



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

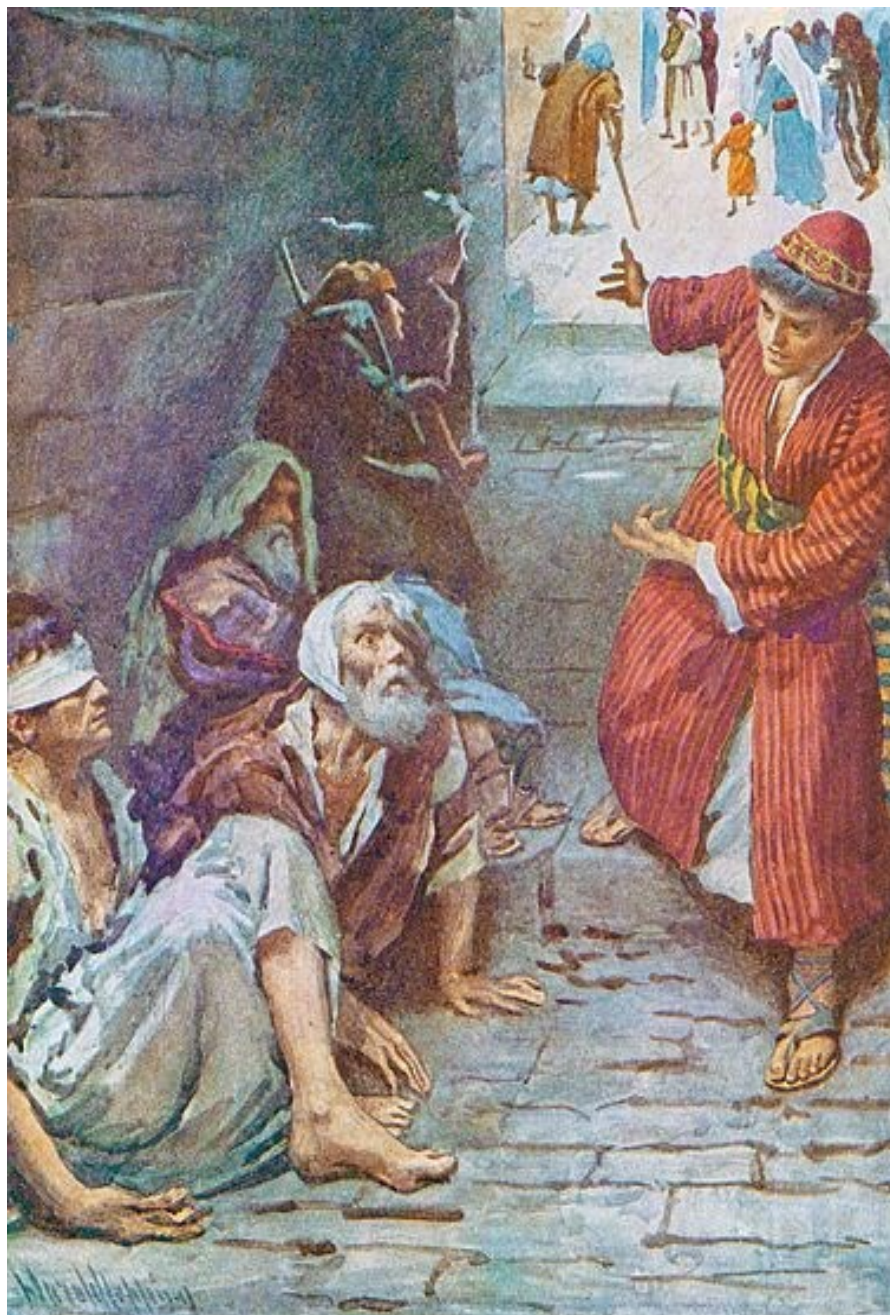
WELCOME!

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

Office Hrs: Call for appointment

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
9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am 23 hr. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm Confessions 3:30-5:00pm	Mass 8:30am Confessions 9:15am-10:30am 2:30-4:15pm 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
9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7
		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
9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7
		Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:00pm-7:00pm		Adoration 9:30am 1st Friday Mass 10:30am Confessions 11:00am		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

Sainthood

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

On Saturday, September 7, Pope Leo will canonize two “young” saints, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlos Acutis (the first millennial to be declared a saint). Their canonization next Sunday (enrollment in the canon of the Church’s saints) gives me an opportunity to write about sanctity and the process by which one is actually declared a saint. Before I do that though, I want to draw our attention to the youth of these two saints. Pier was twenty-four at the time of his death in 1925 while Carlos was only fifteen at the time of his death in 2006.

People are not born holy, innocent yes, but holiness speaks to one’s communion with God and living the virtues. Two things that are learned and are practiced as we age. Many people never learn or practice them. Blesseds Pier and Carlos made the decision at very young ages to be holy, that is to say, to live united to God at all times and to live virtuously. This decision of course is extremely rare, as most young people just want to please themselves in the moment, as do most old people. But because of this fervent desire in Pier and Carlos, and their persistence in it, they were able to make great progress in the spiritual life in a relatively short period of time. This is true for anyone else who tries.

The two things that are so remarkable for me about these two is their young age, but more importantly, the generation they were born into, yet still striving to be a saint. I can understand it when reading about a young saint from the middle ages when almost everyone was religious and being a priest, monk, or nun was a normal, natural thing for one to consider and many pursued. But these two were from the godless 20th Century, where giving one’s life in witness to Jesus Christ is **not** a normal, natural thing to do.

The other thing that catches me about these two is just how “normal” they were. Although Carlos was called the “God geek” by his peers, neither of them looked or acted like geeks. Rather, they were normal, healthy, attractive young men. Being godly can be cool if you don’t worry about what others might think of you while you put your screens down, pray, read religious books, attend Mass, go to Confession regularly, and help others in Christ. A great witness to those of us in this generation.

Here follows is a brief biography of Pier and Carlos, followed by a brief synopsis of the process by which one is eventually declared a saint.

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati / EWTN News
<https://ewtn.co.uk/article-breaking-carlo-acutis-to-be-canonized-sept-7-with-pier-giorgio-frassati/>

Pier Giorgio Frassati: ‘To the heights’ of holiness



Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches “to the heights.”

The young man from the northern Italian city of Turin was an avid mountaineer and Third Order Dominican known for his charitable outreach.

Born on Holy Saturday, April 6, 1901, Frassati was the son of the founder and director of the Italian newspaper La Stampa. At the age of seventeen, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time to taking care of the poor, the homeless, and the sick as well as demobilized servicemen returning from World War I.

Frassati was also involved in the Apostleship of Prayer and Catholic Action. He obtained permission to receive daily Communion.

On a photograph of what would be his last climb, Frassati wrote the phrase “Verso L’Alto,” which means “to the heights.” This phrase has become a motto for Catholics inspired by Frassati to strive for the summit of eternal life with Christ.

Frassati died of polio on July 4, 1925. His doctors later speculated that the young man had caught polio while serving the sick.

John Paul II, who beatified Frassati in 1990, called him a “man of the eight beatitudes,” describing him as “entirely immersed in the mystery of God and totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbor.”

Carlo Acutis: the first millennial saint

Carlo Acutis, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

He became the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church 2020 and is widely popular among Catholics, particularly youth. Known for his deep faith and digital savvy, he used his computer-coding skills to draw attention to Eucharistic miracles around the world.

Sainthood



His miracles' exhibit, featuring more than one hundred documented miracles involving the Eucharist throughout history, has since traveled to thousands of parishes across five continents.

The Vatican formally recognized a second miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession on May 23, 2024. The case involved the healing of 21-year-old Valeria Valverde of Costa Rica, who sustained a serious brain injury in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. She was not expected to survive but recovered after her mother prayed for Acutis' intercession at his tomb in Assisi.

Born in London in 1991 and raised in Milan, Acutis attended daily Mass from a young age and was passionate about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Shortly after his first Communion at the age of seven, Carlo told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan." Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," and he did all in his power to make the real presence known. His witness inspired his parents to return to practicing the Catholic faith and his Hindu au pair [nanny] to convert and be baptized.

Many of Carlo's classmates, friends, and family members testified to the Vatican how he brought them closer to God. He is remembered for saying, "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints."

Shortly before his death, Acutis offered his suffering from cancer "for the pope and for the Church" and expressed a desire to go "straight to heaven."

Known as a cheerful and kind child with a love for animals, video games, and technology, Acutis' life has inspired documentaries, digital evangelization projects, and the founding of schools in his name. His legacy continues to resonate strongly with a new generation of Catholics.

The Step-by-Step Guide to How a Person Becomes a Canonized Saint [Profoundly Abridged]

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/how-does-a-person-become-a-canonized-saint>

When the Church declares holy people to be saints, we are assured they are in heaven and eager to intercede for us.

Short or long, the steps to sainthood follow a definite route, with all roads to it leading to and from Rome. These steps on the way to declaring a person a saint have no set time limit. For example, Blessed Margaret of Castello died in 1320, was beatified in 1609, and finally canonized by Pope Francis in

2021 – 701 years after her death! He waived the need for a second miracle using this procedure, which is called "equivalent" canonization. Let's look at the steps leading to someone being declared a saint, dictating for certain they are in heaven with the Lord.

Grassroots Devotion

The deceased must have had a "fame for holiness." Do the faithful speak of these people and their exemplary lives, positive influence, apostolic fruitfulness, and edifying deaths? To make sure their reputation for sanctity is enduring, the official process of looking into their cause for canonization can't begin until five years after they die.

The Diocesan Phase

A petitioner — usually a religious order or the bishop of the diocese where the person died — can petition Rome to start the cause for canonization. A postulator is appointed to collect documents and testimonies about the life and holiness of the possible saint-to-be who at this step is named a "Servant of God." This step aims to confirm the person's heroic virtues — with emphasis on "heroic," meaning well above average.

Off to Rome

When everything is collected and the bishop approves, the results are sent to Rome, to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. A theological commission studies and votes on whether or not the Servant of God can proceed to the next step. If so, they then receive the title "Venerable."

On to Beatification

The next step on the road to sainthood is beatification. If the candidate is a martyr for the faith, he or she is immediately made a "Blessed." Others need a miracle recognized as happening through their posthumous intercession. If the congregation approves the miracle, they send the results to the Holy Father, who authorizes the beatification. The saint-in-waiting is beatified and called "Blessed."

Another Giant Step

The cause then moves toward the final step of canonization and the title of "Saint."

Necessary for this step is one additional miracle that happens **after the beatification**. The requirements are the same as for the first miracle, and the miracle must be attributed to the intercession of the Blessed. If everything passes the committees, the results are presented to the Holy Father, who then makes the final decision about declaring this particular man or woman to be a saint and worthy of public veneration by the whole Church.

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/>

Upcoming Columbia River Catholic Events

- Sep 1 Labor Day, National Holiday, Offices Closed
- Sep 2 CRC Preschool First Day of Class
- Sep 13 Chor Anno Concert at 7pm
- Sep 14 Sunday Parish Faith Formation begins

Labor Day


Monday, September 1st is Labor Day, a national holiday. All Parish Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Daily Mass at Holy Redeemer will be at 8:30am as scheduled.

Chor Anno Concert

Sep 13 | 7pm

On Saturday evening September 13th at 7pm, all are invited to attend a special concert at Holy Redeemer Church of inspired choral music performed by the prize winning choral group Chor Anno. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Nicole Lamartine and includes 38 professional choral musicians from the northwest. Entrance is free, and a goodwill suggested donation for adults (\$20) is greatly appreciated to support Chor Anno.

CRC Preschool & Kindergarten Seeking Volunteers



Visit Our Website

Our Location
St. Thomas Aquinas Campus
324 NE Oak St.
Camas, WA 98607

Contact Us
(360) 953-5842
Office: lauren@stthomascamas.org

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

School is underway for Kindergarten and Pre-School starts on September 2nd. 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.

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.



Men of Faith

Sept 6 | 9:15am

All men are invited to attend the next Men of Faith meeting on Saturday, September 6th in the Holy Redeemer Parish Center right after the 8:30am Mass at Holy Redeemer. The meeting includes breakfast, prayer and faith-filled presentations. There is no fee and no need to register ~ just show up!

Brother Townsen Simple Vows

Mt. Angel Monastery | Sept 8th, 7pm

Families and friends are invited to Mt. Angel Monastery on Monday, Sept. 8th at 7pm to witness Brother Townsen (Poissant) profess simple vows. Mass will be in the Church with a light reception to follow.

Working Together

Parish-Family Vocation Ministry Teams Workshop

Sept 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. 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.



Vocation Ministry Teams Timeline

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |

Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026

Enrollment is NOW OPEN!

Pre-K - 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 pgs.7 or 9 to access the website with all the information about classes, locations, fees and general information or to start the enrollment process.

Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



Holy Redeemer Church

Website: holyredeemervan.org

Phone: 360-885-7780

Email: office@holyredeemervan.org

Parish Office Hours
9am-4pm Monday-Friday
17010 NE 9th Street
Vancouver, WA 98684



Daily Mass Intentions

- 9/1 Kathleen Khoury†
- 9/2 Irma Herrera
- 9/3 Larry Bolton †
- 9/4 Hien Nguyen †
- 9/5 Dart Carlson †
- 9/6 Tamia Manglonia †

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	8/17-8/23
Stewardship	\$ 27,229
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 2,043

Special This Week

Parish Picnic Thank You!

Thank you to all who came to celebrate the end of summer at the Annual Parish Picnic on August 24th! This year we were blessed with the outpouring of generosity from the Knights of Columbus, parishioners and local companies who contributed food, raffle items, helped during the event and freely gave of their time & talents to make this year's picnic better than ever! Most of all for thanks goes to all our families who make Holy Redeemer the blessed faith community it is to "Glorify God and Sanctify Souls." (If you were not able to attend the picnic, check out the pictures in the Parish Center celebrating 25 years of Holy Redeemer!)

Labor Day | Sept 1

Please note that in observance of the national holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept 1.

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Mary's Meals Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone in our CRC Parish Family that helped to feed children around the world through the Mary's Meals campaign. Together we provided 600,780 meals which is enough to feed 3039 children every school day for a whole year. Please continue to pray for them and all the hungry.

Coming Up

- Sept 1 **Labor Day ~ Parish Offices Closed**
- Sept 6 Men of Faith
- Sept 13 Women Growing in Faith
- Sept 13 Chor Anno Concert at 7pm

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 | Sept 3, Sept 10
- Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Sept 4, Sept 11
- 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 | Sept 23
- Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Sept 19, Sept 26
- Millions of Monicas:** Mondays 6:00pm | Sept 1, Sept 8
- MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | Sept 1, Sept 8
- MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Sept 4, Sept 11
- MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Sept 6, Sept 13
- OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Sept 2, Sept 9
- 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 | Sept 5, Sept 12

Holy Redeemer Faith Formation

For a complete listing of opportunities and upcoming events, visit holyredeemervan.org or call the parish office M-F 9am-4pm.



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MEN OF FAITH

SATURDAY SEPT 6
9:15AM
PARISH CENTER
HOLY REDEEMER CAMPUS

LEARN
MORE
HERE! >>>

COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



A VOICE CRIES OUT

WHISPERS OF THE PROPHETS,
ECHOES OF THE MESSIAH

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY (18-26)

KICKOFF NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2025
HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
SACRED HEART BUILDING
6:30-8:30 PM



Fraternus Brotherhood

Fraternus helps Catholic fathers lead in their homes and communities and inspire sons to grow into men of virtue, strength, and service—through a unique framework of prayer, mentoring, and formation.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE →

Fidelis Sisterhood

Fidelis Sisterhood is a Catholic apostolate uniting women across generations to mentor and form girls to become disciples of Christ, fostering growth in virtue through the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and faith-filled friendship.



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Both Begin September 17th

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Daily Mass intentions

- 9/3 Andrew & Denise Twyman
(wedding anniversary)
9/4 Sophia & Gavin (birthdays)
9/5 Fr. Raja Savarimuthu, HGN
(priesthood anniversary) and
Cheryl Elam†

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

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	8/17-8/23
Stewardship	\$ 12,071
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 115

Special This Week

Parish Playgroup | Tuesday, September 2

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 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.

CRC Preschool & Kindergarten-Hosted Community Events

Fridays, beginning September 5th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, parish hall
Students of *all ages*, with their parents, are invited to attend these enrichment opportunities hosted twice each month and led by members of our community. See upcoming topics on the next page.

Parish Potluck | Tuesday, September 9

Now on Second Tuesday 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.

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 (Evening Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*) in honor of those resting there.

Coming Up

- 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 | Sep 23
Drama Group: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00pm fireside | Sep 9, Sep 23
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 | Sep 2, Sep 9
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 13, 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 and read the weekly parish email.



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New Parent Faith Formation (FF) Orientation

Thursday, Sep 11, 6:30pm, Fireside Room

This meeting for parents of new children joining our parish FF
will cover key topics before sessions begins Sunday, Sep 14.



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.

No experience needed—**just a willing heart.**
Your "yes" makes all the difference.

If not you... then who?
Please don't assume
someone else will do it.

Help plant seeds that
last a lifetime.

Contact denice@stthomascamas.org
to learn more about this exciting
volunteer opportunity.



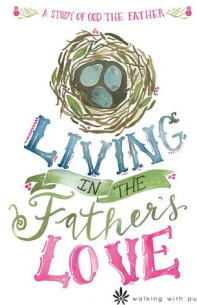
walking with purpose

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 or contact
Kaye at kayelathe@gmail.com for more info.



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Hosted Community Events

Join Us!

Children of all ages, with their parents, are
invited to attend these enrichment opportunities
led by members of our community and hosted by
CRC Preschool & Kindergarten
Stay tuned for sign ups!

UPCOMING DATES:

September 5th:

Cake
Baking for
Mama
Mary's
Birthday
with
Adalee
Hude



September 19th:

"Joyful Steps" Dance Class
with Melanie Gibson



October 3rd & 17th:
Iconography with Deacon
Christopher Scheck



Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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

Phone: 509-427-8478

Email: office@stthomascamas.org

Office Hrs: Please call for an appointment

725 SW Rock Creek Dr
Stevenson, WA 98648

Staff: Tony & Abby Coates
abby@stthomascamas.org
509-427-0010



Sunday Mass Intention

8/31 Vada Coates

Prayer Requests

Bonnie (lost her husband & battling cancer), Bright Dove (leg pain), John Stipan, Susan (healing), Brigitte Barns (healing), Javier (healing), Susan Schneider (health), James (spinal degeneration), Denise Melton (cancer), and please continue to pray for all those on the parish prayer chain.

Send prayer requests to:
Abby Coates 509-427-0010

Thank you for your generosity!	
Contributions	8/17-8/23
Stewardship	\$ 1,226

Special This Week

September, Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

The tradition dates back as far as the 17th century. Originally, this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helena and the consecration, on September 14, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary in Jerusalem. (Saint Andrew Daily Missal) In 1817, the solemn Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated by the Servites, was extended to the whole Church.

What are Fr. Gallagher and Fr. McCoy up to?

On September 7, a Rosary Rally will be held at the University of Notre Dame with Holy Cross Family Ministries and both Fr. Gallagher and Fr. McCoy will be part of this powerful event. Inspired by Venerable Patrick Peyton's unwavering mission, the rally is poised to unleash hope, healing, and unity upon families in our turbulent world. In solidarity, we will pray the Rosary with them on Sunday, September 7, before Mass for this cause. "This spiritual preparation will bring profound blessings to your parish and its families." - Fr. Gallagher (www.familyrosary.org)

Faith Formation Classes

Sign-ups are coming to a close. The time is 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 or catch her after Mass on Sunday.

Learn How to Make Fresh Bread

Mike Leon will be instructing us on how to make his delicious bread. 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 sheet on the Social Hall bulletin board. Time and date will be announced later this month.

Coming Up

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

Celebrant:	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Joseph
EMHC (cups):	Joseph & Monica
Lector:	Pete B.
Ushers:	Lexie & Amy
Counters:	Elaine & Kitty
Coffee Hosts:	Deby & Linda

Sunday, Aug 31

Sunday, Sep 7

Fr. Nathe
Dick A.
Dick & Chris
Chris B.
Rachel & Ed
Greg & Laura
Church Ladies

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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FUNERALS

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