



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

July 20, 2025

16th 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
7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27
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
7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27
		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
7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27
		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

The Story of Fatima—Part Two of Four

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

I ran part one of this pastor's column on May 28. In case you missed it, you can find it here <https://holyredeemervan.org/pastor-columns/thefatimastory1>. At



the time I thought I would be able to run the whole four-part series by the end of June, then too many things got in the way, and I was not able to resume it until now. We should be able to finish it out in consecutive Sundays in a row.

The story of Fatima is amazing. The Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917 was the greatest public miracle since Jesus Christ ascended

into heaven nearly two thousand years ago (more on this in part three). Beyond the astonishing spectacle, the apparitions raise the question: "why did God choose to send the Blessed Virgin Mary in such a public way, at that time in history, with the messages she brought?"

The Fatima story developed in two parts: that which was reported in 1917; and information later mentioned in Sr. Lucia's memoirs which she wrote years later. This column is the second of a four-part series that explores what happened at Fatima and subsequently. The following abbreviated account is based on the booklet, "*Lucia Speaks – The Message of Fatima*," – a condensed version of *Sister Lucia's Memoirs* – published by The World Apostolate of Fatima-USA.

Enjoy.

In the Love of Christ and His Mother,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

May 13, 1917

On May 13, 1917, the three children took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the Cova da Iria. After lunch and the Rosary, they suddenly saw a bright flash of something like lightning, followed quickly by another flash in the clear blue sky.

They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "a lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light clearer and more intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight." The children stood there amazed, bathed in the light that surrounded the apparition as the Lady smiled and said: "Do not be afraid, I will not harm you." Lucia, as the oldest, asked her where she came from.

The Lady pointed to the sky and said: "I come from heaven." Lucia then asked her what she wanted. "I have come to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Later I shall say who I am and what I desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time." [Mary only appeared six times not seven. Will Mary one day appear at Fatima for her promised seventh visit?]

Lucia then asked if they would go to heaven and was told yes, she and Jacinta would go to heaven, but Francisco would need to say many rosaries first. The Lady then said: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?" Lucia, as spokesman for all three, readily agreed. "Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort."

Lucia recounted that at the same moment as she said these words the Lady opened her hands and streamed a "light" on the children which allowed them to see themselves in God. The Lady finished with a request: "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war." With that she began to rise into the air, moving towards the east until she disappeared.

The children got together and tried to think of ways they could make sacrifices as the Lady had asked, resolving to go without lunch, to pray the full rosary, and eventually much more.

The Story of Fatima—Part Two of Four

Francisco and Jacinta received more support from their parents than Lucia, but the attitudes of the local inhabitants ranged from skepticism to utter contempt, and the children thereby suffered many insults. They would have much to suffer, just as the Lady had told them. For the first few months, Lucia's mother thought she was making the whole thing up, mocking, scolding and slapping her for lying. In fact, the only reason anyone beyond the parents knew of the apparitions was because Lucia's mother mockingly joked about it with a couple of her village friends – and presto – everyone knew. It was a good thing the vices of Lucia's mother led her to tell her friends, or the greatest visits from heaven since Jesus ascended there might have never been known.

June 13, 1917

About fifty people turned up at the Cova da Iria on June 13 as the three children assembled near the Holm oak tree where the Lady had appeared. The children then saw a flash of light followed immediately by the apparition of Mary as she spoke to Lucia: "I want you to come on the 13th of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. Later, I will tell you what I want."

Lucia asked Mary to take them to heaven and was reassured in this way: "I will take Jacinta and Francisco shortly, but you will stay here for some time to come. Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world. I promise salvation to whoever embraces it. These souls will be dear to God, like flowers put by me to adorn his throne." This last sentence is found in a letter written in 1927 by Sr. Lucia to her confessor.

Lucia was sad at the first part of this reply and asked: "Am I to stay here alone?" Mary replied: "No, my daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

One of the witnesses to this apparition, Maria Carreira, described how Lucia then cried out and pointed as Mary departed. She herself heard a noise like "a rocket a long way off," and looked to see a small cloud a few inches over the tree rise and move slowly towards the east until it disap-

peared. The crowd of pilgrims then returned to Fatima where they reported the amazing things they had seen, thus ensuring that there were between two and three thousand people present for the July apparition.

July 13, 1917

On July 13 the three children assembled at the Cova and again saw the indescribably beautiful Lady over the Holm oak tree. Lucia asked what she wanted, and Mary replied: "I want you to come here on the 13th of next month and to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only she can help you."

Lucia then asked her who she was and for a miracle so everyone would believe: "Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe."

Lucia made some requests for sick people, to which Mary replied that she would cure some but not others, and that all must say the rosary to obtain such graces. And she continued: "Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

(To be continued in upcoming issues: More revelations and "The Miracle of the Sun")



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 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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Special Assistant Training

August 8-10

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is coming to Columbia River Catholics. But we need your help!! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered at both St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Redeemer this fall. This summer we are seeking Assistants for the program to attend a three day training to be held August 8,9 and 10 from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Thomas.

This free assistant training will introduce the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the basic principles of this acclaimed method. Come learn about the developmental and spiritual characteristics of the 3 to 6 year olds. You will 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.

To learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd go to the St. Thomas Aquinas website <https://www.stthomascamas.org/cgs> or contact Amy Parent by email amy@stthomascamas.org



Support Right to Life! | Two Opportunities!

Aug 1-10: Clark County Right to Life Booth

Volunteers are needed to staff the Right to Life exhibit at the Clark County Fair this August 1-10. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday July 22, 5:30-6:30 PM at Cascade Park Library Community Room, 600 SE 136th Ave. For more details contact Gerry Parmantier by text or email gerry1968@q.com or 360-831-7542 More details are available on the Fair Exhibit page at <https://clarkrtl.org/home.aspx>

Aug 13-16: Our Lady Star of the Sea Choose Life Booth

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be at the Skamania County Fair August 13-16 from noon-8pm every day with the Choose Life Booth. 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. Sign up is in the social hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea, or contact Abby Coates at 509-427-8478 or email abby@stthomascamas.org.

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.

Prepares "Play with Love" Playgroup

Do you have a love for children? The Columbia River Catholic PREPARES group is starting a "Play with Love" parent-child interactive play group at Holy Redeemer beginning in October 2025. Do you have a talent to share or a desire to help? We are recruiting adults who are interested in assisting group leaders with art projects, story time, or play time, etc. If you are interested in learning more about this play group, please contact Nealane Riem and Kathy Cannon at prepares@hrvan.org

Empty Nester's Annual BBQ

Aug 1

August 1st is the date 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. \$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.

Thank You for Your Feedback!

To send us feedback or constructive comments for our weekly bulletin, click the QR code to access our CRC Bulletin feedback form.



CRC Bulletin Feedback

Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



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Daily Mass Intentions

7/21 Charles C.P. Martint
7/22 Sophia Richtert
7/23 Father Martin
7/24 Maryann Bockt
7/25 Patricia Williamsont
7/26 Tom Berkompas

Prayer Requests

Erik Benaventet, Giselle M. Brakevillet, Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunsteint, Sherry Callaghan, Lynn Florentino, Carol Greenet, Dorothy Gutierrez, Ed Gillis, Wendy Karls, Diane Helleyt, Ron Hearst, Irma Herrera, Jamie Kohlert, Diane McCloud, Darlene Neale, Carol Patrick, Mary Pulczynskit, Sam Rossont, Jim Williamst, Dawna Wilson, Elizabeth Wolf

Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions	7/6-7/12
Stewardship	\$ 28,525
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 927

Special This Week

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.

Empty Nesters Hiking | July 21st

Empty Nester Hiking Creaky Knees Club will be hiking at Powell Butte Monday July 21, 2025. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's west parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 9:30AM. Bring a sack lunch. Please call Bill Daudistel to RSVP, 360-882-8371.

Holy Face Devotion | July 22nd

This month's meeting of the Holy Face Devotion will be held on Tuesday July 22nd at 9:15am in the Choir Practice Room.

Annual Parish Picnic | August 24

The Annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 24th. This year we will be celebrating 25 years as a parish! The event will feature BBQ and all parish potluck, bounce house, raffle, games, BINGO 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 22 Holy Face Devotion
Jul 22 Red Cross Blood Drive (rescheduled from 7/29)
Jun 26 Serra Club Meeting
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 | August 20
Choir, Children & Youth: Wednesdays 5:00pm | Resumes in August
Choir, Adult: Thursdays 7:00pm | Resumes in August
Direction of Our Times Lay Apostles: 2nd Tuesday (monthly): August 12
Fidelis and Fraternus: Wednesdays 6:00pm | Resumes in fall
Healing of Families: Wednesdays 6:30pm | July 23, July 30
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 21, July 28
MMP Cenacle: Thursdays 9:15am | July 24, July 31
MMP Cenacle: Saturdays 9:15am | July 26, Aug 2
OCIA: Tuesdays 6:00pm | July 22, July 29
Spanish Endow: Mondays 5:00pm | Resumes in fall
Trail Life USA, Mondays 6:30pm | Resumes in September

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

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OF THE
MILLIONS OF MONICAS**

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

Adult SACRAMENTS

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you curious about the Catholic faith and would like to know more? Or are you an adult baptized Catholic who needs confirmation and First Communion? Join OCIA, which meets most Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Contact Mark at markm@holyredeemervanc.org for more information.

Marriage Preparation

Are you a baptized Catholic looking to be married in the Catholic Church? Were you married civilly and wish to validate your marriage? Contact Mark MacKenzie at markm@holyredeemervanc.org.

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!**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Parish Office Hours
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Daily Mass intentions

7/23 Megan Simms Erwin (birthday)
7/24 Jim Williamst
7/25 Nathan Schneider (birthday)
7/26 Frankie Mendoza (birthday)

Prayer Requests

Fausto Cortest, Pat W. (recovery), Evelina Yurick (health), Alexander (eye infection), Jamie Kohler†, Don Millert†, 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	7/6-7/12
Stewardship	\$ 11,431
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 935

Special This Week

Discipleship Gatherings (new date!) | July 22

Now on the 4th Tuesdays at 7pm in the church. This month, we will respond to Pope Leo'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." Please join us as we discuss the wisdom of Jesus and the Scriptures in how to accurately discern the path of life in today's atmosphere of humanism and the dictatorship of relativism.

Support Our Camas Days Booth

Friday-Saturday, July 25-26

We need your help to promote our parish and the Culture of Life! Can you smile and wave? If you answered yes, then join us as a greeter at our annual Camas Days booth on July 25-26. This is a unique chance to inform visitors about our parish and the Faith that motivates us. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a two-hour shift with the QR Code on the next page or in person at the sign up table after both Masses this weekend.

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.

Coming Up

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
Aug 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 parish emails.



This year we will reprise our new look for Camas Days!! Join us as we will hand out bookmarks and stickers. We will also have raffle prizes so show up enter to win. QR Code will take you to a sign up for only 2 hours. Engage fellow Clark county residents to come to our beautiful Catholic Church!!!



Support Parishioner Grace Varsek as 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/>

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!

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

BNA Prayer Group

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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Staff: Tony & Abby Coates
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509-427-0010



Sunday Mass Intention

7/20 Victoria Reyest†

Prayer Requests

Leif Waters (healing), baby Parker Adam, Fr. Peter (recovery), Chris Knudstrup (cancer), Gabriel Tovar, James (spinal degeneration), Gabriel (recovery), 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	7/6-7/12
Stewardship	\$ 1,582

Special This Week

July, Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

"I adore You, O Precious Blood of Jesus, flower of creation, fruit of virginity, ineffable instrument of the Holy Spirit, and I rejoice at the thought that You came from the drop of virginal blood on which eternal Love impressed its movement; You were assumed by the Word and deified in His person. I am overcome with emotion when I think of Your passing from the Blessed Virgin's heart into the heart of the Word, and, being vivified by the breath of the Divinity, becoming adorable because You became the Blood of God."

~St Albert the Great

Potluck-Bingo 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 on the 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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea – Choose Life Booth

August 13-16 at the Skamania County Fair

If you feel called to stand up for the voiceless and promote our Catholic faith, the Skamania Co. Fair booth is calling you to volunteer. It is a beautiful way to show your love for Jesus and our compassion for those in a crisis pregnancy while standing with fellow Catholics against the evil of abortion. We will be down at the fairgrounds every day from noon to 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 appreciated. Sign up is in the social hall. Grab a friend and sign up for 2-hour slots.

St. James the Apostle Feast Day

On July 25th, we honor St. James the Apostle, also known as St. James the Greater. St. James was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him and is also known as the first apostle to die. He is the patron saint of pilgrims and Spain.

Coming Up

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| Jul 25-26 | St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Booth at Camas Days |
| July 27 | Our Lady Star of the Sea Potluck Parish Picnic |
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| Aug 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:
Sacristan:
EMHC (cups):
Lector:
Ushers:
Counters:
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Sunday, Jul 20 (11:30)

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Sunday, Jul 27 (11:30)

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Kitty & Salvie
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Picnic Potluck

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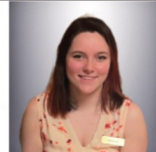


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