

Merry Christmas

Unto us a Child is born
Isaiah 9:6



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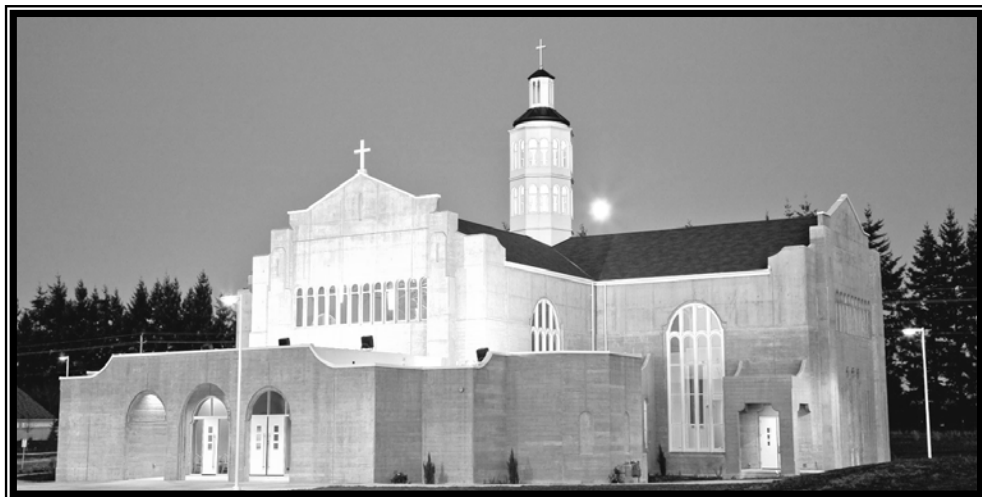
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Church Open: Daily 7:00am - 5:30pm

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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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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—20 hour Adoration

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

Monday: 12/28

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: 12/29

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

Wednesday : 12/30

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

Thursday: 12/31 New Year's Eve

7:00am—Daily Mass
4:30pm—Vigil Mary Mother of God

Friday: 1/1 Mary Mother of God

Office Closed

7:00am—Mass
8:00am—24 hour Adoration
11:00am—Mass
7:00pm—Mass

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28

Lucille Gauthier +

Tuesday, December 29

Marcel Gauthier +

Wednesday, December 30

Andrew Sughroue

Thursday, December 31

Nikki Mahoney

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Saturday, January 2

Ralph Dehler +

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

January 2:

Fr. Nathe

December 27

7:30am Fr. Martin

9:30am & Noon Fr. Martin

January 3:

Fr. Martin

Fr. Nathe

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 Wetzal

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



Readings for Sunday 1/3

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72 (71): 2,7-8, 10-11,12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt. 2:1-12



Holy Redeemer

MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE NEAR AND FAR!

Special Collections

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| Annual Catholic Appeal | \$203,140 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development | \$1,157 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$2,132 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$1,438 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$236,440 |
| Hmong Center Thailand | \$1,609 |
| Holy Land (Good Friday Collection) | \$2,720 |
| Mother Joseph Cemetery | \$4,112 |
| Northwest Catholic | \$1,409 |
| Peter's Pence | \$3,035 |
| Priest's Pension | \$1,987 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$36,445 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$1,739 |
| CRS Rice bowl | \$1,239 |

Our Community Grant Outreach Fund made the following grants to worthy organizations in our local community:

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| Battleground Healthcare | \$5,000 |
| Compassion Connect | \$1,000 |
| FOCUS Missionaries | \$2,000 |
| Council for the Homeless | \$5,000 |

THAT'S OVER \$500,000
PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!

Realizing Hope

Our project to complete the back of the Church, which includes an Adoration Chapel and Sacristy is 3/4 complete!

Thank You for your continued support!!!



Giving Tree

Through our Giving Tree you provided the number of gifts listed to each organization below:

- Share House-81 plus 200 pounds of clothing; TLUSA and AHG 58 gifts totaling \$1,395; Prepares 21 gifts totaling \$415 to stock up on supplies for families in need; Birthright of Vancouver-69; Hmong Center in Thailand - 54 gifts totaling \$1,720
- We also provided lots of nice gifts for 2 families in our Church and one family we are helping through Prepares (formerly Gabriel Project).

Special Thanks to our Coordinator: Christie Soanka

And of course thanks to all of the parishioners that took a tag and brought back gifts or helped in any other way!!!

Time and Talent

Parishioners Also Donated Their Time and Talent to the Following Organizations: (this is not an exhaustive list but a good sampling)

- Birthright of Vancouver (Supports women with unplanned pregnancies)
- KBVM Catholic Radio (Instruct the ignorant & evangelization)
- Clark County Right to Life (A local voice for life from conception to natural death)
- Family Promise (Provides homeless families a safe and warm place to sleep in year round and helps them to get their own home!)
- Options 360 (Provides a safety net for young women with an unplanned pregnancy)
- Prepares (Support to pregnant women in need from conception through their child's 6th birthday)
- St. Vincent de Paul (Strives to seek out & find those in need, the forgotten, and the victims of exclusion or adversity.)
- Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) (Provides homeless families a safe and warm place to sleep in the winter.)

Join us in serving our neighbors in need!

As we near the end of the year and celebrate the birth of our Lord, it is a good time to remember how we have served our local community and for those farther away in 2020.



Sacraments in 2020

- 1 Adults Baptized
- 18 Infants/Youth Baptized
- 25 Children Received First Communion
- 90 Parishioners Confirmed
- 1 Parishioner Received into Full Communion
- 9 Marriages Witnessed
- 62 Individuals Anointed
- 12 Funerals

Mission 2020

The Mission work at Holy Redeemer looked much different than what we were planning at the beginning of the year. Our Mission in 2020 became preserving our ability to worship, celebrate the sacraments, learn about the faith, and serve our community in spite of COVID-19 and the consequent restrictions. To achieve this mission, we were able to record and live stream our daily and Sunday Masses soon after the shutdown began. We opened up for worship in person as soon as we could ensuring the safety of our community. We provided opportunities to learn and grow in a safe environment both on-site as well as using virtual technologies like Zoom. We were able to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, and First Communion. We were able to continue helping serve those in need through donations, gifts and volunteer hours in a safe and loving way.

Parishioners of all ages participate in service opportunities that reach far into the community of East Vancouver. We feed the hungry with **Family Promise**, **Walk and Knock**, and **St. Vincent de Paul**. We clothe the naked at **Northwest Children's Outreach** and **St. Vincent de Paul**. We shelter the homeless through **Open House Ministries**, **Share**, **Family Promise**, and the **Winter Hospitality Overflow**.

We are involved in ministries that promote and support the dignity of the human person throughout their lives; from conception to natural death.

We help **Options 360**, **Birthright International**, and **Forty Days for Life**, and we also run **Prepares**, all of which help children and parents throughout early life. We visit over 65

individuals throughout the year with our **Homebound Ministry**, bringing Communion and friendship directly to their home or in the hospital.



Trail Life

Christian scouting programs, **Trail Life USA** and **American Heritage Girls** are chartered at Holy Redeemer and help serve parishioners and the community. Our programs are authentically Catholic.

Jesus We Trust in You!

Six years ago we started planning how to pay off our \$2.3 million debt from building our church and how to raise the monies needed to complete our Church. Since then we have had a very successful capital campaign that was envisioned to accomplish both goals in one campaign. Thanks to you, our most generous parishioners, we have raised over \$4 million since then. On October 1, 2017 we paid off our debt. Now we are 3/4 done with construction and our new Adoration Chapel, meeting rooms, and Choir practice room are scheduled to be complete by Easter next year.. Check out the progress we made this year in the photos below:



May 2020

Site work complete and ready for the foundation!

We had a signed contract and were ready to start work in mid March and then COVID hit and the lockdown was announced...

So, finally in May we were authorized to commence work and we did exactly that. The crews have been hard at it ever since excepting the 10 day pause for the smokealypse in September.



August 2020

The walls are going up!



November 2020

The roofs are going on.



December 2020

The concrete floors are all in-ready to start on the inside work.

Just a few more months and we will have an awe inspiring Adoration Chapel to pray in 24/7 and some more much needed space for meetings, choir practice, and

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.

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

New Year's Day Mass Sign-up:

The sign-up for Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (New Year's Masses) is available on our website. You can access the signup from the home page of our website where you will see a button for New Year's Mass Signup.

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!

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.

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.

English: (206) 920-6413
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Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww

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Catholic Prayer: Christmas Table Blessing

These prayers are used from Christmas Day through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Prayer:

BEFORE THE MEAL

Leader: Lord, you have made our gladness greater, you have made our joy increase. For you are called: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, the Prince-of-Peace.
ALL: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Alleluia!

Leader: Lord our God, bless this food we are about to eat and look kindly upon those who have prepared it: (*name them*). We ask this through your Son, who out of the wonder of your love lives in our midst, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

AFTER THE MEAL

Leader: We thank you, Lord God, for the wonders you work-- for food and friendship in your house. Above all, we thank you for the gift of your Son, who is one with us both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer Source: Prayers at Meals by Michael Kwatera, O.S.B. and Dietrich Reinhart, O.S.B., The Liturgical Press

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