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Weddings: Please call the office, ext. 16. Coordinate with Mark before setting date.

Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 14.

OCIA (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. 11 for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

and

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 11/19/23

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Sunday: 11/19

The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday: 11/20

8:30am~Daily Mass *Hermena Wirsching+*

Tuesday: 11/21

8:30am~Mass *Anthony Vu Van Khu+*

Wednesday: 11/22

8:30am~Daily Mass *Carol Mahoney+*

Thursday: 11/23

8:30am~Mass *Cassie Trice+*

THANKSGIVING DAY: Parish Offices Closed

Friday: 11/24

8:30am~Mass *Cassie Trice+*

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)

Confessions ~ 4:00pm-5:15pm

THANKSGIVING Holiday:

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday: 11/25

8:30am~ **Mass** *Maria Renteria*

4:30pm ~ **Saturday Vigil Mass** (Church)

Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 11/26

Feast of Christ the King,

King of the Universe

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

Confessions ~ 7:45-8:15am, 10:00am-10:45am



The Lord
is my
shepherd;
there is
nothing
I shall
want.

Psalm 23

WEEK OF 11/26/2023

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Sunday: 11/26

Feast of Christ the King,

King of the Universe

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

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

Monday: 11/27

8:30am~Daily Mass *Jonathan Elliot*

Tuesday: 11/28

8:30am~Mass *Mattea Elliot*

Wednesday: 11/29

8:30am~Daily Mass *Souls in Purgatory*

Thursday: 11/30

8:30am~Daily Mass *Souls in Purgatory*

Friday: 12/01

8:30am~Mass *Jany Ryan+*

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)

Confessions ~ 4:00pm-5:15pm

Saturday: 12/02

8:30am~ **Mass** *The Souls in Purgatory*

4:30pm ~ **Saturday Vigil Mass** (Church)

Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 12/03

First Sunday of Advent

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

Confessions ~ 7:45-8:15am, 10:00am-10:45am

Please Remember in your prayers:



Amelia Austria+, Paul Bennett, Tim Brewer, Darla Brock, Bonnie Craig, Rumite Cumming, Janet Easley, Tina Marie Ellis, Evelyn Ferma, Allyn Gallant+, Ramute Cumming, Kevin Greene+, Trevor Grenz, Dennis William Hamich+, Danny Harden, Carlos Blasquez Huerta, Aaron Kennedy, Fran Plourd, Diane Poissant, Ivan Quinata+, Matthew Reynolds+ and Family, John Robinson, Benjamin+ & Josephine Sablan+, Judi Seekins, Jerry Alton Thompson, Kathleen Tomassi, Bill Toohey+, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Angelina Weinmuller, Rolyne Weinmuller+

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Income	11/6-11/12
Sunday:	\$ 26,201
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 445
All Saints (11/1):	\$ 1,794
All Souls Cemetery Fund (11/2):	\$ 10,464

Pastor's Column

November 19 & 26, 2023

November and Intercession for the Dead

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

November is traditionally the month of the year where we pray for the dead. Why would we do that? Aren't all the dead in either heaven or hell? The souls in heaven and hell don't need our prayers, so why are we praying for the dead? Answer: because a huge number of the deceased are in purgatory, heaven's washroom. Consider the following account of such an incident.

"Reigning from 1198 to 1216, Pope Innocent III was one of the most influential and important pope's of his era. He granted St. Francis of Assisi and his small band of follower's permission to found the Order of Friars Minor; he convened the Fourth Lateran Council which, among other things, dogmatically defined the doctrine of transubstantiation; and he organized great efforts to combat heresy in Europe, and repel invading Muslim forces. Then, after more than 18 years as pope, he suddenly died. But that wasn't the last we heard from him."

"The story goes that on the day Pope Innocent III died, or soon thereafter, he appeared to St. Lutgardis of Aynwieres in Belgium. St. Lutgardis is considered to have been one of the great mystics of the 13th century (1200's), known for her miracles, visions, levitation, and particularly adept teaching. When Pope Innocent appeared to her, he thanked her for her prayers during his lifetime, but explained that he was in trouble: he had not gone straight to heaven but was in purgatory, suffering its purifying fire for three specific faults he had committed during his life. And he made a desperate plea for help: 'Alas! It is terrible; and will last for centuries if you do not come to my assistance. In the name of Mary, who has obtained for me the favor of appealing to you, help me!' Then he vanished. With a sense of urgency, St. Lutgardis quickly told her fellow religious sisters what she had seen and prayed for his soul." – Story taken from ChurchPop Editor: www.churchpop.com November 1, 2015.

There is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in the beatific vision of heaven, the Church triumphant: those in the Purgatory of heaven, the Church suffering: and the Church on earth, the Church militant.

We are all sinners yet no one in heaven is (anymore). How does the transformation from sinner on earth to sinless in heaven happen? How are our sins atoned for after death? God has a plan for all this – purgatory – a word derived from Latin, meaning: purgation, purification, or cleansing. Purgatory is the process after death, of the saved, by which God's justice for our sins is satisfied through our remorse (which is very painful), and we are purified by God and prepared to enter the beatific vision of heaven. This process of purgation lasts for various lengths of 'time' and intensity depending upon the state of each person's soul at death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church does a very good job of explaining what purgatory is, as do the websites www.catholicsanswers.org and www.newadvent.org.

On November 2nd we commemorated all those people who are in purgatory with our prayers and sacrifices for their progress toward, and ultimate happiness, in the beatific vision of heaven. The whole month of November is a time when we pray for the dead and offer our Masses for them. Just as when someone on earth is in need of help we pray for them, so too do we pray for those in Purgatory. **They can no longer pray for themselves, merit anything, or help themselves in anyway.** So whatever we do for them is of great help: prayer, novenas, indulgences, cold showers, kindness towards others, fasting from: food, sleep, TV, internet, shopping, etc. Remember, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If we pray and offer sacrifices for the dead in this life, the odds grow exponentially that someone will do the same for us when we die.

"I know when you pray for me, and it is the same with all of the other souls here in purgatory. Very few of us here get any prayers; the majority of us are totally abandoned, with no thought or prayers offered for us from those on earth" --Message from a soul in purgatory

Know too, that the holy souls in purgatory (holy because they are no longer sinners) can pray for us too, and they appreciate the opportunity to do so. They are not only aware of our prayers and sacrifices for them, they are also aware of our requests for their help, and their prayers for us are very powerful. There is a caveat though. The holy souls of purgatory have to be asked by name to pray for us and for those whom we wish them to intercede for. So pray and do penance for your deceased loved ones, and those beyond your family who have no one to intercede for them in death; and ask deceased family members to pray for you or your holy cause. With the assistance of the Church Triumphant and Militant, let's help all those who are in the Church Suffering atone for their sins and move along into the beatific vision of heaven.

Here's a prayer from St. Faustina Kowalska for the holy souls in purgatory:

Eternal Father,

I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for the sins of the souls in purgatory. Lord, have mercy.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on the souls in purgatory. Christ, have mercy.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on the souls in purgatory. Lord, have mercy.

For those who have died, we pray:

For members of my family,

Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

For my friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners . . .

For the priests who administered the sacraments to me . . .

For the religious men and women who were a part of my life . . .

For my teachers, counselors, and mentors . . .

For my schoolmates and workmates . . .

Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace,

For the doctors, nurses, and all health workers who gave me care . . .

For those who harmed me in any way . . .

For those I harmed . . .

For those who on earth prayed for me . . .

For those now in purgatory who are praying for me . . .

For every soul in purgatory, each one Your beloved son or daughter . . .

Welcome them into heaven, Dear Lord, where the perpetual light of Your mercy will shine upon them forever. Amen.

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

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PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement Groups: The Marian Movement has three groups that meet on different days of the week. The first group (Monday), the second group (Thursday) meets in the Sacristy meeting room, and the third group meets on Saturday in the choir practice room. All groups meet at 9:00am. Contact Ruth Iversen at 360.281.0096, or ruth_iversen@icloud.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 Marilynne Belden at 503-701-2493.

SAVE THE DATE

Men of Faith: 12/02

Advent Celebration: 12/03

Women Growing in Faith: 12/09

Men's Retreat: 01/26/24

St. Joseph Cenacle Apostolate: Meetings have resumed and our next meeting is Wednesday, November 15th. 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 6:30pm Thursday Evening Bible studies will start soon! A three week study will begin November 30th on Isaiah, bring your Bible. The morning Bible study sessions are Thursdays at 10:30am in the parish center. The study will be "Acts The Spread of the Kingdom" Books are 40\$ 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 Melissa at melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org

Congratulations to Fernando Huerta and Ella Levy who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 11.



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SEVEN SATURDAY EVENINGS STARTING

JANUARY 13, 2024

7:00PM - 9:00PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

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MEN of FAITH

First Saturday - December 2nd

Understanding the Book of Revelation

"The Apocalypse, or Revelation to John, the last book of the Bible, is one of the most difficult to understand because it abounds in unfamiliar and extravagant symbolism, which at best appears unusual to the modern reader."

Presenter: Randy Scott

9:15am

12/2/2024

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We wish all families in our Parish peace and a blessed Thanksgiving this year. Please note that **the Parish Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th** so that staff can be with their families for the holiday.



Advent Candles for Sale

The First Sunday of Advent is 12/03/23. A set of four candles is available for purchase at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Candle sets will also be available at the Trail Life wreath pick-up table the weekends of November 25th-26th and December 2nd-3rd. The cost is only \$5 per set!



Musicians Wanted For Christmas Liturgy!

Our Music Director Angela Lee is recruiting orchestra instrument players (violin/viola/cello/flute/clarinet, and etc.) for Christmas Eve 7pm Mass. If you are interested, please e-mail our Choir Director Angela Lee at angelal@holyredeemervanc.org.

Knights of Columbus Meals after Masses

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who prepare meals after Masses (4:30pm



Saturday Vigil Mass and 8:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses) on the third weekend of each month. The "Knights

Meals" **November** dates for "Knights Meals after Masses" are 11/18-11/19, and in **December**, 12/16-12/17.

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 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 other women and men for healing and forgiveness. **Eng: (206) 920-6413 /**

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Advent Day Retreats

December 6, 9am-2:30pm

Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton. Theme: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - How Christ's Light Leaps Forth Into Our Darkness" with Retreat Master, Father Christopher Bernabe. Retreat fee: \$40, lunch included. To register call: 503-649-7127 or register online: <https://olpretreat.org/retreat-register>

December 13, 7pm-9pm

Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton. Program begins at 7pm with an Advent talk by Dina Marie Hale. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:15pm. Refreshments provided. Come early and browse our Catholic book store and gift shop! A free-will offering will be accepted. For more: <https://dinamarie.org/coming-events>

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