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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 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***

***FEBRUARY 20, 2022***

***SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe**



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**Website:** [www.holyredeemervanc.org](http://www.holyredeemervanc.org)

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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Monday-Friday 7:30am - 3:00pm
<b>Church Open:</b>	Daily 7:00am - 5:30pm
<b>Mass Schedule:</b>	Saturday Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am Monday-Friday 7:00am Saturday 8:00am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Saturday 7:40am and 4:10pm Sunday 8:10am and 10:40am Monday-Friday 7:30am
<b>Confessions:</b>	Friday 4:00-5:15pm Saturday 2:30-4:15pm Sunday 7:45-8:15am and 10-10:45am
<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b>	Friday 7:30am — Saturday 7:30am

***Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.***

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**Sunday: 02/20**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday: 02/21**

**President's Day Office Closed**

7:00am—Daily Mass  
Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))  
4:30pm—AHG ([parish center](#))  
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))  
6:30pm—TLUSA ([parish center](#))

**Tuesday: 02/22**

7:00am—Daily Mass  
9:00am—WINGS ([annex](#))  
Noon— Tue. Exodus grp. ([Zoom](#))  
Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))  
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))  
6:00pm—Mentor mtg. ([Zoom](#))  
7:00pm—HS Endow ([Zoom](#))

**Wednesday : 02/23**

7:00am—Daily Mass  
Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))  
Noon— Wed. Magnify grp. ([Zoom](#))  
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))  
5:00pm—Children's Choir ([choir prtc.rm](#))  
7:30pm—Mini Retreat Night ([church](#))

**Thursday: 02/24**

7:00am—Daily Mass  
8:00am—Marian Movement ([parish center](#))  
9:15am—Endow AM ([St. Cecilia](#))  
10:30am—Bible Study AM ([parish center](#))  
Noon—Thur. Magnify grp. ([Zoom](#))  
Noon—Angelus ([parish FB page](#))  
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer ([parish FB page](#))  
6:30pm—Bible Study PM ([parish center](#))

**Friday: 02/25**

7:00am—Daily Mass  
7:30am—24 hr. Adoration ([church](#))  
10:00am—Homeschool co-op  
([parish center](#))  
3:00-3:15pm—Divine Mercy ([church](#))  
4:00-5:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))

**Saturday: 02/26**

7:30am—Benediction  
8:00am—Daily Mass  
8:30am— Sat. Exodus grp. ([parish center](#))  
2:30-4:15pm—Confessions ([church](#))  
4:30pm—Vigil Mass

**Sunday: 02/27**

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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**Mass Intentions**

- Monday, February 21**  
*Roger Pfeifer +*
- Tuesday, February 22**  
*Jeremy Diell +*
- Wednesday, February 23**  
*Greg Dayton +*
- Thursday, February 24**  
*Christine Bolger +*
- Friday, February 25**  
*Paul Velky +*
- Saturday, February 26**  
*Jeff & Jessica Allen*  
*(wedding Anniversary)*



**Please remember in your prayers:**

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**Important Links**

Sunday Mass: <https://vimeo.com/user109632820>  
Daily Mass & Evening Prayer: [parish Facebook page](#)

Last Week (2/07-2/13)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 27,227.48
Realizing Hope:	\$ 839.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 749.00

## Pastor's Column

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Love Your Enemies

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, today, and Forever ~

I've mentioned recently in a homily or two that I have been having moments of anger. They usually pass within seconds but they seem to occur nearly every day. The almost daily part is new for me. Where is this coming from? The world. I've been spending too much time on the internet and not enough time applying myself to constructive things like my ministry and spiritual reading. When these feelings of anger come over me, they are always for some perceived injustice in the country, world, or the Church's hierarchy (not you). What gets me is the momentary hatred I feel, as if for a couple of seconds a demon enters me. It's not me, and it hurts and frightens me. The answer? Love the very people that in my moment of anger I'm hating.

In our Gospel today Jesus tells us to love our enemies. This seems unjust, until we remember that in our sins, we are God's enemies and he loves us just the same. Jesus would go so far as to suffer crucifixion for our sins; loving His enemies enough to die a horrible death for them. Okay, but Jesus is God and I'm not. In my humanity, how am I supposed to love my enemies?

Below is a great article by [Danielle Bernock](#) who does a great job addressing that question. I encourage you to read it.

Christ's Peace and Love,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

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<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-life/what-does-it-mean-to-love-your-enemies.html>

[Danielle Bernock](#) Crosswalk.com Contributing Writer 2019 4 Oct

#### What Does it Mean to 'Love Your Enemies'?

*Loving our enemies is a foreign concept. Love and enemies are words that seem mutually exclusive. Putting the two together raises questions. When the Bible tells us to love our enemies what does that mean? Who said it? Why? How?*

We'll look at what it means to love our enemies, why we would, and how it works, but first, we'll start with who told us to do so.

#### Who Told Us to 'Love Our Enemies'?

In [Proverbs 24:17](#) we're told not to gloat when our enemy falls. In [Proverbs 25:21](#) we're told to feed our enemy when he's hungry. But the blatant instruction to love our enemies came from Jesus in His [sermon on the mount](#).

In Matthew chapter 5:

*You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies...*

In Luke chapter 6:

*But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies...*

God, who is love, has told us to love.

#### How To 'Love Our Enemies'

"How" is of the utmost importance. We aren't able to love our enemies without the help of God. Hating an enemy is what comes naturally. We need supernatural help. If we try and love our enemies apart from the help of God it will not be true love.

It's only by the [grace](#) of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, that we can love our enemies. We can only love our enemies by trusting God to help us.

## Why Should We Love Enemies?

There are two reasons for us to love our enemies. One is simply because God said to, but the other is because God loved us first.

It was when we were still God's enemies ([Colossians 1:21](#) and [Romans 5:10](#)) that He demonstrated His love for us. Through Jesus ([Romans 5:8](#)) God's love brought salvation to us.

Love is what makes all the difference.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. [1 John 4:10-11](#)

Loving others, even enemies, flows out of knowing love.

## What Does it Mean to Love Our Enemies?

In the two portions of scripture where Jesus elaborates on what He means by loving our enemies, He draws it to a conclusion.

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."* [Matthew 5:43-48](#) NIV

*"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* [Luke 6:27-36](#) NIV

The conclusion Jesus brings it to, is for us to be *like our Heavenly Father* who is perfect and merciful. That word perfect can make us cringe due to our humanity. Only God is perfect. But the word *perfect* in the original Greek means *complete*. It comes from a primary word meaning *to set out for a definite point or goal*. Jesus is saying for us to make it our goal to *love like our Heavenly Father loves*.

Jesus brought up the issue of mercy repeatedly. Everyone wants mercy. The Bible tells us that *mercy triumphs over judgment*. Of course, we want it. Giving mercy requires us to give up revenge and hand the judgment part to God. Loving our enemies doesn't mean allowing them to continue to hurt us. That would be a failure of loving ourselves as God loves us. We can do what is in our control to protect ourselves while trusting God to step in.

We can always pray for our enemies. Praying is an act of mercy. Praying is loving like our Heavenly Father. Praying changes our hearts.

I remember when the Lord directed me to speak a blessing over an enemy who brought harm to a family member. With tears streaming down my face, and pain in my soul, I did. The person continued acting as an enemy, but it broke the chain off my heart. The love of God saved me from bitterness and unforgiveness.

Loving our enemies means seeing them as human beings in need of the Father's love.

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We pray, fast and offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion from the public right of way on NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. a block north of Mill Plain across the parking lot from PP abortion center.

Everyone can commit to pray, fast and offer a sacrifice daily during the 40 day campaign.

Online signup at [www40daysforlife.com/Vancouver](http://www40daysforlife.com/Vancouver).

In person signups for prayer vigil PP site after Masses on Feb. 26/27. Holy Redeemer Day is Wednesday 11am-6pm. Call/text Gerry 360-831-7542 or email [gerry1968@q.com](mailto:gerry1968@q.com)

Wednesday dates: March 2, 9,16,23,30. April 6. [www40daysforlife.com/vancouver](http://www40daysforlife.com/vancouver)

# GROWING IN HOLINESS

## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM AND CONTACT INFORMATION

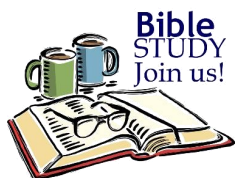
- ◆ Contact Melissa Abell at [melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org)
- ◆ To make an appointment: See Parish Personnel on the front page of the bulletin.

## 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](mailto:melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org)

**RCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith:** Contact Melissa

## ADULTS



**Bible Study:** Bible study sessions have resumed on Thursday mornings and evenings. The AM at 10:30am and

will study EPIC. The PM session at 6:30pm and will study 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mas.itsagoodlife@gmail.com)



## HOME SCHOOLS

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## 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

## Save The Date

**HS Winter Retreat: Feb. 18-20**

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

**MS Eucharist Retreat: March 5**

# 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](mailto:nicholmarine@icloud.com)

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



Contact Linda for TLUSA:  
[don.linda.anderson@comcast.net](mailto:don.linda.anderson@comcast.net)

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 20, 2022

WATCH

**THE WILD GOOSE: EPISODE 10 THE SPIRIT AND THE DESERT**  
Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



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**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](http://www.holyredeemervan.org) and go to the Faith Formation Page for updates and resources.

## NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 2/20	Monday 2/21 <i>Office closed</i>	Tuesday 2/22	Wednesday 2/23	Thursday 2/24	Friday 2/25	Saturday 2/26
	<p><b>4:30pm</b> AHG (parish center)</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> TLUSA (parish center)</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Tue. Exodus grp. (Zoom)</p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> mentor mtg. (Zoom)</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> HS Endow (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Noon</b> Wed. Magnify grp. (Zoom)</p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Children's Choir (choir prtcm)</p> <p><b>7:30pm</b> Mini Retreat Night (church)</p>	<p><b>9:15am</b> Endow AM (parish center)</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> Bible Study AM (parish center)</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Thur. Magnify grp. (Zoom)</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study PM (parish center)</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Home School Co-op (parish center)</p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Sat. Exodus grp. (parish center)</p>



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### **Hospitality is Coming Back!!!**

Finally we are allowed to return to having Hospitality after Mass, we will have Hospitality after the 8:30 and 11 AM Masses starting on March 6th. The Knights will return to serving meals after Mass on the third weekend of each month too! The first 2 weeks of Hospitality (March 6th and 13th) will be doughnut Sundays so we will not need home baked goods but of course they are always welcome. Starting on March 27th we will return to home baked goods, fruit, veggies...so if you like bringing food please call or e-mail the office so we can rebuild our list.

**Family Promise:** Be a Saint-help the homeless right here in our community! Family Promise® of Clark County is a nonprofit organization committed to helping children and their families affected by homelessness in Clark County. Holy Redeemer is hosting a week of shelter for families from March 20-27th. If you can help, please sign up now on the home page of our website if you can help!

We have a new opportunity too: we need drivers to take the families from St Thomas to the Outpost each afternoon (5PM) and to take them back to St. Thomas each Morning (6:45AM) using the Family Promise van.

**Empty Nester Hiking:** The Creaky Knees Club will be walking the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, beginning on the east end towards St. Johns Road and back, on Monday February 21. 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.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** A pilgrimage is a life-changing experience that will rekindle your faith, while building lasting friendships with parishioners. Learn about Medjugorje pilgrimage opportunities after Mass in

the narthex on Feb 26th & 27th.

Questions: Ken Paulsen  
(360-852-1088) or [https://  
VisitQueenOfPeace.com](https://VisitQueenOfPeace.com)

### **We need the shirt off your back:**

The WINGS (Women in God's Service) sewing group is in need of Extra Large or larger men's plaid or printed shirts. These will be turned into adult men's meal aprons. Your help with this project is truly appreciated. Please leave them in the parish office. Any questions? Email [maureend@q.com](mailto:maureend@q.com) Thank you.

**40 Days for Life** begins on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pray, fast and offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion at Vancouver's local PP abortion center (NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave one block north of Mill Plain.) Peaceful, prayerful and legal presence in public right of way. In person signups after Masses Feb. 26/27. Local contact Gerry at 360-831-7542 or email [gerry1968@q.com](mailto:gerry1968@q.com). More info and online sign up at [https://  
www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver/](https://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver/)

### **The Parish Appeal for Seton**

**Catholic** is coming up next Sunday, Feb. 26th & 27th. All proceeds from this annual appeal support the school's Annual Fund, and keep. Seton Catholic accessible to all families who desire a Catholic education for their children. If you have any questions about the school, Seton families will be in the Narthex after every mass. Your support in any amount would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**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:

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

**Adoration Chapel :** 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](mailto:edb@holyredeemervanc.org).

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

*Rachel's Corner*

### **Hope and Healing After Abortion**

*'He found them in a wilderness, a wasteland of howling desert. He shielded them, cared for them, guarded them as the apple of his eye.' - Deuteronomy 32:10*  
Would you like to be found in your desert where you have felt so alone since your abortion decision? He yearns to shield you, care for you and remind you of His mercy.

### **Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation**

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[www.ccsww.org/projectrachel](http://www.ccsww.org/projectrachel)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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