



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

HOLY REDEEMER | ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

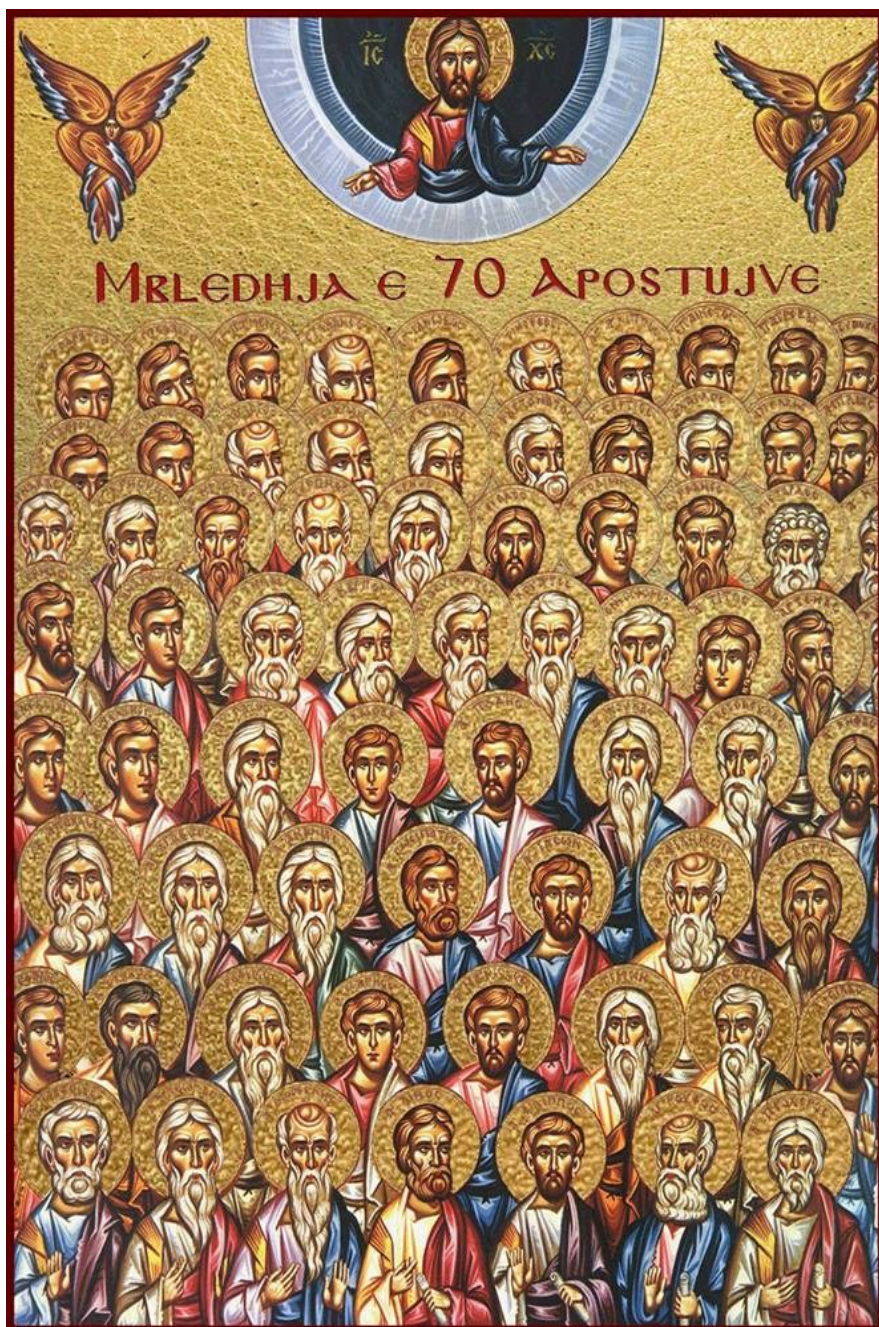
## WELCOME!

Welcome to Columbia River Catholic where we Glorify God and Sanctify Souls. We hope you will join us in our pursuit of an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. We would love to have you register in one of our three faith communities that can be found at the bottom of this page. If you are not already a Catholic Christian, or you are but have been away from the Church for a while, we'd love to help you become a Catholic or return to the fold. Again, just contact one of the communities at the bottom of this page to start or resume your journey.

Enjoy this bulletin. We hope that you will take the time to read through it as it contains important information about our faith and opportunities to grow in it, as well as opportunities to journey together in this Catholic community.

## CLERGY

- Fr. Thomas Nathe, Pastor
- Fr. Bala Nagineni, Vicar
- Fr. Clifford Martin, Retired Priest
- Holy Cross Priests
- Deacon Scott Aikin



## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH | VANCOUVER

360-885-7780

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Vancouver, WA 98684

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## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA MISSION | STEVENSON

509-427-8478

Office Hrs: Call for appointment  
725 SW Rock Creek Drive  
Stevenson, WA 98648

# Masses | Confessions | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/07	7/08	7/09	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am  11:00am Funeral Mass Jamie Kohler	Mass 8:30am  23 hr. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am  Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm  Confessions 3:30-5:15pm	Mass 8:30am  Confessions 2:30-4:15pm  4:30pm Mass	Confessions 7:45-8:15am; 10-10:45am  Mass 8:30am 11:00am

## St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas - Updated

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/07	7/08	7/09	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13
		Confessions 5:00-5:45pm  Mass 6:00pm	Mass 6:00pm	Mass 6:00pm	Confessions 4:00-4:45pm  Mass 5:00pm	Confessions 7:30am - 8:15am  Mass 8:30am

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson - Updated

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/07	7/08	7/09	7/10	7/11	7/12	7/13
		Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:00pm-7:00pm				Confessions 10:45am  Mass 11:30am

Open to exploring or learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Considering joining the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults or OCIA.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA is a formal process of communal initiation of new members into the Catholic Church, as well as a welcome back program for returning Catholics, and further instruction for practicing Catholics who want to know more about the beauty of our faith. Please reach out to us, we want to help!

Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes—Contact Mark MacKenzie at [markm@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)  
Our Lady, Star of the Sea Mission, in Stevenson—Contact Abby Coates at [abby@stthomascamas.org](mailto:abby@stthomascamas.org)



## Religious Vocations – Reasons to Hope

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Two weeks ago, the priests of the Archdiocese of Seattle (Western Washington) gathered at Ocean Shores for our annual gathering called Priest Days. This is the only time all year when all the priests have an opportunity to gather for more than a three-hour event. The annual gathering starts on Sunday evening and ends on Wednesday evening. A guest speaker presents something on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Our guest speaker this year was Rhonda Grue-newald, a laywoman from the Houston area. Rhonda began a ministry about ten years ago to help dioceses, parishes, and individuals raise up vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Since then, she has presented in over 70 dioceses across the country helping bishops and priests to know what they can do to promote vocations and accompany those who are discerning.

Rhonda's presentation was the best one we've had in the 25 years that I've been attending Priest Days. She is a gifted public speaker (she's had lots of practice doing this), educating us on the subject matter in question, and evangelizing the bishops and priests of the Archdiocese. In the coming years, I will be putting together some of the things that she recommended and hopefully seeing more fruit in this area. Although Columbia River Catholic is doing well compared to most parish families, as an Archdiocese, we are way behind where we need to be if we hope to maintain what we have, let alone get ahead.

On Saturday, July 5, Ayden Andersen, a parishioner from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Camas, left for seminary. A brief biography and his vocational story was in the bulletin last weekend. Let's keep Ayden and all our young men and women from Columbia River Catholic who are in formation to become priests and consecrated religious in our prayers: Elizabeth Marie, Evan MacKenzie, Gabriel Brands, Ines MacKenzie, Jesus Gomez, Townsen Poissant, and Ayden Anderson. There are others from our parish family that are discerning too, some unknown to us, so please keep storming heaven for them too.

The current false thinking around religious vocations goes something like this: God wants almost everybody to get married, but there is a (very) small number of people He is calling to religious life – are you one of them? This is incorrect. God invites every single, young Catholic who is of sound mind and body to join him as a priest or consecrated religious. The reason why it seems that God only "calls" one in a thousand Catholics is because only one in a thousand Catholics have heard the invitation and said yes: all the others either didn't

hear the invitation, or did, but said, "No" in one way or another. The truth is God does not play favorites. His invitation to come after Him and be fishers of men is not limited to that special someone. It is generously given away to all who can and are willing.

Think of the parable of the great supper where a man is having a marriage feast for his son: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame . . . Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'" (Lk 14:16-23) Our Lord finishes this parable in St. Matthew's Gospel by stating that: "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Mt 22:14) The "few are chosen" part isn't because God hasn't called them, but because so few have responded! Why is that?

God clearly made us for marriage: mind, body, and spirit. Choosing celibacy, especially for a young adult, sounds impossible to freely choose. What's even harder to accept: being a public representative of God and his Church, a public religious leader, always being different from everyone else in a "not one of us" kind of way, always being a good moral example for others, all of this for the rest of your life – insane too. Or is it?

To be sure, we don't feel sheepish when we invite someone to consider being a (fill in the blank) doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, etc., but we do when it comes to religious life for the reasons stated above: our kids might think we're actually wishing misery upon them for the wellbeing of others, but we're missing something huge—meaning and purpose.

Everyone thirsts for meaning and purpose: from the poor to the wealthy, the sick to the athlete, the anonymous to the famous, the incompetent to the talented, the homely to the beautiful, the weak to the powerful, the young to the old—all thirst for meaning and purpose. Those who don't walk with Jesus have an innate sense that something is missing and wrong at a gut level, even when 'everything' on the outside seems to be going well.

The something that is missing is the truth of God and abiding in Truth and God. While being completely provided for, priests and consecrated religious get to spend their whole lives seeking and abiding in the Truth of God, while helping others to find this Truth and abide in it too. It is immensely satisfying to find the meaning of life, Jesus Christ, to abide in Him, and to share Him in word and example with others. That is a fulfilling and purpose driven life, and people long to be fulfilled and have purpose. What's more, we long to be loved. Who can love us more than Jesus?

Here are my suggestions on how we can help foster more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life.

1. Invite single Catholics who you think would make a good priest, nun, or monk to consider being one. Do not ask them to discern whether or not God is inviting them, let's assume He is, let them know that.
2. Tell them that everyone is searching for the meaning of life and purpose in their life. Jesus Christ, God, is that meaning and religious life would be a life of tremendous purpose. There is joy in that.
3. Let them know that if they say no to God's invitation, God will honor that decision and still love them with all His heart and so will you. After all, you are not a priest or consecrated religious and God still loves you with all his heart, has another plan for you, and has a place prepared for you in heaven.
4. Let them know that God loves them very much and will bless them in untold ways if they will pursue religious life.
5. They have a higher chance of being a better person for having chosen religious life than if they had not. I certainly have.
6. Let them know that if they say yes and persevere to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, they will literally save souls from the fires of hell. Can anyone think of something more important than that?
7. Let them know that they have your and the Church's full, unwavering support and love on their journey.
8. They will be rewarded beyond their wildest dreams in the life to come.
9. Direct them to resources. The internet makes it really easy, just look-up religious orders and diocesan websites. And ask them to make an appointment with their pastor.

*"Then Peter said in reply, 'Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.' Mt 19:27-29*

On a slightly different but related subject. A number of my brother priests have reported that they saw more young adults coming into the Church this past Easter Vigil than they normally do. Surveys statistics bear this out. Perhaps some kind of small but real movement is happening in our wider society toward God and His Church. Below I have attached part of an article from Phil Lawler at [www.catholicculture.org/commentary/under-radar-growth-catholic-commitment/](http://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/under-radar-growth-catholic-commitment/). Phil is one of my favorite commentators on the Catholic Church and faith. Enjoy.

In Christ, the Herald of Good News,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

### The Under-the-Radar Growth of Catholic Commitment (Abridged)

By Phil Lawler | Jun 13, 2025

At Easter this year, dioceses in England and France and Australia and Ireland and Canada and the US reported record numbers of adult conversions—**with young adults leading the way in most cases.**

Today's CWN headlines include a report on a Gallup survey with another suggestions of a subtle trend. Most Americans, the poll found, think that the influence of religious faith is in decline. No surprise there. But wait. Last year 72% of respondents said that religion was in decline; this year the number dropped to 59%. At the same time, the number of people who saw religious influence on the rise jumped from 20% to 32%.

Those figures match what I am seeing. Most Americans think that religious faith is losing public influence, and no wonder: they see the decline in public piety; they see the shrinking congregations. Insofar as they are watching the Catholic Church, they see the continued decline in Sunday Mass attendance. The overall statistics look grim. But they don't see the small but steady growth in the number of Catholics making a special commitment to the faith. They don't see the figures on new adult conversions. They aren't noticing the emergence of what then-Cardinal Ratzinger famously termed a "creative minority" of dedicated faithful Catholics. Yet some people are noticing, and their number grows every year.

## Catholic School Options

Columbia River Catholic Parish Family provides per-pupil assistance for active parishioners who enroll their children in grades K-8 at local Catholic Schools. This allows families to receive discounted tuition rates.

- Columbia River Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten  
[lauren@stthomascamas.org](mailto:lauren@stthomascamas.org)
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS  
[admissions@rcahybrid.org](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org)
- Our Lady of Lourdes School Pre-K—8th Grade  
[www.lourdesvan.org](http://www.lourdesvan.org)
- St. Joseph Catholic School Pre-K—8th Grade  
[www.stjoevanschool.org/](http://www.stjoevanschool.org/)
- Seton Catholic College Prep High School  
<https://www.setonhigh.org/>

## Staff Retreat July 9th: Parish Offices Closed

On Wednesday July 9th the staff of all Columbia River



Catholic parish offices will be participating in an annual Staff Retreat. All offices at Holy Redeemer, St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady Star of the Sea will be closed that day, to

re-open for all regularly scheduled hours the rest of the week.

## Mark Your Calendars! CRC Summer Events! Open to All Columbia River Catholic Families

Jul 2-30	Healing of Families Study at Holy Redeemer
July 12	Women Growing in Faith at Holy Redeemer
July 16-20	Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference
July 25-26	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Booth at Camas Days
July 26	Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament
July 27-31	Holy Hikers (St. Thomas) Camp Creek Mt Hood
Jul 28-Aug 1	Vacation Bible School (PreK-5) at Holy Redeemer
Aug 1	Empty Nester BBQ at Holy Redeemer
Aug 11-15	Vacation Bible School (PreK-5) at St. Thomas
Aug 24	Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic

## Save the Date! Empty Nesters Annual BBQ

August 1

Mark 5:30pm August 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ. Open to all Columbia River Catholic Empty Nesters (ages 21 or over without dependents under the age of 17 at home.) \$10 per person. Reserve your spot(s) by July 25th by calling Kathy Trippy at 360-606-5061 or email her at

[ktrippy@comcast.net](mailto:ktrippy@comcast.net)

## Women Growing in Faith

July 12th, 9:15am

All women are invited to attend the next Women Growing in Faith meeting on Saturday July 12th. Diane Boggs will be our returning speaker presenting "Hearing God's Voice". Join with other Catholic women for prayer, inspiration, hospitality and fellowship. No RSVP needed ~ simply join us!



## July 14-18, 51st Annual Catholic Education Retreat

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows at Our Lady of Peace Retreat, Beaverton are presenting an educational and spiritual Catholic Retreat. The theme is: "Who do you say that I am?", designed for all who work/volunteer in Catholic education/faith formation ministry but is perfect for anyone who wants to deepen their prayer life, grow stronger in their Catholic Faith, or desires more peace and joy in their life. Evenings of July 14-17, part of the Summer Institute are open to everyone. All sessions are 7:15-9:15pm, new topics and different speakers each evening. \$10 per lecture. For details visit: [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org).

## Young Catholic Professionals

July 8th, 7pm-8:30pm at Christ the King Parish, Portland

Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to join YCP Portland for our July Executive Panel Discussion on the virtue of patience in the workplace. Hear from three inspiring Catholic leaders—Monsignor John Cihak, Jillian Kurvers, and Brian Martinek—during an engaging evening that includes a classy social with drinks and appetizers, a

spiritual reflection, and small-group table discussions. Event

Registration Page:

<https://ycp.glueup.com/event/143463/register/>

YCP Portland Webpage:

[youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/portland](http://youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/portland)



## Thank You for Your Feedback!

Thank you for taking time to read through our new Columbia River Catholic bulletin. To send us feedback or constructive comments, click the QR code to access our CRC Bulletin feedback form.



CRC Bulletin Feedback

# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



## Holy Redeemer Church

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Phone: 360-885-7780

Email: [office@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:office@holyredeemervan.org)

### Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday-Friday

**Closed July 9th ~ Staff Retreat**

17010 NE 9th Street

Vancouver, WA 98684



### Daily Mass Intentions

7/07 Angeline Mary Martin†

7/08 Patricia Williamst†

7/09 Mary Williamst†

7/10 Sally Ann Lesniak†

7/11 Larry Bolton†

7/12 Bridget Currant†

### Prayer Requests

Erik Benavente†, Giselle M. Brakeville†, Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunstein†, Sherry Callaghan, Lynn Florentino†, Carol Greene†, Dorothy Gutierrez†, Ed Gillis, Diane Helley†, Ron Hearst, Irma Herrera, Jamie Kohler†, Diane McCloud, Darlene Neale, Carol Patrick, Mary Pulczynski†, Sam Rosson†, Jim Williamst†, Dawna Wilson†, Richard Willerton, Elizabeth Wolf

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	6/22-6/28
Stewardship	\$ 28,159
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 802

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### Empty Nester Hiking | July 7

The Creaky Knees Club will be hiking Siouxon Trail Monday July 7, 2025. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's west parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 9:30AM. Bring a sack lunch, we will be eating on the trail. We will be hiking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay. Please call Bill Daudistel to RSVP, or for more information, at 360-882-8371.

### Empty Nesters Pinochle | July 19th

All pinochle players from Columbia River Catholic are invited to join Pinochle night at Holy Redeemer in the parish hall on Saturday July 19th at 5:45PM. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please RSVP to

## Coming Up

July 9	Healing of Families
July 9	Staff Retreat ~ Parish Office Closed
July 12	Women Growing in Faith
July 19	Empty Nesters Pinochle
July 22	Red Cross Blood Drive (rescheduled from 7/29)
July 28-Aug 1	Vacation Bible School
August 1	Empty Nesters BBQ

## Recurring Meetings

**American Heritage Girls:** Mondays 4:30pm | Resumes in September

**Bible Study with Littles:** Tuesdays 9:30am | Resumes in fall

**Cenacle of St. Joseph,** Wednesdays (monthly) 3:00pm | July 16

**Choir, Children & Youth:** Wednesdays 5:00pm | Resumes in August

**Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Resumes in August

**Fidelis and Fraternus:** Wednesdays 6:00pm | Resumes in fall

**Healing of Families:** Wednesdays 6:30pm | July 9, July 16

**Holy Face of Jesus Devotion:** 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | July 22

**Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Resumes in fall

**MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | July 7, July 14

**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | July 10, July 17

**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | July 12, July 19

**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | July 8, July 15

**Spanish Endow:** Mondays 5:00pm | Resumes in fall

**Trail Life USA,** Mondays 6:30pm | Resumes in September

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Friday 6:30pm | July 18, July 25



# Holy Redeemer Faith Formation

For a complete listing of opportunities and upcoming events, visit [holyredeemervan.org](http://holyredeemervan.org) or call the parish office M-F 9am-4pm.



A Ministry by Women for Women

July 12

9:15am-10:45am

Diane Boggs

"Hearing God's Voice"

Holy Redeemer Parish Hall

17010 NE 9th St

Vancouver, WA 98684

Prayer, Inspiration, Hospitality and Fellowship

Join Us ~ No RSVP needed

For program details please visit

[www.holyredeemervan.org](http://www.holyredeemervan.org)



## FIAT LUX

GENESIS 1:3

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Dates: July 28 - August 1

Times: 9am - 12:15pm

Cost: \$60 (\$120 family cap)

Holy Redeemer Campus

REGISTER



TODAY!!!

[www.holyredeemervan.org/parish-events/vacation-bible-school](http://www.holyredeemervan.org/parish-events/vacation-bible-school)

## FRATERNUS SUMMER EXCURSION

August 3-8, 2025  
Ione, WA

For ALL young men grades 6-12 and adult  
male mentors, dads, older brothers, and  
those interested in Fraternus.

REGISTER  
TODAY!



## IGNITE NW

### BABY DRIVE

IGNITE NW HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE IS DOING A  
BABY DRIVE! COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC (HOLY  
REDEEMER, ST. THOMAS, AND STAR OF THE SEA)  
IS COLLECTING CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN 18-24  
MONTHS OLD!

TO DONATE, SCAN THE QR CODE AND CONTRIBUTE  
TO THE AMAZON WISH LIST! ITEMS WILL BE  
SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO IGNITE NW!



YOUR GENEROCITY  
IS GREATLY  
APPRECIATED!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT ANNIE AT [ANNIEC@HOLYREDEEMERVANC.ORG](mailto:ANNIEC@HOLYREDEEMERVANC.ORG)

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday -Thursday

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[stthomascamas.org](http://stthomascamas.org)

### Daily Mass intentions

7/9 Isabella Twyman (birthday)  
7/10 Rosemary Michaelst  
7/11 Mary Elizabeth Ohm†  
7/12 Mark Myers†

### Prayer Requests

Jamie Kohler†, Don Millert†, Jack Guerrero†, Eoin O'Neill†, Gwen McGuirk†, Mary Currant†, Al Bishop (hospice), Bill (recovery), Jean Carpenter (recovery), Magdalena Jap (knees), Debbie Chase (healing), Kelly (healing), and please continue to pray for all those on the prayer chain.

Send new prayer requests to:

[stthomasprayers@stthomascamas.org](mailto:stthomasprayers@stthomascamas.org)

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	6/22-6-28
Stewardship	\$ 7,744
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 235

## Special This Week

### Special Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

July 5-6 (held every three years on Independence Day weekend)

This special collection supports sacramental and pastoral care for Servicemembers, veterans, and their families wherever they are stationed, at bases or installations in the in the US or abroad.

### Grief Recovery | July 7th, 10:00am, Parish Office

If you or someone you know could benefit from our grief support group, please join us this month. Contact Ginger at [g.s.lowery@gmail.com](mailto:g.s.lowery@gmail.com).

### Drama Group | July 8th, 5:30pm, Fireside Room

This spring, we relaunched our Drama Group to focus on script work with adults, young adults, and teens. Join us on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Contact Patrick at [didigogobeckett@gmail.com](mailto:didigogobeckett@gmail.com).

### Annual Staff Retreat: Parish Offices Closed | July 9th

On Wednesday, July 9th, the Parish Office will be closed while the staff participates in an Annual Staff Retreat. Offices will reopen on July 10th.

### Baptism Class | July 12th, 9:30 - 11:30am, Fireside Room

For parents and godparents: use this QR Code to sign up and receive a link to videos you will need to watch before the class.



## Coming Up

Jul 16-20 Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference (HS)  
Jul 17 Movies on the Field at St. Thomas  
Jul 25-26 Parish Booth at Camas Days  
Jul 27-31 Holy Hikers Mt. Hood Camping Trip  
Jul 28-Aug 1 Vacation Bible School (PreK-5) at Holy Redeemer  
August 1 Empty Nesters BBQ at Holy Redeemer  
Aug 11-15 Vacation Bible School (PreK-5) at St. Thomas

## Recurring Meetings

**Aquinas Guild:** 1st Wednesdays 9am fireside (not Jun-Jul) | Aug 6, Sep 3  
**Catholic Daughters:** 1st Mondays 6pm fireside (not Jul-Aug) | Sep 8, Oct 6  
**Cor Men's Group:** 3rd Saturdays 9:10am (not summer) | Sep 20, Oct 18  
**Drama Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5:30pm fireside | Jul 8, Jul 22  
**Faith Formation (PreK-12):** Sundays 9:45am AC | Sep 14, Sep 21  
**Faith & Family Parent Meeting:** 3rd Sundays 9:45am fireside | TBD Sep  
**Grief Recovery:** 1st Mondays 10:00am Parish Office | Jul 7, Aug 4  
**Knights of Columbus:** 1st Wednesdays 7pm fireside | Jul 9, Aug 6  
**OCIA (Christian Initiation):** Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Jul 8, Jul 15  
**Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Jul 15, Aug 5  
**Parish Potluck:** 3rd Thursdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Sep 18, Oct 16  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Most 1st Saturdays 9:30am | TBD Sep  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** 1st Wednesdays 1pm fireside | Aug 6, Sep 3  
**Youth Group Socials:** monthly weekends 6pm (except summer) | TBD Sep



# St. Thomas Aquinas Evangelization

For a complete listing of opportunities and upcoming events, visit [stthomascamas.org](http://stthomascamas.org) and read the weekly email from the parish office (contact [office@stthomascamas.org](mailto:office@stthomascamas.org) to subscribe). See below for a summary:

49th Annual



July 25th and 26th, 2025

If you can laugh and wave you can volunteer for Camas Days. Check the box on your evangelic duty this year and sign up for two hours in our pretty parish booth.





## Holy Hikers! Camp Creek Mt. Hood

Sunday, July 27 through Thursday, July 31, 2025  
We're heading to Mt. Hood National Forest for a few days of inspiration in God's Country, PNW. Day Hikes and Evening Activities. More info at [bnaprayergroup.org](http://bnaprayergroup.org)

### BNA Prayer Group

All elementary children are invited

## Let's walk with JESUS

Vacation Bible School



**August 11 - 15, 2025  
from 9:00-12:00 pm  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

**Register now using the QR code**

\$ Cost: \$20 per child (Scholarships available) ☺ Donations are welcome and appreciated!

## Parishioner Grace Varsek

### will be a FOCUS Missionary

Grace Varsek, a lifelong St. Thomas parishioner, will be serving as a college missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) in Flagstaff, Arizona beginning this fall. In this role, she will accompany students on their faith journeys and invite them into a deeper relationship with Christ. As part of her missionary work, Grace is responsible for raising 100% of her living expenses and is asking for our support. She will introduce herself at the end of Masses this weekend. She is also currently setting up appointments and would love to invite others to partner with her prayerfully and financially in this mission.

Giving page: <https://focus.org/missionaries/grace-varsek/>



## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.



*You're Invited!*

## ASSISTANT TRAINING

Join us this August for August 8, 9, 10 days of introduction to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method. Learn about the developmental and spiritual characteristics of the 3 to 6 year old child.  
for more information contact  
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# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



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### Sunday Mass Intention

7/6 Diana Connelly

### Prayer Requests

Sue Kohoe (surgery), Gabriel Tovar, James (spinal degeneration), Norm Ward†, Gabriel (a toddler healing from pneumonia), Tracy (needs a home), Bob LaFord†, Jamie Kohler†, Marlene (lung cancer), Susan Schneider (health), Denise Melton (cancer), and please continue to pray for all those on the parish prayer chain.

Send prayer requests to:  
Abby Coates 509-427-0010

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	6/22-6/28
Stewardship	\$ 592

## Special This Week

### New Sunday Schedule

10:45am Reconciliation, 11:30am Sunday Mass

### July, Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Pope Pius IX instituted the Feast of the Most Precious Blood to be celebrated in July 1849 but the devotion is as old as Christianity. We are called to honor and recognize the Most Precious Blood with particular attention during the month of July.

“Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the world” St. Pope Clement (AD 96)

### Parish Picnic July 27th

Get ready for some Bingo and Tacos, Sunday, July 27 – please mark your calendars! Please sign up to help on the sign-up board in the social hall. Help us fill all the volunteer spots across the various categories. Consider setting up some great kids’ activities. Sign up to bring your famous salad or dish to go with this year’s taco bar. Let’s make this year’s picnic a joyful and memorable event for everyone in the parish. Fr. Nathe will be joining us and will be here to lead us in Bingo.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you all for your generous donations. We are excited to share that we’ve reached 44% participation in our parish community and 134% of our fundraising goal. Your support has truly made a difference. Thank you for your generosity and commitment!

### Catholic Online Resources

There are some wonderful Catholic online resources out there that you might find enriching and helpful on your faith journey.

- Formed.org – Catholic movies, Bible studies, and children content.
- Word on Fire – Bishop Baron’s ministry videos and articles.
- Ascension Press – Home of *The Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz.
- Hallow App – A Catholic prayer app, with guided Rosaries, daily reflections and music.
- Manna.eucharisticcongress.org– The digital streaming platform of the National Eucharistic Revival. Includes videos and reflections from Revival Congress sessions.
- USSCB.org – The official site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops includes daily readings, Church documents and prayer resources.
- EWTN.com – Catholic media network with TV, radio and news.
- Catholic.com – Catholic Answers has faithful explanations on Catholic doctrine.

## Coming Up

### Minister Schedule

Celebrant:

Sacristan:

EMHC (cups):

Lector:

Ushers:

Counters:

Coffee Hosts:

### Sunday, Jul 6 (11:30)

Fr. Bala

Tony C.

Joseph & Monica

Connie

Regina & Laura

Ed & Kitty

Matt, Dick & Steve

### Sunday, Jul 13 (11:30)

Fr. Bala

Chris C.

Dick & Chris

Peter B.

Jim & Debbie W.

Greg & Elaine

Gina, Abby, & Ed



## Contact Information



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

[www.columbiarivercatholic.org](http://www.columbiarivercatholic.org)

### Parish Offices' Phone Numbers & Hours:

- Holy Redeemer Parish 360-885-7780  
Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm
- St Thomas Aquinas Parish 360-834-2126  
Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission 509-427-8478  
Please call for appointment

### CLERGY

Fr. Thomas Nathe, Pastor  
Fr. Bala Nagineni, Vicar  
Fr. Clifford Martin, Retired Priest  
Holy Cross Priests  
Deacon Scott Aikin

### BECOMING CATHOLIC? RETURNING CATHOLIC?

For anyone exploring the Catholic Faith, whether already Baptized or not, contact [markm@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact your local parish office to request a Mass intention.

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Don Anderson | [dona@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:dona@holyredeemervanc.org)

### TITHING AND FINANCIAL GIFTS

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### FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION

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### MARRIAGE

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

### FAITH FORMATION: PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Katelyn Greenlee | [katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org)

### FAITH FORMATION: ADULT

Mark MacKenzie | [markm@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)

### HOMEBOUND VISITS

Please contact your local parish office to arrange a visit to the sick, homebound, or other individual due to infirmity.

### FUNERALS

Contact the Parish Office where the family is registered.

### MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Vancouver | 360-694-5388  
Camas & Washougal | 360-834-2126, option 2

### COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LOCAL RESOURCES

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