



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

August 10, 2025

19th 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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509-427-8478

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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
8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15 Feast of the Assumption	8/16	8/17
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Holy Day Masses 8:30am, 11am & 7:00pm Adoration 12pm-6:30pm Resumes at 8pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm Confessions 3:30-5:00pm	Mass 8:30am Confessions 9:15am-10:30am 2:30-4:15pm Mass 4:30pm	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
8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15 Feast of the Assumption	8/16	8/17
		Confessions 5:00-5:45pm Mass 6:00pm	Mass 6:00pm	Holy Day Mass 8:30am Holy Day 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
8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15 Feast of the Assumption	8/16	8/17
		Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:00pm-7:00pm		Holy Day Mass 12:00pm		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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Part One of Two

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

This Friday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It will be a holy day of obligation, so please treat Mass attendance with the same determination as you would Mass on Sunday. Masses at Holy Redeemer will be at 8:30am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm. Masses at St. Thomas will be at 8:30am and 6:00pm. Mass at Star of the Sea will be at 12:00 Noon.

What, you ask, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary? The Church has always taught that, like her Son, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven (not just soul). There are a couple of differing traditions as to where this took place: Jerusalem or Ephesus in Turkey (much more likely); yet they both relate how, at the death of the BVM, her soul left her body, then returned a few days later to reenter and reanimate her body, and then ascended into heaven with apostles looking on. Along with Jesus, the BVM is the only other person who has died, who now exists with both her soul and body in heaven.

When I set out to write this pastor's column, I over did it, so this will be in two parts. Below are two highly abridged accounts of the Assumption of the BVM, both written by saintly mystics. The first is from Venerable Mary of Agreda (1665 d.) and the second is from Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1824 d.) If you look up the addresses below on the internet you will find much more than I have for you here. In Anne Catherine's visions you will find the Assumption nearly at the end. Enjoy.

In Christ, I Love You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

Venerable Mary of Agreda

www.ecatholic2000.com/agreda/mystical/city.shtml#_RefHeading_Toc338962864 [Chapter 8]

On the third day after the most pure soul of Mary had taken possession of this glory never to leave it [the third day after her death], the Lord manifested to the saints His divine will, that she should return to the world, resuscitate her sacred body and unite herself with it, so that she might in body and soul be again raised to the right hand of her divine Son without waiting for the general resurrection of the dead . . . When the time for this wonder had arrived, Christ our Savior Himself descended from heaven bringing with Him at His right hand the soul of his

most Blessed Mother and accompanied by many legions of the Angels, the Patriarchs, and ancient Prophets.

. . . the most blessed Mary issued from the tomb in body and soul, without raising the stone cover and without disturbing the position of the tunic and the mantle that had enveloped her sacred body. Since it is impossible to describe her beauty and refulgent glory, I will not make the attempt. It is sufficient to say, that just as the heavenly Mother had given to her divine Son in her womb the form of man, pure, unstained and sinless, for the redemption of the world, so in return the Lord, in this resurrection and new regeneration, gave to her a glory and beauty similar to his own. In this mysterious and divine interchange each One did what was possible: most holy Mary engendered Christ, assimilating Him as much as possible to herself, and Christ resuscitated her, communicating to her of His glory as far as she was capable as a creature.

Then from the sepulcher was started a most solemn procession, moving with celestial music through the regions of the air and toward the empyrean heaven. This happened in the hour immediately after midnight, which also the Lord had risen from the grave; and therefore, not all of the Apostles were witness of this prodigy, but only some of them, who were present and watching at the sepulcher. The saints and angels entered in the order in which they had started; and in the last place came Christ our Savior and at His right hand the Queen, clothed in the gold of variety (as David says Ps. 44, 10), and so beautiful that she was the admiration of the heavenly court. All of them turned toward her to look upon her and bless her with new jubilee and songs of praise . . .

Amid this glory the most blessed Mary arrived body and soul at the throne of the most blessed Trinity. And the three divine Persons received her on it with an embrace eternally indissoluble. The eternal Father said to her: "Ascend higher, my daughter and my dove." The incarnate Word spoke: "My Mother, of whom I received human being and full return of My work in thy perfect imitation, receive now from My hand the reward thou hast merited." The Holy Ghost said: "My most beloved Spouse, enter into the eternal joy, which corresponds to the most faithful love; do thou now enjoy thy love without solicitude; for past is the winter of suffering for thou hast arrived at our eternal embraces." There the most blessed Mary was absorbed in the contemplation of the three divine Persons and as it were overwhelmed in the boundless ocean and abyss of the Divinity, while the saints were filled with wonder and new accidental delight.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Part One of Two

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

https://archive.org/stream/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelationsComplete/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelations_djvu.txt

As the Blessed Virgin felt her end approaching, in accordance with the directions of her Divine Son, she called the Apostles to her by prayer. She was now in her sixty-third year. At the time of Christ's birth, she was in her fifteenth. Before His Ascension Jesus had made known to His most holy Mother what she should say at the end of her earthly career to the Apostles and some of the disciples who should be with her. He told her also that she should bless them, and that it would conduce very much to their welfare and eternal salvation. He entrusted to her also certain spiritual labors for the general good, which being accomplished, her longing after Heaven was to be realized...

At the prayer of the Blessed Virgin, the Apostles received, through angels, an admonition to repair [go] to her at Ephesus. The journeys of the Apostles, so distant, so exceedingly remote, were not made without divine assistance.

When called to Mary, Peter was in the region of Antioch with another Apostle. Andrew, who had shortly before been in Jerusalem, but had there been persecuted, was not far from Peter. I saw them both on their way to Ephesus at places not very distant from each other. They passed the nights in those open inns that are met along the roads in hot countries. As Peter was lying one night near a wall, a resplendent youth approached him, took him by the hand, and bade him arise and hasten to Mary. On the way, the youth said he would meet Andrew. Peter, who had grown stiff from age and fatigue, rose to a sitting posture and, clasping his hands round his knees to support himself, listened to the angel's words. Then he stood up, put on his mantle, girded himself, took his staff, and started on his journey. He soon came up with Andrew, who had been called by the same apparition. After travelling some distance they were met by Thaddeus, who also had received a similar warning. They journeyed together to Mary, with whom they found John.

Jude Thaddeus and Simon were in Persia when they received their summons. Thomas, who was in stature thick and short and had reddish-brown or auburn hair, was of all the Apostles the farthest off. He arrived only after Mary's death. John had shortly before been in Jericho, for he often journeyed to Palestine. He usually abode in Ephesus, however, and the country around. Bartholomew was in Asia east of the Red Sea. He had already converted a king and all the royal family. Paul was not summoned. Those were only called that were related to or acquainted with the Holy Family.

Peter, Andrew, and John were the first to reach the Blessed Virgin's house. She was already near death. She was lying calmly on her couch in her sleeping place. I saw the maidservant looking very sorrowful in this and that corner of the house, also outdoors, where she prayed prostrate with outstretched arms. I saw also two of Mary's sisters and five disciples coming together to the house. All looked tired and exhausted. They embraced each other tenderly when they met. Many wept from mingled feelings of joy and sorrow at meeting on such an occasion. Then with deep emotion they drew near Mary's couch to salute her, though she could now say only a few words.

When the Apostles went all together into Mary's little sleeping chamber in order to take leave of her, they wore their long white albs and broad mantles. I saw that Mary sat upright, that the Apostles knelt in turn at the side of her couch, and that she prayed over each and blessed them with her hands laid upon them crosswise. When Peter stepped up to the couch, I saw that he had a roll of Scriptures in his hand. Mary then addressed them in a body, and did all that Jesus had in Bethania directed her to do. I saw also that she told John what was to be done with her remains, and that he should see that her clothes were divided between her own maidservant and a maiden of the neighborhood who came sometimes to render her service.

Peter here celebrated the Holy Mass with the same ceremonies as I had seen him first observe in the church at the Pool of Bethesda. Mary was in a sitting posture on her couch during the whole celebration. Peter was vested in the large mantle and the pallium, whose colors glanced from white to red. These he wore over the white robe. The four Apostles assisting him were also vested in festal mantles. After the Communion, Peter gave the Blessed Sacrament to all present. During this Holy Mass, Philip arrived from Egypt. Weeping bitterly, he received the benediction of the Blessed Virgin, and after the others the Blessed Sacrament.

Peter bore the Blessed Sacrament to Mary in the cross hanging on his breast, and John carried in a shallow dish the chalice containing the Most Sacred Blood. Thaddeus now brought forward a little incense basin. Peter first gave the Blessed Virgin the last anointing, just as that Sacrament is administered at the present day. Next, he administered Holy Communion, which she received sitting up without support. Then she sank back again on her pillow, and after the Apostles had offered a short prayer, she received the chalice from John, but not now in so upright a posture.

(To be continued next week.)

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
Kindergarten begins Aug. 25; Preschool begins Sep. 2
lauren@stthomascamas.org
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS
Classes begin Aug. 18
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/>

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, August 15 | Holy Day of Obligation

Friday of this week is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The following are the Mass times that day for the three Columbia River Catholic parish locations:



- **Holy Redeemer:** 8:30am, 11am, and 7pm
- **St. Thomas Aquinas:** 8:30am and 6pm
- **Our Lady Star of the Sea:** 12pm

In observance of the Holy Day, the Parish Offices at all three campuses will be closed.

CRC August Events

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| Aug 11-15 | Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas |
| Aug 14 | Movie Night on the Field at St. Thomas |
| Aug 15 | Assumption of the BVM (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| Aug 24 | Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic |

Columbia River Catholic is Hiring!

See the new job posting for the Director of Sacred Music for our three Parish Family campuses!

Are you or someone else you know inspired by the beauty of sacred music in of our Catholic faith and heritage? Are you inspired to give glory to God through music? Join our team! Columbia River Catholic is seeking to hire a Director of Sacred Music to direct the sacred music in our three parish campuses and choirs. See the most recent posting, job description and compensation package for this most important position to begin this fall. For questions, email Don Anderson at dona@holyredeemervanc.org.



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Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026 Enrollment is Open!

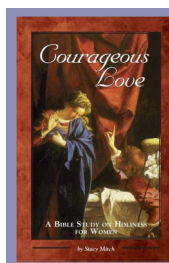
**PreK - 12th Grade and Sacraments
Sign up at one of our 3 Locations**



Scan the QR Code to go to
our Parish Family
Enrollment Page for more
details and to enroll

Women's Bible Study with Littles

Meets weekly on Tuesdays beginning Sept 9



Do you want to participate in a Bible Study but don't have childcare? Feeling overwhelmed by the thought of reading homework? Join Women's Bible Study with Littles this fall. The group is taking on a new book study "Courageous Love, A Bible Study on Holiness for Women" by Stacy Mitch. This group is open to all women, including those who may need to bring children with them. They meet in the Holy Redeemer parish center from 9:30am-11am. RSVP to Teresa Martin at TRMAKAR@gmail.com.

Mary's Meals | Ends Aug 11

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Mary's Meals campaign. It costs just \$25.20 to feed a child a nutritious meal for a year in their place of education. Our campaign ends on August 11th. If you have not yet made a donation, you still can by writing a check to your parish and putting Mary's Meals in the memo line, by clicking on the QR code here, or by putting cash in an envelope marked for Mary's Meals and bringing it to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!



Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



Holy Redeemer Church

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Daily Mass Intentions

8/11 Robert Wirtz †
8/12 Eowin Iverson
8/13 Maryann Bock†
8/14 Maryann Bock †
8/15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8/15 Teddy Gomiega †

Prayer Requests

Erik Benavent†, Giselle M. Brakeville†, Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunstein†, Sherry Callaghan, Greg Cruz, Dee Dettling†, Lynn Florentino†, Carol Greene†, Dorothy Gutierrez †, Ed Gillis, Wendy Karls, Diane Helley†, Irma Herrera, Jamie Kohlert†, Diane McCloud, Carol Norris, Carol Patrick, Ron Prill, Damon Schleichert†, Ivana Tarabochia, Mary Van Buren, Evelyn Ward †, Jim Williams†, Elizabeth Wolf

Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions	7/27-8/2
Stewardship	\$ 39,503
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 776

Special This Week

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | August 15

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses on August 15th will be at 8:30am, 11am and 7pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that day will begin after the 11am Mass until 6:30pm, then resume after the 7pm Mass until Saturday morning at 8am. Confessions and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will take place as regularly scheduled. The Parish Offices will be closed all day in observance of the Holy Day.

Prepares "Play With Love" Group

Do you have a love for children? The Columbia River Catholic PRE-PARES group is starting a "Play With Love" parent-child interactive play group at Holy Redeemer beginning in October 2025. 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 please contact Nealane Riem and Kathy Cannon at prepares@hrvan.org.

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. Check out the parish website holyredeemervan.org for the picnic schedule for the day and potluck and volunteer sign-ups.

Coming Up

Aug 12 Direction of Our Times Lay Apostles
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
Aug 18 Millions of Monicas
Aug 20 Healing of Families Prayer Service
Aug 24 Holy Redeemer Annual Parish Picnic
Aug 26 Holy Face of Jesus Devotion

Recurring Meetings

American Heritage Girls: Mondays 4:30pm | Sept 8, Sept 15
Bible Study with Littles: Tuesdays 9:30am | Sept 9, Sept 16
Cenacle of St. Joseph, Wednesdays (monthly) 3:00pm | August 20
Choir, Children & Youth: Wednesdays 5:00pm | Resumes in September
Choir, Adult: Thursdays 7:00pm | Resumes in September
Direction of Our Times Lay Apostles: 2nd Tuesday (monthly): August 12
Fidelis and Fraternus: Wednesdays 6:00pm | Sept 17, Sept 24
Holy Face of Jesus Devotion: 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | Aug 26
Homeschool Co-Op: Fridays 10:30am | Sept 19, Sept 26
MMP Cenacle: Mondays 9:15 am | Aug 11, Aug 18
MMP Cenacle: Thursdays 9:15am | Aug 14, Aug 21
MMP Cenacle: Saturdays 9:15am | Aug 16, Aug 23
OCIA: Tuesdays 6:00pm | Aug 12, Aug 19
Spanish Endow: Mondays 5:00pm | Resumes in fall
Trail Life USA, Mondays 6:30pm | Sept 8, Sept 15
Young Adult Bible Study: Friday 6:30pm | Aug 15, Aug 22

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.

YOUTH SACRAMENTS

CHILD BAPTISM

If you have a child who needs baptism under the age of 6, contact Melissa. If your child is over 7 and needs baptism contact Katelyn.

melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org
katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org



FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child who is in 2nd-5th grade and needs 1st Communion, contact Annie.

For youth in middle or high school, contact Katelyn.

anniec@holyredeemervanc.org
katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Youth are eligible to begin preparation for Confirmation in 6th grade. Confirmation takes place in 7th grade.

Contact Mark for more info.
markm@holyredeemervanc.org



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.

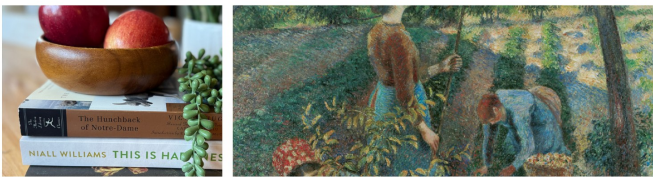
Marriage Preparation

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.



TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART THROUGH READING AND FRIENDSHIP



Well-Read Mom

Well-Read Mom groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "teacher".

DATE/TIME Third Friday of the Month at 6:00pm
Starting Friday September 19th at 6:00pm
PLACE Holy Redeemer Parish - The Sacred Heart Annex
HOST Melissa Abell
melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org
360-885-7780

\$49.95 a year per member To register today, or for more information:
WellReadMom.com.

Scan here for more info!



For More Information Visit
www.millionsofmonicas.com

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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

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Website: stthomascamas.org

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Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday -Thursday

324 NE Oak Street

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Daily Mass intentions

- 8/13 Randy Yoshimura (birthday) and
Lasel Alfonso Thomas (birthday)
8/14 Randy Harrison (birthday) and
Bob & Ann Angelo (60th anniversary)
8/15 8:30am - Scott Ritter (70th birthday)
6:00pm - *pro populo*

Prayer Requests

Agnes Ashcroft†, Padre Pio's intercession
for Emily O'Neil, all job seekers, Judy
Goode, Laura Blömer, Sherry Pace, Reni
Hendra, Kellie Hagan, José Thomas, Debbie
Chase, Susan Schneider, Brigit Valencia,
Ruben, 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	7/27-8/2
Stewardship	\$ 19,135
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 520

Special This Week

Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas

Monday - Friday, August 11-15, 9am - 12pm, Fireside Room

"Let's Walk with Jesus": Children in elementary grades are invited to join our Vacation Bible School for a fun week to learn, play, and experience God's love for us in the stories of Scripture. See the ad on the next page and use the QR code to register & learn more. Contact denice@stthomascamas.org.

Movie Night on the Field | Thursday, August 14, 7:00pm

Join us for our second and final movie night of the summer. Meet on the field for games, food, and treats, including popcorn, cotton candy, & drinks. *The Wild Robot* movie will start at sundown. Spread the word!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Friday, August 15 Masses at STA for this Holy Day of Obligation at 8:30am and 6:00pm

Join us to celebrate this glorious event in salvation history. The tradition of Mary's Assumption was present in the early centuries of the Church and finally defined in 1950 by Pius XII: "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

Coming Up

- Aug 11-15 Vacation Bible School at St. Thomas
Aug 14 Movie Night on the Field at St. Thomas
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- Holy Day Masses at St. Thomas: 8:30am and 6:00pm
Aug 18 Regina Caeli Academy First Day of Class
Aug 24 Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic
Aug 25 CRC Kindergarten First Day of Class
Sep 2 CRC Preschool First Day of Class

Recurring Meetings

- Aquinas Guild:** 1st Wednesdays 10am fireside | Sep 3, Oct 1
Catholic Daughters: 1st Mondays 6pm fireside (not Jul-Aug) | Sep 8, Oct 6
Cor Men's Group: 3rd Saturdays 8:00am (not summer) | Sep 20, Oct 18
Discipleship Gathering: 4th Tuesdays 7pm church | Aug 26, Sep 23
Drama Group: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5:30pm fireside | Aug 12, Aug 26
Faith Formation (PreK-12): Sundays 9:45am AC | Sep 14, Sep 21
Faith & Family Parents: 3rd Sundays 9:45am fireside | Sep 14, Oct 5
Grief Support: 1st Mondays 10:00am Parish Office | Sep 8, Oct 6
Knights of Columbus: 1st Wednesdays 7pm fireside | Sep 3, Oct 1
OCIA (Christian Initiation): Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Aug 12, Aug 19
Parish Playgroup: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Aug 19, Sep 2
Parish Potluck: 2nd Tuesdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Sep 9, Oct 14
Prayer Shawl Ministry: (usually) 1st Saturdays 9:30am | Aug 9, Sep 6, Oct 4
St. Vincent de Paul: 1st Wednesdays 1pm fireside | Sep 3, Oct 1
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:

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!

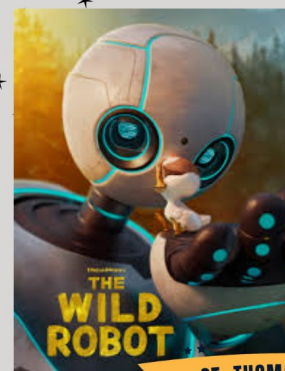
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, August 20, during 6pm Mass

Our quarterly celebration of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those in danger of death but for all who need healing from illness, injury, surgery, or advancing years.

Monthly Parish Potlucks: Now on Tuesday Nights!

Second Tuesdays of each month: 5pm in the parish hall. A few of our recurring weekday events are being rescheduled to align with our new 6pm Mass schedule. The Aquinas Guild's popular monthly potluck will now be on Tuesdays, beginning Sep. 9. Same great time! Get your recipes ready!



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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

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

AUGUST
14
THURSDAY
7:00 PM

Free Popcorn
shaved ice,
and nachos, Light
BBQ Fare Provided



Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026 Enrollment is Open!

PreK - 12th Grade and Sacraments
Sign up at one of our 3 Locations



Scan the QR Code to go to
our Parish Family
Enrollment Page for more
details and to enroll



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Sunday Mass Intention
8/10 Scott Coates

Prayer Requests

Ginger Townsend (healing), Brigitte Barns (healing), River Coates (healing), Javier (healing), Leif Waters (healing), Clancy (motorcycle accident), James (spinal degeneration), Susan Schneider (health), Denise Melton (cancer), and please continue to pray for all those on the parish prayer chain.

Send prayer requests to:
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Special This Week

Holy Day of Obligation, Friday August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass, will be celebrated Friday, August 15, at 12:00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

August, Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Pius XII held a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima who in 1917 told the shepherd children "[Jesus] wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Pope Pius had long desired to make this devotion more universal and considered establishing a feast day to promote it throughout the Church. In the 1940s, the pope chose to consecrate the world to the Immaculate heart of Mary in hopes of bringing "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944. Catholic Culture). This same pope also defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin as a dogma of the Faith.

Our Lady Star of the Sea – Choose Life Booth

August 13-16 at the Skamania County Fair

We need you!! Sign-up sheet will be passed around during social hall. They are for 2-hour slots. If you can do more than 1 slot, please do. The first 25 people to sign up will receive an Our Lady Star of the Sea t-shirt. (S-XL). 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- 8pm. We also need help setting up and tearing down. This takes a village, & your help is appreciated. Sign up!

St. Maximilian Feast Day is August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a 20th-century Polish Franciscan friar whose ministry was dedicated to praise and glory of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In response to the Luciferian force of the Freemasons against the Church, he established a spiritual army called the *Militia of the Immaculata* to win souls for the Queen of Heaven. St. Maximilian consecrated all his activity to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and worked to spread devotion to Her Miraculous Medal. He carried a pocketful and called them his spiritual "bullets." St. Maximilian's Feast Day is August 14.

Faith Formation Classes begin September 14

Classes continue every Sunday, before Mass, at 10:15am. Sign-up registration forms are on the Narthex table. Please return filled out forms directly to Abby Coates or leave them back in the basket. Books need to be ordered so please sign-up as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email Abby directly at Abby@stthomascamas.org or catch her after Mass on Sunday.

Minister Schedule

Sunday, Aug 10
Celebrant: Fr. Bala
Sacristan: Dick A.
EMHC (cups): Dick & Chris C.
Lector: Mike L.
Ushers: Mike & Debby L.
Counters: Cheryl & Salvie
Coffee Hosts: Tim, Kaeli, Lexi, & Leons

Sunday, Aug 17

Fr. Bala
Tony C.
Tony & Jim
Connie B.
Jim & Debby W.
Laura & Lexie
Gina, Salvie, Chris, & Anna

Contact Information



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

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.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Don Anderson | dona@holyredeemervanc.org

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Kevin Greenlee | keving@holyredeemervanc.org

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Denice Twyman | denice@stthomascamas.org

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Mark MacKenzie | markm@holyredeemervanc.org

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

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Mark MacKenzie | markm@holyredeemervanc.org

HOMEBOUND VISITS

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FUNERALS

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