

Merry Christmas

Unto us a Child is born
Isaiah 9:6



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Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 14.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

December 24th, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

and

December 25th, 2023
The Nativity of the Lord

and

December 31st, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

GLORIFY GOD AND SANCTIFY SOULS!



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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.

Pastor's Column

Christmas & New Year 2023/24

Merry Christ-Mass and a Happy New Year

“And in that region, there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!’” (Luke 2:8-14).

God was born for us, what a consolation.

Because of the plan to reorganize the Church in Western Washington, over the last six months I've struggled at times not knowing if I am staying or going – not knowing if this will be my last Christmas with you! Yet through this and all of life's many challenges, I've always had Our Lord and His Mother right by my side to guide me and console me. I can't imagine life without Them.

Regardless of what is going on in the world or in our personal lives, we can have supernatural peace and joy when our lives are centered on Jesus Christ. We can have that peace, because God has come down from heaven in the divine person of Jesus Christ to give us His Catholic Church, His Word, the Sacraments, communion with Him, and consolation from Him. So let us give thanks and praise to God for the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (a peace the world cannot give or understand).

Let us also resolve to serve Jesus Christ in the coming year, a year that may come with great challenges for the world—challenges that may be scary or depressing for people without a relationship with Jesus Christ, challenges that **we** can help others manage better because of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please strive in the coming year to share your relationship with Jesus with others, others who may not have the clarity and peace we take for granted, knowing why we're here, that Jesus walks with us, and where we're going. To that end, please keep working on daily prayer and spiritual reading until it becomes a habit (good habits are hard to break too). Please strive to live the seven precepts of the Church: 1) attend Mass on holy days of obligation (Sundays are always holy days of obligation); 2) Confession at least once a year (ideally monthly); 3) receive Holy Communion at least once a year (must be in a state of grace – hence the sacrament of Confession); 4) observe the Church's laws on fasting and abstinence; 5) observe the Church's (God's) laws on marriage; 6) be a steward of the Church through the commitment of your time, talent and treasure; 7) evangelize according to ability and opportunity. If one is trying to live all these things, especially in our secular age, then God will grant that person (you and others because of you) great graces. You'll have far more answers and peace of mind if you do.

May Almighty God Bless You,
I Love You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe



**WEEK OF 12/24/2023
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 12/24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am

Monday: 12/25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS

Midnight Mass: 12:00am (Church)

Christmas Day Mass: 10:00am (Church)

Choral Prelude thirty minutes before each Mass.

Tuesday: 12/26

8:30am ~ Daily Mass *Bill Bridges+*

Wednesday: 12/27

8:30am~Daily Mass *An Van Nguyen+*

Thursday: 12/28

8:30am~ Daily Mass *Angelina Weinmuller*

Friday: 12/29

8:30am~Daily Mass *Donald Brosius+*

9:00am-Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

3:00pm~Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

4:00-5:15pm~Confessions (Church)

Saturday: 12/30

8:00am~Benediction (Church)

8:30am~Daily Mass *Christine Garcin+(Church)*

2:20-4:15pm~ Confessions (Church)

4:30pm~Vigil Mass (Church)

Sunday: 12/31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am (Church)

TWO WEEK BULLETIN

This is a "two week bulletin" due to the Parish Office being closed on December 25th-26th and January 1st for Christmas.

For the calendar of ministries and meetings please refer to the Holy Redeemer website at www.holyredeemervan.org

**Please Remember
in your prayers:**

Michelle Bell+, Paul Bennett, Tim Brewer, Anthony Cota, Dan Coughlin, Bonnie Craig, Rumite Cumming, Janet Easley, Evelyn Ferma, Ramute Cumming, Kevin Greene+, Trevor Grenz, Danny Harden, Carlos Blasquez Huerta, Ellen Mack+, Jerome Mies, Fran Plourd, Diane Poissant, Ivan Quinata+, Matthew Reynolds+ and Family, John Robinson, Benjamin+ & Josephine Sablan+, Patricia Samec, Judi Seekins, Kathleen Tomassi, Bill Toohey+, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Angelina Weinmuller, Rolyne Weinmuller+



**WEEK OF 12/31/2023
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 12/31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am (Church)

Monday: 1/01/2024

8:30am~Daily Mass

Tuesday: 1/02

8:30am ~ Daily Mass *Michael Burton+*

Wednesday: 1/03

8:30am~Daily Mass *Bich Vu*

Thursday: 1/04

8:30am~ Daily Mass *Carino Family*

Friday: 1/05

8:30am~Daily Mass *Paulette Molina+*

9:00am-Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

3:00pm~Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

4:00-5:15pm~Confessions (Church)

Saturday: 1/06

8:00am~Benediction (Church)

8:30am~Daily Mass *Scott Hawkins+(Church)*

2:20-4:15pm~ Confessions (Church)

4:30pm~Vigil Mass (Church)

Sunday: 1/07

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am (Church)

HOLY REDEEMER

Making a BIG difference near and far!

Special Collections

Annual Catholic Appeal	\$245,395
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,685
Catholic Home Missions	\$1,127
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,882
CRS Rice Bowl	\$2,024
Hmong Center Thailand	\$2,442
Holy Land (Good Friday Collection)	\$4,080
Mother Joseph Cemetery	\$11,276
Northwest Catholic	\$1,261
Peter's Pence	\$2,590
Prepares	\$10,085
Realizing Hope	\$166,183
St. Vincent de Paul	\$42,829
World Mission Sunday	\$2,488

Our Community Grant Outreach Fund made the following grants to worthy organizations:

Road2Hope - Maternity Home	\$1,000
Holy Family Adoption Clinic	\$1,000
City Team - Men's Recovery Program	\$2,500
St. Luke Productions - Catholic Theater	\$3,500
HEED - Vocation Support	\$5,000
A Caring Closet - Providing medical equipment	\$1,500
ACTS XXIX - The Rescue Project	\$1,000
Maria Lanakila Catholic Church, HI	\$1,750
Mt. Angel Abbey - Facilities Renewal	\$3,103
Global Health Promise - School in Uganda	\$15,000

That's over \$530,000
Praise be to GOD!!!

Debt Free in 2023



Thanks to the generous support of our parishioners, we paid off the debt from our church completion project in May, over two years ahead of schedule, and we're already saving for our future needs.

Giving Tree

Through our Giving Tree you provided the number of gifts listed to each organization below:

St. Vincent DePaul - 200 toys and 30 hats and gloves, plus 6,526 pounds of food; Prepares - 120 gifts for 8 families in need and \$515; Hmong Center, our sister parish in Thailand - 30 gifts totaling \$1,211.

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!!!

Time and Talent

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

- 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. This year we helped 10 families with a total of 33 children)
- St. Vincent de Paul (Strives to seek out & find those in need, the forgotten, and the victims of exclusion or adversity)
- Women in God's Service (WINGS) prepared 213 Christmas stockings, knitted 50 hats, gave 100 gift bags to the homebound, and distributed hundreds of other other needed items to those in need throughout our community and across the globe
- 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 2023.

Parishioners of all ages participate in service opportunities that reach far into the



Sacraments in 2023

- 5 Adults Baptized
- 19 Infants/Youth Baptized
- 41 Children and Adults Received First Communion
- 27 Parishioners Confirmed
- 10 Parishioners Received into Full Communion
- 12 Marriages Witnessed
- 67 Individuals Anointed

Growth in Virtue

Our Fraternus and Fidelis Chapters have grown in 2023 with over 100 members in each group. These communities of men and women help each other grow in virtue by studying and practicing virtuous behavior during meals, activities, and discussion. Men and women ages 12 and up are invited to join Fraternus and Fidelis. We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:15pm. Please join us!



community of East Vancouver. We feed the hungry with **Family Promise**, **Walk & Knock**, and **St. Vincent de Paul**. We clothe the naked at **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**, and **Forty Days for Life**, and we

also run **Prepares**, all of which help children and parents throughout early life. We visit over 104 individuals throughout the year with our **Homebound Ministry**, bringing Communion and friendship directly to their home or in the hospital. **Join us in serving our neighbors in Need!**



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.



A Solemn Christmas Blessing

MAY THE GOD OF INFINITE GOODNESS, WHO BY THE INCARNATION OF HIS SON, HAS DRIVEN DARKNESS FROM THE WORLD, AND BY THAT GLORIOUS BIRTH, HAS ILLUMINED THIS MOST HOLY NIGHT (DAY); DRIVE FAR FROM YOU THE DARKNESS OF VICE AND ILLUMINE YOUR HEARTS WITH THE LIGHT OF VIRTUE.

MAY GOD, WHO WILLED THAT THE GREAT JOY OF HIS SON'S SAVING BIRTH BE ANNOUNCED TO SHEPHERDS BY THE ANGEL, FILL YOUR MINDS WITH THE GLADNESS HE GIVES AND MAKE YOU HERALDS OF HIS GOSPEL.

MAY GOD, WHO BY THE INCARNATION BROUGHT TOGETHER THE EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY REALM, FILL YOU WITH THE GIFT OF HIS PEACE AND FAVOR AND MAKE YOU SHARERS WITH THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN.

AND MAY THE BLESSING OF ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, + AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, COME DOWN ON YOU AND REMAIN WITH YOU FOREVER.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH
25 DECEMBER, 2023



Merry Christmas

FROM YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STAFF

FR. THOMAS NATHE, PASTOR
FR. CLIFFORD MARTIN, RETIRED PRIEST
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KEVIN GREENLEE
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MARK MACKENZIE
JUDY MCMORINE
CHAD POISSANT
MARYBETH YEE

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Office Hours for The Christmas Season

Due to the 12/25 Holy Day and holidays, we have some office hour changes. Please note that the Parish Office hours for the next two weeks:

12/25 Christmas Day~ **Closed**
12/26 Christmas Holiday~ **Closed**
12/27-12/29~ **OPEN 9am to 4pm**
1/1/24~ New Years Day~ **Closed**
1/2-1/5~ **OPEN 9am to 5pm.**



Building a Eucharistic Marriage~ January 13th



A series of marriage enrichment sessions that will guide us toward the marriage God intends for us. No matter where your marriage is today, or how long you've been married,

every marriage benefits from bringing Christ towards the center. Experience healing, virtue, and grace where we need it most – in our marriages. Saturday evenings from 7:00pm – 9:00pm starting **January 13th**. See the website to sign up. Space is limited.

Pro Life Rosary & Vigil~ Save the Date 1/19/2024

Holy Redeemer is hosting a Pro-Life prayer vigil on **Friday January 19th at 6:00pm** on the lawn in front of Holy Redeemer.



Father Nathe will lead us in praying the Rosary. Bring a plain jar vigil candle and a

rosary. Pro-life stickers will be provided for your candle

PARISH MINISTRIES

Exodus & Magnify 90 Starting January 1!



Exodus 90 for Men
Magnify 90 for Women

On **January 1st** join Fr. Nathe in 90 days of asceticism and prayer to grow in virtue and a deeper relationship with God. Sign up now on the Holy Redeemer website.

Men of Faith Meeting January 6th

Every man is invited to join us on the first Saturday of the month for our Men of



Faith gathering. We share breakfast, learn about a topic, and then discuss our duty as men of faith. On

January 6th we will be discussing the importance of marriage in God's plan for the world. Join us for the Rosary and Mass, or come at 9:15am for breakfast and a discussion about this critical vocation and the enemy's attack on it. No RSVP needed, just show up!

Women Growing in Faith~ January 13th

All women in the parish are invited to attend a once a month meet-up with other women, hospitality and timely presentations, always on the second Saturday of the month.



Join us **January 13th at 9:15am** when guest speaker Jamie Kohler presents "Faith in a Hostile World and

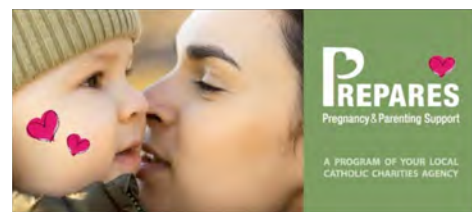
Spiritual Warfare". For more information see the Parish website. No RSVP or registration is required ~we invite you to simply join us!

MORE PARISH NEWS

Catholic Parenting Series Begins January 9th

Holy Redeemer is hosting a series looking at how the Truths of our Faith will help us to raise the next generation of saints. Come and hear the Truth on topics that matter to young people today. This class is for parents, grandparents, or any adults who have young people they love in their lives. The series will be six Tuesdays Starting on **January 9th in the Parish Center at 6:30pm**. See the website for more details.

PREPARES Orientation Saturday, January 6th



Holy Redeemer PREPARES chapter is currently focused to support families through companionship support and essential needs services. We invite you and your friends to our next orientation on Saturday **January 6th at 9:20am** at the Holy Redeemer Annex to further learn about the scope of the ministry.

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

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