ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

10526 166th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025
Parish Bulletin

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We would be glad to have you as a member of our parish! Please fill out a registration on our website or by scanning the QR code, so we can get to know and serve you better.



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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

DAILY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 AM Please see Weekly Calendar on insert for any updated week-to-week schedule changes.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays after 9:00 AM Mass until 9:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays, 8:30 — 8:50 AM Saturdays 3:30 — 4:30 PM or by appointment

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact the office to schedule a visit.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Infants and children under 7 are baptized monthly at Mass. A preparation session is required for parents and Godparents. Please contact Betty Reyes.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are an adult who has not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian community and would like to become Catholic, or have children age 7 and up who would like to be baptized or become Catholic, contact

Deacon Reuben

MARRIAGE

A preparation program over a period of several months is required. Contact Fr. Johnson to begin the process.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In case of serious illness, impending surgery or advanced age, please contact the parish office or Fr. Johnson. The sacrament should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death.

FUNERALS

Contact Fr. Johnson through the office at 425-883-7685.

CATHOLIC CEMETARIES SERVING ST. JUDE

Calvary 206-522-0996 Holyrood 206-363-8404

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

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- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 Diane Murphy at svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurniture@stjude-redmond.org

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Contact: <u>safeparking@stjude-redmond.org</u> Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

From the Desk of the Pastor

The Significance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As I write this, we are celebrating the Holy Day of the Solemnity of the Assumption the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. This is such a significant day for the whole church but also for us individually. We celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary going home to God, being assumed body and soul into heaven so that she could be at home with her Son, the very source of all life and love. She was given this particular grace by God because of her cooperation with God and the special role she was given in bearing the savior of the world. If we often associate our earthly home with the feeling of being surrounded by love, how much more does "the home" of heaven hold out promise, joy, hope and love for us all. So, this great feast reminds us of our true home and hopefully to live our lives on earth in a way that always follows the example of Mary's wholehearted yes to God.

Pope Benedict offered these reflections in a homily given on the significance of this great feast a number of years ago:

But now let us ask ourselves: how does the Assumption of Mary help our journey? The first answer is: in the Assumption we see that in God there is room for man, God himself is the house with many rooms of which Jesus speaks (cf. Jn 14:2); God is man's home, in God there is God's space. And Mary, by uniting herself, united to God, does not distance herself from us. She does not go to an unknown galaxy, but whoever approaches God comes closer, for God is close to us all; and Mary, united to God, shares in the presence of God, is so close to us, to each one of us.

There is a beautiful passage from St Gregory the Great on St Benedict that we can apply to Mary too. St Gregory the Great says that the heart of St Benedict expanded so much that all creation could enter it. This is even truer of Mary: Mary, totally united to God, has a heart so big that all creation can enter this heart, and the ex-votos in every part of the earth show it. Mary is close, she can hear us, she can help us, she is close to everyone of us. In God there is room for man and God is close, and Mary, united to God, is very close; she has a heart as great as the heart of God.



But there is also another aspect: in God not only is there room for man; in man there is room for God. This too we see in Mary, the Holy Ark who bears the presence of God. In us there is space for God and this presence of God in us, so important for bringing light to the world with all its sadness, with its problems. This presence is realized in the faith: in the faith we open the doors of our

existence so that God may enter us, so that God can be the power that gives life and a path to our existence. In us there is room, let us open ourselves like Mary opened herself, saying: "Let your will be done, I am the servant of the Lord". By opening ourselves to God, we lose nothing. On the contrary, our life becomes rich and great.

And so, faith and hope and love are combined. Today there is much discussion on a better world to be awaited: it would be our hope. If and when this better world comes, we do not know, I do not know. What is certain is that a world which distances itself from God does not become better but worse. Only God's presence can guarantee a good world. Let us leave it at that.

One thing, one hope is certain: God expects us, waits for us, we do not go out into a void, we are expected. God is expecting us and on going to that other world we find the goodness of the Mother, we find our loved ones, we find eternal Love. God is waiting for us: this is our great joy and the great hope that is born from this Feast. Mary visits us, and she is the joy of our life and joy is hope. **-POPE BENEDICT**

May Mary's total fidelity to her son help us to listen to him, to follow in his way, and to attain a place in heaven with him.

Blessings on your week! Fr Johnson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Please note: no DAILY MASS on August 21

Monday, August 18 9:00 AM Daily Mass 10:00 AM Women of Faith

4:00 PM Microsoft Confessions & Adoration 5:00 PM Microsoft Mass & social hour after

Tuesday, August 19 No Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 AM Confessions 9:00 AM Daily Mass 7:00 PM House of Prayer

Thursday, August 21 No Daily Mass

12:15PM Steps to Freedom 1:00 PM Rosary Cenacle 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Friday, August 22

9:00 AM Daily Mass 9:30 AM Benediction then Adoration until 9PM

Saturday, August 23

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM Sunday Mass 11:00 AM Sunday Mass



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!



2025 Monthly Intercessions

AUGUST

For our parish family, that over the coming years, we may continue to come together in faith and hope as disciples of Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Strengthening the Church at Home
Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

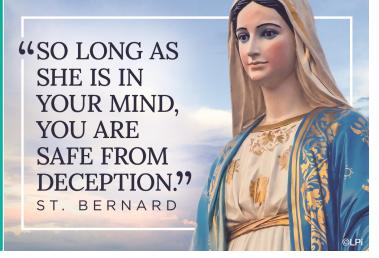
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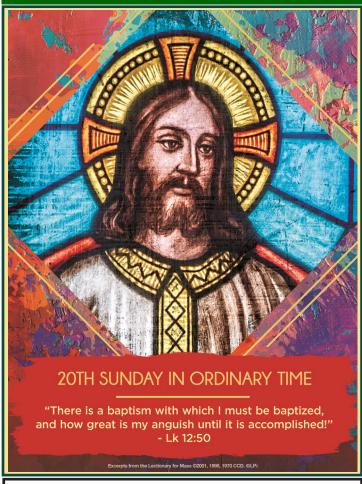
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PARISH NEWS



MICROSOFT MASS

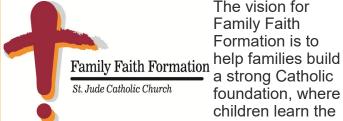
August 18, 2025 Monday 4 PM Confessions & Adoration **5 PM Mass**

Followed by social hour Catholics at Microsoft have

organized a social email distribution group (CAMS or Catholics at Microsoft) with a membership that exceeds 200. It is a warm and welcoming faith community. If you are currently working at Microsoft or know a Catholic working at Microsoft, encourage them to join CAMS@microsoft.com. All techies welcome!



Faith Formation Registration Classes begin Sep 16, 2025 5:30—7:00PM every Tuesday



The vision for Family Faith Formation is to a strong Catholic foundation, where children learn the joys of following

Jesus Christ and the truths of the Catholic faith and through the witness of their parents.

Children learn quickly and model parents often. Parents have a great responsibility in shaping the faith of their child/children, shared through baptism. We, as a parish, are here to support your endeavor in shaping your child's life in the Catholic faith. We'll guide them by teaching important aspects of faith and church, and prepare them to receive their sacraments.

There are regular faith formation classes from K-6 as well as Sacramental preparation (First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist) for children, from 2nd grade to 6th grade.

Teen Group Begins September 7 Meets every other Sunday 6:30-8:00 PM

Confirmation Classes

Orientation Meeting and 1st session September 25 7 PM Classes will be on Sundays or Mondays 1:30-3:00 PM For more information about Teen Group or Confirmation please see our website or email Rick at rick@stiude-redmond.org

Nothing can happen without parent volunteers. Parent volunteers are required during these

classes to help assist teachers and with set up of classes. We are also in need of teachers (teaching materials will be provided). Find more details on the parish website or send an email to

joan@stjude-redmond.org





PARISH NEWS

Save the Date: Sept. 7, 2025 Our Lady of Velankani Feast Day Celebration



Join us for a multi-cultural celebration on Sunday, September 7 starting at 10:30AM, to honor our Blessed Mother and celebrate the feast day with a Procession, Holy Rosary, Mass (11AM), and Lunch Reception.

Christianity has thrived in India since Saint Thomas the Apostle arrived in 52 A.D. In the 16th century, the Blessed Mother Mary appeared three times in Velankani, a coastal village in southern India, sparking hundreds of reported miracles.

For over 400 years, the annual feast on September 8th has drawn nearly 3 million pilgrims. The celebrations begin with flag hoisting, followed by nine days of novena, and culminate in a procession of Our Lady of Velankani's statue. On November 3, 1962, Pope John XXIII elevated the shrine to Basilica status, calling it the "Lourdes of the East." Today, Velankani remains one of India's most visited religious sites, where Hindus, Muslims, and Christians worship together—a powerful symbol of faith, unity, and healing.

Join us for this beautiful multi-cultural celebration!

Contact: The celebration is hosted by the Indian Community of St. Jude. For more information or to help organize the event contact:

Deacon Reuben: reuben@stjude-redmond.org or Joan Chandran: joan@stjude-redmond.org



Donations: we are accepting donations to offset the cost of hosting the event. You can donate directly to St. Jude Parish Events by scanning the QR code.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



OPERATION NEW PARISH HALL FLOOR

August 17 2025 Progress Report:

\$200,128 in Pledges Received 87% of our **Combined Goal** 23% Registered Families Pledged

This year, our Archdiocese goal is \$128,000. The money raised <u>above this goal</u> will come back to St Jude for our parish project, which is to replace the flooring in the parish hall. Our combined Archdiocesan and parish goal is \$230,000.

It's easy to give to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal:

- Scan the QR code
- visit <u>archseattle.org/GiveACA</u>
- Turn in the envelope found in the pew



MINISTRY NEWS

St Vincent de Paul: Small Miracles

July 2025 Update

In our SVDP ministry, our help often begins with a request for assistance and a home visit. Recently our team received a request from a young mother for help with rent, food and utilities. Our neighbor in need had just moved into housing after months in a shelter, escaping domestic violence with her two young children. Though she now had a roof over her head, safety still felt fragile, and the weight of starting over was heavy.



We listened.

Our neighbor in need shared her story with quiet strength. Her son, who is autistic, was homeschooled because of all the overwhelming transitions in his young life. Her daughter, who is younger and full of imagination, was trying to make sense of the changes around her and acting out. Rent was due, the fridge was nearly empty, and the apartment still echoed with the absence of furniture. We were able to help with rent, food, beds, bedding and a table and chairs assisting them to make a new start. But before we left, we asked, "is there anything else - something small-that would make life a little easier?"

Our neighbor hesitated, then smiled gently. "My daughter...she keeps talking about a play kitchen. There was one at one of the shelters we stayed in. She loved it but hardly got to play in it because the bigger children pushed her away. She wishes she could have one of her own."

Her daughter made her own specific request after hearing her mom tell us about the play kitchen. "I want a pink one, please!

After lots of searching, prayers and dead ends a miracle happened. We found one—a PINK kitchenette, just her size. Not just a toy, but a symbol of stability, joy and the beginning of healing. When it arrived, her daughter squealed with delight and immediately began cooking and making us tea and snacks. In that moment, their new apartment felt a lot more like home.

A few days later, we received a note from our neighbor thanking us for making a difference.

"Your SVdP team has not just made a small difference in our lives but a HUGE difference. You offered warmth and acceptance and love in a way my children and I have never received before. In addition, the things you brought us were small in comparison to the biggest gift you gave us: your presence. In just your presence I am more healed and more confident for it.

My kids have seen what true kindness and love should look like from others and that's a gift I have no words for, nor can ever repay. You perhaps were angels in your own right; you are beautiful and definitely doing God's work and that is something I have truly never witnessed before.

All the items your group provided for us are invaluable to our new start. But the true gift of healing came in the form of a pink wooden play kitchenette with play food and dishes. My daughter has been so excited and tells me 'It's my kitchen and I can play without others hitting and pushing me.'

That is a huge gift, because I know my daughter is healing and starting to feel safe and truly at home as is her big brother. As a mother it made me weep inside for joy because my kids are honestly starting to feel what it means to have a home that's ours and is truly safe. So my gratitude is deep and layered and vast. Thank you for helping us."

That's what our ministry is about. Not just meeting needs, but meeting people—right where they are. Whether it's a tank of gas, a warm meal, or a listening ear, we believe the small acts of kindness can ripple into lasting change. We strive to meet not just the urgent needs, but to listen for the quiet wishes that can bring light into dark places.

Thanks to everyone who supports our ministry work. Whether it is through your monetary donations, needed items left in the basket in the Narthex, gift cards at Christmas or through your prayers, your generosity helps us be the hands and feet of Christ in our neighborhood.

one encounter at a time.

You can donate to St. Vincent de Paul online using the QR code and clicking fund 118-St. Vincent de Paul. If you wish to join our team of Vincentians, please contact Diane Murphy via email: svdp@stjude-redmond.org

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

September 13, 2025
5:30 - 6:30PM

Please join us at St. James Cathedral for the Annual Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and at this special Mass we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for all who have lost a family member, friend, or colleague. We also pray that, as Church and as individuals, we can help prevent suicide by raising awareness and knowing how to help those in need.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

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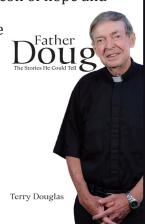
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact <u>martinclavijo44@gmail.com</u>.

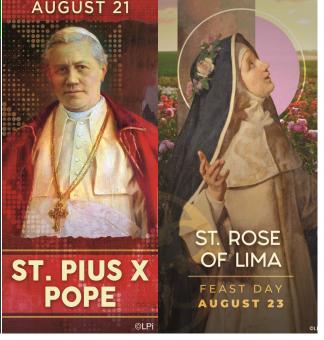
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Stewardship of Treasure

Parish Financial Giving/Sunday Offertory

July 1, 2024 through July 27, 2025 Actual... \$65,528 Goal \$63,400

Over (Under) Budget \$2,424

Ways to Give

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MATCHING EMPLOYER GIFTS

GIVING ENVELOPES: Mail, use collection baskets at Mass or drop off at office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions Week of August 18— August 22

Monday, August 18 Lee Miller †

Wednesday, August 20 M.A. Mathew †

Thursday, August 21 Doroth Bruch †

Friday, August 22 Joan Sporanza †



There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk | 2:50-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.



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