thing: Mass attendance has not increased with the return of the obligation to attend Mass. At Holy Redeemer Mass attendance is down about 30% from pre-covid numbers (sad, but much better than many other parishes), while financial giving is only down 3.5%. Of the 1000 plus who attend Mass here, we have a great core of practicing Catholics to grow from.

We are so fortunate to be here at Holy Redeemer, I hope you know that. We have so many things going for us that most other parishes don't have and would love to have; namely – each of you! Be sure to thank Our Lord for those blessings and continue to seek in the coming year, our parish's mission of glorifying God and sanctifying souls.

In Jesus and Mary,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 24th Vigil Masses:

4:00pm

(Carol singing by children's choir and choir starts at 3:30)

7:00pm

Saturday, December 25th Masses:

Midnight (12:00am)

10:00am

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 25th **No Vigil Mass (NEW!)**

Sunday, December 26th: 8:30am & 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, January 1st Mass: 8:00am

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 Melissa: 885.7780 ext. 11, melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org

RCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith: Contact Melissa at 885.7780 ext. 11,

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ADULTS

Bible Study: Bible study sessions have recessed for the holidays and will resume in January. The AM session is will resume on January 20th at 10:30am and will study EPIC. The PM session is will resume on January 20th at 6:30pm and will study Galatians. Galatians Study guides can be purchased for \$30 at the FF Office.

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

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

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

A Wedding is a Day ... A Marriage is a Lifetime.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS



Scan to register for a weekend

Registration & Information:

www.portlandengagedencounter.com

503-267-3605

2022 weekend dates:

February 25-27 (virtual/Zoom)

May 13-15

June 24-26

September 16 - 18

November 4 - 6

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a nonprofit, volunteer ministry that helps engaged couples prepare to begin a sacramental, lifelong marriage. Founded in 1974, EE presents weekend retreats throughout the United States and in dozens of other countries. This marriage preparation experience is open to people of all faiths.

GROWING IN HOLINESS

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



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

Contact Julie for AHG:
nicholmarine@icloud.com

TLUSA meets Monday evenings @6:30pm in the parish center.



Contact Linda for TLUSA:
don.linda.anderson@comcast.net

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

LISTEN

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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 12/19	Monday 12/20	Tuesday 12/21	Wednesday 12/22	Thursday 12/23	Friday 12/24 Christmas Eve	Saturday 12/25 Christmas
<p>6:00pm Life is Christ (annex)</p> <p>6:00pm Verso L'Alto (parish ctr)</p>	<p>6:30pm Endow PM (Zoom)</p>	<p>6:00pm YA grp (parish ctr)</p> <p>7:00pm HS Endow (Zoom)</p>	<p>5:00pm Children's Choir (choir rm)</p>	<p>9:15am Endow AM (annex)</p>		

Save The Date

HS Winter Retreat: Feb. 18-20, 2022

Mini Retreat Night: *Habits and the Spiritual Journey*
Feb. 23, 2022

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Giving Tree Thank You and Results:

Through our Giving Tree you provided the number of gifts listed to each organization below:

Prepares- 11 gifts totaling \$395 to stock up on supplies for families in need

Hmong Center in Thailand - 32 gifts totaling; \$1,280.

Gifts for the homebound - 58 gifts totaling \$930;

Share House - 86 gifts

St. Vincent de Paul -154 gifts

Birthright - 84 gifts

• We also provided lots of nice gifts for one family in need that was adopted by one of our families.

Special Thanks to our Coordinator: Christie Soanka

And of course thanks to all of the parishioners that took a tag and brought back gifts or helped in any other way!!!

Important note:

We have decided to cancel the vigil Mass on December 25th!!! There will be no vigil Mass or confessions on December 25th so we will see you in Church on Sunday!

Archbishop Etienne invites you to come back to Mass

Dispensation has ended!!!

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation (including the Saturday/vigil Mass) is reinstated! Read the archbishop's letter in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

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.

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 February Shifts: (January is full!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faea723a6f49-whofebruary>

WHO March Shifts:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faea723a6f49-whomarch>

Year-End Gifts: Now is the time for year-end tax planning! If you find yourself considering a special one-time donation, please keep Holy Redeemer and the good we do in our community in mind. Any donation post-marked by December 31st or made online by midnight on December 31st will be counted as a 2021 donation. There is a growing trend among donors to make donations online during the last week of the year. We welcome your donations through the giving page on our church website.



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

Have your tears of regret been flowing in your heart since the day of your abortion? God sees those tears, and He knows your heart and how much you regret that abortion decision. Allow God to embrace your aching heart and offer you His abundant mercy.

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

Wisdom from Fulton Sheen:

"When you think of the condition the world is in now you sometimes wish that Noah had missed the boat."

"Any book that inspires us to lead a better life is a good book."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Joseph Church in Vancouver is seeking an Communications Coordinator, 40 hours per week, Sunday through Thursday, practicing Catholic highly preferred. Application forms are available at <https://www.stjoevan.org/156>

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