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

Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 14.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

January 28, 2024

The Fourth 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 1/28/2024
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 1/28

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday: 1/29

8:30am~Daily Mass *Marilynn Ellsworth*

Tuesday: 1/30

8:30am~Daily Mass *Keri Sadewasser+*

Wednesday: 1/31

8:30am~Daily Mass *Virginia Whybernee+*

11:00am~Ted Pollock+ Memorial Mass

Thursday: 2/01

8:30am~Daily Mass *Denis Murphy+*

Friday: 2/02

8:30am~Daily Mass *Kevin Mahoney*

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

Saturday: 2/03

8:30am~Daily Mass *Donald Dziubaty*

9:00am~ St. Blaise "Blessing of Throats"

(immediately following Daily Mass.) (Church)

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

Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 2/04

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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



"If
today
you
hear his
voice,
harden
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your
hearts."

Psalm 94:8

**WEEK OF 1/28/2024
MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

Sunday: 1/28

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes

12:30pm~ Catholic Basics for Children & Families
(St. Clare)

6pm~ Youth Social Paint Night (Parish Center)

Monday: 1/29

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

4:30pm~ AHG (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

6:30pm~ Trail Life USA (Parish Center)

Tuesday: 1/30

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

6:00pm~ OCIA (Parish Center)

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

Wednesday: 1/31

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

6:00pm~ Fidelis & Fraternalis

Thursday: 2/01

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

9:15am~ Marian Movement (Choir Room)

6:30pm~ Adult Bible Study (Parish Center)

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

Friday: 2/02

9:30am~ Pre-K RE Class (St. Frances)

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

Saturday: 2/03

9:00am~ Men of Faith (Parish Center)

9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Annex)

Sunday: 2/04

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes (Parish Center/Annex)

12:30pm~ Catholic Basics for Children and Families
(St. Cecelia)

Please Remember in your prayers:



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Sunday:	\$ 77,472
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 683

* These numbers are for two weeks of giving

Pastor's Column

January 28th, 2024

Catholic Schooling

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Beginning this Sunday, January 28, the Church observes Catholic Schools Week. I'm writing this Pastor's Column on Catholic schooling now because this weekend, January 27/28, we'll start having representatives in the narthex after Mass to answer any questions you may have, and I want to give you a heads up now about that.

All Catholic parents are responsible for their children's religious upbringing, to that end, the Church tries her best to help parents bring up their children in the practice of the faith through both schools and parish-based programs. As you know, school is super important for kids and adults too.

Consider Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It is human nature to become part of what we are around. Children who spend time with thieves usually become one. Children who spend time with athletes aspire to become one. Children who spend time with virtuous people are likely to aspire to a virtuous life too. Children who attend school with non-Catholic children from 8am-3pm Monday through Friday take on non-Catholic values. Children who attend school with other Catholic children and teachers, teaching and living the Catholic faith, are likely to be a practicing Catholic as an adult. Make no mistake, education is indoctrination.

Just so we're all clear eyed about the public school system in Washington and what it means for our kids, there is: 1) Mandated LGBTQ indoctrination from kindergarten on up, where kids are encouraged by their teachers and especially their peers to question their sexual orientation and even gender; 2) A public school system where profanity and sex-laced language and conversations are happening without censor; 3) A place where most kids have smart phones without filters and share pornography with other kids at lunch, on the playground, or school bus; 4) A public school system that is militantly agnostic and has nothing to say about God or even the virtues. Question: what good does an education do for anyone when the beholder is of poor character (lazy, dishonest, greedy, a quitter, accusatory, impure, etc.)? Without personal virtue, education is wasted.

So why are so many Catholic children in our government run public schools and not in a Catholic school? Like me in my childhood, many children don't have an option. Many Catholic children grow up in rural areas and can't access a Catholic school, but what about the majority of Catholic kids who could have attended a Catholic school but didn't?

Parents who didn't enroll their children in a Catholic school for kindergarten, didn't for few varied reasons. Let's start with a good reason: with millions in tax-payer dollars, the public schools can offer specialized schooling for a disabled child. Now the much more likely reasons. The parents at that time in their life didn't realize the long-term value a Catholic education for their children, or did, but the convenience and lack of expense of the local public school was just too easy to bother with an alternative. Of course, once a child starts public schooling, having them change to a Catholic one can be fraught with conflict and struggle; changing horses' mid-race doesn't always work, so they just ride it out. For most though, *it just boils down to money*. What most don't realize is that it comes with a long-term cost.

For a majority of Catholic parents, choosing between a "free" public school or a Catholic school, where they *may* have to pay something, even if it is something they can manage, is an automatic disqualifier. That's so sad. Children are our greatest investment. Failing to invest in them is a failure to invest in their future on earth and in eternity too. It's a failure for the parent's future too, including

eternity. A decision of this magnitude calls parents to set aside the time to research their options. Fortunately, there is help and a lot of it.

I'm speaking now to Catholic parents whose kids are in public school. **We can help you afford a Catholic education for your kids (or grandkids) if money is truly the reason they aren't there already.** Between tuition that is specific to your income and expenses, your children's grandparents income, parish subsidies and benefactors, no child will be turned away from a Catholic education through the 8th grade because of money. It is my hope, that in time the Archdiocese of Seattle will be able to address affordability of Catholic high schooling too. In the meantime, if there is a will there is a way.

As I stated in my opening sentence, for the next two weekends there will be representatives from a variety of Catholic schooling options available to speak to you in the narthex. Grandparents, you can stop by these tables to see how you might be able to help get your grandchild in a Catholic school. This weekend, January 28/29, representatives from St. Joseph's School and St. Thomas Aquinas Pre-School will be in the Narthex. The weekend of February 3/4, representatives from St. Thomas Aquinas Pre-School and Regina Caeli Academy (homeschooling cooperative) and will be available to speak to you.

A word about Catholic homeschooling. We support it too. Some people still think all children should be herded into a conventional school, but the statistics bear out the success of children, now adults, who were homeschooled. Homeschooling, Catholic or not, was growing steadily before Covid. Since then, it has taken off. Whether you are open to trying homeschooling alone or with others in a cooperative like Regina Caeli, we support you. Homeschooling isn't for everyone as more factors have to be present for it to succeed (both parents on board, single income household so one parent can teach, a parent who can actually teach, children who will respond to their parent as a teacher), yet for those for whom it can succeed, I encourage you to look into it. In addition to the tables in the narthex, we will have parents who have experience with homeschooling and alternative educational models, available to speak to you in the parish hall during the coffee hour after the 11am Masses on Sunday, January 28, and February 4. I encourage those of you with school age children to take the time to grab a cup of coffee and hear them out. It might be the most consequential conversation of your children's lives.

I opened this pastor's column with a passage from the book of Proverbs. I will close with a passage from the book of Deuteronomy 6:4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

In Christ, I Love You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

GROWING IN HOLINESS

NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?

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

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

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Holy Redeemer Parish provides per-pupil assistance for active parishioners who enroll their children in grades K-8 at local Catholic Schools. This allows families to receive discounted tuition rates.

High School

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We welcomed Gabriel Brandon, son of Brandon and Leah Kantola; Bodhi Oliver, Delilah Jean, son and daughter of Andrew and Erin Kern into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 21.



HOME SCHOOLS



Aquinas Learning is a Catholic homeschooling curriculum and community for students PreK-12th grade. Our Vancouver center is a Catholic classical education mentoring program. AquinasLearning.com

Regina Caeli Academy is a private, independent, University-Style Hybrid® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more, contact us at admissions@rcahybrid.org or 470.239.0259



**ST. BLAISE BISHOP & MARTYR
FEBRUARY 3**



Saturday, February 3rd we'll have throat blessings at the end of 8:30am Daily Mass in honor of St. Blaise's feast day! St. Blaise miraculously cured a child who was choking on a fishbone, so he is a special intercessor for any and all throat conditions.

GROWING IN HOLINESS

SUMMER 2024 SAVE THE DATES

Middle School Intensive: July 8-12

Ignite Your Torch Conference
(High School):
July 24-28

Vacation Bible School (PreK-5):
August 5-9

Fidelis Camp (women 6th grade -adult):
August 12-15

Fraternus camp (men 6th-adult):
Dates TBD

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

MEN of FAITH

First Saturday - February 3rd

Masculine Virtue

Join us as we begin a new series on the virtues, which ones we need to focus on as men, and how we can grow in them.

Presenter: Randy Scott

9:15am

2/3/2024

Parish Hall

Breakfast provided



9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

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AHG Women
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PARISH HAPPENINGS



Pro Life Rosary, Mass & Vigil Lit Up the Night!

Thank you to all who, despite ice and cold temperatures, came to pray for the protection of unborn children at our 2024 Rosary, Vigil and Mass on Friday January 19th. Save the date for next year's event on January 22, 2025!

2023 Your End of Year Contribution Statements

This month the Parish Accounting Office has issued Contribution Statements for your 2023 donations. If we have an email on file for you, it was sent by email. If we do not have an email on file for you, a hard copy was sent by mail this week. If you have questions about your statements, please contact Kevin Greenlee at the Parish Office or keving@holyredeemervanc.org.

American Heritage Girls Talent Show & Dessert Auction~February 9th



Join the American Heritage Girls for their annual Talent Show & Dessert Auction! Friday, February 9th at

6:00pm in the Parish Center. Enjoy a delectable dessert and an evening of entertainment! Cover charge is \$10 per person. Click the QR Code to purchase tickets or contact Jamie Kohler at ahg@hrvan.org



IN & BEYOND OUR PARISH



"Cast a Wide Net for Vocations"

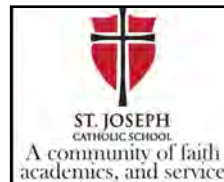
Dinner February 3rd

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.



St. Joseph Catholic School Sunday February 28th

St. Joseph Catholic School is hosting an enrollment **Open House on Sunday, January 28th** as part of Catholic Schools week. The Open House will run from 10:30am-1:30pm. See the insert in this week's bulletin for more information and the QR code to access their website or sign up to tour.



St. Thomas Aquinas School

Thank you to the families that joined us for our founding year, we honor your trust in us. The faithful community we are building gives hope for the future. We are committed to glorifying God by serving you. Set up a tour of the St. Thomas Aquinas School Camas campus, well-equipped facilities, and warm staff by calling Erin (360) 360-2787 or email erin@stthomascamas.org



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BEYOND OUR PARISH



40 Days for Life Begins February 14th

40 Days for Life begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Pray, fast and offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion at Vancouver's local PP abortion center (NE 116th Ave one block north of Mill Plain.) See the website for info and to signup online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver/>. Our parish contact is Gerry Parmantier. Call/text 360-831-7542 or email gerry1968@q.com **Signup in person after the Vigil/Sunday Masses Feb. 17/18.**

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 rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

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