



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

**August 17, 2025**

**20th 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
8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am  Funeral Mass Dee Dettling 11:00am	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  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
8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24
		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
8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24
		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](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)  
Our Lady, Star of the Sea Mission, in Stevenson—Contact Abby Coates at [abby@stthomascamas.org](mailto:abby@stthomascamas.org)

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

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~



Last Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. Last Sunday, I ran the first part of this two-part pastor's column in the bulletin. If you haven't read the first part yet, you can find it on our website here <https://holyredeemervan.org/pastor-columns>. Below is a resumption of an abridged account of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Venerable Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

(1824 d.) If you look up the address below on the internet you will find much more than I have for you here. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is nearly at the end. Enjoy.

In Christ, I Love You,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

### Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich - Continued

[https://archive.org/stream/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelationsComplete/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelations\\_djvu.txt](https://archive.org/stream/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelationsComplete/TheLifeOfJesusChristAndBiblicalRevelations_djvu.txt)  
[Numbers 463-476]

[Saint Peter gives the Blessed Virgin Mary the Last Rites] 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.

After Communion, Mary spoke no more. Her countenance, blooming and smiling as in youth, was raised above. I no longer saw the roof of her chamber, and the lamp appeared to be suspended in the open air. A pathway of light arose from Mary up to the heavenly Jerusalem, up to the throne of the Most Holy Trinity. On either side of this pathway, I saw clouds of light out of which gazed angelic faces. Mary raised her arms to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Her body with all its wrappings was floating so high above the couch that I could see under it. A figure of light, also with upraised arms, appeared to issue from Mary.

The two choirs of angels united under this figure and soared up with it, as if separating it from the body, which now sank back upon the couch, the hands crossed upon the breast. Many holy souls, among whom I recognized Joseph, Anne, Joachim, John the Baptist, Zachary, and Elizabeth, came to meet her. But up she soared, followed by them, to her Son, whose wounds were flashing light far more brilliant than that which surrounded Him. He received her and placed in her hand a scepter, pointing at the same time over the whole circumference of the earth. At last, I saw, and the sight filled me with joy, a multitude of souls released from Purgatory and soaring up to Heaven, and I received the surety that every year, on the feast of Mary's Assumption, many of her devout clients are freed from Purgatory. The hour of Mary's death was made known to me as that of Noon, at which time also Jesus had died on the cross. Peter and John likewise must have seen the glory of Mary's blessed soul, for their faces were turned upward, but the other Apostles were kneeling bowed to the ground. The body of the Blessed Virgin lay radiant with light upon the couch, the eyes closed, the hands crossed upon the breast. All present knelt, adoring God.

Andrew and Matthias [the apostle who replaced Judas] were busy preparing the place of burial, which was the little grotto that Mary and John had arranged at the end of the Way of the Cross, to represent the Holy Sepulcher of Christ.

The blessed body was prepared by the women for burial. Among them I remember having seen a daughter of Veronica and John Mark's mother. They brought spices and pots of fresh herbs, in order to embalm it according to the Jewish custom.

The whole house had now become like a little chapel in which the Apostles prayed and celebrated the most holy and unbloody Sacrifice. While the women were preparing the holy body for burial, the Apostles prayed, choir and choir, sometimes in the front apartment, sometimes outside the house. The women went about their task most devoutly and reverently, just as had been done when preparing the most Sacred Body of Jesus for burial. The body was of a dry, indescribable whiteness as if shining with light, and of so little weight that, like a mere husk, it could be raised quite easily on the hands. The face was fresh and blooming. The women cut off some locks of hair to keep as relics.

Before the holy body was shrouded in its white garments and enveloped in the winding sheets, Peter celebrated the Unbloody Sacrifice on the altar of the oratory and gave Holy Communion to the other Apostles. After that Peter and John approached the body in their mantles of ceremony. John carried a vessel of oil, with which Peter anointed, in the form of a cross and with accompanying prayers, the forehead, hands, and feet of the holy body, which was afterward entirely enveloped in



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

linens by the women. They placed on the head a wreath of flowers, white, red, and sky-blue, as a symbol of Mary's virginity, and over the face a transparent veil, through which it could be seen encircled by the wreath. The arms and hands were bound crosswise on the breast. Thus prepared, the holy body was laid in a coffin of snow-white wood with a tightly fitting, arched cover, which was fastened down at the head, the foot, and in the middle, with gray straps. The coffin was then laid on a litter. Everything was done with the utmost solemnity, and all were penetrated with deep emotion. The sorrow of the mourners was more human and more openly expressed than at Jesus' burial, at which holy awe and reverence predominated.

When it was time to bear the coffin to the grotto, one half-hour distant, Peter and John raised it from the litter and carried it in their hands to the door of the house, outside of which it was again laid on the litter, which Peter and John then raised upon their shoulders. Six of the Apostles thus carried it in turn. The coffin hung between the bearers as in a cradle, for the poles of the litter were run through leathern straps, or matting. Some of the Apostles walked before the coffin praying, and after it came the women. Lamps, or lanterns on poles, were carried.

Before reaching the grotto, the litter was set down. Four of the Apostles bore the coffin in and placed it in the hollow of the tomb. All went, one by one, into the grotto, where they knelt in prayer before the holy body, honoring it and taking leave of it. Then the tomb was shut in by a wicker screen that extended from the front edge of the tomb to the top of the vaulted wall above.

On the night following the burial, took place the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. I saw on this night several of the Apostles and holy women in the little garden, praying and singing Psalms before the grotto. I saw a broad pathway of light descend from Heaven and rest upon the tomb. In it were circles of glory full of angels, in the midst of whom the resplendent soul of the Blessed Virgin came floating down. Before her went her Divine Son, the marks of His Wounds flashing with light. In the innermost circle, that which surrounded the holy soul of Mary, the angels appeared like the faces of very young children; in the second circle, they were like those of children from six to eight years old; and in the outermost, like the faces of youths, I could clearly distinguish only the face, the rest of the figure consisting of perfectly transparent light. Encircling the head of the Blessed Virgin like a crown was a choir of blessed spirits. I know not what those present saw of all this. But I saw that some gazed up in amazement and adoration, while others cast themselves prostrate in fright upon the earth. These apparitions, becoming more and more distinct as they approached nearer, floated over the grotto, and another pathway of light issued from it

and arose to the heavenly Jerusalem. The blessed soul of Mary, floating before Jesus, penetrated through the rock and into the tomb, out of which she again arose radiant with light in her glorified body, and escorted by the entire multitude of celestial spirits, returned in triumph to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Next day ... Thomas, Eleazar [a disciple of Thomas'], and John went in [the tomb] and prayed before the coffin. Then John loosened the three straps that bound it, for it rose high enough above the trough-like couch to admit of being opened. They stood the lid of the coffin on one side and, to their intense astonishment, beheld only the empty winding sheets lying like a husk, or shell, and in perfect order. Only over the face was it drawn apart, and over the breast slightly opened. The swathing bands of the arms and hands lay separately, as if gently drawn off, but in perfect order. The Apostles gazed in amazement, their hands raised. John cried out: "She is no longer here!" The others came in quickly, wept, prayed, looking upward with raised arms, and finally cast themselves on the ground, remembering the radiant cloud of the preceding night. Then rising, they took the winding sheet just as it was, all the grave linens, and the coffin to keep as relics, and returned to the house by the Holy Way, praying and singing Psalms,

When they entered the house, John laid the folded linens on a little flap-table before the altar. Thomas and the others were in prayer, but Peter went a little apart, as if pondering some mystery. After that I saw him celebrating divine service at the altar before Mary's Crucifix, and the Apostles standing in order behind him, praying, and singing.

The Apostles, with tears and embraces, took leave of one another after they had once more celebrated solemn service in Mary's house. An Apostle or disciple often returned at different times to pray there. I saw also that here and there, out of devotion and in reverence for the Blessed Virgin, churches were built by the Faithful in the same style as her house, and that her Way of the Cross and her tomb were for a long time devoutly visited by the Christians.

In 1951 Pope Pius XII, the pope who defined the dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven, removed a text from the Breviary which referred to the tradition of Jerusalem. He also elevated the Tomb of St. John, the Church of St. Mary and the House of the Virgin to the status of Holy Places, a privilege later made permanent by Pope John XXIII — thus making of Ephesus, as it were, a new Holy City for the modern world. Since then, it has been visited by increasing numbers of pilgrims from all over the world, including Pope Paul VI in 1967, Pope John Paul II in 1979, and Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

## 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](mailto:lauren@stthomascamas.org)
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS Classes begin Aug. 18 [admissions@rcahybrid.org](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org)
- Our Lady of Lourdes School Pre-K—8th Grade [www.lourdesvan.org](http://www.lourdesvan.org)
- St. Joseph Catholic School Pre-K—8th Grade [www.stjoevanschool.org/](http://www.stjoevanschool.org/)
- Seton Catholic College Prep High School <https://www.setonhigh.org/>



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**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

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**Registration for 2025-2026 is OPEN!**  
Pre-K 3 --- Pre-K 4 --- Kindergarten  
Please visit our website to fill out interest form

## School is Starting at CRC Preschool & Kindergarten!

Aug 25th (Kindergarten) and Sept 2 (PreSchool) School starts next week! Our Columbia River Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten is seeking volunteers to help in the classroom, Monday through Thursday mornings, 8:30am-12noon. The presence and service of our community members is so important for and appreciated by our children. For more information, please email [erin@stthomascamas.org](mailto:erin@stthomascamas.org).

## Upcoming Columbia River Catholic Events

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|--------|---|
| Aug 18 | Regina Caeli Academy First Day of Class |
| Aug 24 | Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic             |
| Aug 25 | CRC Kindergarten First Day of Class     |
| Sept 1 | Labor Day, National Holiday             |
| Sept 2 | CRC Preschool First Day of Class        |

## Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026

### Enrollment is NOW OPEN!

PreK - 12th Grade Faith Formation and Sacraments are now open for all three Columbia River Catholic Parish locations. We have new offerings at all campuses that begin in the fall. You are welcome to enroll your student at any of the Columbia River Catholic locations (Holy Redeemer, St. Thomas Aquinas or Our Lady Star of the Sea.) See the QR code on pg 7 to access the website with all the information about classes, locations, fees and general information or to start the enrollment process.

## American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA

Sept. 8th | 4pm(AHG) | 6:30pm (TLUSA)



Representatives from American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA will be in the narthexes of Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas Aquinas this weekend explaining the "Bring a Friend Day" on Sept. 8th, held at the Holy Redeemer Parish Center. This is a parent/grandparent information meeting to learn about the programs for the 2025-2026 school year available to all youth through 12th grade at any of the Columbia River Catholic parishes. Stop by the AHG/TLUSA tables to learn more!

## Columbia River Catholic is Hiring!

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](mailto:dona@holyredeemervanc.org).



## Million of Monicas

Mondays beginning August 18, 6pm at Holy Redeemer Monday evening begins a new ministry for mothers to join in prayer, grow in holiness and pray for adult children who have fallen away from the faith. Millions of Monicas will meet weekly at 6pm in the church at Holy Redeemer beginning Monday, August 18th.

## Women's Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes

Come & Magnify Retreat September 20 | 9am-4pm Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a fall Women's Retreat on Saturday, September 20th. The featured speaker will be Deanna Bartolini, M.Ed; MPA. The fee is \$60 per attended. To learn more or register, see their parish website at <https://ollparish.org/comandmagnify/>.

# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



## Holy Redeemer Church

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### Daily Mass Intentions

8/18 Dee Dee Braunstein †  
8/19 Thong Van Vu  
8/20 Jeff Waddle†  
8/21 Stephan McKee  
8/22 Sam Rosson †  
8/23 Keith Thompson †

### Prayer Requests

Erik Benaventet†, Giselle M. Brakeville†, Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunstein†, Sherry Callaghan, Greg Cruz, Dee Dettling†, Lynn Florentino†, Carol Greenet†, Dorothy Gutierrez †, Ed Gillis, Wendy Karls, Diane Helley†, Irma Herrera, Ron Hurst, Jamie Kohler†, Diane McCloud, Darlene Neale, Carol Norrist†, Carol Patrick, Ron Prill, Damon Schleichert†, Ivana Tarabochia, Mary Van Buren, Evelyn Ward †, Jim Williamst†, Elizabeth Wolf

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	8/3-8/10
Stewardship	\$ 30,072
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 492

## Special This Week

### Annual Parish Picnic | August 24

The Annual Parish Picnic is next week Sunday, August 24th. Plan to come and be part of the fun and celebrate our 25 years as a parish! This year includes great BBQ by the Knights of Columbus and an all-parish potluck. We will have a bounce house, water slide, an extra tent for outdoor seating, raffle, games, Bingo and games for the kids. What to bring? Sunscreen, lawn chair and a potluck dish. Be sure to check out the parish website [holyredeemervan.org](http://holyredeemervan.org) for the picnic schedule for the day, what's new and potluck/volunteer sign-ups!

### Empty Nesters Hiking | August 18

Empty Nester Hiking Creaky Knees Club will be hiking to Warrior Rock Lighthouse Monday August 18, 2025. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's west parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 9:30AM. Bring lunch money. We will be hiking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay. Please call Bill Daudistel to RSVP or for more information, at 360-882-8371.

### A Millions of Monicas | August 18, 6pm

A new weekly ministry begins on Monday evening, August 18th from 6 to 7pm in the nave of the church at Holy Redeemer. It is called Millions of Monicas and for mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other women called to come together, grow in holiness and humility and pray for the return of our children and grandchildren who have fallen away from the faith. Open to all, join us for an hour of prayer.

## Coming Up

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  
Aug 28 Patriotic Rosary

## 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): Sept 9  
**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 18, Aug 25  
**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Aug 21, Aug 28  
**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Aug 23, Aug 30  
**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Aug 19, Aug 26  
**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 22, Aug 29



# Holy Redeemer Faith Formation

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



## Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026 Enrollment is Open!

PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> 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

For More Information Visit  
[www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com)

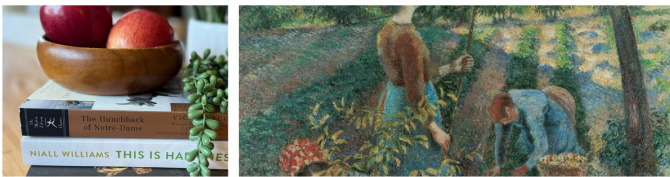
## BECOME ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF MONICAS

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

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  
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\$49.95 a year per member To  
register today, or for more  
information:  
[WellReadMom.com](http://WellReadMom.com).

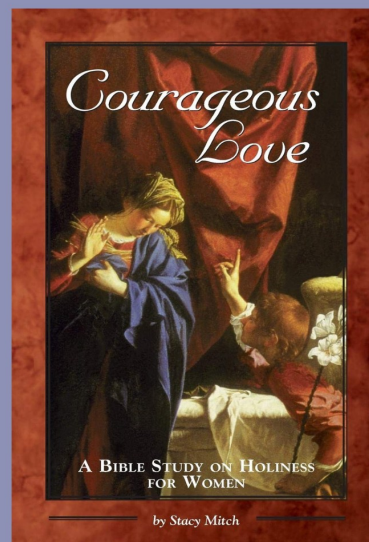
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more info!



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*with littles*

Desiring to participate in a Bible study, but  
don't have childcare? Feeling  
overwhelmed by the thought of reading  
homework?



*Join us!*

**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-11:00AM**  
**BEGINNING**  
**SEPTEMBER 9**

See the parish e-blast  
for more information



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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### Daily Mass intentions

- 8/20 Catherine Kelloff (birthday)
- 8/21 Blaine Mulder and Gail Murphy
- 8/22 Bill Bloom†
- 8/24 Conner Berg (21st birthday)

### Prayer Requests

Dannie, Clarence & his family, Bob, Sandy, Ross, Gretchen, Cox family, Brandon, those affected by the car accident on Mill Plain, Susan Schneider, and please continue to pray for all those on the prayer chain.

Send new prayer requests to:

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

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	8/3-8/10
Stewardship	\$ 13,788
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 225

## Special This Week

### 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.

### Parish Playgroup

Tuesday, August 19, 10:00am-11:30am, Aquinas Center Room 1

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](mailto:erin@stthomascamas.org).

### Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid Begins Classes at STA

Regina Caeli Academy (RCA) begins classes this week at their new home: the Aquinas Center classrooms here at St. Thomas Aquinas. Students (Pre-K - HS) meet for classes on Mondays and Thursdays and then study at home the other days of the week, thus the "hybrid" model. They can be reached at [admissions@rcahybrid.org](mailto:admissions@rcahybrid.org). (The CRC Preschool and Kindergarten will also operate from their Aquinas Center classrooms throughout the week.)

**Baptism Class** | August 23, 9:30 - 11:30am, Fireside Room

For parents and godparents: use this QR Code to sign up and receive a link to videos you will need to watch before the class. Questions? Contact [amy@stthomascamas.org](mailto:amy@stthomascamas.org).



## Coming Up

- Aug 18 Regina Caeli Academy First Day of Class
- Aug 24 Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic ~ All CRC parishioners welcome!
- Aug 25 CRC Kindergarten First Day of Class
- Sep 1 Labor Day, parish offices closed for the holiday
- Sep 2 CRC Preschool First Day of Class
- Sep 11 New Parent Faith Formation Orientation, 6:30pm
- Sep 14 Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 9:45am

## 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 26, Sep 9
- 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 19, Aug 26
- 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 | 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](http://stthomascamas.org) and read the weekly email from the parish office (contact [office@stthomascamas.org](mailto:office@stthomascamas.org) to subscribe). See below for a summary:



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

## Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026 Enrollment is Open!

**PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Discipleship Gathering** | Tuesday, August 26, 7pm  
Jesus commissioned St. Peter to, "Feed my sheep!"  
Pope Leo XIV, as St. Peter's successor, has been endowed with the same unique authority given to only one individual at a time. Our Pontiff, meaning the bridge between Heaven and Earth, has told us of the need for the Church to relearn discernment, the ability to know truth, especially needed in these chaotic and confusing times. Please join us on the fourth Tuesdays at St. Thomas Aquinas.

### Church Angels - Need You!

One Friday Morning Each Month

Our dedicated teams of "church angels" spend about an hour on Friday mornings (approximately 9-10am) to clean the church for the coming Sunday Masses. The goal is to maintain six teams so each four-person team cleans only once every six weeks. Various tasks include vacuuming, dusting, as well as arranging missals, hymnals, and collection envelopes. We could really use a few more helpers. Please contact the parish office to volunteer: 360-834-2126 or [office@stthomascamas.org](mailto:office@stthomascamas.org).

### 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!



## UPPER ELEMENTARY CATECHISTS NEEDED SAY YES TO THE CALL!

We're looking for caring volunteers to help guide our upper elementary students—Confirmation 1—on their journey of faith.

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Contact [denice@stthomascamas.org](mailto:denice@stthomascamas.org)  
to learn more about this exciting  
volunteer opportunity.



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## Classroom Volunteers Needed!

**Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30am - 12noon**

For more info, email [erin@stthomascamas.org](mailto:erin@stthomascamas.org)

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

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**Staff:** Tony & Abby Coates  
[abby@stthomascamas.org](mailto:abby@stthomascamas.org)  
509-427-0010

**Sunday Mass Intention**  
8/17 *Pro Populo*

### Prayer Requests

Susan (recovery from car accident), 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:  
Abby Coates 509-427-0010

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## Special This Week

### August, Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

"Even while living in the world, the heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no-one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children."

- St. Jerome (342-420)

### Faith Formation Classes

Sign up now. We need to order our books. Class will begin September 14, at 10:15 am. Classes continue every Sunday, before Mass. 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](mailto:Abby@stthomascamas.org) or catch her after Mass on Sunday.

### Thank You!

"Since the first century, the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" (CCC No. 2271). Thanks to all the volunteers that took time out of their busy lives and helped at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Choose-Life Booth this last week at the Skamania County Fair. Thank you for standing up for this Catholic teaching. Our commitment to fighting against abortion is a testament to our faith. Thank you.

### St. Pope Pius X Feast Day August 21

Pope Pius X was the 257th pope. He reigned for 11 years and 16 days, from 1903 till his death in 1914. Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal on June 12, 1893. His papal motto was "Restore all things in Christ." He was most notably known for believing that children should not be excluded in the reception of Holy Communion. In 1910, he issued a decree *Quam Singulari*, which lowered the age of First Holy Communion from 12 to 7. Because of this he was also known as the "Pope of the Eucharist." He is also known for the Encyclical against the Doctrines of the Modernists (*Pascendi Dominici Gregis*) that can be found at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). St. Pope Pius X, pray for us.

## Coming Up

Aug 24 Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic ~ All CRC parishioners welcome!  
Sep 1 Labor Day  
Sep 14 Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 10:15am

### Minister Schedule

	Sunday, Aug 17	Sunday, Aug 24
Celebrant:	Fr. Bala	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Tony C.	Chris C.
EMHC (cups):	Tony & Jim	John & Kitty
Lector:	Connie B.	Pete B.
Ushers:	Chris & Elaine	Debbie & Jim
Counters:	Laura & Lexie	Kitty & Bill
Coffee Hosts:	Gina, Salvie, Chris, & Anna	Matt, Dick, & Steve

## Contact Information



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

### Parish Offices' Phone Numbers & Hours:

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

### CLERGY

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

### BECOMING CATHOLIC? RETURNING CATHOLIC?

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### TITHING AND FINANCIAL GIFTS

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

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### MARRIAGE

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

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

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### FAITH FORMATION: ADULT

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

### HOMEBOUND VISITS

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

### FUNERALS

Contact the Parish Office where the family is registered.

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

Vancouver | 360-694-5388  
Camas & Washougal | 360-834-2126, option #4

### COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Lauren White | [lauren@stthomascamas.org](mailto:lauren@stthomascamas.org)

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