

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Easter 2024



**I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.
He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."
(Matthew 28:5-6)**

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Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday of
The Resurrection of The Lord
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.

Pastor's Column

March 31st, 2024

Happy Easter

The Lord is Risen! He is truly Risen ~ Alleluia!

Because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the human race has hope for the future, and redemption in the sufferings of the present. If we didn't know anything about the hope of heaven, and a life of perfect everlasting happiness within it, we'd despair of the present. With the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (the Paschal Mystery), heaven has been opened to those who will be His faithful disciples. That means for a Catholic Christian, life doesn't have to be lived in vain, but with incredible purpose, and with an interior peace that comes with accompanying Christ—a peace the world cannot give.

The past six months have been a very difficult stretch for me, with the last three months being downright miserable. Yet, united to Jesus, all of our sacrifices and suffering can be put to really good use and ultimately glorified. Here's why:

When Jesus entered the Garden of Gethsemane on the night He was arrested, His suffering began. Jesus Christ suffered more from the evening of Holy Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane to His death on Calvary at 3pm on Good Friday than any *being* ever has (human, angel, or otherwise). Because He is God, He was able to take onto Himself all the sins of all people of all time, and all the suffering of all people of all time without instantly dying. And what good did all that immense suffering and His death do? It made our salvation, immortal life in heaven, possible. That suffering made the eternal happiness of innumerable people like you and me possible.

So, what about our suffering, does it do any good? Because of Jesus' sacrifice, our suffering, offered to God as a sacrifice, does immense good too. Knowing this while we are suffering, gives us a chance to give to God our own sacrifice for some unforeseen good. To offer God our suffering as a sacrifice is itself a grace from God, the fruit of which we will not know the full extent of until the next life. But it is true! Our suffering given to Our Lord, just like His did for us, does immense good. Recognizing that is a great consolation and a powerful means of persevering through our own Calvaries. Know that somehow, somewhere, someone is experiencing an Easter, a Resurrection, a salvation, because you and I are willing to offer to God our trials, our tears, our Gethsamenes and Calvaries. What an amazing thing! What a consolation.

There is one other amazing grace I want to share with you that our suffering, offered to God, makes possible, especially when it is particularly bad—our own holiness. No sum can value its worth.

Our starting point for eternal happiness in heaven will be the state of our soul at the end point of this life. The extent to which we can grow in the Divine Will in this life and be sanctified, has a direct bearing on the good we can do for others in this life, and our everlasting happiness in the next.

So, getting back to my difficult state in these past six months. It has been a time of great graces, as hard as they have been to come by, both for other causes unknown to me, and for my own personal growth in holiness. Dear Jesus, don't let me waste those graces.

All this has been made possible because of what Jesus Christ suffered for us, culminating in His Resurrection and ours too. This Easter, even if exhausted and dinged up, I am profoundly grateful for the chance to have done good somehow through the contribution of my own suffering united to the Lord, and to share in His Resurrection. It is my hope and prayer that all of us can be grateful for the chance to offer up our own Gethsamenes, that others might share one day in the hope of Easter Resurrection—Heaven itself.

May the Risen Lord Bless You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fr. Thomas Katten", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, it is a good time to remember how we have served our local community and for those farther away in the past year. 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!**



Trail Life

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.



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)

**WEEK OF 3/31/2024
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 3/31

**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
Easter Sunday Mass: 8:30 am & 11:00am

(Church)
No Confessions before Easter Mass
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

Monday: 4/01

8:30am~Daily Mass *The Immer Family*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

Tuesday: 4/02

8:30am~Daily Mass *The Carino Family*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

Wednesday: 4/03

8:30am~Daily Mass *Dan Coughlin+*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

Thursday: 4/04

8:30am~Daily Mass *The Manning Family*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)

Friday: 4/05

8:30am~Daily Mass *The Zaldva Family*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
4:00pm-5:15pm~ Confessions

Saturday: 4/06

8:30am~Daily Mass *Mike Mulick+*
3:00pm~Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
4:30pm ~ Saturday Vigil Mass (Church)
Confessions: 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 4/07

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (Church)
Confession: 7:45-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am
3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena (Church)



“This is
the day
the Lord
has made;
let us
rejoice
and
be glad.”

Psalm 118:24

**WEEK OF 3/31/2024
MINISTRIES & MEETINGS**

**The Parish Offices will be CLOSED on
Easter Monday (April 1).**

Sunday: 3/31

**EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt after
Masses (Parish Lawn)
No hospitality after Easter Sunday Masses

Monday: 4/01

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
9:00am ~ Monday Marian Movement (Choir Prac-
tice Room)
5:00pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

Tuesday: 4/02

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

Wednesday: 4/03

No scheduled meetings

Thursday: 4/04

9:00am~ Endow (St. Clare Room)
9:15am~ Marian Movement (Choir Room)
10:30am~ Bible Study “The Prophets” (Parish
Center)
6:30pm~ Bible Study “Come Holy Spirit” (Parish
Center)

Friday: 4/05

No scheduled meetings

Saturday: 4/06

9:00am~ Men of Faith (Parish Center)
9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Choir Rm)

Sunday: 4/07

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
9:45am~K-5 Religious Ed Classes (Parish Cen-
ter/Annex)
3:00PM~ Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
3:30pm~ Ice Cream Social after the Divine Mercy
Novena (Parish Hall)



Please Remember in your prayers:

Ed Barbier+, Larry Bolton, Tim Brewer, Sherry Callaghan, Ramon Cano+, John Cothran, Natalie Cothran, Dan Coughlin+ and Mary Coughlin+, Bonnie Craig, Roger Cubacub, Marianne DeMuth+, Tina Marie Ellis+, Ramute Cumming, Robert Faust, Evelyn Ferma, Augustine Gnaneswarant+, Kevin Greene+, Danny Harden, Emily and Joey Hart, Roman Hernandez, Gabriel Kantola, Joan Kelly, Laura Murray, John Palles+, Fran Plourd, Mary Quidachez, Kathy Rankin, Michele & John Romano, Matthew Reynolds+ & Family, Catherine Scott, Jordan Smith+, John Stewart, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Dorothy Wear, Rolyne Weinmuller+

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Income	3/18-3/24
Palm Sunday:	\$ 31,753
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 885

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