

Merry Christmas

Unto us a Child is born
Isaiah 9:6



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Baptisms: Please prepare for infant/child baptism by contacting the office at ext. 15. For adult baptisms, see RCIA.

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 25, 2021
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
AND
JANUARY 2, 2022
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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:

Saturday: 12/25 Christmas

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

No Confessions or Vigil

Sunday: 12/26 Holy Family

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

Monday: 12/27 Office Closed

7:00am—Daily Mass
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Tuesday: 12/28

7:00am—Daily Mass
9:00am—WINGS ([annex](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Wednesday : 12/29

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Thursday: 12/30

7:00am—Daily Mass
8:00am—Marian Movement ([parish ctr.](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Friday: 12/31 New Year's Eve Office Closed

7:00am—Daily Mass
7:30am—24 hr. Adoration ([church](#))
4:00-5:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))

Saturday: 01/01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30am—Benediction
8:00am—Daily Mass
2:30-4:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))
4:30pm—Vigil Mass

Sunday: 01/02

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Monday: 01/03

7:00am—Daily Mass
10:00am-Marian Movement ([parish ctr.](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Tuesday: 01/04

7:00am—Daily Mass
9:00am—WINGS ([annex](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Wednesday : 01/05

7:00am—Daily Mass
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Thursday: 01/06

7:00am—Daily Mass
8:00am—Marian Movement ([parish center](#))
9:15am—Endow AM ([annex](#))
10:00am—Quilters grp ([parish center](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))

Friday: 01/07

7:00am—Daily Mass
7:30am—24 hr. Adoration ([church](#))
4:00-5:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))

Saturday: 01/08

7:30am—Benediction
8:00am—Daily Mass
9:00am—Blood Drive ([parish center](#))

Sunday: 01/09

The Baptism of the Lord

Mass: 8:30am & 11am
Confessions: 7:45am & 10am
9:45am—RE 1st-6th ([parish center & annex](#))
6:00pm—Verso L'Alto & Life is Christ
([parish center & annex](#))

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27

*Florence, Howard Sr. & Howard Jr.
Byrne*

Tuesday, December 28

Bernadine Curran +

Wednesday, December 29

Bob Wertzberger +

Thursday, December 30

Judie Malinen (healing)

Friday, December 31

Marie Pilot +

Saturday, January 1

Mary Mother of God

Monday, January 3

*Alexius & Sally Custodio
(50th Wedding Anniversary)*

Tuesday, January 4

Perla Prince (health)

Wednesday, January 5

Christine Bolger +

Thursday, January 6

Leslie & Steve Rainey

Friday, January 7

Personal Intention

Saturday, January 8

Personal Intention

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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, Sara Priya & Frank Rosenbloom, 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 & Evening Prayer: [parish Facebook page](#)



Pastor's Column

December 25 - January 2, 2022

Merry Christ-Mass and a Happy New Year

“For behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” Lk 2:10-11

It is my sincerest hope that the divine person of Jesus Christ, fill you with life and light this Christmas. If that is true, then you join me in being the most fortunate of people; for most people live without the knowledge that God became man, born of a virgin, to love us to death, and guide us to our true home – heaven. Imagine the world being without a savior, we'd be doomed to confusion and hopelessness. Many people throughout the world live like that now, as most people aren't Christians and most Christians don't practice their faith.

Whenever we turn on the news we see the world filled with anxiety and dysfunction, ripe for break down, and this fear of breakdown is stressful. Regardless of what is going on in the world and our personal lives, we can have supernatural peace and enlightenment when our lives are lived in Jesus Christ. We can have that because God has come down from heaven, in the divine person of Jesus Christ, to give us His Catholic Church with God's Truth and sacraments for our salvation and sanctification. So let us give thanks and praise to God for the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Let us also resolve to serve Jesus Christ in the coming year, a year that may start to see great changes happening in the world. Changes that can be managed, even handled well, if we have a committed relationship to Jesus in His Church; changes that the vast majority of the human race will not handle well because they don't have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. You can be a great help to them. To that end, please strive to develop the habit of daily prayer; and spiritual reading a few days a week, even if only a few minutes a day. Please strive to live the seven precepts of the Church: attend Mass on holy days of obligation (Sundays are always holy days of obligation); confession at least once a year (ideally monthly); receive Holy Communion at least once a year (must be in a state of grace – hence the sacrament of confession); observe the Church's laws on fasting and abstinence; be a steward of the Church through the commitment of your time, talent and treasure; evangelize according to ability and opportunity; and observe the Church's (God's) laws on marriage. If one is trying to live all these things, especially in our super secular age, then God will grant that person (you and others because of you) great graces.

Finally this – I love you. I feel embarrassed and guilty in saying that. Guilty because I could do much better and more; embarrassed because I feel like such a hypocrite knowing that I could be doing much better and more! But it must be true at some level, like a parent who loves their children but feels as if they are muddling through for the most part. That 'muddling' is motivated by something and that something is love. God loves you and it is important for you to know that your pastor loves you too (although pathetically compared to God). While the parish is too large for one priest to have a personal relationship with everyone (especially when he's not that extroverted), sometimes just knowing that someone out there loves you, is praying for you, and rooting for you, can be lifesaving. O, and Jesus loves you too :)

May baby Jesus Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

Another Pastor's Column

December 25 - January 2, 2022

A Word about Covid ~ Please Read Anyway

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

I don't closely follow covid related stuff. When I start to see or hear something about it, I move right along, I have from the beginning. I don't talk about it either as some people are zealous about their position, not willing to reason with others. It's also a tar baby, getting you stickier and stickier when you touch upon the subject with no end in sight – ugh.

With that said, the omicron variant is spreading super-fast, doubling the number of infected worldwide every 2 – 3 days. So a lot of people are super scared all over again, like they were when this all started, or when the delta variant came on. I guess it will sweep through the world in the next couple of months. If covid is something we'll be living with forever in one mutation or another; omicron might end up being a relatively good thing in that it is a far less deadly than past variants, thereby giving the world natural immunity (better than vaccine immunity) without the much higher death rates of the previous variants.

With that said, I have had many parishioners over the months complain to me about people at Mass not wearing masks; threatening to stop going to Mass until they see everyone wearing one, or worse, threatening to leave the parish. I've also heard from others who say they won't return to Mass until the mask mandate is lifted, or if *forced* to wear one (we can't force anyone to wear a mask), they threaten to leave the parish! Pastors don't want to lose anyone; I hope you can appreciate my conundrum. So here's the deal.

There is a mask mandate in this state, okay not in half the states, but there is in this state. There are signs on all the doors to this effect as well as it being mentioned ad-nauseam in our weekly emails. Many people who attend Mass are immune compromised or live with someone who is; 65 and older with a pre-existing health condition applies to a ton of practicing Catholics or someone they live with. When someone who is scared of covid sees someone at Mass not wearing a mask, they fear that person could be unknowingly carrying covid and might spread it – regardless of immunity status. Rightly or wrongly, some people who attend Mass are scared of mask-less people. So to alleviate people's stress at Mass, please wear a mask. I know it will cause some people to lose their peace to have to wear a mask, but I am asking you to offer it up to God. A sacrifice, a suffering when done for love of God and neighbor, is a hidden grace for the one offering it up – especially when you don't feel its right. It's an obvious grace for those who will have peace of mind at Mass, if they will come in the first place.

A couple of other things to know

1. Archbishop Etienne has made it clear that there is an expectation to wear masks. He's also made it clear to the pastors not to prevent people from entering, or to kick people out of church for not wearing one. I wouldn't try even if he said too. Just imagine the few ushers and greeters we have confronting Mass goers over this; we'd be an usher and greeter free parish in no time.
2. If during Mass, I tell people to mask up, some of them will feel publically humiliated and stop coming to church, some leave the parish, and some simply lose their faith. Many mask wearers would feel that I was being insulting by publically asking maskless people, stuck in pews, to mask up and some of them would stop coming to church too!
3. Sometimes people can't wear a mask because of breathing issues or psychological ones. Fr. Martin told me for 21 months that he couldn't wear one because of breathing issues – until he wore one to Mass last Saturday! So please don't judge people who aren't wearing a mask. [FYI: Fr. Martin is triple vaccinated]

In Jesus, the Divine Physician,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

HOLY REDEEMER

MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE NEAR AND FAR!

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Annual Catholic Appeal	\$231,704
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,256
Catholic Relief Services	\$3,977
Catholic Home Missions	\$1,277
Hmong Center Thailand	\$1,280
Holy Land (Good Friday Collection)	\$2,720
Mother Joseph Cemetery	\$4,112
Northwest Catholic	\$1,409
Peter's Pence	\$3,035
Priest's Pension	\$1,987
St. Vincent de Paul	\$36,445
World Mission Sunday	\$1,739
CRS Rice bowl	\$1,239

Our Community Grant Outreach Fund made the following grants to worthy organizations in our local community:

Delta Healthcare Foundation of SW WA	\$1,500
Global Health Promise	\$5,000
St Thomas More Catholic Student Center	\$1,000
Matthew House	\$1,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,000
Kino Border Initiative	\$2,500
Helping Our Heroes (Clark County VAC)	\$2,500
City Team-Loyola AA Scholarship Fund	\$2,500

THAT'S OVER \$300,000
PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!

GIVING TREE

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 78 gifts.
- We also provided lots of nice gifts for 1 family in need

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!!!

HOPE REALIZED

Our project is complete and the Adoration Chapel is getting a lot of use! Praise Be to God!!!

Thank You for your continued support!!! Now we are working diligently on furnishing it!



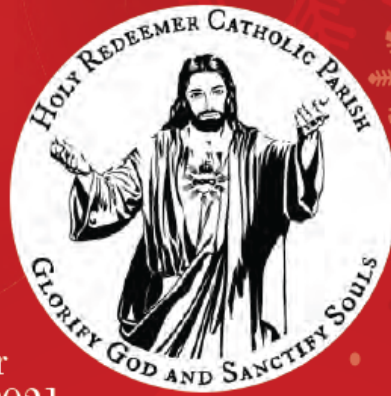
TIME AND TALENT

Parishioners Also Donated Their Time and Talent to the Following Organizations: (this is not an exhaustive list but a good sampling)

- Birthright of Vancouver (Supports women with unplanned pregnancies)
- KBVM Catholic Radio (Instruct the ignorant & evangelization)
- Clark County Right to Life (A local voice for life from conception to natural death)
- Family Promise (Provides homeless families a safe and warm place to sleep in year round and helps them to get their own home!)
- Options 360 (Provides a safety net for young women with an unplanned pregnancy)
- Prepares (Support to pregnant women in need from conception through their child's 6th birthday)
- St. Vincent de Paul (Strives to seek out & find those in need, the forgotten, and the victims of exclusion or adversity.)
- Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) (Provides homeless families a safe and warm place to sleep in the winter.)

Join us in serving our neighbors in need!

As we near the end of the year and celebrate the birth of our Lord, it is a good time to remember how we have served our local community and for those farther away in 2021.



Sacraments in 2021

- 5 Adults Baptized
- 17 Infants/Youth Baptized
- 55 Children Received First Communion
- 119 Parishioners Confirmed
- 2 Parishioner Received into Full Communion
- 12 Marriages Witnessed
- 66 Individuals Anointed
- 9 Funerals

Mission 2021

The Mission work at Holy Redeemer focused on continuing to deliver worship, celebration of the sacraments, learning the faith, and serving our community, while maintaining a focus on the safety of our parishioners in light of COVID-19. We recorded and live streamed our daily and Sunday Masses. We finished the building completion project, which included our new 24-hour Adoration Chapel and Choir room. We revamped our website to make it beautiful, user friendly, and useful. Our celebration of the sacraments returned to normalcy with public Baptisms, Confessions in the Church, and Confirmation, First Communion, and Marriages taking place normally. We provided opportunities to learn and grow in a safe environment both on-site as well as using virtual technologies like Zoom. Our on-site Summer programs and Classes were a great relief for many families. Parish Missions returned including the Relics tour. As this page show, we were also able to continue helping serve those in need.

Parishioners of all ages participate in service opportunities that reach far into the community of East Vancouver. We feed the hungry with **Family Promise, Walk and Knock, and St. Vincent de Paul.**

We clothe the naked at **Northwest Children's Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul.** We shelter the homeless through **Open House Ministries, Share, Family Promise, and the Winter Hospitality Overflow.**

We are involved in ministries that promote and support the dignity of the human person throughout their lives; from conception to natural death.

We help **Options 360, Birthright International, and Forty Days for Life,** and we also run **Prepares,** all of which help children and parents throughout early life. We visit over 65 individuals throughout the year with our **Homebound**

Ministry, bringing Communion and friendship directly to their home or in the hospital.



Trail Life

Christian scouting programs, **Trail Life USA** and **American Heritage Girls** are chartered at Holy Redeemer and help serve parishioners and the community. Our programs are authentically Catholic.

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

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

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? 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. 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

The Epiphany of the Lord

This year the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, falls on Sunday, January 2nd. So, what is this feast about? According to the catechism: *The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.* Popular Epiphany customs include chalking the door. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 22. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2022 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray. Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 22 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen. Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen



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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:
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 26, 2021

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?
As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

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 12/26	Monday 12/27	Tuesday 12/28	Wednesday 12/29	Thursday 12/30	Friday 12/31 Office Closed	Saturday 1/1
	6:30pm TLUSA mtg (parish ctr)			9:15am Endow AM (parish ctr)		8:45am Men of Faith (parish ctr)
Sunday 1/2	Monday 1/3	Tuesday 1/4	Wednesday 1/5	Thursday 1/6	Friday 1/7	Saturday 1/8
	4:30pm AHG (parish ctr) 6:30pm Endow PM (Zoom)	6:00pm YA (parish ctr) 7:00pm HS Endow (Zoom)	5:00pm Drovers mtg (parish ctr) 5:00pm 1st Sac. mtg (parish ctr) 6:30pm RE 7-12th gr. (parish ctr & Annex) 6:45pm Parent mtg #4 (church)	9:15am Endow AM (parish ctr)	10:00am Home School Co-op (parish ctr)	

PARISH HAPPENINGS

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.

Empty Nester Hiking: The Creaky Knees Club will be walking the Columbia Tech Center Trail on Monday December 27. 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.

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=4090548aca922a2f94-whodecember&view=standard>

WHO February Shifts: (January is full!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=4090548aca922a2f94-whofebruary&view=standard>

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 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

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>



Catholic Prayer: Christmas Table Blessing

These prayers are used from Christmas Day through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Prayer:

BEFORE THE MEAL

Leader: Lord, you have made our gladness greater, you have made our joy increase. For you are called: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, the Prince-of-Peace.
ALL: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Alleluia!

Leader: Lord our God, bless this food we are about to eat and look kindly upon those who have prepared it: *(name them)*. We ask this through your Son, who out of the wonder of your love lives in our midst, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

AFTER THE MEAL

Leader: We thank you, Lord God, for the wonders you work-- for food and friendship in your house. Above all, we thank you for the gift of your Son, who is one with us both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

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