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WELCOME TO HOLY REDEEMER PARISH APRIL 3, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe



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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 10:00 - 10:45am	
Eucharistic Adviation, Friday 7,30am Saturday 7,30am		

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7:30am - Saturday 7:30am

Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday: 04/03 5th Sunday in Lent

Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (church) Confessions: 7:45am & 10:00am (church) Monday: 04/04

7:00am— Daily Mass Dave Suggs + 10:00am—Marian Movement (parish center)

Noon—Angelus (<u>parish FB page</u>) 5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (<u>parish FB page</u>) 4:30pm—AHG (<u>parish center</u>) 6:30pm—PM Endow (English & Spanish) (Zoom & annex)

<u>Tuesday: 04/05</u>

7:00am—Daily Mass *Muriel V. Hill* + 9:00am—WINGS (annex) 11:00am—T. Ndifuanja Funeral (church) Noon— Tue. Exodus grp. (Zoom) Noon—Angelus (<u>parish FB page</u>) 5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (<u>parish FB page</u>) 6:00pm— YA grp. (St. Clare)

Wednesday: 04/06

7:00am—Daily Mass Ken Bangert + Noon—Angelus (parish FB page)
Noon— Wed. Magnify grp. (Zoom)
5:00pm—Children Choir practice (choir practice room)
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page)
6:30pm—RCIA (choir practice room)
Thursday: 04/07
7:00am—Daily Mass Mustacchia Family
8:00am—Marian Margare ont (parish for the second secon

8:00am—Marian Movement (parish center) 9:15am—Endow AM (St. Cecilia) 10:00am—Quilter grp. (St. Clare) 10:30am—Bible Study AM (parish center) 11:00am—Mutsuko Miyabara Funeral (church) Noon—Thur. Magnify grp. (Zoom) Noon—Angelus (parish FB page) 5:00pm—Eve. Prayer (parish FB page) Friday: 04/08 Day of Abstinence 7:00am—Daily Mass Mary Jane Duarte + 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) 5:30-6:00pm—Stations of the Cross (church)

6:00pm—Soup Supper (parish center)

<u>Saturday: 04/09</u>

7:30am—Benediction (church)
8:00am—Daily Mass Nicholas Hoang Viet +
8:30am— Exodus grp.
9:00am— Blood Drive (parish center)
2:30-4:15pm—Confessions (church)
4:30pm—Vigil Mass (church)
Sunday: 04/10 Palm Sunday
Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (church)
Confessions: 7:45am & 10:00am (church)
9:45am—RE 1st-6th (parish center & annex)

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<u>Important Links</u>

Sunday Mass: <u>https://vimeo.com/user109632820</u> Daily Mass & Evening Prayer:<u>parish Facebook page</u>

Last Week (3/21-3/27)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 21,279.64
Realizing Hope:	\$ 2,159.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 340.00
Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 729.00

Pastor's Column

April 3rd, 2022

End of Life Issues

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever \sim

We will all die. As obvious as that statement is, many people are dumbfounded when it comes to the end of their own life or that of a loved one. People avoid thinking of death because we don't like to think about unpleasant things, understandable enough. Yet our generation ignores death more than any generation that has ever lived.

Over the past 50 years advances in medicine have been amazing in the areas of medication, technology, and knowledge of the body. These advances have significantly improved and prolonged life, contributing to a false sense of physical immortality; and a subconscious belief that we've beat death! We haven't.

Another reason why this generation thinks less of death, and is less prepared for it, is because of our focus on what the Church calls materialism. Materialism is man's obsessive focus on empirical things to the exclusion of the spiritual or moral. God after all, is the most important "thing" to focus on; not our bodies, money, careers, home(s), cars, clothes, entertainment, etc. And since we are physically mortal and spiritually immortal, we ignore God, our soul, and the souls of others, at our peril and theirs. Because of our generation's obsession with material things, we aren't prepared for what lay beyond this physical world so we cling to it, often pathetically.

Some of the most challenging moral decisions come in the final months and hours of our life, as we deal with balancing the nurturing of life with the acceptance that death is unavoidable. It is important to reflect on our lives, talk with our family members and care providers, and understand what end-of-life care is going to be prior to a health crisis. Here are some basics in understanding what end of life care should be.

All people are entitled to food, water, shelter, etc., 'the basics' if you will, throughout life. As infants we rely on our parents to shelter, feed, and change us. It may be that through a tragedy or simple natural decline, we find ourselves back in that situation; needing to be fed, changed, clothed, etc. This might be humbling and feel like an imposition on others, but it is not an excuse to give up on life. This level of care is called <u>ordinary</u> <u>care</u> and it is what we are obligated to give to someone in need if possible. Nutrition for someone *who is not dying* may even need to be given intravenously.

<u>Extraordinary care</u> is care that goes beyond the basics of nutrition and shelter; examples would include: CPR, blood transfusions, surgery, respirator, etc. It should be used when someone has a chance of recovering. Think of someone in a car wreck: they are banged up bad but if they get immediate medical help, they can recover and continue living; in this case the medical intervention would prevent death. The same could be said of most cancer diagnoses: immediate intervention might beat the cancer or stave off death for years. The same could be said for many things.

Extraordinary care that simply prolongs death is immoral. In the ordinary course of dying a person stops drinking, eating, and ultimately breathing. If a person stops doing these three things because their situation is terminal, then there is no moral imperative to intervene to keep them alive. I have to say this because many people think that hydration, food, medication, or even medical procedures should be forced upon someone who is dying of natural causes.

Think of these two words when considering extraordinary care: <u>prevent</u> or <u>prolong</u>. Then ask this question: does medical intervention prevent death so they can recover, or simply prolong death?

<u>Pain management</u> should always be used so that the dying may be kept as free of pain as possible, comfortable, and in a place where they wish to die. When a person is dying, at a certain point only medication for pain is morally licit.

<u>Euthanasia</u> is the gravely evil act of killing another person out of a misguided notion of mercy. Some of us remember the famous case in Florida of a woman who lived in a semi-comatose (coma) state: Terry Shiavo. Terry had been in a terrible car accident 17 years prior to her death that left her brain damaged and bed ridden. Her ex-husband, who still had legal custody of her, stated that: "Terry would not want to live this way". He successfully had nutrition removed from her and Terry died of dehydration. This is a classic case of euthanasia. Terry was not dying, rather she lived a very simple, dependent life. To many, the thought of living a (seemingly) unproductive and burdensome life to others, riddles them with guilt – especially if financial burdens loom. We do not kill other people, loved one's included, because *we* can't stand to see them live the way they are. *We* are not God.

<u>Assisted suicide</u> is very much like euthanasia. Only in this case, the "mercy" killing is being imposed upon one's self. We kill our self, with the assistance of a doctor's lethal prescription to end suffering. This too is gravely evil. The mystery of suffering is real indeed and no one disputes another's pain, however, killing our self is not how God intends for us to deal with it. Scientific advances have enabled us to live through much that our ancestors couldn't live through, yet it has also brought palliative care that our ancestors did not have. Virtually all physical suffering and a great deal of psychological suffering can be alleviated through medication: faith and God's grace can make up the difference.

Related to suffering at the end of life is the principle of <u>redemptive suffering</u>. While suffering can occur at any time in our life, the suffering preceding death presents a special time for reflection and offering. Dying gives each of us a chance to reflect on our lives and unite our sufferings with Christ's on the cross, which then becomes redemptive to the dying and others; a participation in the salvific work of Christ and a purification of our sins. Dying doesn't have to be depressing. It is also important, at this time, that the Church and her members support the dying and their family with prayers and the Sacraments.

If the person dying is Catholic, ask them if they would like to see a priest for the <u>last rites</u>. If they don't know what that is or what good it would do for them, do your best to explain and promote it. The dying Catholic doesn't need to be a practicing Catholic to have the last rites. For more information about the last rites, see my February 13, 2022 pastor's column on the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. You can find it on Holy Redeemer's website – click on the resources tab and scroll down to pastor's columns.

There was a lot of important information in this pastor's column. If it didn't all stick you might want to save it or pass it along to others. My prayers and love.

In Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,

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Fr. Thomas Nathe

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NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

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: 885.7780 ext. 16, markm@holyredeemervanc.org

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PRAYER GROUPS

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 10:00am in the annex. Contact Sally Custodio at <u>bhebot50@live.com</u> 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

<u>jmamos1@juno.com</u>

St. Joseph Cenacle Apostolate:



Members offer a weekly Holy Hour of prayers for our priests and will meet at 3:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month,

in the parish center, as a group. Contact Sandra Koceja at

ITEADIOSEPH2020@gmail.com

ADULTS

Bible Study: Bible study sessions are currently on Thursday mornings and the evenings



sessions will return in the fall.

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 Endow 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

Magnifics

Porque la primera palabra pronunciada por Jesus después de la resurrección fue "MUJER" Juan 20,15 For more information contact Maria Villarruel 360.513.4824 angel77uver@gmail.com

Join us Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Annex.

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 4:30pm Liturgy to share in a Potluck, Conversation and Activities. Contact Mark Sawtelle: 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 7:00-8:30pm. Each session will provide practical tips and tricks and inspiration for developing the spiritual life. Night 2: Strengths, Charisms, and My Life May 18 Night 3: Sharing the Story TBD

YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all Young Adults! Join us for a holy hour and dinner in the Parish Center on the first Friday of every month! Our next meeting is May 6th. Planning on coming? Email Katelyn with your RSVP! katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org

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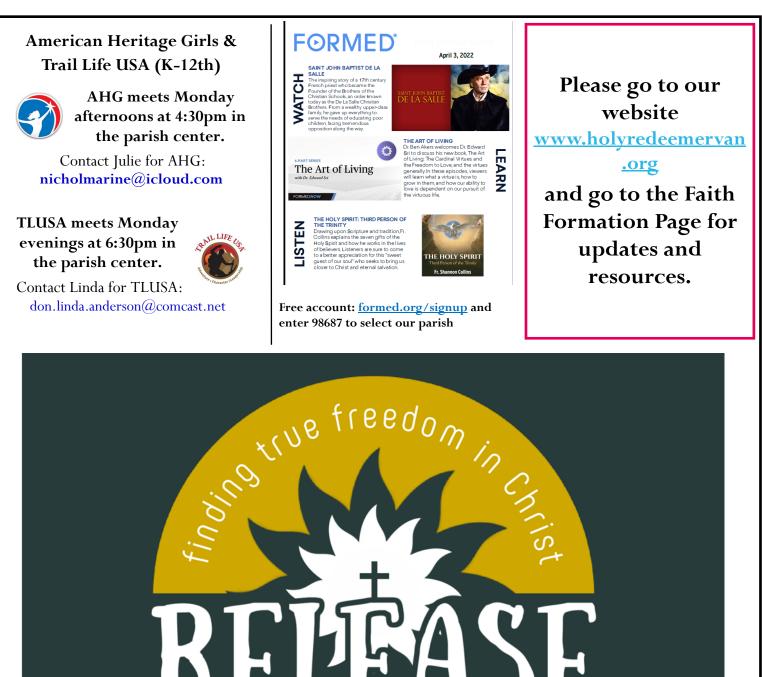
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FF Office Closed: April 6 for staff retreat

Mini Retreat Night Strengths, Charisms, and My Life: May 18

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Paving the way from the parking lot to the pew

Suggestions to welcome guests this Easter

- Remember, we are all part of God's welcome committee smile.
- Plan time before and after Mass to welcome and introduce yourself to people you don't know or recognize.
- Consider parking farther away in our lots to allow visitors to park closer.
- Consider sitting up front in the church during Mass to leave space in the back for visitors.
- Welcome visitors who may want to sit in 'your' pew.
- Consider attending the less crowded 8:30am Mass.
- One way to evangelize is to accept people as they are, especially those who
 only attend Mass once or twice a year.
- Communicate the Love of Christ by being as welcoming to visitors at Mass as you would be to visitors in your home.



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Holy Week Schedule 2022

Confession Schedule Friday 4:00-5:15PM Saturday 2:30-4:15PM

<u>Palm Sunday</u> 4:30PM (Saturday, April 10)—Vigil Mass Masses at 8:30AM & 11:00AM

<u>Triduum Schedule</u> Holy Thursday thru Holy Saturday (NO MORNING MASS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)

> Holy Thursday, April 14 Mass at 7:00PM

<u>Good Friday, April 15 — Day of fast and abstinence</u> 9:00AM—Way of the Cross 3:00PM —Divine Mercy Novena in the church each day thru April 23 Passion of the Lord at 7:00PM

> Holy Saturday, April 16 3:00PM — Divine Mercy Novena in the church

Easter Vigil at 8:30PM — followed by reception in the parish center

<u>Easter Sunday, April 17</u> Masses at 8:30AM & 11:00AM 3:00PM — Divine Mercy Novena in the church

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Empty Nester Hiking: The Creaky Knees Club will be hiking the Catherine Creek Trail on Monday April 4. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's north parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 8:15am. Bring a sack lunch, we will be eating on the trail. We will be hiking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay.

Soup Supper: The last soup supper this Lent will be **April 8th!** and will start at 6:00pm in the Parish Centerright after Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross: Our last Friday evening Stations of the Cross this Lent is this Friday April 8th at 5:30PM in the Church. This is a powerful devotion, please come and pray with your parish family if you can!

Adoration Chapel: Now you can come and adore HIM anytime from

7:30am Saturday ADORATION morning to 7:30pm of the BLESSED SACRAMENT 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 <u>edb(a)holyredeemervanc.org</u>.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There is a desperate need for all blood types right now! The Red Cross will be having a Blood Drive in the Parish Center on Saturday April 9th from 9AM-1PM. Please sign up to donate online or by calling the Red Cross.

EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITY

St. Rose Catholic Church in Longview, Washington is seeking a Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Music to help all in attendance encounter Christ through the beauty of the Catholic Church's liturgical life. As we restart our music ministry after the COVID pandemic, this position provides an

opportunity to build a program from the ground up. The person in this role will recruit musicians and provide opportunities for musicians of varying levels to serve in this ministry. The ideal candidate is patient, has strong organizational skills, and is flexible yet passionate for sacred liturgy. This is a full time position with benefits. Please contact <u>hr@strose-longview.org</u> for more information or to request an application packet.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Medugorie: A pilgrimage is a lifechanging experience that will rekindle your faith, while building lasting friendships with parishioners. Meet in the Parish Center on Sat, April 9th at 6pm (after Saturday's Vigil Mass) to learn about Medjugorje pilgrimage opportunities. Questions: Ken Paulsen (360-852-1088) or https:// VisitQueenOfPeace.com

Mater Dei Radio: Support local Catholic radio programming during Mater Dei Radio's 2022 Spring Sharathon, "Encounter Jesus," from April 4-8.

Make your gift today by visiting



https://materdeiradio.com/2022-springsharathon/ or calling 1-888-823-5286, or using the free Hail Mary Media app. Tune in on April 7th from 6-7:00pm to hear our very own Father Nathe.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Give the gift of your love to your spouse by attending our upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on May 27-29 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton,

OR. To apply for your WWME Experience or search other dates go to <u>rediscoverthespark.org</u>.

St. Vincent DePaul: Thank you to all of you that support the Vancouver St. Vincent de Paul Society with charitable donations of money, volunteer hours, non-perishable food

and hygiene items. During the 40 days of Lent, please consider donating the following hygiene and shelter items:



- Bar Soap
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- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant •
- Toilet Paper
- Diaper's size 4, 5, and 6 •
- Feminine Hygiene .
- Disposable razors •
- Gently used small suitcases with wheels

New or gently used sleeping bags If you can please place these items in the SVDP round bins located in the hallway or deliver to Vancouver St. Vincent de Paul Conference at 2456 NE Stapleton Road, Monday–Friday 9 am to 3 pm. If you have any question, please call our office at 360.694.5388. Our families and St. Vincent de Paul appreciate your help. Thank you.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop

Fulton Sheen: The fact the enemies of God must face is that modern civilization has conquered the world, but in doing so has lost its soul. And in losing its soul it will lose the very world it gained.... And as religion fades so will freedom, for only where the spirit of God is, is there liberty.

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