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May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

Pastor Father Thomas Nathe



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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 5/21/2023 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Sunday: 05/21

The Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day Novena

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

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

Monday: 05/22

8:30am~Daily Mass Mother's Day Novena

12:00pm∼ Angelus (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

<u>Tuesday:</u> 05/23

8:30am ~ Daily Mass Marianne Mack

12:00pm~ Angelus (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Wednesday: 05/24

8:30am~Mass Romeo Brien+

11:00am~ Bill Toohey Funeral Mass (Church)

12:00pm~ Angelus (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Thursday: 05/25

8:30am~Mass Jadranka+

12:00pm~ Angelus (Facebook Live)

Friday: 05/26

8:30am~Mass Mary Coughlin+

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

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

Confessions $\sim 4:00$ pm-5:15pm

Saturday: 05/2

8:30am~ Daily Mass Stephen Kent Bollinger+

4:30pm ~ Saturday Vigil Mass (Church)

Confessions $\sim 2:30$ pm-4:15pm

<u>Sunday:</u> 05/28

Pentecost Sunday

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

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



"God
mounts his
throne
to shouts
of joy:
a blare of
trumpets
for
the Lord."

~Psalm 47:6



WEEK OF 5/21/2023 MINISTRIES & MEETINGS.

Glorify God and Sanctify Souls!

Sunday: 05/21

The Ascension of the Lord Knights Breakfast after both Masses

(Parish Center)

9:45am~ Religious Ed Classes

Monday: 05/22

9:00am ~ Monday Marian Movement (Church Sacristy Meeting Room)

4:30pm~ AHG (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ TLUSA (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

6:30pm~ Endow (Zoom)

Tuesday: 05/23

6:00pm~ OCIA Weekly Mtg (Parish Center) 7:00pm~Empty Nesters Book Club (Annex)

Wednesday: 05/24

9:30am~ Women's Bible Study (Parish Cen-

ter and St. Francis)

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

6:00pm∼ Fidelis and Fraternis

Thursday: 05/25

9:00am~ Endow (St Cecilia Room)

9:00am~ Marian Movement (Parish Center)

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

7:00pm~ Young Adult Rosary (Annex)

Friday: 05/2

10:30am~ Homeschool (Parish Center)

6:30pm~ Empty Nesters Bunco (Sacristy

Meeting Room)

Saturday: 05/27

9:15am~ Sat. Marian Movement (Choir Rm) 9:00 am~ Angela Maria's Women's Group

(Annex)

<u>Sunday: 05/28</u>

Pentecost Sunday

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Pastor's Column

May 21st, 2023

What Happens to People After They Die?

"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus Christ \sim John 14:6

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus' Resurrection, He ascended into heavenly glory where He is exalted at the right hand of His Father. The Ascension of Christ into heaven is as important to us as His Resurrection. Our Lord's Resurrection makes it possible for us to rise from the dead, but to what end? So we can haunt the earth? Christ's Ascension matters to us because it makes our own ascension into heaven possible. While the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us the faith we need to unite ourselves to Him in baptism and discipleship, His Ascension is the event that makes heaven possible for us. Our Lord's Ascension into heaven gives us an opportunity to reflect upon where we will go after death, and what we can do now to prepare for it, hence the title of this pastor's column.

We should all have the Four Last Things memorized: death, judgement, heaven or hell. While everyone will eventually end up in one of these two places, getting to either one isn't necessarily an immediate event. In fact, there are six possible places a soul can immediately go to after death; one of them even before judgement, here they are: Hell, Haunting, Purgatory of Limbo, Limbo, Purgatory of Heaven, the Beatific Vision of Heaven.

Hell. Souls who are bound for hell go there immediately after their judgement, and their judgement is a quick one. There is no appeal, no attempt at one. People who go to hell know they deserve it and belong there for eternity. Enough said.

Hauntings of a place or persons can either come from demons (fallen angels) or people. A person in hell can haunt people and places on earth in much the same way a demon does. What is less understood are the people who are not in hell, yet haunt a place or persons. It turns out, that in some rare cases, a deceased person doesn't immediately stand before God for judgement; rather they stay in the place where they died, or remain attached to someone for a period of time before moving on to their judgement before God. This period of time can last days, weeks, months, years, even generations. When this does happen, it is usually because that person's death was sudden, without time for reflection, such as a car accident, drowning, etc.; or their death involved some kind of violence or injustice; murder, death in battle, suicide, or a life of torment by another. The soul that haunts remains fixed on their death or the circumstances around it, not proceeding yet to their judgment before God. After they have processed their death enough, they move onto their final judgment before God. Our prayers of the dead include these unfortunate souls who haunt, helping them to move onto God and their final judgment.

Limbo. "I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God." ~ Jesus ~ Jn 3:5. We don't hear much about Limbo anymore, and the current catechism doesn't directly address it, yet the Fathers of the Church did. The Church Fathers are those saints from the first six centuries. Where they taught on a subject with uniformity, we know what they taught was true and remains true for all time. Where they were divided on a teaching, the Church remains uncertain along the lines they were divided on. On the issue of salvation for the unbaptized: some Church Fathers taught that people who died without baptism were damned to hell; while others held that righteous people who died without baptism couldn't go to heaven, yet they also didn't believe that all of them were damned to hell either. Thus the theory of a state of existence outside of heaven or hell was hypothesized. This state is called Limbo. While this subject is worthy of a pastor's column in itself, for now I'll say that people who die without baptism either: haunt (see above), go immediately to hell (see above), go into a purgatory (purification) for Limbo, or in extremely rare cases go directly into Limbo.

One possible outcome for those in Limbo is ultimately entry into the beatific vision of heaven. Just as Jesus Christ liberated the souls of the righteous in Sheol at His death (the abode of the dead), so too is there a

belief that Jesus Christ will liberate the souls in Limbo at His Second Coming, when He comes to judge the living and the dead. These souls naturally need to be free of sin and its consequences before they can enter heaven, hence their own purgatory in Limbo. Those souls who aren't baptized who have completed their purgatory, enter Limbo proper where they are free of all suffering, but don't enjoy the beatific vision of heaven yet. Both Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich and Venerable Mary Agreda saw both states in their mystical revelations; those suffering in Limbo's purgatory, and those whose purification was complete and no longer suffering in Limbo proper awaiting the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Now we move into more familiar territory, the Purgatory of Heaven and the Beatific Vision of Heaven.

The purgatory (or purification) of heaven, is for those who were baptized and are not damned. These people suffer purification for what they were responsible for on earth; what evil (even venial) they did in thought, word and deed; and what they failed to do in thought, word and deed that God wanted them to do. After these sins have been paid for through the remorse of purgatory (in many cases, very painful and very long) then the Lord lifts them into the beatific vision of heaven. "I tell you solemnly, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny." Jesus ~ Mt. 5:26.

Finally, there are those very rare souls who go immediately into the beatific vision of heaven upon their deaths. These are the saints. This is what Our Lord wants all of us to strive for. Even if we should try and fall short, it will still be worth it for all the good we did in this life for God's glory, and the salvation of souls; as well as the lessoning of our purification through remorse in Purgatory.

So there are two places all people will ultimately spend eternity in, heaven or hell; but six "places" that a person can go to immediately after death: Hell, Haunting, Purgatory of Limbo, Limbo, Purgatory of Heaven, and the Beatific Vision of Heaven.

All of this raises some important points for us to consider. The first is the importance of baptism. Jesus (God) commanded us to be baptized. Failure to do so has consequences in this life; loss of the grace of God to lead a holy life; and in the next life, an increased chance of Hell, and if not that, then Limbo at least until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The second important take away for us is intercession for the dead. Our prayers and penances for the deceased do great good for them either in helping them to move on from haunting to their final judgement, or from the purgatory of Limbo into Limbo proper, or from the purgatory of heaven into the Beatific Vision of Heaven. In this regard great graces are released from God for those souls who have a funeral. Catholic Funerals are probably the single most efficacious thing we can do for a soul that is not already in the Beatific Vision of Heaven or in Hell. So make sure there is a Catholic funeral for you upon your death and encourage the same for your loved ones. "What you did for the least of these you did for Me." Jesus ~ Mt. 25:40.

Finally this. It is very important to permanently inter the remains of the deceased. We bury bodies and ashes of the deceased in cemeteries. This "final resting place" does their soul great good. None of us would put a corpse in our home, or throw a corpse into a river, or dole out parts of it to family members. Yet people do that to the ashes of the deceased all the time. Remember, that a deceased person might be haunting, either because they haven't gone onto their final judgement yet, or because they are in Hell. You don't want them haunting you through the remains of their body. There is a special connection even after death between a soul and their body, it's why the Church uses relics of Saints to intercede for us from Heaven. So make sure all the remains of the deceased are permanently interred in a cemetery.

My pastor's column next week will be on Funerals, their importance and how to go about having one for yourself or others.

May the Exalted and Glorious Christ Bless You,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

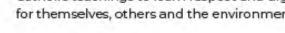
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PRAYER GROUPS

Marian Movement Groups: The Marian Movement has three groups that meet on different days of the week. The first group meets on Monday in the Sacristy meeting room, the second group meets Thursday in the Parish Center, and the third group meets on Saturday in the choir practice room. All groups meet at 9:00am. Contact Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or

<u>jmamos1@juno.com</u>

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 Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or

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St. Joseph Cenacle Apostolate:

Members offer a weekly holy hour of prayers for our priests and will meet as a group on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm in the parish center. Contact Sandra Koceja at

ITEADIOSEPH2020@gmail.com ADULTS

Bible Study: The morning Bible study sessions have ended for the season and will resume in the fall 2023. Stay tuned for upcoming evening Bible Study details in the bulletin.

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

NEW-Women's Bible Study-Bring Your Children-NEW

Please join other women for a seven week Bible study on the Feminine Genius! We will meet Wednesdays from 9:30 -10:30 am in the Parish Center. Materials will be provided, and there is no homework or outside reading. This study is open to women who may need to bring their children with them. Come with a plan for patience and flexibility as we trial what works best to accommodate both moms and kids! We will have some quiet toys and coloring pages/supplies in one part of the room to help occupy the kids. Moms will be responsible for their own children. Please plan to arrive between 9:15-9:20 to allow children to get settled before the study begins at 9:30. Please contact Teresa Martin at trmakar@gmail.com to RSVP.

Endow Women's Spiritual

Studies: Through their small groups, women are learning how to be the best version of themselves—made in the image and likeness of God—and reaching out to those around them. For more information contact Jamie at jamiek@holyredeemervanc.org

Endow en español: Es un grupo para Mujeres donde podemos aprender

acerca del amor de Jesus y María Ven y unite a nuestro grupo Todos los lunes de 6:00pm a 8:00pm en el Annex. Para mayor información Maria Chavez 360.513.4824 or angel77uver@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Join other young adults of the parish for prayer and fellowship! Meet in the Annex weekly on Thursdays at 7pm to pray a rosary, and support one another in our faith!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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https://www.stjoevanschool.org/

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High School

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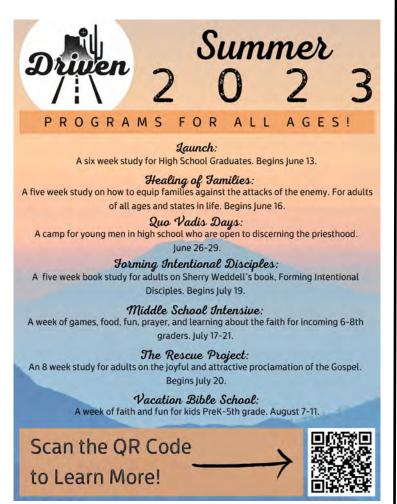
June 14th – July 12th Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Parish Center

Launch (post High School

transition): June 13th – August 1st Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Annex

Forming Intentional Disciples Book Study: July 19th – August
16th Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the
Parish Center

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Ordination Mass June 3rd Support Vocations by attending the Ordination Mass for Deacon



John Paul Tomassi on Saturday June 3rd at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. There are still a few seats left on the busses reserved by the Knights of

Columbus. Purchase tickets in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend 5/20-21 @ \$40 per person (includes lunch). You can also order tickets online on our website at www.holyredeemervan.org

On 6/4, Fr. Tomassi will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Redeemer back in Vancouver at the 11:00am Mass with a reception to follow (*Parish Center*).

Save the Date! June 11th Holy Redeemer Choir Concert Returns!



The Holy Redeemer Choir is planning the first in person concert since 2019! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 11th at 3pm

The Concert will be held in

the Church and admission is FREE! Bring your friends and family!

Memorial Day Crosses

Trail Life will be honoring our deceased veterans on Memorial Day



weekend with white crosses on the Church lawn. If you have a loved one who served and you would like to honor them, please

submit their **name and branch of service** to Trail Life Troop Master

Ed Nicholson by May 25th at (edward.nicholson1@gmail.com)

Attention Ministry Leaders! Reserve Your Space!

The Parish Office is now accepting requests for parish ministry use of rooms (Parish Center, Annex, the Church) for June 2023 to May 2024. All requests need to include a form for the current year, available at the Parish Office or email Marybeth Yee at marybethy@holyredeemervanc.org.

Sign-Ups Start this Weekend! Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament *July 29th*

The Annual Knights of Columbus Golf



Tournament returns on **Saturday July 29th** at Fairway Village Golf Course, teeing off at 7:50am. **The Knights**

will have details and be selling reservations after all the Masses this weekend, or call Michael Dummer 971-563-7964!

Protect the Unborn Child

Please join other Clark county residents on Saturday, May 27th at 10am to oppose the "chemical abortion pill". Stand with others in opposition to local pharmacies that are actively marketing this most dangerous drug. Location: CVS - 164th & SE Mill Plain To participate contact Gene Slagle for details at (206)226-5332.

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Women's Retreats at Our Lady of Peace Beaverton, OR

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows are holding two





retreats for religious and lay women. For descriptions and more info

see the links below:

Early Summer Retreat June 9 | 8:30am-3pm

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