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Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 14.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

January 14, 2024

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 1/14/2024
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 1/14

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday: 1/15

8:30am~Daily Mass *Raymond Curran+*

Tuesday: 1/16

8:30am~Daily Mass *John and Zita Mulcahy+*

Wednesday: 1/17

8:30am~Daily Mass *Josh Rabel*

11:00am~ *Josefina Guilas+* Funeral Mass

Thursday: 1/18

8:30am~Daily Mass *Michael O'Keefe*

Friday: 1/19

8:30am~Daily Mass *Mary C. Magistrale+*

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

6:00pm~ Pro Life Mass and Vigil

Saturday: 1/20

8:30am~Daily Mass *Michael+ and Veronica +*

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

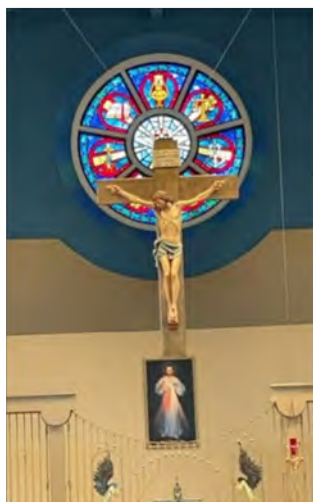
Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 1/21

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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



Here
am I
Lord.
I come
to do
your
will.

~ Psalm 40:8

**WEEK OF 1/14/2024
MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

Sunday: 1/14

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1/15

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

6:30pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

Tuesday: 1/16

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

11am~ Red Cross Blood Drive (Parish Center)

6:00pm~ OCIA (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Catholic Parenting Series (Choir Room)

Wednesday: 1/17

5:00pm~ Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:00pm~ Fidelis & Fraternalus

Thursday: 1/18

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

9:15am~ Marian Movement (Choir Room)

6:00pm~ Adult Bible Study (Parish Center)

7:00pm~ Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday: 1/19

10:30am~ Homeschool Co-Op (Parish Center)

6:00pm~ Mass for Life and Pro Life Vigil

Saturday: 1/20

9:00am~ Saintry Women of Modern Times (St. Clare)

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

7:00pm~ Building a Eucharistic Marriage (Parish Center)

Knights Meals after 4:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 1/21

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Knights Meals after Masses

9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes

(Parish Center & Annex)

3:00pm~ AHG Winter Ceremony (Parish Center)

Please Remember in your prayers:



Ed Babier, Michelle Bell+, Tim Brewer, Anthony Cota, Dan Coughlin, Bonnie Craig, Evelyn Ferma, Ramute Cumming, Kevin Greene+, Trevor Grenz, Danny Harden, Gabriel Kantola, Ellen Mack+, Jerome Mies, John Palles+, Fran Plourd, Diane Poissant, Ivan Quinata+, Matthew Reynolds+ and Family, Patricia Samec, Adrienne Sessions+, Jordan Smith+, Barbara Wallace+, Rolyne Weinmuller+

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Sunday:	\$ 32,360
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Pastor's Column

January 14th, 2024

Deism and Its Consequences

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

World War II officially began in 1939 (some argue 1936) and ended in 1945, so it was at least six years long. And again, depending on how you count deaths, 50 to 60 million died as a result of the war. World War II was a really big deal. The world is still largely structured along the lines of its aftermath 78 years on. So, it came as something of a shock when I read last week that in the year just concluded, 2023, 73 million babies were aborted world-wide. That's more killing per-year of innocent non-combatants than the world lost in six years of the biggest war in history. Where is God in all this?

The vast majority of people either don't believe in God's existence (a growing minority) or don't think God involves Himself in the affairs of humanity. The latter is called deism. Deism is the false belief that there is a God who created us, but He is not involved in our lives. Yet God does exist, and He is very much involved in the affairs of the whole human race, as well as each one of us, and our future too. We and the world ignore Him and His commandments at our peril. [Just ask the people in the age of Noah, or the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.](#)

It is understandable why anyone would be a deist with all the suffering that goes on in the world, but it is dangerously untrue to believe it. It is also cruel. God exists. He has always existed, creating time and space. He is infinitely loving, knowledgeable, and beautiful. He cares so much for each one of us that He would die on Calvary all over again on the chance that you, and you alone, would accept Him and become his disciple.

As the world abandons Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, it abandons itself to insanity, evil, misery and death. Don't you go down that road. Resist popular culture and cling to the Truth of Jesus Christ and His Bride, the Catholic Church. Knowing that in Jesus Christ is life and light, the Light of the world, a light no darkness can overcome.

This Friday (1/19) at 6pm, you are invited to come to our memorial for the unborn in front of the church to pray a Rosary for life, then follow us into the church for a Mass for life. We can pray for the end of the grave evil of abortion, the mindset that justifies it, for the tens of millions the babies who will suffer it this year, for their mothers and fathers, and for penance. We can pray too for the conversion of the world to Jesus Christ, and for an increase in our own sanctity.

I've attached below portions of a couple of articles about the persecution of the Church in the past year. Before this decade is out, it stands to reason that persecution of Catholics will get much worse. Sooner or later, we will return to the early Church's example of being a legally persecuted minority. And then from the ash heap of what was civilization, begin the re-conversion of the world to Jesus Christ.

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

VATICAN - Missionaries and pastoral care workers killed in 2023.

[https://www.fides.org/en/news/74552-VATICAN Missionaries and pastoral care workers killed in 2023](https://www.fides.org/en/news/74552-VATICAN_Missionaries_and_pastoral_care_workers_killed_in_2023)

Saturday, 30 December 2023

Dossier edited by Stefano Lodigiani

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) – According to information gathered by Agenzia Fides, 20 missionaries were killed in the world in 2023: 1 Bishop, 8 priests, 2 non-religious men, 1 seminarian, 1 novice and 7 laypersons.

Although the lists compiled by Fides are always open to updates and corrections, there were 2 more missionaries killed compared to the previous year. This year the highest number of missionaries killed is again registered in Africa, where 9 missionaries were killed: 5 priests, 2 religious men, 1 seminarian, 1 novice. In America, 6 missionaries were murdered: 1 Bishop, 3 priests, 2 lay women. In Asia, 4 lay men and women died, killed by violence. Finally, a layman was killed in Europe.

As it has been for some time, Fides uses the term "missionary" for all the baptized, aware that "in virtue of their Baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization" (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). Moreover, the annual list of Fides does not look only to Missionaries ad gentes in the strict sense, but tries to record all baptized engaged in the life of the Church who died in a violent way, not only "in hatred of the faith". For this reason, we prefer not to use the term "martyrs", if not in its etymological meaning of "witness", in order not to enter into the question of the judgment that the Church might eventually deliver upon some of them, after careful consideration, for beatification or canonization.

One of the distinctive traits that most of the pastoral workers murdered in 2023 have in common is undoubtedly their normal life: that is, they did not carry out any sensational actions or out-of-the-ordinary deeds that could have attracted attention and put them in someone's crosshairs. Scrolling through the few notes on the circumstances of their violent deaths, we find priests who were on their way to celebrate Mass or to carry out pastoral activities in some distant community; armed assaults perpetrated along busy roads; assaults on rectories and convents where they were engaged in evangelization, charity, human promotion. They found themselves, through no fault of their own, victims of kidnappings, acts of terrorism, involved in shootings or violence of various kinds.

Editor's Note: Pope Francis expressed "deep concern" for Nicaragua following a Christmas crackdown that saw the arrests of a bishop, 14 priests, and two seminarians.

At least 63 Catholic churches in US vandalized, attacked in 2023

<https://www.catholicculture.org/news/>

Editor's Note: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has documented 308 acts of vandalism, arson, and other destruction at parishes and other Catholic sites in the United States since May 2020; 63 of these acts took place in 2023.

The wave of attacks on crisis pregnancy centers that began in June 2022, after the Dobbs decision, has also continued in 2023.

Mass for Life & Prayer Vigil



*For it was You who
formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in
my mother's womb. I
praise You, for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made.*

Psalm 139: 13-14



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Bring a rosary and a plain jar vigil candle
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Cast a Wide Net for Vocations

2024 Vocation Celebration Dinner

Saturday, February 3, 2024 6:30pm

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

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

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 month. For more information contact Judy at judym@holyredeemervanc.org

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High School

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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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 Saturday of the month at 9:15am in the

We welcomed Terry Cleveland into the Order of the Catechumens on Tuesday, January 2.

We also welcomed: Baily & David Crabtree, Drew & Clara Schinderwolf, Jeff Stipe, Cory Weber, and Bernie Short who are already one with us by baptism and now wish to enter into the Catholic Church



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Meeting Dates: 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/20

Meeting Location: Parish Center

Meeting Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm  holyredeemervan.org



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Pro Life Mass, Rosary & Vigil~ January 19th

Holy Redeemer is hosting a Pro-Life Mass, Rosary and Vigil on **Friday January 19th. At 6:00pm** in front of Holy Redeemer Father Nathe will lead us in praying the Rosary then

process into the Church for Mass. Afterwards we will process out to the Pro Life Shrine. Bring a plain jar vigil candle and a rosary. Pro-life stickers will be provided for your candle.

Red Cross Blood Drive January 16th, 11am-4pm



The Red Cross will be at Holy Redeemer on **Tuesday January 16th from 11am-4pm** in the Parish Center. Sign up directly on the American Red Cross website at RedCrossBlood.org and enter "places to donate" near 98684 happening on Tuesday 1/16/2024.

Parish Pilgrim Lady

Host the Parish Pilgrim Lady in your home for a week. You can participate in this special devotion simply by signing up on our website.



Learn more and see the dates available this quarter by clicking "Ways to Volunteer" and following the

Parish Pilgrim Lady tile at www.holyredeemervan.org.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Adult Bible Study Begins January 18th



A new Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Mark begins Thursday evening January 18th

6:30pm in the Parish Center. Stop by the Faith Formation office prior to the first meeting for materials. Led by Bill Moran, the study group will meet once a week for six weeks.

W.H.O. (Winter Hospitality Overflow) February 11-18th

Winter Hospitality Overflow is devoted to helping those in



need during winter's coldest months. Guests are offered a warm place to

sleep, a hot shower, meals and the welcome of a caring community. If you have not volunteered with the WHO before, be not afraid! You will have plenty of help and support. Sign up are available at the Parish website www.holyredeemervan.org.

Knights Meals After Mass January 20-21st

Next weekend is the third weekend of the month and do you know what that means? Our Knights of Columbus will be preparing and serving up meals after all the weekend Masses.



Bring the family! It's a

great way to meet other families in the Parish and it supports many outreach programs that the Knights support.

BEYOND OUR PARISH



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) are available and on sale now. For more information contact Shirley Buckmier (360) 883-9333 or (360) 609-5069 or jsbuck1192@comcast.net.



World Wide Marriage Encounter~ February 16-18

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **February 16-18, 2024** in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to the WWME website rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or contact by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

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