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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 parish office at ext. 15.

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

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe



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Church Open: Daily 7:00am - 5:30pm

Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

[\(You Must sign-up](#) Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, and 12:00pm (Noon)

[for Sunday Mass-see](#) Monday-Friday 7:00am

[Website to sign up!](#)) Saturday 8:00am

Rosary: Saturday 7:40am and 4:10pm

Sunday 7:10am, 9:10am and 11:40am

Monday-Friday 7:30am

Confessions (in St. Cecilia): Friday 4:00-5:15pm

Saturday 2:30-4:15pm

Sunday 7-7:15am/8:45-9:15am/11-11:45am

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 7:30am —Saturday 7:30am

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Please remember Holy Redeemer Parish in your will.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday: 11/29

First Sunday in Advent Year B

Mass 7:30am/9:30am/Noon
Confessions in St. Cecilia room
7am, 8:45am, 11am

Monday: 11/30

7:00am—Daily Mass
10:30am—Marian Movement
(zoom ID # 720 392 391)
Noon—Angelus ([parish Facebook page](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer
([parish Facebook page](#))

Tuesday: 12/1

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus ([parish Facebook page](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer
([parish Facebook page](#))

Wednesday : 12/2

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus ([parish Facebook page](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer
([parish Facebook page](#))

Thursday: 12/3

7:00am—Daily Mass
Noon—Angelus ([parish Facebook page](#))
5:00pm—Eve. Prayer
([parish Facebook page](#))

Friday: 12/4

7:00am—Daily Mass
7:30am—24 hour Adoration
4:00-5:15pm—Confessions in
St. Cecilia room

Saturday: 12/5

7:30am—Benediction
8:00am—Daily Mass
2:30-4:15pm—Confessions in St.
Cecilia room
4:30pm—Vigil Mass

Sunday: 12/6

Second Sunday in Advent Year B

Mass 7:30am/9:30am/Noon
Confessions in St. Cecilia room
7am, 8:45am, 11am

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

Rita Shinnick

Tuesday, December 1

Lillian Bridges +

Wednesday, December 2

Dick Bridges (health)

Thursday, December 3

Thanksgiving

Friday, December 4

Janet Foulon +

Saturday, December 5

Hazel Cooper +

Celebrant for Masses

December 5:

4:30pm Fr. Nathe

December 6:

7:30am & 9:30am Fr. Nathe

Noon Fr. Martin

Readings for Sunday 12/6

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 85 (84): 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

Important Links

Sunday Mass:

<https://vimeo.com/user109632820>

Daily Mass, Angelus, & Evening Prayer:

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Names stay on the prayer list for four weeks; please contact the parish office or karenn@holyredeemervanc.org to extend the time frame.



Last Week (11/16-11/22)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 21,501.48
Realizing Hope:	\$ 1,669.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 595.00



Thanksgiving

Jesus Christ: yesterday, today, and forever!

Why are we so quick to complain when something is wrong – and think nothing of it when something is right? Why do we keep mulling over what is wrong and losing our peace, as opposed to mulling over what is right and living in peace? The answer to that question is this: God made us for truth, goodness, and beauty. So when something is true, good, or beautiful we don't notice it because it is as it should be. But when something is false, evil, or ugly we do notice it because it's out of place, and we worry.

This truth begs another question: on what grounds do atheists have to complain? If the atheist believes that all of creation is nothing more than random chance, then why do they think anything is ever out of place? Why do they think that things should be a certain way and get upset when they aren't? If all is chance, then by their logic, atheists have no right to a particular order of things, nor any meaning to anything, nor a right to life itself; so they shouldn't complain, yet they do because they can't escape reality: God is for real, and life (even the atheist's) has meaning and order.

Okay, now do we ever affirm? We know we're complainers about all that is false, evil, and ugly; but do we thank The Creator for all that is true, good, and beautiful? We need to be aware of all that we should be grateful for, and regularly express our gratitude to God and others for it. The Thanksgiving holiday gives us an opportunity every year to do just that, and what a year 2020 has been. In spite of all our challenges there are still things to be grateful for and we should acknowledge them: God – without Him we wouldn't exist, the Church (which makes God known, how we're supposed to live, and salvation possible), God's love for us, Heaven, our life, our education (ability to read this pastor's column), our health, our families and friends, the roof over our heads, an income and the source of that income, our talents, the list goes on and on. So much to be grateful for and at peace about.

Below I've attached an article from Life Site News, written by Mary Ann Kreitzer, on the good that the virtue of gratitude does to the beholder (let alone others). Enjoy.

May God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

2020 is a litany of endless woes. What's there to be thankful for?

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/2020-is-a-litany-of-endless-woes-whats-blue-to-be-thankful-for>

Mon Nov 16, 2020 - 6:23 pm EST

By Mary Ann Kreitzer

November 16, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Thanksgiving hovers on the horizon inviting us to reflect on the importance of giving thanks to God for our multitude of blessings. It may seem incongruous in this year of so many challenges. What do we have to be thankful for? We've faced the illness and death of loved ones, coronavirus lockdowns, cancelled religious services and locked churches, isolation, and unemployment, not to mention wildfires in California, riots ripping apart our cities, and devastating hurricanes with massive flooding on the Gulf Coast. The litany of woes seems endless.

And yet, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, St. Paul tells us, "In all things give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all." What a message to receive only days after a presidential election that may turn out to be a disaster for the unborn, the vulnerable, and people of faith. Many discouraged voters ask, "Why?" even as they await the final result. But our response should be to turn to God and thank Him no matter what happens, because He promises to "work all things (*all things*) together for good to those who love Him and serve according to His purpose." Can fraud and corruption defeat God? Of course not!

King David's psalms overflow with messages of thanks. "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise to him with psalms." (Psalm 95:2) "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name." (Psalm 100:4) "Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting." (Psalm 106:1)

Even the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, called on the people to give thanks in the midst of their suffering under the boot of a pagan empire. He reminded them that God is still in charge and they would not suffer forever. "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small." (Jeremiah 30:19)

Cicero called gratitude the greatest of all the virtues and the parent of them all. No day passes without a long list for which to be thankful. From the moment we wake up and put our feet on the floor and hear the birdsong symphony outside our windows until we lay our heads on the pillow at night after gazing at a glorious sunset and a clear blue-black sky glittering with stars, we have multiple reasons to give thanks.

Gratitude offers benefits, not only for the soul, but it's healthy for the body as well. Researcher Giacomo Bono focuses on the impact of gratitude, particularly in young people. In a four-year study of 700 students ages 10-14, researchers compared the 20 percent "least grateful" with the 20 percent "most grateful." Grateful students were happier, more hopeful, found more meaning in their lives and experienced fewer negative emotions and depressive symptoms.

Bono summarized the findings, saying they "suggest that gratitude may be strongly linked with life-skills such as cooperation, purpose, creativity and persistence and, as such, gratitude is vital resource that parents, teachers and others who work with young people should help youth build up as they grow up. ... More gratitude may be precisely what our society needs to raise a generation that is ready to make a difference in the world."

Bono's research led him to develop a classroom gratitude curriculum for students. The Greater Gratitude Science Center offers two programs, one with 30 activities for K-8th grade and one offering four classes for older students who are encouraged to keep a gratitude journal and to make a thankful attitude "intentional." One lesson plan focuses on seeing the good in others pointing out that:

You can spend all of your time and energy thinking about all the things that go wrong in life, looking at people's negative characteristics, and doing things to feel better about yourself at the expense of others. – Or you can choose to appreciate all the good things that you have in your life, recognize people's positive characteristics, and do things that make others feel better about themselves.

The program uses a "fill the bucket" metaphor urging students to affirm the goodness they see in others in specific ways. Did a friend tell you a joke that lifted your spirits? Say thank you. Did you drop your books and someone you hardly know helped pick them up? Acknowledge their kindness. Fill their buckets with affirmation. By "filling the buckets" of others, you fill your own.

That an attitude of gratitude makes positive changes in a person's life seems like common sense, but it's also confirmed by scientific studies. Bono compared the results of the full gratitude curriculum with classroom instruction and activities with a control group using only a web gratitude app called GiveThx. At the end of six weeks, students took a "well-being survey."

Researchers found that the students who took the full curriculum showed advances over the control group in a number of measures, including emotion regulation, motivation to succeed, improved relations with teachers and their peer group, and a greater sense of the meaning of life. Parents who want to assist their own children would benefit from studying the results of Bono's research.

Gratitude is itself a tremendous blessing for which to be grateful. A grateful heart is a healthier heart, both physically and spiritually. While Bono's program says nothing about God, promoting natural virtue and ethics echoes God's presence. Grace builds on nature, and gratitude for the beauty we see around us and for the people in our lives can easily lead to gratitude for the author of beauty and life itself.

May we magnify gratitude by making it not only a virtue for a season, but for a lifetime. As Catholics, we have a virtual feast of models who teach us to be grateful every day. St. Teresa of Avila offers us this gem, "In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks." Amen!

Happy Thanksgiving!



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We need your donations of non-perishable food and financial support. Donations of non-perishable food can be delivered to our Stapleton Road office weekdays, 9 AM to 3 PM. Financial support can be donated online through our secure site at www.svdpvancouverusa.org, or by sending it directly to our office at 2456 NE Stapleton Road, Vancouver, WA 98661.

We will be hosting our first drive-through **Toy Drive on Wednesday, December 16th from 10AM to 5PM at our Stapleton Road facility. HELP US BRING JOY** to children in need. Or, if your parish has a **Giving Tree**, simply pick up a tag on the tree and follow the instructions.

We will begin accepting phone calls from families wishing to register for a food box and toys for children on **Monday, November 30, 2020, 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM**, at 360-694-5388. We will continue to take registrations until our list is full. Our Christmas food boxes will be distributed on **Saturday, December 19, 2020**, and gifts for children will be safely distributed by volunteers and students at **Seton Catholic College Prep School** that same day.



Lastly, due to the COVID-19 virus and limited space in our facility for our food distribution, we cannot take clothing or household donations until further notice.

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- ◆ To make an appointment: See Parish Personnel on the front page of the bulletin.

NEW TO HOLY REDEEMER?

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: 885.7780 ext. 16, markm@holyredeemervanc.org

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

Contact Mark MacKenzie to make an appointment at 885.7780 ext. 16, markm@holyredeemervanc.org

Advent Book Study: Saints were friends with others saints. Plus they had saints as family members! Why is that? We become like those we spend time with. This Advent, take time to gather with other parishioners to grow spiritually, and maybe develop some virtuous friendships to help you on your path to sainthood! It's time to claim that joy and peace the world cannot give. Sign up on our parish website. Questions? Email Jamie at jamiiek@holyredeemervanc.org.

ADULTS

Anne, a lay apostle—Monthly Prayer Group : Anne, the author of *The Volumes*, received the message to have a prayer group meeting once a month. The Lay Apostle prayer group will be holding their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am via Zoom. If you are interested, contact Jean Marie Amos at 360.260.7352, or Jean_Amos@q.com

Men of Faith: All men in the parish are invited to attend our monthly gatherings. For more information or if you would like to be in the loop, contact Mark:

markm@holyredeemervanc.org

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. Contact Hannah at hannahb@holyredeemervanc.org

Endow: Thursday Endow will now meet in person in the parish center,

and Monday Endow will continue to meet online. We are continuing our spiritual book studies. For Monday Night Endow: Discovering Your Dignity. For more information:

Monday night contact Jamie at jamiiek@holyredeemervanc.org

Thursday morning contact Hannah at hannahb@holyredeemervanc.org

YOUNG ADULTS

YA Private Retreat: Holy Redeemer is inviting all of the young adults in the parish to take the next step in their journey of faith by going on a private day retreat. Kevin has prepared a step-by-step guide for the retreat and encourages you to go on your retreat between November 8th and November 22nd. Simply fill out [this](#) brief 4-question Survey Monkey to be sent the retreat guide. A meeting will be held on November 25th from 6:30 to 8:00pm to talk about your retreat experience, and of course you can always sign up to meet with Kevin during his regular office hours.

If you want to pray together, chat, or talk about the faith, one-on-one office hours are normally available on the first, second, and third Wednesday of the month. Sign up for an appointment at this Google calendar link. [this Google calendar link](#)

HIGH SCHOOLERS

Life is Christ: Join us for Life is Christ night on December 10th, for an in-person socially distanced game night. We will meet in the parish center from 5:30- 7:30 pm. We can have up to 12 people in person, so sign up to reserve your space. Life is Christ is now hybrid, meaning if it's safer for you to stay home, you can still join us from Zoom. Please choose on the signup if you'll be there in person or virtually. Contact Hannah:

hannahb@holyredeemervanc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Join us for Verso L'alto night on December 17th, for an in-person socially distanced game night. We will meet in the parish center from 5:30- 7:30 pm. We can have up to 12 people in person, so sign up to reserve your space. Verso L'alto is now hybrid, meaning if it's safer for you to stay home, you can still join us from Zoom. Please choose on the signup if you'll be there in person or virtually. Contact Hannah:

hannahb@holyredeemervanc.org



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American Heritage Girls &
Trail Life USA (K-12th):

Meetings are on hold.

Contact Julie for AHG:

nicholmarine@icloud.com

Contact Linda for TLUSA:

don.linda.anderson@comcast.net



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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland—St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II—to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.



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Please go to our website www.HolyRedeemerVan.org and go to the Faith Formation Page for updates and resources.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 11/29	Monday 11/30	Tuesday 12/1	Wednesday 12/2	Thursday 12/3	Friday 12/4	Saturday 12/5
	<p>Endow Zoom (6:30pm)</p>	<p>MS Endow Zoom (4:00pm)</p> <p>HS Endow Zoom (7:00pm)</p>	<p>6th Gr. Mentor Mtg Zoom (5:30pm)</p> <p>iInspire Leadership Night Zoom (6:00pm)</p> <p>RCIA Zoom (6:30pm)</p> <p>YA Advent Study Zoom (7:00pm)</p>	<p>Endow Annex (9:00am)</p>		<p>Men of Faith Parish Ctr. (9:15am)</p>

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Office Hours: Our offices are open Monday-Friday from 7:30am-1:00pm. Be advised that we will have limited staff and we strongly encourage you to use the internet, e-mail, and phone as much as possible but when you need to come in, we will be here for you. You have to wear a mask and maintain 6' of distance and obey all other signs while in any of the buildings. Please keep your visits as short as possible so that we can help everyone and keep everyone healthy.

Christmas Mass Volunteer Sign-up: The sign-up for Christmas Masses is available on our website—right now only people who are helping at the Masses in some capacity can sign up. We will be having **6 Christmas Masses** so there should be room for everyone. We need volunteers to make the Masses happen and go smoothly. If you sign up to help, please be sure to put how many family members will be coming to Mass with you (include yourself) in the Comment section when signing up so that we know how many seats you need. Once we have all of the volunteer positions filled we will open the signups up for the rest of the Parish. We need your help, so why not take a minute or two now to look at the signup and see if you can help out. You can access the signup from the home page of our website where you will see a button for Christmas Mass Signup.

An Expression of Thanks!

The Nirschl family would like to express many thanks for all those who prayed, offered masses and sent thoughtful cards and flowers during Pauline's illness and after her death on October 26. Her funeral Mass was held on Nov 4 at Holy Redeemer Parish and afterwards was interred in Pendleton, Oregon.

ACA Rebate Update: We have just received our third rebate check in the amount of \$10,261.99 for this year's Annual Catholic Appeal for a total of \$45,488.14 so far this year. These funds have been designated this year for our Realizing Hope Church Completion Project. Thank you to all who pledged, paid, and continue to pay on their Annual Catholic Appeal.

Staying Close to Jesus

Angelus: We live stream the Angelus and prayer to Our Lady of Seattle for the end of the coronavirus Monday through Friday at noon and we invite you to join. The prayers are streamed through Facebook Live on our [parish Facebook page](#). You do not need a Facebook account to view the stream. Facebook may prompt you to create an account, but you can simply say "Not Now" and watch the video.

Evening Prayer: To help those at home stay close to Jesus, we have taken this ministry online and are making it more frequent. Join us Monday through Thursday at 5:00pm for Evening Prayer. The prayers are streamed through Facebook Live on our [parish Facebook page](#). [Download This Week's Evening Prayers Here](#)

Public Masses Have Resumed: We are back to our regular Mass schedule (see the front of the bulletin), and you have to sign up in advance to attend Sunday Mass. You can sign up by going to our home page and clicking on the button for Sunday Mass. [Be sure to read all of the requirements on the signup and its attachments before signing up!](#) We will continue to record the Masses so that those who cannot attend may participate at home.

Advent Candles: Once again we have Advent Candles for sale for just \$5 per box. You can stop by the office during the week. We are open 7:30am-1pm.



Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/ Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—*Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

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