



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

**August 24, 2025**

**21st 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
8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am  Patriotic Rosary 6:00pm	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

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31
		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

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31
		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)

## Just War Theory — When is War Just?

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

I've always meant to write a pastor's column on the Church's Just War Theory. I can hardly believe that I've been a priest for 21 years and still haven't done so. Well, that day has finally come. In writing this, I am catching America between wars (I better act fast), thus the subject matter can be less contentious and hopefully more clear-headed. People in nations at war argue over whether or not they should be in that war, or if it is conducted in the way they think it should be conducted. I hope this pastor's column helps clarify those two questions for you: the ethics of going to war, and the ethics of conducting one.

Almost everything that follows comes from two sources I found on the internet: *E. Christian Brugger* at <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/dmq-just-war-2-s3rijmxb>; and *ThoughtCo* at <https://www.learnreligions.com/just-war-theory-catholic-church-542124>. I have copied, pasted and arranged what follows, very little are my original words.

In Christ, I Love You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

### History of Just War Theory

The theory of when and how war can be morally justified, goes back at least to the pre-Christian Roman orator Cicero (106 BC–7 AD) and some of his contemporaries. It is picked up again by St. Ambrose (339–397) and then systematically developed by St. Augustine (354–430). Augustine's account was picked up with minor amendments by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274), whose own rendering was normative for Catholic theorists from the Middle Ages on. The Second Vatican Council (1962–65) re-presents the classical account placing much greater emphasis on the avoidance of war and offering a very forceful condemnation of the use of contemporary weapons of mass destruction (*Gaudium et Spes*, 80). The current Catechism of the

Catholic Church (2307–2317) develops the classical account by conceiving war as a means of legitimate societal self-defense.

### Two Types of Justice Concerning War

The Catholic Church distinguishes between two types of justice concerning war: justice before war (*jus ad bellum*) and justice during war (*jus in bello*). It is possible for a country to fight a war that meets the conditions for being just, and yet to fight that war unjustly—by, for example, targeting innocent people in the enemy's country or by dropping bombs indiscriminately, resulting in the deaths of innocent people.

Most of the time, when people discuss just-war theory, they mean justice before the war. There are four conditions described by Saint Augustine through which we determine whether it is just to go to war.

### Just Reasons to Go to War: Four Conditions

The current Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 2309) defines the four conditions that must be met in order for a war to be just:

1. The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain.
2. All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective.
3. There must be serious prospects for success.
4. The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.

These are hard conditions to fulfill, and with good reason: The Church teaches that war should always be the last resort. So, who makes the determination to go to war and who's responsible for its conduct?

### A Matter of Prudence

The determination of whether a particular conflict meets the four conditions for a just war is left to the civil authorities. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church,



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"The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good." In the United States, for instance, that means Congress, which has the power under the Constitution (Article I, Section 8) to declare war, and the President, who can ask Congress for a declaration of war. The last time that happened was 1941. Since then, every American President has ordered military action without a Congressional declaration of war. Hence, for America, either Congress can declare war, or the President can order military action which amounts to war, because both possess the moral legitimacy to do so. What can't be justified in America's case, is a war waged by governors of states or rogue generals for example, because they do not have the moral legitimacy to do so as per our laws.

But just because the President asks Congress to declare war, or Congress declares war with or without the President's request, or the President orders military action without Congress, does not necessarily mean that the war in question is just. When the Catechism states that the decision to go to war is ultimately a prudential judgment, that means that the civil authorities bear the responsibility for making sure that a war is just before they fight it.

In the absence of publicly available information that allows us to reply to the questions above with moral certainty, citizens should not be quick to judge harshly the military actions taken by their authorities, since factors unknown to them may play decisive roles in decision-making. There is a lot of classified information that the general public does not have access to.

However, a prudential judgment does *not* mean that a war is just simply because those in authority decide that it is so. It is possible for those in authority to be mistaken in their prudential judgments, to use false information or conclusions in their discernment, or to be maliciously motivated; in other words, they may consider a particular war just when, in fact, it may be unjust.

For example, after all the facts were in about Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction program, we learned that the American decision to go to war was decided on false information; the truth was that Iraq had no active weapons of mass production (WMD) program. We also

learned that by March 2003, the war's launch date, there existed eminently reasonable doubt as to whether such programs existed; our leaders therefore could not have had moral certainty that they had a just cause.

If this gathering, sifting and assessing is to be done with integrity, then national leaders need virtue, for if they have mixed motives — e.g., to gain access to foreign resources, humiliate and dominate others, impose a religion or ideology, distract from prior or ongoing wrongdoings, et cetera — then respecting just war principles is less likely.

### The Conditions for Conducting a Just War

The Catechism of the Catholic Church discusses in general terms ([para. 2312-2314](#)) the conditions that must be met or avoided while fighting a war in order for the conduct of the war to be just.

The Church and human reason both assert the permanent validity of the moral law during armed conflict. "The mere fact that war has regrettably broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit between the warring parties."

Non-combatants, wounded soldiers, and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely. The injury or killing of the innocent during war is always forbidden; however, if a bullet goes astray, or an innocent person is killed by a bomb dropped on a military target, the Church recognizes that these deaths are not intended.

Actions deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes, as are the orders that command such actions. Blind obedience does not suffice to excuse those who carry them out. Thus, the extermination of a people, nation, or ethnic minority must be condemned as a mortal sin. One is morally bound to resist orders that command genocide.

"Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal condemnation." A danger of modern warfare is that it provides the opportunity to those who possess modern scientific weapons—especially atomic, biological, or chemical weapons—to commit such crimes.

## 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 25 | CRC Kindergarten First Day of Class  |
| Sep 1  | Labor Day, National Holiday          |
| Sep 2  | CRC Preschool First Day of Class     |
| Sep 13 | Chor Anno Concert at 7pm             |
| Sep 14 | Sunday Parish Faith Formation begins |

## Working Together

### Parish-Family Vocation Ministry Teams Workshop

September 13 in Olympia | 10am-4pm

Be a member of a newly forming parish family vocations team. Register to attend the vocations ministry training workshop on September 13, 2025 to be held at St. Michael in Olympia from 10am-4pm. National speakers Bob McMorrow and Leticia Ramirez will present on creating a culture of vocations, and supporting young people in discerning their vocations. The workshop is free and lunch is included. To register scan the QR code or contact 206-382-4276 or send an email to [vocations@seattlearch.org](mailto:vocations@seattlearch.org).



### Vocation Ministry Teams Timeline

Sept. 13, 2025	Workshop in Olympia
Sept-Nov, 2025	Teams meet & start a 3-point plan
Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2026	First Archdiocesan Called By Name

## Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic

Sunday August 24 | 12pm-3pm

This weekend Holy Redeemer Parish is holding its annual Parish Picnic on the church grounds. The Luncheon will be served from 12:10-1:45pm, with lots of other activities throughout the afternoon. For more details, see page 6. All are invited to attend!

## 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.

## 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).



# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



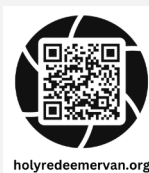
## Holy Redeemer Church

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### Daily Mass Intentions

8/25 Deet†  
8/26 William Buchheit†  
8/27 Carol Alfson  
8/28 Ivonna Tarabochia  
8/29 Gary Custodio †  
8/30 Alex Custodio

### Prayer Requests

Erik Benaventet†, Giselle M. Brakevillet†,  
Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunsteint†,  
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	8/11-8/16
Stewardship	\$ 27,500
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 896

## Special This Week

**Annual Parish Picnic** | August 24 | 12pm-3pm

The Annual Parish Picnic is here this weekend and we are celebrating 25 Years at Holy Redeemer Parish! Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship on the church grounds. There will be the traditional BBQ compliments of the Knights of Columbus, Bounce House, raffle, field games, BINGO in the breezeway and ministry booths. New this year is a Water Slide, a pictorial display from Holy Redeemer through the years, a large canopy for more outdoor seating. (Bring your own folding chair if you prefer.) The weather is predicted to be hot, so bring sunscreen, and a potluck dish if you signed up for one. So whether you are coming directly after Mass or are returning for the picnic from a previous Mass, stop by one of our registration booths for your meal and raffle tickets and be ready to have a great afternoon with us!

**Patriotic Rosary** | August 28

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Patriotic Rosary on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Church. Please join us to pray for peace, our country, leaders, states and all of our fellow citizens.

**Saintly Women of Modern Times** | September 20

Women are invited to gather and discuss on a monthly basis the challenges and graces of living a virtuous life in our current personal vocations by following Jesus. We're currently reading Saintly Solutions to Life's Common Problem by Fr. Joseph Esper. We'll meet on the 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9am in the St. Clare Room (in the Parish Center). Questions? Contact Kathy Van Tries at [kvantries@comcast.net](mailto:kvantries@comcast.net).

## Coming Up

Aug 26 Holy Face of Jesus Devotion  
Aug 28 Patriotic Rosary  
Sept 1 Labor Day ~ Parish Offices Closed  
Sept 13 Chor Anno Concert at 7pm  
Sept 17 Fraternus/Fidelis Fall Programs Opening Day

## 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 | September 17  
**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 25, Sept 1  
**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Aug 28, Sept 4  
**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Aug 30, Sept 6  
**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Aug 26, Sept 2  
**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 29, Sept 5



# 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.



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details and to enroll

## Women's Study Groups

Many of our women's study groups are relaunching  
after taking a break for the summer!

### Bible Study with Littles

A Bible study open to all women, including those who need to bring children with them. Meets Tuesdays (beginning Sept 9) from 9:30am-11am in the Parish Center.

RSVP to Teresa Martin at [TRMAKAR@gmail.com](mailto:TRMAKAR@gmail.com)

### Saintly Women Book Study

Join other like-minded ladies to gather and discuss the challenges and graces of living out our current personal vocations? Meets 3rd Saturdays in the St. Clare room at 9am. Contact Kathy Van Tries at [kvantries@comcast.net](mailto:kvantries@comcast.net)

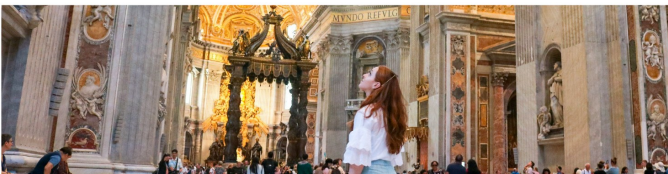
### Well Read Mom Literature Group

Open to all adult women! We read one book per month and meet to discuss on the 3rd Friday of the month at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Annex building. Contact Melissa at [melissaa@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:melissaa@holyredeemervan.org)

To learn more about our women's ministries, scan the QR code!

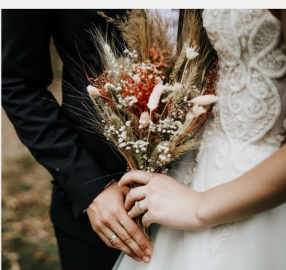


## Adult SACRAMENTS



### 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@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervan.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@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervan.org).

## 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@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:melissaa@holyredeemervan.org)  
[katelyng@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:katelyng@holyredeemervan.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.  
[anniee@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:anniee@holyredeemervan.org)  
[katelyng@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:katelyng@holyredeemervan.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@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervan.org)



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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### Daily Mass intentions

8/27 Ted Sapoznic†

8/28 Tony Fielding† and Gail Murphy

8/29 Susan Schneider (healing) & family

### Prayer Requests

John Boynton (hospice), Bob (heart condition), Melissa (health), Dannie (recovery), Clarence & his family, Bob (health), Sandy (health), Ross (health), Gretchen (health), Cox family, Brandon, 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	8/11-8/16
Stewardship	\$ 8,458
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150

## Special This Week

**Special Collection for the Catholic Home Missions** | August 23-24  
Over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are now considered home "mission territory" because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. These dioceses face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Mission Collection funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs, impacting nearly nine million Catholics in the US.

### 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, 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.

### Parish Potluck | Tuesday, September 9

Second Tuesdays of each month: 5pm in the parish hall.

The Aquinas Guild's popular monthly potlucks are returning on Tuesdays, beginning Sep 9. Gather in the parish hall at 5pm with your favorite dishes and the meal begins at 5:30pm.

## Coming Up

- 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, fireside room
- Sep 13 Chor Anno Concert at 7pm at Holy Redeemer
- Sep 14 Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 9:45am
- Sep 14 Annual Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Holy Cross Cemetery, 6pm

## 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 26, Sep 2
- Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Sep 2, Sep 16
- 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) | Oct 11



# St. Thomas Aquinas Evangelization

For a complete listing of opportunities and upcoming events, visit [stthomascamas.org](http://stthomascamas.org) and read the weekly parish email.



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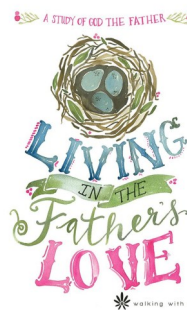
walking with purpose

### Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9am beginning Sep 23rd in the Library

*Living in the Father's Love*: a six-part Study of God the Father

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? Living in the Father's Love will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.



Register online (by Sep 10 to ensure a book is available) with this QR code or the link on the parish website.

Visit [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com) or contact Kaye at [kayelathe@gmail.com](mailto:kayelathe@gmail.com) for more info.



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC  
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN



### Classroom Volunteers Needed!

Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30am - 12noon

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



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC  
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

## Community Friday Events

Join Us!

12:30-2:30 on the following Fridays:

September 5th & 19th  
October 3rd & 17th  
November 7th & 21st  
January 9th & 16th  
February 6th & 20th  
March 6th & 20th  
April 10th & 24th  
May 1st & 15th



Students of all ages, with their parents,  
are invited to attend these enrichment  
opportunities.  
Stay tuned for sign ups!



### Annual Vespers at Holy Cross Cemetery

Sunday, Sep 14, 6pm at 4955 Evergreen Way, Washougal

Join us for our annual celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross as we pray Vespers (or Evening Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*) in honor of those resting there.

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

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### Sunday Mass Intention

8/24 *Pro Populo*

### Prayer Requests

Bonnie (lost her husband & battling cancer), Bright Dove (leg pain), John Stipan, Susan (healing), Ginger Townsend (healing), Brigitte Barns (healing), River Coates (healing), Javier (healing), Leif Waters (healing), 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

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

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."  
- St. Teresa of Calcutta

### Beheading of St. John the Baptist | August 29

On this day the Church marks the beheading of St. John the Baptist, who prepares the way for Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This feast is also known as the Passion of St. John the Baptist.

"For Herod himself had sent and apprehended John, and bound him prison for the sake of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. For John said to Herod: It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Now Herodias laid snares for him: and was desirous to put him to death and could not." (Mark 6:17-19 DRV)

### 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.

### Aw, the Smell of Fresh Bread!

Learn how to make fresh bread with Mike Leon. Coming this Fall, Mike Leon will do an introductory class on how to make bread. For all that are interested in learning how to create a delicious loaf of fresh bread, and learn his inside tricks, there is a sign – up on the Social Hall board. Time and date will be announced later this month.

## Coming Up

Aug 24	Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic ~ All CRC parishioners welcome!
Sep 1	Labor Day
Sep 13	Chor Anno Concert at 7pm at Holy Redeemer
Sep 14	Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 10:15am

### Minister Schedule

	Sunday, Aug 24
Celebrant:	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Chris C.
EMHC (cups):	John & Kitty
Lector:	Pete B.
Ushers:	Debbie & Jim
Counters:	Kitty & Bill
Coffee Hosts:	Matt, Dick, & Steve

### Sunday, Aug 31

Fr. Bala
Dick A.
Joseph & Monica
Pete B.
Lexie & Amy
Kitty & Elaine
Deby & Linda



## Contact Information



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### 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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### 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

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### COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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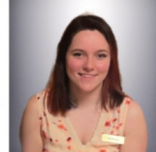
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