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

Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 11.

RCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About The Catholic Faith:

Everyone is invited to learn more about the faith or seek to become a Catholic. Contact the parish office at ext. 16.

Annulments: Confidential help is available. Please call the office at ext.16.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the office at ext. 14 for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent.

Welcome to Holy Redeemer Parish

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor Father Thomas Nathe



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

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 1/08/2023
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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

Sunday: 01/08

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15AM, 10:00-10:45am

Monday: 01/09

8:30am~Daily Mass *Jeannine & James Brady*

Tuesday: 01/10

8:30am ~ Daily Mass *Sam Robsin*

Wednesday: 01/11

8:30am~Daily Mass *Barry Tuggle*

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

5:00pm~ Evening Prayer (Facebook Live)

Thursday: 01/12

8:30am~ Daily Mass *Paul Schuster+*

12:00pm~ Angeles (Facebook Live)

Friday: 01/13

8:30am~Daily Mass *Romeo Brien*

9:00am-Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

3:00pm~Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

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

Saturday: 01/14

8:00am~Benediction (Church)

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

4:30pm~Saturday Vigil Mass/Children's Choir

Confessions: 2:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday: 01/15

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Confession: 7:30-8:15AM, 10:00-10:45am



*Lord,
every
nation
on earth
will
adore
You.
~PS. 72:11*

**WEEK OF 1/08/2023
MINISTRIES & MEETINGS.**

Sunday: 01/08

Epiphany of the Lord

9:45am Drover Planning (Annex)

9:45am Religious Education K-5th

Monday: 01/09

9:00am ~ Marian Movement (Parish Center)

12:30pm ~ Pinochle Group (Parish Center)

4:30pm~ AHG Meeting (Parish Center)

6:30pm ~ Spanish Endow (Annex)

6:30pm~ TLUSA (Parish Center)

6:30pm ~ Endow (Zoom,)

Tuesday: 01/10

6:00pm~ Safe environment Class (Choir Practice Room)

6:00pm~ RCIA (Parish Center)

7:30pm~ Arise Planning Mtg (Zoom)

Wednesday: 01/11

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

Thursday: 01/12

9:00am~ Endow (St Francis Room)

9:00am~ Marian Movement (Parish Center)

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

7:00pm~ Adult Choir (Choir practice Rm)

Friday: 01/13

No scheduled meetings.

Saturday: 01/14

9:15am~ Saturday Marian Movement
Choir Practice Room

9:15am~ Angela Maria's Women's Group
(Annex)

6:30pm ~ Empty Nesters Movie Night
(Annex)

Sunday: 01/15

2:30pm AHG Winter Ceremony (Parish Center)

Please Remember in your prayers:

Becky Bjorklund+, Larry Bolton, Joanne Brandon+, Pam Brown, Sherry Callaghan, Bonnie & David Craig, Ester Culajara+, Lee Dettling+, Bob Faust, Evelyn Ferma, Mary Gill+, Irma Gomez, Cora Grimm, Alex Gustavson, Charles Jackson, Jr. Shirley Kealey +, Carlos Lourenco, Jay Mahoney, Victoria Mercer & Family, Annie Mersarlen, Kelton Morris, Don Mosier, Joseph Pleckinger +, Fran Plourd, Nealane Riem, Art Ricchiuti, Agnes Sarno+, Henry Schram+, Fr. Raphael Shen SJ+, Alan Thayer+, Marilyn Tolsen, Vincent Troiano+, Tammy Tucker, Peggy & Ed Uribe, Jody Valencia, Diane Walsh+, Betty Wassick, George Wetzell+, Adeline Wright.

***Remember Family Promise Week All Day
Sunday, 1/08/23 to Sunday 1/15/23***

God Bless You for your generosity.

Income	12/26/22-1/1/23
Sunday:	\$ 25,765.56
Christmas:	\$ 1,155.00
Realizing Hope:	\$ 10,019.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 1,325.00

Pastor's Column

January 8, 2023

This Incredible Parish Part One of Two

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

At the time Covid shut us down in March of 2020, our average weekend Mass attendance was nearly 1600, it's close to 1300 now. That means that nearly 20% of pre-covid practicing Catholics at Holy Redeemer have not returned. I don't know what the national average is, or even the average for the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Archbishop is yet to release the numbers which is telling. With that in mind, given the news I share with you below, it is easy to draw the conclusion that the people who have not returned to Mass were for the most part, not very committed in the first place. I say that because the people who are attending Mass at Holy Redeemer now are, as a whole, more committed stewards of the faith than about any parish our size in the nation.

I meet monthly with a small priest support group in the Puget Sound area. Over the years, we share our life, ministry, up's and down's, and friendship. A dynamic that I have had to deal with for years is not sharing all the good news of Holy Redeemer Parish; it can simply make them feel like a failure, or that the successes of their parish ministries are insignificant in comparison. Of course, that's not my intention at all. It's important to share good news, it's literally what the word 'gospel' means in Greek. It's just that our good news is *exceptional* and for most of my brother parish priests, it can sound like bragging, or worse, rubbing it in. Let's be cleared eyed about the state of the Church.

In the Middle Ages, 99% of Western Europe was Catholic; every church was Catholic, every government was Catholic, every village was Catholic, every business was Catholic, every school was Catholic, every hospital was Catholic. God's rightful place in the family and society was as ubiquitous as marriage and children, simply everywhere. That's not the world we live in today.

Of the 71,000 people who live in Holy Redeemer's parish boundaries, no more than 1300, or less than 2%, attend Mass on any given weekend. This represents America at large. The world today is as godless in its focus and practice as it was before Jesus walked the earth 2000 years ago, profoundly tragic. That will change for the better, just ask Noah and his family after they got off the ark. In the meantime, I, the staff, and many of you do our best to make Holy Redeemer Parish a light in the darkness, a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden, a place of Truth and Life, a refuge for world weary souls who seek to live in the "City of God".

The good news that I share with you is not meant to be triumphalistic, remember, more than 98% of the people who live in our boundaries do not attend Mass on a given weekend. Rather the good news that I share with you is meant to encourage you, in spite of being such a small minority, to persevere in your Catholic faith, to see the good it is doing, and provide some hope for all of us the faithful remnant.

Here are a few reasons I feel our parish is so special:

- Our young parish already has one priest from our pews, and five other former parishioners in formation to be a priest or solemnly professed religious. We could realistically see two to three more leave for a convent or monastery this year. This is extraordinary given the vocations crises in America. Fostering vocations is something we all need to do-keep up the great work and keep praying for vocations!

- We just concluded our annual Stewardship drive and over 60% (close to 2/3^{rds}) of you filled out a stewardship commitment brochure. Typical parishes average between 20-30%. For a parish our size, that is simply the best commitment rate of any parish that I am aware of in Western Washington. We are probably one of only a handful out of tens of thousands of parishes across the country with that level of participation!
- Total things being volunteered for – 4943*, many of them by the same people. From this number come the following numbers:
 - Liturgical volunteers excluding Adoration and Hospitality – 346 (this includes 53 altar boys).
 - Family Promise and Winter Hospitality Overflow – 239. There is a lot of overlap here, so probably 180 unique volunteers.
 - Faith Formation participants and volunteers – 549.
 - Trail Life and American Heritage Girls – 145.
 - Birthright, St. Vincent DePaul, and Prepares – 282.
 - Prayer Warriors – 56.
 - Choir – 75 plus – this number includes children.
 - Homebound Ministry-41
 - Parish Pilgrim Lady-104
 - Lenten Small Faith Sharing Groups-181
 - Divine Mercy 125
 - Pray Rosary Before Mass-433
 - Attend Daily Mass-175
 - Empty nesters-149
 - Giving tree 204

* Note that the numbers above are specific to each ministry so someone that is involved in a lot of ministries will be counted as 1 for each ministry they are active in.

** For context: we have 909 registered families and 2389 members, currently about 1300 (46%) attend Mass in person on any given weekend-we are not sure how many are watching online each weekend but it is a significant number probably between 25-50.

In addition to the commitment of time and talent by so many of you, there is still the commitment of treasure. For the first five months of this fiscal year (July thru November), you donated \$95,000 more than we budgeted, and 30% more than we received during the same five months last year! Our ordinary income is greater now that it has ever been, even with fewer parishioners than three years ago. This means that we are driving down our debt far faster than anticipated. We initially hoped to be debt free by 2025 now it looks like we will be debt free this year! Praise Be to God and our faithful parishioners!!!

All this begs the question: WHY? Why is Holy Redeemer so special? Many of you can list some of your own reasons. While I was listing and explaining mine here, I realized it was going to go well over my two page limit. So tune in next week for **This Incredible Parish: Part Two** for what I think are the seven things that combine to make Holy Redeemer Parish so special.

In the Love of the Newborn King,



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

RCIA (Becoming Catholic) and Learning About the Catholic Faith: Contact Mark MacKenzie

PRAYER GROUPS

Additional Marian Movement Group Added! The Marian

Movement has added an additional group on Saturdays. It will meet at 9:00am in the choir practice room. The Monday and Thursday groups will continue to meet at 9:00am in the parish center. Contact Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or jmamos1@juno.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 Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or

jmamos1@juno.com

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 will resume on January 19 and the study is "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life". Books are \$30 and can be purchased in the FF office. The evening session will also begin on January 19 with the "Rescue Project", limited spots available. Call the FF office to sign up and purchase the book for \$15.

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

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 jamiiek@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

SAVE THE DATE!

Verso L'Alto and Life is Christ Social Nights: Jan. 29, 2023

Serra Vocations Dinner: Feb. 3, 2023

Arise Women's Conference: Feb. 10-11, 2023

Verso L'Alto and Life is Christ Social Nights: Feb. 12, 2023

HS Retreat in Mt. Angel, OR : March 10-12, 2023



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions?
We invite you to join us for The Rescue Project.

Together we can discover The Story.

STARTING THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH @ 6:30PM

IN THE PARISH CENTER

LIMITED SPACE

BOOKS \$15 CALL FF OFFICE TO SIGN UP

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION
All Adults and Teens are welcome!

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 9



GROWING IN HOLINESS

Arise Women's Conference

February 10-11 2023

Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish
Vancouver, WA

Join us for a weekend of reflection and friendship! We are excited to have many amazing speakers, including: Noelle Garcia, Sue Baldwin, Diane Boggs, and more!



holyredeemervan.org/parish-events/arise2023

Catholic Basics for Children and Families

Has your family been away from the Church but you want to come back? Do you have children who are behind on Sacraments? Do you have children who need to be caught up on the teachings of the Church, but you don't know where to start? Catholic Basics for Children and Families is the class for you!

Parents and children attend 7 session from January 22 - April 2 after the 11am Mass. Family materials will be sent home between sessions to help parents develop faith habits in the home.

To learn more visit:
www.holyredeemervan.org/parish-events/basics

First Session: January 22, 2023
12:15pm - Parish Center

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 08, 2023



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries:
The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)
Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.



Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation
This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist
The Bible and Baptism Episode 3
Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Family Promise

Be a Saint -- help the homeless right here in our community!



Family Promise of Clark County is a nonprofit organization committed to helping children and their families affected by homelessness in Clark County. Holy Redeemer is hosting a week of shelter from January 8-15th, 2023. Sign ups are available on our website at www.holyredeemervan.org.

Empty Nester Hiking

Empty Nester Hiking Creaky Knees Club will be hiking the WSU Campus Trails on Monday January 9, 2023. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's north parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 8:15AM. Bring lunch money. We will be walking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay. If, however, the weather is below freezing or deep in snow or ice we will not be hiking. For more information please call Bill Daudistel at 360-882-8371.

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 the clothing closet, filling 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 at (360)798-0229 or prepares@hrvan.org.

PARTNER MINISTRIES

Refugee Welcome Circles for Ukraine

Wednesday, 1/11/23, 7-8pm.

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be hosting an information Inquiry Night for the Southern Deanery of the Archdiocese to help parishes and parishioners create "Welcome Circles". Email ians@stjoevan.org to get the Zoom Link. Also see this week's Parish email to download the flyer.

2023 Celebration of Vocations February 4th, 2023

with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, Archdiocese of Seattle at St. Joseph Catholic Church. \$25 per person. 5pm Mass, 6:30pm Celebration and Dinner. For tickets call **Shawn 360-910-2888 or Shirley 360-883-9333**. Tickets also available at the door.

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion
If the thoughts and feelings you have carried inside since the day of your participation in an abortion decision have burdened you with regret and remorse, join others women and men for healing and forgiveness.

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Email projectrachel@ccsww.org.

Visit us at

www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

World Wide Marriage Encounter

We wish you all a blessed New Year! Make the best decision this year for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 13-15 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in

OTHER UPDATES

Beaverton. To apply for **YOUR** WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email Reservations@discoverthespark.org



Arise Conference February 10-11, 2023

Holy Redeemer Parish is hosting the Arise Women's Conference in February with inspiring speakers, breakout sessions. Teen girls are welcome to attend WITH an adult mentor, mother or other responsible adult. Cost is \$75 per attendee. Registration is online on at www.holyredeemervan.org

IMPORTANT LINKS

Parish Website:

www.holyredeemervan.org

Sunday Mass:

www.vimeo.com/user109632820

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