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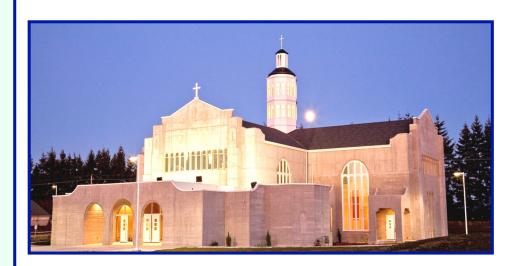
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# January 21, 2024 The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 1/21/2024 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

<u>Sunday: 1/21</u>
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am (Church)
Confession: 7:45-8:15am, 10:00-10:45am
Monday: 1/22
8:30am~Daily Mass Mathew and Bridget Reynolds+
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Tuesday: 1/23
8:30am~Daily Mass Alexius Custodio+
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Wednesday: 1/24
8:30am~Daily Mass Cathy Haddox+
Thursday: 1/25
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Edd. 1700
Friday: 1/26
8:30am~Daily Mass Richard and Diana Thiede
All Day Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm~Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Church)
Confessions ~ 4:00pm-5:15pm (Church)
Saturday: 1/27
8:30am~Daily Mass Caroline McDonough +
4:30pm ~ Saturday Vigil Mass (Church)
Confessions ~ 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday:

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Confessions  $\sim 7:45-8:15$ am, 10:00am-10:45am



"O LORD make me know your ways. Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation."

Psalm 25:4-5

### WEEK OF 1/21/2024 MINISTRIES & MEETINGS

Sunday: 1/21 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time **Knights Meals after Masses** 9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes 12:30pm~ Catholic Basics for Children & Families (St. Clare) 3:00pm~ AHG Winter Ceremony (Parish Center) <u>Monday:</u> 1/22 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: 1/23 10:00am~ Women's Bible Study with Littles (St. Clare Room) 6:00pm~ OCIA (Parish Center) 6:30pm~ Catholic Parenting Series (Choir Room) Wednesday: 1/24 5:00pm~ Children's Choir (Choir Room) 6:00pm∼ Fidelis & Fraternus Thursday: 1/25 9:00am~ Endow (St. Clare Room) 9:15am~ Marian Movement (Choir Room) 6:00pm~ Patriotic Rosary (Church) 6:30pm~ Adult Bible Study (Parish Center) 7:00pm~ Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 1/26 Friday: 9:30am~ Pre-K RE Class (St. Frances) 10:30am~ Homeschool Co-Op (Parish Center) 5:00pm~ Holy Redeemer Men's Retreat 6:30pm∼ Empty Nesters Bunco (Annex) Saturday: 1/27 9:00am~ Holy Redeemer Men's Retreat 9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Annex) 1/28 <u>Sunday:</u> 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:45am~ K-5 Religious Ed Classes (Parish Center/Annex) 6:00pm~ Youth Social Paint Night (Parish Center)

### Please Remember in your prayers:

1/28

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+



### Pastor's Column

January 21st, 2024

### **Catholic Schooling**

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ∼

Beginning on Sunday, January 28, the Church observes Catholic Schools Week. I'm writing this Pastor's Column on Catholic schooling now because next 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 public school 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 a few different 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 a public education, 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 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 demands that parents 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. Next 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 Homeschooling Consortium 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 consortium 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,

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Fr. Thomas Nathe

## **GROWING IN HOLINESS**

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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 <a href="markm@holyredeemervanc.org">markm@holyredeemervanc.org</a>



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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### SAVE THE DATE

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

**Teen Social Paint Night:** 

1/28

**Men of Faith:** 2/03/24

**Women Growing in Faith:** 

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Week of January 21, 2024



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian



### The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest |

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



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### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

### Adult Bíble Study Thursdays 6:30pm

A new Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Mark is starting this month on Thursday



evenings at 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 (running through February 15th).

### Empty Nesters Hiking Monday February 22nd **Empty Nester Hiking Creaky**

Knees Club will be exploring Fort Vancouver and downtown Vancouver on



Monday January 22, LET'S 2027. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's west parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 8:15AM. Bring lunch money. We will not be

walking if temperatures are below freezing or heavy snow or ice is on the ground. For more information please call Bill Daudistel at 360-882-8371.

### W.H.O. (Winter Hospítalíty 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 www.holyredeemervan.org.

### IN & BEYOND OUR PARISH

### American Heritae Girls Talent Show & Dessert Auction~February 9th



Holy Redeemer's American Heritage Girls Troop is presenting a Talent **Show and Dessert Auction on** Friday February 9th at 6pm in the Parish Center. The cover charge is \$10 per person and can be purchased from an AHG girl. See the Faith Formation page in today's bulletin for more info!

### Prepares

PREPARES provides pregnancy and parenting support services from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday and is open to all. Volunteers are needed



to assist with organizing REPARES the clothing closet, filling Pregnancy & Parenting Support PREPARES bags and as family companions.

Meetings are the first Saturday of the month following morning mass in the annex. For more information please contact Nancy Kern <u>prepares@hrvan.org</u>

### St. Joseph Catholic School One House January 28th

St. Joseph Catholic School will be

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.

### **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.

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