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Funerals: Contact the office at ext. 11.

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DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Father Thomas Nathe



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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am - 1:00pm

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: 12/20

Fourth Sunday in Advent Year B

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

Monday: 12/21

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: 12/22

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

Wednesday : 12/23

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

Thursday: 12/24 Christmas Eve

Office Closed

7:00am—Daily Mass
4:00pm—Christmas Vigil Mass
6:00pm—Christmas Vigil Mass
8:00pm—Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday: 12/25 Christmas

Office Closed

Midnight— Christmas Mass
9:00am—Christmas Mass
11:00am—Christmas Mass
Noon—Adoration begins

Saturday: 12/26

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

Sunday: 12/27

Holy Family

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21

Carol Mahoney +

Tuesday, December 22

Maria Hoa Thi Nguyen +

Wednesday, December 23

Michele M. Maitland

Thursday, December 24

Christmas

Friday, December 25

Christmas

Saturday, December 26

Michele M. Maitland

Readings for Sunday 12/27

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 105 (104): 1b-2,3-4,5-6,8-9
Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19
Lk 2:22-40

Important Links

Sunday Mass:

<https://vimeo.com/user109632820>

Daily Mass, Angelus, & Evening Prayer:

[parish Facebook page](#)

[Sign up to attend Sunday Mass: Click on the button on the homepage of our website!](#)

Celebrant for Masses

December 26:
4:30pm Fr. Martin

December 27:
7:30am, 9:30am & Noon
Fr. Martin

Please remember in your prayers:

Carole Brown, Bonnie Craig, David Craig, Ralph Dehler +, Frank Lee +, Errol Graves, Alex Gustavson, Eloy San Nicolas +, Fran Plourd, Jody Valencia, Betty Wassick, and George Wetzel

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 (12/7-12/13)	Income
Sunday:	\$ 31,063.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 526.00
Realizing Hope:	\$ 1,689.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 510.00

Holiness grows fast where there is kindness. I have never heard of kind souls going astray. The world is lost for want of sweetness and kindness.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Pastor's Column

December 20th, 2020

The Eucharist Part 9 of 20

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Before we continue our twenty part series on the Eucharist, I want to encourage you to spend a little more time in prayer in these final few days leading up to Christmas. Jesus Christ loves you with everything he's got, which is infinitely good; enter into it this Christmas!

Now we continue with Trent Horn's book: *20 Answers – The Eucharist*. In case you missed any of the first seven, you can find them here <https://www.holyredeemervan.org/documents/collection/pastor-s-column>. This is in keeping with Archbishop Etienne's pastoral letter on the Eucharist that you can find here (in case you missed it) <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Assets/ARCH/NWC-Feature-ABE-Pastoral-Letter-snglpg.pdf>. Enjoy.

May God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

Trent Horn, *20 Answers – The Eucharist*. Catholic Answers Press. 2015. Used with permission. You can purchase the book here <https://shop.catholic.com/20-answers-the-eucharist/> and find other great Catholic resources here <https://catholic.com>.

Question #9:

Was the Eucharist copied from pagan religions?

There are two kinds of critics who claim that the sacrament of the Eucharist was borrowed from pagan religions: anti-Catholic Protestants who believe that distinctly Catholic belief came from pagan mythology, and Jesus “mythicists” who believe that Jesus never existed and that anything related to him was borrowed from that same mythology.

Bart Brewer represents a position typical of anti-Catholic Evangelicals when he says that after the conversion of Constantine and the legalization of Christianity, “[new converts] brought with them pagan rites which they boldly introduced into the church with Christian terminology, thus corrupting the primitive faith.” But many of the “rites” the Church adopted are harmless customs, such as styles of vestments or temple architecture. (Protestants do the same thing when they exchange wedding rings, because this practice is not found in Scripture but is found in ancient Roman sources.) More to the point, we’ve already seen that the “pure and faithful” pre-Constantine Church Brewer speaks of did believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist (along with many other distinctly Catholic doctrines).

The anti-Catholic author Jack Chick makes even more astounding assertions than Brewer in his tract about the Eucharist called *The Death Cookie*. Chick says the Eucharist was taken from Egyptian practice of worshiping the sun god Osiris in the form of “round sun-shaped wafers made of unleavened bread.” He even claims that the monogram IHS imprinted on the host stands for “Isis, Horus, and Seb, the gods of Egypt.” But Chick doesn’t footnote or document any of these claims, and for good reason – they are completely without merit.

First, Osiris was not the sun god (that title belonged to Ra), and so there were no “sun-shaped” wafers made in his honor, and reputable Egyptologists know nothing of Osiris being transubstantiated into a Eucharist. Second, the monogram has nothing to do with Egyptian mythology. *I, H,* and *S* are the first three letters in the Greek version of Jesus’ name. Finally, wafers and cakes offered in the Old Testament were presumable also round, but no Protestant would say they were pagan in origin (Gen. 18:1-8; Exod. 29:1-2).

The Jesus mythicists frequently quote the following passage from St. Justin Martyr: “He said, ‘This is my blood’; and gave it to them alone. Which the wicked devils have imitated in the mysteries of Mithras, commanding the same thing to be done. For that, bread and a cup of water are placed with certain incantations in the mystic rites of one who is being initiated, you either know or can learn.”

According to the mythicists, Mithraists celebrated the Eucharist long before Christians did and so Justin is ignorant of the fact that it was actually *Christians* who copied this sacrament from paganism, not pagans devilishly copying Christians. However, Mithraic scholar Manfred Clauss tells us that “there can be no question of imitation in either direction. The offering of bread and wine is known in virtually all ancient cultures, and the meal as a means of binding the faithful together and uniting them to the deity was a feature common to many religions. . . . The ritual meal was probably common to many religions. . . . The ritual meal was probably simply a component of regular common meals. Such meals have always been an essential part of religious assembly.”

St. Paul tells us that Christians took part in a communal meal before receiving the Eucharist (this was often called an agape feast or a “love feast”). Paul chastised the Corinthians for using such occasions to become drunk and gluttonous while others went hungry. Of course, Christians did not “borrow” the concepts of communal meal from pagans, since all people have a natural desire to share food in a communal setting. The Mithraic “communion meal” was simply that, a communal meal. Clauss writes, “Mithraists did not just receive bread and wine or water, as the literary sources seem to suggest, but were in addition served actual meals.”

More to the point, if there were any borrowing, it would be from Christianity to Mithraism, since the Roman Mithra cult came after Jesus and had no connection to the Persian Mithra cult that existed before the time of Christ.

Ironically, when fundamentalist Protestants and atheists make the “pagan-influence” argument they both make the same mistake. They strain to locate similarities between the Church and paganism and argue that it is always the Catholic Faith that came from paganism. They don’t admit that borrowing took place in the opposite direction, or that the similarities are superficial and so no borrowing took place at all.

GROWING IN HOLINESS

FAITH FORMATION

PROGRAM AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◆ Contact Melissa Abell at melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org
- ◆ 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

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Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: There will be a pilgrimage to Medjugorje through the Visit Queen of Peace group in June 2021, for the 40th anniversary. For more information, join the virtual meeting Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm at www.visitqueenofpeace.com/meeting or by calling in at 605-475-4941 code: 608489”

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 10:30am 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:

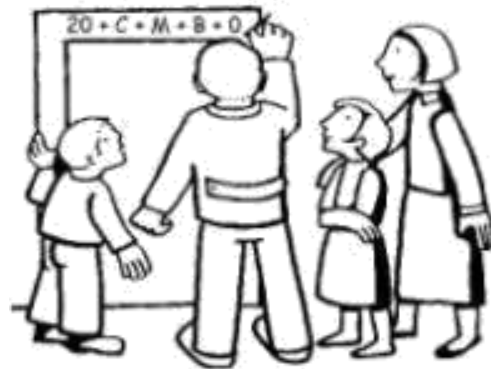
Monday night contact Jamie at jamiel@holyredeemervanc.org
Thursday morning contact Hannah at hannahb@holyredeemervanc.org

YOUNG ADULTS

Holy Redeemer Young Adults is currently doing a closed small group, but sign-ups for more Young Adult activities will be available in January.

HIGH SCHOOLERS

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Chalking the Door

On the Epiphany of the Lord (January 3, 2021) many Catholics chalk their doors with a pattern such as this, "20 † C † M † B † 21", with the numbers referring "to the calendar year (20 and 21, for instance, for this upcoming year, 2021); the crosses stand for Christ; and the letters have a two-fold significance: C, M, and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), but they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, *May Christ bless this house.*"



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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

December 20, 2020

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THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

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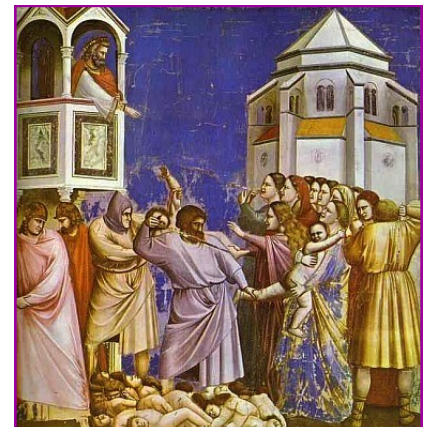
Please go to our website www.HolyRedeemerVan.org and go to the Faith Formation Page for updates and resources.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 12/20	Monday 12/21	Tuesday 12/22	Wednesday 12/23	Thursday 12/24	Friday 12/25 Christmas	Saturday 12/26
	Endow Zoom (6:30pm)	HS Endow Zoom (7:00pm)	YA Advent Study Parish Ctr. (6:00pm) HS Advent Study Narthex (6:00pm)			

Feast of the Holy Innocents Monday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Innocents, also called Childermas or Innocents' Day, is a Christian feast in remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:16–18). The slain children were regarded by the early church as the first martyrs. It was one of a series of days known as the Feast of Fools, and the last day of authority for boy bishops. Parents temporarily abdicated authority. In convents and monasteries the youngest nuns and monks were allowed to act as abbess and abbot for the day. These customs were condemned by the Council of Basel (1431), but did not die out entirely until the 16th century. In medieval England children were reminded of the mournfulness of the day by being whipped in bed in the morning; this custom survived into the 17th century.



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 Sign-up: The sign-up for Christmas Masses is available on our website. We will be having **6 Christmas Masses** so there should be room for everyone. You can access the signup from the home page of our website where you will see a button for Christmas Mass Sign-up.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th:

4:00pm Fr. Nathe-Full

6:00pm Fr. Martin-Full

8:00pm Fr. Martin

December 25th:

Midnight 12:00am Fr. Martin

9:00am Fr. Nathe

11:00am Fr. Nathe

*Christmas Concert 20 minutes
before each Mass.*

Don't wait-Sign Up NOW!

JOB OPPORTUNITY:

Holy Redeemer is looking for a top-notch, highly-motivated, detail-oriented, experienced individual to help us to continue to Glorify God and Sanctify Souls. This position is for a

full-time Faith Formation Leader. Closing date is January 11, 2021. For a full job description and how to apply go to: <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/8895143188>. You can contact Mark MacKenzie with any questions: markm@holyredeemervanc.org

Staying Close to Jesus

Christmas Adoration: We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from noon on Christmas Day until 7:30 the following morning. What better way to thank God for all the gifts He has given us then to spend an hour with Him! Sign up by clicking on the button on the home page of our website.

New Year's Adoration: What better way to start the New Year than to spend an hour with our Lord! Sign up by clicking on the button on the home page of our website.

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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Like a ship's anchor hidden far beneath the water's surface, God is at work in our lives even when we don't see Him...even when we can't hear Him. So when our faith falters, remember, we don't need to see, we don't need to hear, we just need to trust. Jesus is your anchor." -June Hunt

Since your involvement in an abortion decision, have you felt like you have been adrift in a sea of regret and anger with no way and no one with whom to share how it affected you?

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation and learn about our virtual healing opportunities.

In-person retreats have been postponed until 2021.

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