



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

July 13, 2025

15th 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



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Masses | Confessions | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am 23 hr. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm Confessions 3:30-5:00pm	Mass 8:30am Confessions 9:15am-10:30am 2:30-4:15pm 4:30pm Mass	Confessions 7:30-8:15am 10:00-10:45am Mass 8:30am 11:00am

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas - Updated

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
		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
7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20
		Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:00pm-7:00pm				Confessions 10:45-11:15am 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
Our Lady, Star of the Sea Mission, in Stevenson—Contact Abby Coates at abby@stthomascamas.org

Mary's Meals

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

This weekend we are promoting a very fruitful and efficient Catholic charity called Mary's Meals. Most of you have heard me say that God is so great that He gives us everything and is so generous that He lets us keep 90%! The other 10% . . . *belongs to Him*. When it comes to tithing, I have always recommended that we give 5% to our Parish, 1% to the Annual Catholic Appeal, 1% to St. Vincent DePaul, and the remaining 3% to other Catholic charities. Here is a phenomenal Catholic charity to give *one* of those last three percentage points to – Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals is a Catholic charity that currently feeds over 2.6 million children a nutritious meal in their place of education around the world. We want to partner with them to feed more. Here are some important things to know.

- In many poor nations around the world, schools do not feed the children in their care, they don't have the resources. If children are hungry at school, they struggle to learn. Many children will not go to school if they are not going to be fed, especially when other children eat food from home in front of them.
- When a school enters the Mary's Meals program, enrollment increases as much as 30-40%. That's because hungry children go to school to be fed. For some, it is all the food they will have that day! What's more, a disproportionately large percentage of the increase in student population are girls, because in a lot of the cultures where Mary's Meals operates, girls' education is not as valued as boys.
- All food is sourced locally and prepared by local volunteers. This keeps costs low, supports the local economy, feeds children food they are familiar with and will eat, and builds community.
- I surmise that a lot of the volunteers that prepare the food each day are grandparents who are also hungry, so now they get a nutritious meal too!
- Another amazing benefit of Mary's Meals: now that the children at school are getting a nutritious meal, their younger and older siblings can eat a little more at home, because they don't have to share with their siblings who are being fed at school. The whole family benefits from Mary's Meals.
- Mary's Meals ensures that over 94% of every dollar donated to them is used to get food to the children. That's a super high efficiency rate.
- Mary's Meals does not accept any money from the government, which is how they can stay authentically Catholic, and are able to be so efficient with the monies entrusted to them.

Here is Mary's Meals Vision: That every child receives one meal a day in their place of education, and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Working together with those who share our vision, we believe there is no good reason why this vision cannot be realized.

By supporting Mary's Meals, we get a chance to live out one aspect of our faith: "Lord when did we feed you," and Jesus replies, "whatever you did for the least of my people, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Our Catholic Church teaches that those who have much are meant to share it with those who have little (CCC 1033, 1397, 1435, 1825, 2053, 2405, 2443-2449, 2462). Your support and prayers truly give these children hope. You are doing Christ's work when you support Mary's Meals, and it will help you to grow in holiness too.

This is my hope for Columbia River Catholic: that every parishioner donate \$25.20 to Mary's Meals. Why this odd amount? **Because \$25.20 is what it costs Mary's Meals to feed a child a nutritious meal in their place of education every school day for a year.** Imagine that, for the cost of one fast food meal for two, you can feed a hungry child at school for a year. \$25.20 is also an amount that all of us can afford, even the poorest among us can afford \$25.20. Of course, many of us can donate more than \$25.20 and if you can, I hope you will. Whatever you give, your gift will put a big smile on Mary and Jesus' faces.

To donate, first pray for guidance on how much you are called to share with the poorest of the poor. Then scan the QR code to the right, or click on this link: <https://www.marysmealsusa.org/fundraising#/detail/701P500000T088BIAR>. Either way, it takes you to a page on Mary's Meals website specifically for Columbia River Catholic's Parish Family. You can also access the link to our donation button on the home page of our website. Thank you in advance for your care for the poor!



May Almighty God Bless You,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

P.S. If every member of Columbia River Catholic donates \$25.20, we will have fed over a million children in one year! Our example might inspire other Catholic parishes to do the same.

The Good News of Columbia River Catholic

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

The past year has been very challenging for many parishioners, especially our staff. Partners in the Gospel is a real stretch for many of us for different reasons. It could be the kind of thing Satan uses to stoke people's pride and grievances, and then use that to separate them from Christ and His Church. But I'm not seeing that at Columbia River Catholic. While I, the staff, and many volunteers have had to make many difficult adjustments over the past year, we have managed them with skill and grace. So have many of you. Even the most difficult change so far, Fr. Martin's retirement and the new Mass schedule, has been handled by the vast majority of us with understanding and charity. For that, I am so grateful to Almighty God who is so loving and glorious, and you for cooperating with his grace. I'm even seeing some growth in our numbers in the past year, certainly in holiness by many of you.

I want to thank the many hundreds of you throughout Columbia River Catholic (Holy Redeemer, St. Thomas, and Star of the Sea) for making a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We have hit all our goals, exceeding my own expectations and setting an example of faith for the whole Archdiocese. Here are some numbers that shed some light on where our three communities stand in relation to the other 160 parishes and missions in the Archdiocese. These numbers are meaningless in themselves, but when they represent the faith of the people behind them, they tell the tale of a very special faith-filled community.

- Holy Redeemer's participation rate is 55% while the Archdiocesan average is 20%. This is #1 in the Archdiocese excluding parishes of under 200 families (Holy Redeemer has 1085 families).
- Holy Redeemer is the fourth highest contributor in the Archdiocese. The three parishes that give more are all double Holy Redeemer's size.
- Holy Redeemer Parish is set to have a rebate of \$125,449. This is 1.5 times larger than the next largest rebate in the Archdiocese. This rebate will enable Holy Redeemer to redo our north parking lot, installing a catch basin under it so that we can eliminate the two bioswales on the north side of the parish center. This in

turn will enable us to significantly increase the size of the future parish center when the time comes for that project. It will also significantly improve the north parking lot, enabling us to install full-size parking spaces and potentially creating a drop-off lane there.

- St. Thomas' participation stands at 39% while the Archdiocesan average is 20%. Participants went up from 163 to 213 – a 30% increase in participation from last year!
- St. Thomas is the #2 donor in the Archdiocese for parishes between 101-800 families (St. Thomas has 541 families). St. Thomas is set to receive a \$35,000 rebate. That money will go toward subsidizing our Columbia River Catholic preschool and kindergarten.
- Star of the Sea's participation stands at 47% while the Archdiocesan average is 20%. Participants went up this year from 21 to 32 – a 52% increase in participation from last year!
- Star of the Sea is the #3 donor in the Archdiocese, for communities under 100 families. Star of the Sea is set to receive a \$10,000 rebate that will go toward a much overdue siding project on the church. A project that will cost us almost \$100,000.

If you still haven't made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you still can by replying to my letter sent out this week to the holdouts or by contacting the office. Every penny of what you pledge at this point will come back to the parishes for the projects mentioned above.

I love you all.

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

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
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS
admissions@rcahybrid.org
- Our Lady of Lourdes School Pre-K—8th Grade
www.lourdesvan.org
- St. Joseph Catholic School Pre-K—8th Grade
www.stjoevanschool.org/
- Seton Catholic College Prep High School
<https://www.setonhigh.org/>

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

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
Jul 27	Our Lady Star of the Sea Potluck-Parish Picnic
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

Ignite NW ~ Pray for Our Youth!

July 16-20

This week 45 youth from Columbia River Catholic parishes will be attending the 2025 Ignite NW Youth Conference at the University of Portland. In addition to the sessions and speakers, this year Ignite NW is also hosting a Baby Drive to provide families with clothing. You can help support this year's Ignite program by scanning the QR code to contribute to the Baby Drive, and of course, particularly this week, please keep them in your prayers this week as they grow in faith.



Red Cross Blood Drive

July 22

The Knights of Columbus are holding the quarterly blood drive on July 22nd at the Holy Redeemer campus in a mobile unit provided by the Red Cross. Please sign up to give blood that day by going to redcross.org and searching for blood drives in ZIP Code 98684 on July 22nd.

Columbia River Catholic Vacation Bible Schools!

July 28-Aug 1 at Holy Redeemer

Aug 11-15 at St. Thomas Aquinas

It's time to sign your children and grandchildren up for this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS is a great experience for children PreK-5th grade to have fun, be with other kids and grow in faith this summer. See the Parish Pgs. 7 & 9 for the details and QR codes to sign up, or go to the website of the Parish campus (Holy Redeemer or St. Thomas Aquinas) where you would like to enroll your child /children.

Mary's Meals Catholic Charity

July 12-13

Last month the Knights of Columbus working with Cross Catholic Outreach allowed us to help pack 100,000 meals for starving children around the world. THANK YOU for your help! Now we have another great opportunity to help starving children by donating to Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is a Catholic Charity whose vision is "That every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things." Your support is appreciated to help the children with a donation by clicking the QR code. Representatives will also be in the narthex of all three parishes this weekend to answer questions and receive contributions.



Empty Nester's Annual BBQ

Aug 1

Mark 5:30pm August 1st on your calendar for the 13th Annual Empty Nesters BBQ. This is an event open to all Columbia River Catholic Empty Nesters (adults without dependents under the age of 17 at home) held in the Holy Redeemer Parish Center. Come learn about a wide array of Empty Nesters group activities and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other Catholic adults. \$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 with your name(s), phone number, and email address to be included on the invitation list.

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



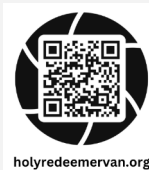
Holy Redeemer Church

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Daily Mass Intentions

7/14 Dave Hodgson†
7/15 Kanooth Family
7/16 Greenlee Family
7/17 Ferree Family
7/18 Lord Family
7/19 Carli Berkompas

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 Rossont†, Jim Williamst†, Dawna Wilson†, Elizabeth Wolf

Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions	6/29-7/5
Stewardship	\$ 42,037
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 462

Special This Week

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. RSVP to Mendy at jammen63@comcast.net or Maureen at maureend001@gmail.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive | July 22nd

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 22nd from 11am-4pm in a mobile blood unit in the church parking lot. Please sign up to donate blood at redcross.org and search for blood drives in the zipcode 98684 on July 22nd.

Annual Parish Picnic | August 24

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 24th. This year we will be celebrating 25 years as a parish! The event will feature BBQ by the Knights of Columbus, all parish potluck, bounce house, raffle, field games for the kids, BINGO in the breezeway and more. We are now seeking donations of items and gift cards for prizes and our raffle baskets. Please bring donations to the Parish Office during office hours M-F, 9am-4pm.

Coming Up

Jul 16-20 Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference (HS)
Jul 16 Healing of Families
Jul 19 Empty Nesters Pinochle
Jul 22 Red Cross Blood Drive (rescheduled from 7/29)
Jul 28-Aug 1 Vacation Bible School
Aug 1 Empty Nesters BBQ
Aug 3-8 Fraternus Excursion
Aug 24 Holy Redeemer Annual Parish Picnic

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 16, July 23
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 14, July 21
MMP Cenacle: Thursdays 9:15am | July 17, July 24
MMP Cenacle: Saturdays 9:15am | July 19, July 26
OCIA: Tuesdays 6:00pm | July 15, July 22
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 or call the parish office M-F 9am-4pm.

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**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

For More Information Visit
www.millionsofmonicas.com

**BECOME ONE
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One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

**MONDAYS
6-7 PM**

**HOLY REDEEMER
BEGINNING: AUGUST 18, 2025**

Join with other mothers as we pray to grow in holiness and humility
and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church

**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!**

**ARCHDIOCESE
OF PORTLAND
OREGON**

Quo Vadis
Where are you going?

August 11-14, 2025

All high school men are invited to
Quo Vadis Days, a 4-day camp to
learn more about the priesthood,
deepen their faith, and better
discern God's call in their lives.

Location: Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt Angel

Registration Due
July 18

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Daily Mass intentions

7/16 Angel Martinez†
7/17 Thrilby Balenta†
7/18 Fr. Justus Kiiza (Ordination Anniv.)

Prayer Requests

Fausto Cortes†, Pat W. (recovery), Evelina Yurick (health), Alexander (eye infection), Jamie Kohler†, Don Miller†, Jack Guerrero†, Eoin O'Neill†, Gwen McGuirk†, Mary Curran†, 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

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	6/29-7/5
Stewardship	\$ 11,104
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 595

Special This Week

Parish Playgroup | July 15, 10:00am

Tuesday, Jul 15, 10:00-11:30am, Aquinas Center Room 1 (near playground)
Connecting families with young children in a wholesome environment for fellowship and support through play, crafts, music, and more. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Contact erin@stthomascamas.org.

Movie Night on the Field | July 17, 7:00pm

A summer tradition returns. Join us on the field for games, light BBQ fare, and treats (popcorn, cotton candy, drinks). The movie will start at sundown. Help us spread the word!

Confession Schedule Updates (new times)

Please see page 2 of this bulletin for the latest schedules. Confessions at STA will be offered Wednesday at 5pm, Saturday at 4pm, and Sunday at 7:30am. Confessions at Holy Redeemer will be offered Friday at 3:30pm, Saturday at 9:15am and at 2:30pm, and Sunday at 7:30am and at 10:00am.

Discipleship Gatherings (new time!) | July 22

Now on 4th Tuesdays at 7pm in the church. Come learn, discuss, and pray together as we develop best practices for effective discipleship.

Coming Up

Jul 16-20 Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference (HS teens at U. Portland)
Jul 17 Games & Movies on the Field at St. Thomas
Jul 25-26 Parish Booth at Camas Days
Jul 27 Our Lady Star of the Sea Potluck Parish Picnic
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 11-14 Quo Vadis Vocations Camp
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
Discipleship Gathering: 4th Tuesdays 7pm church | Jul 22, Aug 26
Drama Group: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5:30pm fireside | Jul 22, Aug 12
Faith Formation (PreK-12): Sundays 9:45am AC | Sep 14, Sep 21
Faith & Family Parent Meeting: 3rd Sundays 9:45am fireside | Sep 14
Grief Recovery: 1st Mondays 10:00am Parish Office | Aug 4, Sep 8
Knights of Columbus: 1st Wednesdays 7pm fireside | Aug 6, Sep 3
OCIA (Christian Initiation): Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Jul 15, Jul 22
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 and read the weekly email from the parish office (contact office@stthomascamas.org to subscribe). See below for a summary:



**MOVIE NIGHT
ON THE FIELD**

MOVIE BEGINS AT SUNDOWN. COME EARLY TO PLAY GAMES, GRAB FOOD, AND FIND A SPOT!

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and the whole family for a fun and relaxing outdoor movie night under the stars!

JULY 17
THURSDAY 7:00 PM

Free Popcorn
Cotton Candy
and Light
BBQ Fare
Provided

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 introduced herself at the end of Masses last weekend and is actively setting up appointments to share her story and invite us to partner with her in this mission.



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

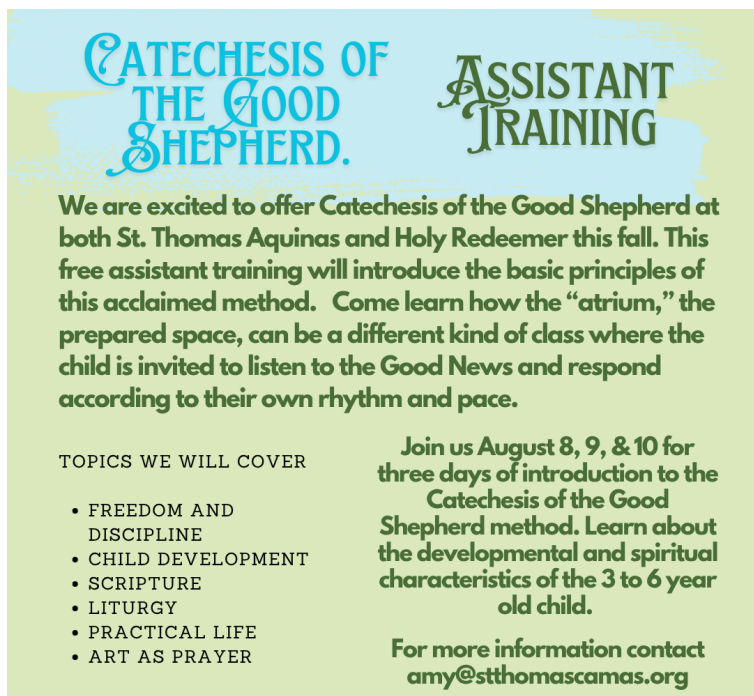



49th Annual

Camas Days
Hometown Festival

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.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

ASSISTANT TRAINING

We are excited to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at both St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Redeemer this fall. This free assistant training will introduce the basic principles of this acclaimed method. Come learn how the "atrium," the prepared space, can be a different kind of class where the child is invited to listen to the Good News and respond according to their own rhythm and pace.

TOPICS WE WILL COVER

- FREEDOM AND DISCIPLINE
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- SCRIPTURE
- LITURGY
- PRACTICAL LIFE
- ART AS PRAYER

Join us August 8, 9, & 10 for three 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 amy@stthomascamas.org



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!

Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference | July 16-20
Please keep our youth and their chaperones in your prayers!
May they experience the transformation God wants to accomplish in their lives during these impactful days.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Webpage: stthomascamas.org/our-lady-star-of-the-sea

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Sunday Mass Intention
7/13 *pro populo*

Prayer Requests

Fr. Peter (recovery), Sue Kohoe (surgery), Chris Knudstrup (cancer), Gabriel Tovar, James (spinal degeneration), Norm Ward†, Gabriel (recovery), Tracy (needs a home), Bob LaFord†, Jamie Kohlert†, 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	6/29-7/5
Stewardship	\$ 1,175

Special This Week

July, Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

"This blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. This blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church." St. John Chrysostom (347-407).

Potluck- Parish Picnic July 27th

Potluck with a taco bar! Please sign up to bring a dish to share. We need a Bingo organizer. Sign up to help are on a sign-up board in the social hall. Help us fill all the volunteer spots across the various categories. 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 achieved 47% participation in our parish community and 140% of our fundraising goal. Your support has truly made a difference. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

Our Lady Star of the Sea – Choose Life Booth

Skamania County Fair is August 13-16. If you feel called to stand up for the voiceless and promote our Catholic faith, the Skamania County Fair booth is calling you to volunteer. It is a beautiful way to show your love for Jesus and how we are the Church faiths that are against this evil of abortion. We will be down at the fairgrounds every day from noon – 8pm. If you have been gifted with strength, we also need help setting up and tearing down. This takes a village, and your help is greatly appreciated. Sign up is in the social hall. Grab a friend and sign up for 2-hour slots.

Pope Leo XVI's July Prayer Intention

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."

Coming Up

Jul 25-26	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Booth at Camas Days
July 27	Our Lady Star of the Sea Potluck Parish Picnic
Jul 27-31	Holy Hikers Mt. Hood Camping Trip
August 1	Empty Nesters BBQ at Holy Redeemer
Aug 11-15	Vacation Bible School (PreK-5) at St. Thomas
Aug 13-16	Star of the Sea Choose Life Booth at Skamania County Fair

Minister Schedule

Celebrant:	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Chris C.
EMHC (cups):	Dick & Chris
Lector:	Peter B.
Ushers:	Jim & Debbie W.
Counters:	Greg & Elaine
Coffee Hosts:	Donni, Gina, Abby, Ed Bright Dove, & Katie

Sunday, Jul 13 (11:30)

Fr. Bala
Chris C.
Dick & Chris
Peter B.
Jim & Debbie W.
Greg & Elaine
Donni, Gina, Abby, Ed Bright Dove, & Katie

Sunday, Jul 20 (11:30)

Fr. Bala
Dick A.
Tony & Jim
Katie
Chris & Elaine B.
Laura & Salvie
Darice & Jill

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- Holy Redeemer Parish 360-885-7780
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Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission 509-427-8478
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Fr. Thomas Nathe, Pastor
Fr. Bala Nagineni, Vicar
Fr. Clifford Martin, Retired Priest
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BECOMING CATHOLIC? RETURNING CATHOLIC?

For anyone exploring the Catholic Faith, whether already Baptized or not, contact markm@holyredeemervanc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

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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.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LOCAL RESOURCES

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Preschool through High School

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