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**Funerals:** Contact the office at ext. 14.

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# Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

# December 17th, 2023 The Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Pastor Father Thomas Nathe



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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 12/17/2023 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

pray the Rosary.			
<u>Sunday: 12/17</u>			
The Third Sunday of Advent			
Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (Church)			
Confession: 7:45-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am			
Monday: 12/18			
8:30am~Daily Mass Catechists and Mentors Novena			
<u>Tuesday: 12/19</u>			
8:30am~Mass Catechists and Mentors Novena			
Wednesday: 12/20			
8:30am~Daily Mass Betty Jean Goeres			
<u>Thursday:</u> 12/21			
8:30am~Mass Gordon Charles Goeres			
6:00pm~Advent Penance Service			
(Church)			
Friday: 12/22			
8:30am~Mass Stella Reynolds+			
All Day Eucharistic Adoration			
3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)			
Confessions ~ 4:00pm-5:15pm (Church)			
Saturday: 12/23 8:30am~Mass Isaiah Padilla			
4:30pm ~ <b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> (Church) Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm			
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CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE			
Christmas Eve Vigil 12/24			
4:00pm~ Christmas Vigil Mass			
Special Children's Choir Prelude at 3:30pm			
7:00pm~ Christmas Vigil Mass			
Special Instrumental Prelude at 6:30pm			
Christmas Day 12/25			
12:00am~ Midnight Mass			
Special Choral Prelude at 11:30pm on 12/24			
10:00am∼ Christmas Day Mass			



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

~LUKE 4:18

#### WEEK OF 12/17/2023 **MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

Sunday: 12/17

#### The Third Sunday of Advent

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Meals after Mases 9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes (Parish Center)

6:00pm~ Youth Social/Caroling (Parish Center)

Monday: 12/18

9:00am ~ Monday Marian Movement (Choir Practice Room)

12:30pm~ Pinochle Game (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

Tuesday: 12/19

10:00am~ Women's Bible Study with Littles (St. Clare Room)

12/20 Wednesday:

5:00pm~ Children's Choir (Choir Room) 7:00pm~ Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Practice Room)

Thursday: 12/21

9:00am~ Endow (St. Clare Room)

9:15am~ Marian Movement (Choir Practice Room)

Friday: 12/22

No scheduled activities.

Saturday:

9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Choir Room)

Sunday: 12/24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

No scheduled activities.



## Please Remember in your prayers:

Special Choral Prelude at 9:30am

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#### Pastor's Column

December 17th, 2023

#### **Another Religious Vocation from Holy Redeemer**

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ∼

God has blessed Holy Redeemer with (now) eight religious vocations in the past 15 years, five in the last four years! One of them, Maris MacKenzie, is set to leave for the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Post Falls, Idaho on January 6<sup>th</sup> (you'll hear from her on the next page). We are hopeful that many more will follow.

Please pray daily for those from Holy Redeemer who have not yet reached final vows or ordination: Sr. Catherine, Sr. Katlyn, Evan, Br. Gabriel, and Maris. Almost all those in religious formation will undergo a vocational crisis or more while in formation; almost all have undergone a vocational crisis before they even entered formation. Saying yes to God in this way is the bravest thing a human being can do because it is so unnatural. The only three things Adam & Eve walked out of the Garden of Eden with were: family (each other and the potential for children), self-determination, and the acquiring of goods. When one enters religious life they take perpetual vows of celibacy, poverty, and obedience to a religious superior. These three vows negate the only three natural goods left to Adam & Eve and their descendants. Hence, a religious vocation requires a super-natural act of faith, and so they need super-natural help in the form of our prayers and penances to succeed.

Last month I met with 13 high school girls about the possibility of religious life, and by the time you will have read this, I will have met last Friday evening (12/15) with teenagers and young men about religious life. Hopefully these gatherings will yield fruit months, years, or even decades down the road. Vocations are dear to my heart — as they are to God's — and hopefully yours too. In a mysterious unseen way, every religious vocation is a conduit of God's Glory and the salvation of many souls. They are beautiful flowers in Our Lord's garden, hope in a fallen world, light in the darkness of our times.

Please pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and please perform some penance for them from time to time. In an unseen, mysterious way, our prayers and penances for these people release grace from heaven and help them to miraculously say "yes" to Jesus and persevere in their vocation.

Below, I have attached a brief vocation story from Maris MacKenzie, who will enter the Carmel of Mary, Jesus, and Joseph on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for her.

May Almighty God Bless You,

In Shomes Hatter

Fr. Thomas Nathe

Dear Holy Redeemer Family,

Praised be Jesus Christ! My name is Maris MacKenzie and I am 23 years old. My family and I came to Holy Redeemer about thirteen years ago, and I have spent most of my faith life here. For years I have participated in, and later volunteered for, various parish events. I am especially blessed to be supported in the grace of my vocation to religious life. My vocation story is a journey of leaps of faith leading me from uncertainty about God's will for my life to certainty.



My family converted to the Catholic Faith when I was 8 years old. In the following years, I had an uncomfortable feeling that God might want me to be a nun. I did not really know what that meant, and the time when that might happen seemed far away. I first heard God's call clearly when I was 14 years old. My family had just gone through a deeper conversion, and my parents had given God their unconditional "yes." In the fall of 2014, we were watching *Catholicism* by Bishop Robert Barron. I remember seeing four women religious on the screen: Mother Teresa, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Therese of Lisieux, and one other. Then, God said to me, "What if that was you?" I squirmed. "No," I said, half to myself, half to God, "I hope that never happens." But God changed my heart. By December of that year, I had accepted my vocation and thought God wanted me to be a Carmelite like Saint Therese. However, I hadn't told anyone about this stirring in my heart. Then, in confession, a priest told me I should consider joining a cloistered religious order. He named several, including the Carmelites. I needed no other confirmation. I told my parents and began to discern.

My first "big yes" came six years later in 2020. After many years of quiet, prayerful discerning, I began to take concrete steps to pursue my vocation. This meant letters and emails, and eventually a visit. The first community to invite me to visit was the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Post Falls, ID. I experienced Heaven there almost tangibly. I was excited about the community and wanted to continue discerning with them. The next step in discernment was to fill out the application. I was not sure if that was the right thing to do and it seemed like a huge step. I sought wise counsel and was advised to move forward, since I liked the community and the door was open. So, I took a leap of faith and sent in the application.

My second significant leap came this year. After submitting an application in 2020, I had to wait due to delays on both my end and theirs. During this time, I was in a state of stagnant discernment, which created uncertainty and hesitation. I came to a point where I wasn't even sure I wanted to enter Carmel. However, God helped me work through this in a series of small jumps ending in a realization that I was scared to commit myself completely to Him. Once I knew the root of my hesitation, I could push past the feeling of uncertainty and jump with both feet into the boat of Christ.

However, the door was not all the way open yet; I needed to make another leap of faith before I was ready to enter. By the time I had worked all the way through my hesitation and told the Prioress in Post Falls about my recommitment, the Carmel was experiencing space limitations. Mother gently let me know that perhaps this door was closed, at least for now. I spent some time discerning with other communities. The more I discerned elsewhere, though, the more I realized how much certainty I really had in the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and how much like home it really was. So, despite lingering fear of commitment, I wrote to Post Falls and asked to enter when they had room. Mother's reply confirmed God's will for me: she told me they did have room and she gave me an entrance date! I now joyfully await my entrance on January 6th, 2024.

My journey so far has not been what I expected, nor has it been easy, but I praise God for it and am so grateful for all the graces, many unexpected, He has poured out on me throughout the years of my discernment. I have no doubt that God will accompany me with His grace throughout the coming years as I continue to tread the path of His will. Please pray for me, as I will be praying for you!

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Maris MacKenzie



# Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish Christmas Liturgical Schedule

December 21, 2023 to January 1, 2024
Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 21, 2023; 6:00pm at Holy Redeemer Parish

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil Mass December 23rd at 4:30pm

Sunday Masses December 24th at 8:30am or 11:00am

Please note: Both Sunday and Christmas (the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ) are Holy Days of Obligation. Attending Mass is to be observed at one of the Masses for **both** the Fourth Sunday of Advent **and** the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

# The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ <u>Christmas Eve Masses Sunday December 24th</u>

4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Children's Choir Prelude at 3:30pm

7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Instrumental Prelude at 6:30pm

## **Christmas Day Masses Monday December 25th**

12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass

Choral Prelude at 11:30pm Saturday (30 minutes before Midnight Mass)

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Choral Prelude at 9:30am

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

• Daily Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 8:30am

(January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024)

# SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASSES IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON SOUTHERN DEANERY, ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

# SATURDAY DEC 9 - SATURDAY DEC 23, 2023

9 Dec Saturday at 11am - Commissioning Mass at St James Cathedral 804 9th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104, Celebrant: Archbishop Paul D. Etienne FILCOPA Filipino Council for Pastoral Affairs, contact: sgcoordinators@gmail.com

15 Dec thru 23 Dec - Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

4701 NW Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98663, Celebrant: Rev. Leonardo Pestaño OLL Simbang Gabi Parish Coordinator: Rosario Horacek - horacek9590@comcast.net

15 Dec Friday at 6pm
20 Dec Wednesday at 6pm
16 Dec Saturday at 5pm
21 Dec Thursday at 6pm
22 Dec Friday at 6pm
23 Dec Saturday 5pm
23 Dec Saturday 5pm

19 Dec Tuesday at 6pm

16 Dec Saturday at 5pm - St John the Evangelist Catholic Church 8701 NE 119th St, Vancouver WA 98662, Celebrant: Rev. Temo Ramirez St John Simbang Gabi Parish Coordinator: Bernie Gerhardt - gerhardtbm@gmail.com

16 Dec Saturday at 5pm - St Rose de Viterbo Catholic Church 2571 Nichols Blvd, Longview 98632, Celebrant: Rev. Bryan Ochs St Rose de Viterbo Simbang Gabi Parish Coordinator: Judith Paine - judithpaine@ymail.com



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<u>Set up a Donor Advised Fund</u>: This is a simple, flexible, and tax efficient way to support charities. See your accountant or tax professional for help.

#### **How to Give**

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# **GROWING IN HOLINESS**

#### **NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?**

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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: 360.885.7780 ext. 16, or markm@holyredeemervanc.org

OCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith: Contact Mark MacKenzie

#### 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.

#### **ADULTS**

**Bible Study:** The 6:30pm Thursday Evening Bible studies will start soon! A three week study began November 30th on Isaiah, bring your Bible! **Men of Faith:** All men in the parish are invited to attend our monthly gatherings. We meet on the first

parish center. For more information contact Mark by email at markm@holyredeemervanc.org



**Women Growing in** Faith: All women in the parish are invited to attend our monthly talks. Our gatherings are on the second Saturdays of the

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Exodus 90 and Magnify 90: 1/1/2024

**Men of Faith:** 1/6/24

Women Growing in Faith:

1/13/24

**Men's Retreat:** 01/26/24

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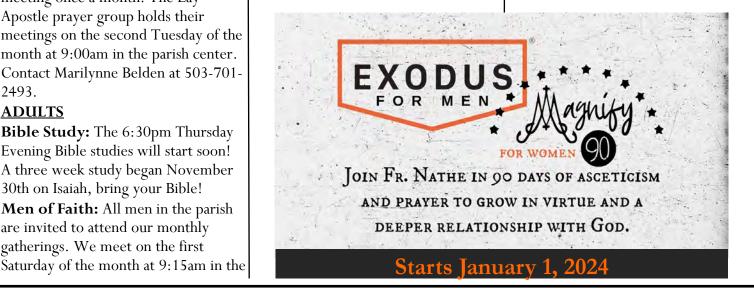
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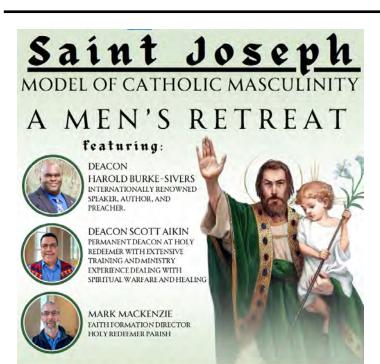
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Week of December 17, 2023



Agape/Love | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

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#### Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About | Brother Francis

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# December 25th The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass Schedule



Bring your family to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord at any of this year's Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th\* 4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Chrístmas Day Monday, December 25th 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass 10:00am Christmas Mass

\*Please see the insert in this bulletin explaining the obligation to attend BOTH the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass and Christmas Mass.

# 2023 Advent Penance Servíces Eveníngs



Besides the Holy Redeemer weekly schedule of Confessions on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, listed

below are additional **Advent Penance Services** for the Southern

Deanery this year.

Tuesday, December 19: 6:30pm St. Rose, Longview Wednesday, December 20: 6:00pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Ridgefield

Thursday, December 21: 6:00pm Holy Redeemer, Vancouver

# Knights Meals after Mass~ Every 3rd Weekend

Remember to mark your calendar for the third weekend of every month when our own Knights of Columbus are serving up meals after all the weekend Masses. After this weekend (12/16-17) the next Knights Meals weekend will be 1/20-21/2024!

# Exodus & Magnify 90 Starting January 1!

Each year from January through Easter, men and women of the parish participate in the Exodus 90 (men's) and Magnify 90 (women's) studies.

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# Save the Date! 2/3/2024 "Cast a Wide Net for Vocations" Dinner



**Serra of Columbia River** presents the 2024 Vocations Dinner at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Saturday, **February 3rd, 2024**.

Tickets (\$25 per person) will go on sale after January 1. For more information contact Shawn Madison shawnemadison@comcast.net.

## Símbang Gabí Novena Masses ~ Southern Deanery

This month the Simbang Gabi Novena Masses of the Southern Deanery continue through December 23rd at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Beginning on Friday 12/15 and running through Saturday 12/23, the Masses will be held at various times. For times and info see the insert in today's bulletin.

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