

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger"

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth!

In the midst of a darkened world, the angels sing a song of hope. The Angel announces glad tiding of great joy. The Savior is born, God with us. This is what we celebrate and rejoice in every Christmas. God has taken on our flesh and become one of us and our relationship with God is forever changed by this gracious event.

Whatever drew you here today, I hope that you will feel the presence of the Lord in this Church and in this community of faith. I hope that the song of song of the angels will exult in your heart and grant you the peace which is the promise of Christmas.

If you have been away from the Church for a while, I hope you will see the humility, vulnerability and love of God in the manger as invitation to enter more fully into his life here on earth through this community of faith. If the experience of Christmas is completely new to you, I hope you will discover here that abiding love God which draws us closer to God and one another.

Our broken world is much in need of the peaceable kingdom heralded by Christ's birth. Especially this year, let us pray that Christ's peace may heal the divisions among us in our families, our nation and our world. May the Savior bring healing the we need. May Christ's peace reign in our own hearts and in our world.

On behalf of myself and all who share in the ministry here, I would like to wish you and your families a joyful and blessed Christmas. May God surround you with his joy, peace and love!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. James Johnson



Whether you're new to St. Jude or already a parishioner here, we welcome you and invite you to get involved at St. Jude !

HOW DO I BECOME A PARISHIONER AT ST. JUDE?

We have a wonderful faith community here and we would love to have you become a part of it! Help us get to know you and serve you better:



We invite you to complete a parish registration form by scanning the QR code or filling one out at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. You can return the completed form to the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you for being here!

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

We offer classes for all children from kindergarten through high school, which includes preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist (2nd/3rd grade) and Confirmation (7th/8th grade or high school). The Faith Formation calendar year usually runs from Sep and through May. Registration for Faith Formation for 2026-2027 will begin in early summer 2026.

Contact: joan@stjude-redmond.org



Family Faith Formation
St. Jude Catholic Church

FAITH FORMATION: TEEN MINISTRY

Designed to shape the spiritual growth and emotional resilience of our young people through lively discussions, videos and activities, teens are encouraged to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and embody the values of Faith, Hope, and Love. Through participation, they are able to deepen both their personal spirituality as well as their friendships with their peers. We meet 2-3 times a month on Sunday evenings 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. Dinner and desserts are provided. All teens grades 7-12 are welcome. For more info:

rick@stjude-redmond.org



HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, what it teaches, believes and practices? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We invite you to explore the Catholic faith and the deeper relationship with Christ it offers. **Contact:** **Deacon Reuben at** reuben@stjude-redmond.org

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED AT ST. JUDE?

The gifts God has given to you, God has given to no other, gifts to serve his people....

Do you ever ask yourself:

- How can I make an impact?
- How can I reach out to those in need?
- How can I use my passions and talents to serve the Lord and my fellow neighbors?
- How can I become even more involved?

► There is a ministry for you at St. Jude!

Visit <https://www.stjude-redmond.org/ministries> to view a list of ministry groups we have available here at St. Jude. These are just a few highlights of the wonderful work you can be a part of:

Worship & Liturgy: Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, Minister of the Word, Ministry to the Homebound, Sacristan, Usher, Art & Environment, Greeter

Faith Formation: Children's K-6, Teen Ministry, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), Women of Faith

Works of Justice & Mercy: The Giving Tree, St. Vincent de Paul, Pro-Life Ministry, Safe Parking

The Parish Community: Knights of Columbus, Guardians & Angels, Office Assistance Angels, Welcoming Committee, Funeral Ministry, Sunday Coffee & Donuts, Saturday Wine & Cheese

Prayer Groups: Rosary Cenacle, Adoration Committee, Brothers in Christ

Music Ministry: Sanctuary Choir, Contemporary Choir, Instrumentalist, Cantor

And more! Joining a ministry is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. We will be happy to help you find a ministry where you can share your gifts and serve God's kingdom.



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR A WONDERFUL 2025!



How Do I Become Catholic?

*"Be doers of the word and not merely hearers."
—James 1:22*

God is calling. Now what?

Learning to Respond

God works in many different ways. Most of the time, God works through ordinary people and events—a parent, a friend, a beautiful sunset, a song, an inspiring story. Other times, we hear God's call during crisis moments or major life-changes—a birth, an engagement, a sickness, a death. Sometimes, we just have a feeling that something is missing. No matter what your reason for thinking about becoming Catholic, the Church's hope and prayer is that when God calls, you will respond. If you're reading this, you've already begun to respond! One part of the Catholic Church's mission is to help people respond to God's call as best they can by helping them become more and more like Jesus. For Christians, initiation means falling in love with Jesus and living as Jesus's disciples. This is how we respond best to God's call. Through the process of becoming Catholic, we try to help people learn how to respond to God's call not just for the moment of baptism but for everyday of their lives. The way we learn to do that is by hanging out with Catholics and actually doing what Catholics do. So the process of becoming Catholic is not so much about learning things as in a classroom but entering a way of life, as an apprentice learns from a master and that master's community.

*The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name.
— Pope Francis*

Becoming an Apprentice

At a university art department, a "master potter" was the teacher for all the pottery students. But his students didn't really have classes in a classroom. What they did have was a lifestyle, or a discipline, and they all agreed to live by that lifestyle. In their discipline, the master potter agreed to teach them everything he knew, and the students agreed to watch the potter and follow his example. In a way, they became his disciples. Every so often, the potter showed them a new skill, like making a tiny tea cup. Then he told them, "Now you try it. Practice making 100 tea cups like this every day for the next month. When you can do that, then you're ready to go on to the next step." Yet the potter wasn't only teaching skills; he was also introducing

them to the life of a potter. So he had them eat together using the plates and cups they made, talk

about their struggles and joys with one another, take walks in nature together for inspiration, and chop wood together for the kiln to fire their pottery. Little by little, day by day, the students were *becoming* potters, learning by watching, doing, and living as the master did. Our master potter is Jesus, and becoming Catholic is a lot like being his apprentices. We follow stages, watch for benchmarks, help each other, and learn and practice disciplines before moving on to the next step. The process for this apprenticeship into the Christian way of life is called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (or OCIA). If you're ready to respond to God's call: **here at St. Jude, you can email Deacon Reuben at reuben@stjude-redmond.org**



Words to know

Baptism: the ritual that makes a person a full member of a Christian religion; in the Catholic Church, the ritual involves immersing the person in water and calling upon God using the traditional names of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Catholic: a person who lives out the Christian faith that follows the disciplines established by the Catholic Church

Christ: the Greek title given to Jesus meaning "anointed one"; in Hebrew, the title is translated as "messiah"; title that acknowledges that the person is specially chosen by God to lead and protect God's people

Christian: a person who believes that Jesus was the Son of God, the Christ, who follows the teachings of Christ, and is baptized into the Christian faith through the ritual of baptism

Discipline: habits of a group that make up a way of life based on the teachings of a person considered the group's leader



What made you read this flyer? Has something happened in your life that has made you wonder about becoming Catholic? What questions would you ask a Catholic person?

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Christ the Savior is Born

Parish Office is Closed Dec 24—Jan 2

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas **Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day**

9:00 AM Mass at Dawn

11:00 AM Mass of Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

No Daily Mass & No Adoration

Saturday, December 27

9:00 AM Syro Malabar Mass

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM Sunday Mass

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Monday, December 29

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 30

No Daily Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

5:00 PM Vigil Holy Day Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026—New Year's Day

9:00 AM Holy Day Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Christmas and Year End Thankfulness

THANK YOU to all our St. Jude parishioners for your generous financial support and good stewardship of the parish throughout 2025!

If God has especially blessed you financially in 2025, please consider a special year-end gift to your parish.

-Blessings...Fr. Johnson

Please note that to qualify as a 2025 contribution, donations to the parish must be received in the parish office or postmarked by December 31.

St. Jude offers Online Giving!



For more information visit our website at www.stjude-redmond.org/giving

To give now, sign up with the QR Code.

To All Microsoft Employees:

Did you know your donation can be doubled?

In the Microsoft system, you can find us under: St. Vincent de Paul via St. Jude Catholic Church (840-911052558) .

If you have questions (or if your employer has matching gifts), please contact Krista Schafer at kristas@stjude-redmond.org.

Your generously matched donations to St. Jude help us serve those in need within our community.

Rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, we pray that Christ's peace and joy surround you and your family this Christmas and remain with you always.

Merry Christmas
from the entire staff of St. Jude!

Fr. Johnson
Betty
Rick
Angel

Fr. Raphael
Krista
Joan

Deacon Reuben
Avril
Dorota
Norma

