



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

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Masses | Confessions | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am <i>Carol Norris Funeral Mass 11:00am</i>	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
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21
		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
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21
		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

Vocations

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~



Last Monday, one of our parishioners, Brother Townsen Poissant, became Brother Jonah (see picture). Br. Jonah took simple (temporary) vows as a monk at Mt. Angel, where he has been for

the last year and half. If all goes well, he'll take Solemn (permanent) vows three years from now. This occasion gives me an opportunity to reflect on religious vocations and help you to promote them, and if you still can, possibly even explore one.

As many of you know, Columbia River Catholic has been blessed with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is a board up in Holy Redeemer's narthex with most of our parishioners who have left for the seminary or religious communities over the years. We hope to add more.

Last June at our annual gathering, the priests of the Archdiocese of Seattle were treated to what was the best presentation we have ever had. Rhonda Gruenwald, a laywoman from Texas, spoke to us about priestly vocations and how we can raise up more. Rhonda started a national program in 2011 called simply enough, vocation ministry, see the website here <https://www.vocationministry.com>. Since 2011, it has been the catalyst for countless religious vocations. The Serra Club, a local group that meets monthly to support religious vocations, is going to do a deep dive with me this year to explore what we can do to exponentially increase religious vocations at Columbia River Catholic and beyond. If you have a heart for raising up more religious vocations, you can join us by emailing Shawn Madison at shawnemadison@comcast.net. In the meantime, here is a pastor's column that is meant to be a self-guide for those who are open to the possibility of a priestly or religious vocation for men and women.

This is really helpful. If anyone is thinking about priesthood or religious life, please call the office and make an appointment to see me. I will neither bite, nor will you be committed at that moment to becoming a priest or religious. I'll just try to help you with things in this pastor's column. Vocational journeys are many years long, not all at once things. With that said, experience has taught me that people tend to speak about a religious vocation to a priest who knows them, only after they have been discerning and trying to put things together for themselves for quite some time. So let me help you do that.

Let's begin by clarifying the difference the priesthood and religious life, as if they are two related but different things. Why not just say "religious life?" For men, the possibility exists of either the office of priesthood and/or consecrated religious life. When a man is ordained a priest for a diocese such as Seattle or Portland,

he is not being consecrated into a religious order (Franciscans, Jesuits, Benedictines, etc.). Rather, he is occupying an office within the sacrament of Holy Orders for that diocese. Due to this distinction between the office of priesthood and those vowed to consecrated religious life, we make the distinction for men between priesthood and/or religious life.

When exploring an invitation to priesthood and religious life there are a few things that need to be considered. The first is who the invitation goes out to. The answer is anyone who can. The Lord is generous in extending the invitation to leave all and follow Him. As long as someone is a practicing Catholic, believes in the Truth of our faith, is not too old, is single without responsibility to care for another (child, parent, etc.), and does not have mental, physical, or social impediments; the Lord is inviting them to discern joining Him in the priesthood or religious life. What I just said means that a majority of Catholic 18-year-olds can discern a religious vocation. That percentage drops precipitously over the years.

The next matter for the discernor is exploring where and how they can do the most good for God. This requires discerning one's aptitudes vs. ineptitude, and virtues vs. vices. Examples of aptitudes include: if one has good people skills or not, talent with administration or not, leadership skills or not, can work independently or not, in the case of priesthood, could graduate from college, etc. Examples of virtues would include living a pious life, ability to live with and put up with challenging people, to love others, sensitivity toward others, courage, one's ability to suffer, to preserve, etc.

Here are a few rules for those discerning joining a religious order.

1. The order must be orthodox, meaning they don't tolerate members who disagree with any of the Church's perennial teachings.
2. All the members must wear habits, or in the case of priests, a clerical suit.
3. They are viable in terms of age. There needs to be enough relatively young members to point toward a future. Most religious communities that have come into the existence in the last two thousand years have died out. Many religious communities today are in the process of dying out. No point in getting on a sinking ship.

Religious orders are divided into two categories: active and contemplative.

1. Active orders are out in the world teaching in Catholic schools, putting on missions or workshops, feeding the poor, etc.
2. Contemplative orders are monastic, living in community in one place, removed from the world, living a life of community, prayer, and expiation.

Vocations

Let's start with women.

Here is a list of **contemplative** religious orders for women <https://cloisteredlife.com/directory>. This website has a comprehensive list of contemplative orders across the country, two of which are in Washington. The one on Shaw Island might be dying out, while the one in Shoreline might not be healthy spiritually. I know the one in Post Falls Idaho is excellent, but they are traditional, so Latin Mass, etc. Because contemplative communities are not in the public eye, they are not as easy to figure out in terms of orthodoxy and viability. Anyone discerning a contemplative community will need to look them up on the internet, and if an interest is still there, arrange a visit.

Here is a list of **active** religious orders for women that operate in the Northwest.

- [Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco](https://salesiansisterswest.org) – <https://salesiansisterswest.org>
- The Nashville Dominicans – <https://www.nashvilledominican.org>
- Society of Mary – <https://socmaria.org>. This one operates in Oregon, but the sisters have to go through formation in Argentina for years. You'd have to learn Spanish and receive your instructions in it.

Here are a couple of active orders that are not in the Northwest but are really good.

- Sisters of Mary – <https://www.sistersofmary.org>
- Sisters of Life – <https://sistersoflife.org>

Now to the men.

First parish priesthood then religious orders.

The Church needs vocations of all kinds. Again, in discerning a vocation, one must consider where and how they can do the most good for God. For 90% of Catholics, their only exposure to the Catholic faith is through the Mass. For most Catholics, the only exposure they have of the faith, its teachings, and sacraments is through the priest at the Masses they attend. Therefore, the direct impact that parish priests have on the faithful is usually far greater than it is for priests who belong to religious orders. If a man has the aptitude and virtues to be a parish priest, and our discernment is about doing the most good for God, then it would be very important to explore the possibility of parish priesthood in considering the most good for God. A lot goes into discernment and there must be a great deal of humility and courage in that discernment. That discernment may lead a young man to discern parish priesthood or another religious vocation that may or may not include priesthood.

If one is considering parish priesthood, then they would discern joining a diocese under a bishop. These are called diocesan

priests. Here are the websites for the vocation offices of the Archdiocese of Seattle and Portland. While Columbia River Catholic is part of the Archdiocese of Seattle, I list Portland as well because those open to exploring a vocation to parish priesthood, might not have any connection to Seattle but might be open toward Portland just across the river. Both need good priests.

Archdiocese of Seattle – <https://archseattle.org/office-ministry/vocations>

Archdiocese of Portland – <https://archdpdxvocations.org>

If discernment about doing the most good for God in religious life leads one to consider religious orders, then these are some good local ones as well as a few beyond the Northwest.

Local **active** religious orders for men.

- Dominicans – Portland – <https://opwest.org>. Teaching order.
- Fathers of Mercy – Bowling Green, KY – <https://fathersofmercy.com>. Conduct parish missions.
- Marians of the Immaculate Conception – Stockbridge, MA – <https://marian.org>. Different ministries.
- Society of St. John – Portland, OR – https://socsj.org/en_us/formation/. This is a religious order from Argentina. If one joins this order, they will have to go to Argentina for years of seminary formation – all in Spanish.
- Traditional – Latin Mass only – <https://www.fssp.org/en/our-seminaries/denton/>. Restoration of Traditional Catholicism.

Some **contemplative** orders for men

- Mt. Angel Abbey – Mt. Angel, OR – <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/monastery/vocations/>
- St. Martin's Abbey – Lacey WA – <https://stmartinsabbey.org/become-a-monk/how-does-one-become-a-monk/>
- Westminster Abbey – Mission, BC. Canada – <https://westminsterabbey.ca/vocations/>
- White Stone Monastery – Sprague, WA – <https://www.whitestonemonks.org>. Traditional – Latin Mass & prayers.
- Carmelite Monks of Wyoming – <https://www.carmelitemonks.org>. Traditional – Latin Mass & prayers.
- Clear Creek Abbey – Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma – <https://clearcreekmonks.org>. Traditional – Latin Mass & prayers.

I hope and pray that this pastor's column will be helpful in raising up vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

May Almighty God Bless You,



Fr. Thomas Nathe

Catholic School Options

Columbia River Catholic Parish Family provides per-pupil assistance for active parishioners who enroll their children in grades K-8 at local Catholic Schools. This allows families to receive discounted tuition rates.

- Columbia River Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten
lauren@stthomascamas.org
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS
admissions@rcahybrid.org
- Our Lady of Lourdes School Pre-K—8th Grade
www.lourdesvan.org
- St. Joseph Catholic School Pre-K—8th Grade
www.stjoevanschool.org/
- Seton Catholic College Prep High School
<https://www.setonhigh.org/>

Upcoming Columbia River Catholic Events

Sept 14	Sunday Parish Faith Formation begins
Sept 14	Annual Vespers at Holy Cross Cemetery
Sept 24	40 Days for Life Campaign begins

Congratulations, Brother Jonah!



On Monday Sept 8th at Mt. Angel Abbey the Benedictine order welcomed to the religious novitiate Brother Jonah Poissant as he received his new holy name and professed his simple vows. He has now committed the next three years to the novitiate at Mt. Angel Abbey. Let us continue to pray for Brother Jonah and all who are discerning the priesthood or religious life.

Annual Vespers at Holy Cross Cemetery

Sept 14 | 6pm

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the namesake feast of our cemetery. Join us Sunday at 6pm for St. Thomas Aquinas' annual gathering to pray Vespers (Evening Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*) in honor of those resting there. Holy Cross Cemetery is located at 4955 Evergreen Way, Washougal.

Faith Formation Classes 2025-2026 Enrollment is OPEN!

PreK - 12th Grade Faith Formation and Sacraments are now open for all three Columbia River Catholic Parish locations. 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 to start the enrollment process.

COR Men's Groups at Two Locations!

St. Thomas Aquinas: Sept 20 | 8:00am

Holy Redeemer: Sept 27 | 9:15am

All the men are encouraged to join a monthly morning COR program put on by the Knights of Columbus. The COR meeting at St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8am with hot breakfast and discussion of a shared topic. The COR meeting at Holy Redeemer (HR) meets at 9:15am on the last Saturday of the month for an hour in the Sacred Heart Annex for prayer, faith and fraternity. Contact the group leaders listed below:

STA: Contact Mark at mailhotm@gmail.com.

HR: Contact Jesus Gomez at Gomez.swimming@live.com.

Women's Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes

Come & Magnify Retreat Sept 20 | 9am-4pm

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sept 23

On Tuesday September 23rd from 11am to 4pm the Knights of Columbus at Holy Redeemer are hosting their quarterly Blood Drive at the Holy Redeemer Parish Center. Sign up to donate blood by going to www.redcrossblood.org, search for blood drives near zip code "98684" on 9/23/25.

40 Days for Life

Sept 24

40 Days for Life begins on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Pray, fast and offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion at Vancouver's local PP abortion center (NE 116th Ave one block north of Mill Plain.) Peaceful, prayerful and legal presence in public right of way. See the local campaign website for more info and to signup online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver/>. Or contact our local leader Gerry Parmantier by calling or texting him at 360-831-7542 or by email at gerry1968@q.com.

19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW

Oct 4

The 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW — A Eucharistic and Marian celebration takes place in Salem, OR on Saturday October 4, 2025 from 9am-3pm. The event includes a procession, Mass, Confession, the Rosary, Adoration, speakers and many other events throughout the day. The Rosary Bowl NW will be at the East Salem Community Center, 1850 45th Ave NE, Salem, OR. For more information and the full schedule, see their website www.rosarybowlnw.org.



Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



Holy Redeemer Church

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Daily Mass Intentions

9/15 Antonio and Elisa Ganir ++
9/16 Teresita Sanga Lang †
9/17 Eunice Parsons †
9/18 De De Braunstein †
9/19 Brad and Deb Roettger
9/20 Carol Greenet †

Prayer Requests

Spencer Adams, Joan Badertscher, Erik Benavente†, Giselle M. Brakeville†, Charlotte Braden, Dee Dee Braunstein†, Sherry Callaghan, Greg Cruz, Dee Dettling†, Lynn Fiorentino†, Carol Greene†, Dorothy Gutierrez †, Ed Gillis, Wendy Karls, Diane Helley†, Irma Herrara, Ron Hurst, Jamie Kohlert†, Diane McCloud, Kristen Morrist†, Darlene Neale, Carol Norrist†, Carol Patrick, Ron Prill, Teresa Poissant†, Damon Schleichert†, Ivana Tarabochia, Mary Van Buren, Evelyn Ward †, Jim Williamst†, Elizabeth Wolf

Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions	8/31-9/6
Stewardship	\$ 40,765
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 656

Special This Week

Empty Nester Hiking | Sept 15

Empty Nester Hiking Creaky Knees Club will be hiking June Lake and Looit Trail Monday September 15th. The group will meet at Holy Redeemer's west parking lot and car pool leaving promptly at 9:30AM. Bring a sack lunch, we will be eating on the trail. We will be hiking rain or shine, umbrellas are okay. Please call Jon Vanderbout to RSVP, or for more information, at 360-986-8996.

Empty Nesters Daytime Pinochle | Sept 22

The Empty Nesters are starting a daytime Pinochle Group and are holding an informational meeting on Monday September 22nd from 12pm-2pm in the Parish Center. Come learn the plans for the year ahead as they will be forming groups which will meet in members homes once monthly on a date and time agreeable to the group. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Harland by call or text at 360-921-3651 or saharland73@yahoo.com. An RSVP would be appreciated.

Prepares Play with Love Playgroup

Oct 8 | 9:30-11:00am

The Prepares Ministry is starting a "Play with Love Playgroup" to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9:30am-11am beginning October 8th. The Playgroup will meet in the Sacred Heart Annex at Holy Redeemer and is open to all Columbia River Catholic families with children newborn to 5 years old. To register or for more information, contact Nealane Riem 360-921-2537 or Kathy Cannon 360-609-3767.

Coming Up

Sept 17 Fidelis and Fraternus programs resume
Sept 24 40 Days for Life Campaign begins
Sept 27 COR Men's Group

Recurring Meetings

American Heritage Girls: Mondays 4:30pm | Sept 15, Sept 22

Bible Study with Littles: Tuesdays 9:30am | Sept 16, Sept 23

Cenacle of St. Joseph, Wednesdays (monthly) 3:00pm | September 17

Choir, Children & Youth: Wednesdays 5:00pm | Sept 17, Sept 24

Choir, Adult: Thursdays 7:00pm | Sept 18, Sept 25

Direction of Our Times Lay Apostles: 2nd Tuesday (monthly): Oct 14

Fidelis and Fraternus: Wednesdays 6:00pm | Sept 17, Sept 24

Forming Intentional Discipleship: Tuesdays 7:00pm | Sept 16, Sept 23

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 15, Sept 22

MMP Cenacle: Mondays 9:15 am | Sept 15, Sept 22

MMP Cenacle: Thursdays 9:15am | Sept 18, Sept 25

MMP Cenacle: Saturdays 9:15am | Sept 20, Sept 27

OCIA: Tuesdays 6:00pm | Sept 16, Sept 23

Trail Life: Mondays 6:30pm | Sept 15, Sept 22

Young Adult Bible Study: Friday 6:30pm | Sept 19, Sept 27

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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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.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE →

Both Begin September 17th

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

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

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

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



PRAYER - FAITH - FRATERNITY

COR

The Knights of Columbus invite all men to join COR, a program focused on improving men's prayer lives and their relationship with the Lord.

Last Saturdays of the Month

9:15am (after Mass)

Good Shepherd Building



Questions? Contact Jesus Gomez
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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Parish Office Hours

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Daily Mass intentions

9/17 Angel Martinez†

9/18 Guy Varsek (birthday)

9/19 Carolyn Simms (birthday)

9/20 Edward Armstrong†

Elliot Miles† (1st anniversary of loss)

Prayer Requests

Miguel V., Jay Bonzani, Andreas Emilia Bernabey, Gustavo Cáceres and family, all those traveling to and beginning studies at schools and colleges, Kristen (Connell) Morris†, Cox family, Susan Schneider, for newlyweds: Paul & Erin Powell, Sam & Alessia Johnson, and Josh & Dallas, 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	8/31-9/6
Stewardship	\$ 18,427
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 710

Special This Week

Sunday Morning Parish Faith Formation Begins

Sunday, September 14th, 9:45am, Aquinas Center Classrooms
Finally! It's time to resume our Sunday morning FF sessions for children in Pre-K through high school. Classes will meet from 9:45am - 11:00am beginning this Sunday, Sep 14.

Annual Vespers at Holy Cross Cemetery

Sunday, September 14th, 6pm, 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.

Young Adult Begin New Monthly Study Nights

Tuesday, September 16th, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Thomas Youth Grotto
Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us for our first monthly Study Night this Tuesday night. Doors open at 6:30 for an open-house style study night where you can bring anything you'd like to work on (doesn't have to be homework!). All young adults 18-26 are welcome to participate. Contact Daniel for more details: holyredeemeryoungadult@gmail.com OR 360-601-0459. Visit the STA parish website for more great Young Adult events.

Cor Men's Group

Saturday, September 20th, 8:00am, Fireside Room
All the men of the parish are encouraged to join our monthly Saturday morning gatherings, now beginning at 8am in the fireside room for a hot breakfast and discussion of a shared topic to help us grow closer to being the men God has called us to be. Contact Mark at mailhotm@gmail.com.

Coming Up

Sep 14 Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 9:45am
Sep 14 Annual Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Holy Cross Cemetery, 6pm
Sep 24 40 Days for Life Campaign begins, Vancouver (see p. 8)
Sep 26 Johnny Appleseed Fall Festival (see page 9)

Recurring Meetings

Aquinas Guild: 1st Wednesdays 10am fireside | Oct 1, Nov 5
Catholic Daughters: 1st Mondays 6pm fireside (not Jul-Aug) | Oct 6, Nov 3
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 23, Oct 14
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 | Oct 6, Nov 3
Knights of Columbus: 1st Wednesdays 7pm fireside | Oct 1, Nov 5
OCIA (Christian Initiation): Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Sep 16, Sep 23
Parish Playgroup: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Sep 16, Oct 7
Parish Potluck: 2nd Tuesdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Oct 14, Nov 11
Prayer Shawl Ministry: (usually) 1st Saturdays 9:30am | Oct 4
St. Vincent de Paul: 1st Wednesdays 1pm fireside | Oct 1, Nov 5
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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Discipleship Group | Tuesday, Sep 23 at 7pm, Church
Please join us this month to discuss the following three topics and to learn what ties them together: (1) the presumption that being Catholic and doing Catholic activities mean automatic salvation, (2) the Ten Commandments as the Ten Blessings, and (3) the only solution to the priest scandal is up to you and me. We especially invite parents and Catholic educators to discuss what is happening in our Church.

Friday,
September
26th

6:30 pm
STA Parish
Hall

JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

All
Parishioner
Family
Members
Invited!

Soup / Chili Dinner
Apple Cider Press
Baked Goods Sale
Crafts & Games
Bake-Off: Apple Themed
Recipes (Parishioner
Submissions Welcome!)

Suggested
Donation:
\$12 per adult
\$5 per kid

Proceeds Support CRC Preschool & Kindergarten



walking with purpose

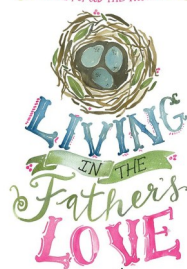
Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study

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.

A STUDY OF GOD THE FATHER



walking with purpose



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

"Family Friday" Events

Join Us!

CRC & homeschool 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

September 19th

12:30-2:30pm:

"Joyful Steps" Dance Class
Recommended Ages: 3-10



Sign Up → <https://bit.ly/JoyfulSteps>



COMING UP NEXT:
October 3rd & 17th
Iconography with
Deacon Christopher
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Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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

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Sunday Mass Intention

9/14 Kay Sprung†

Prayer Requests

Bill Hickman, Bonnie (lost her husband & battling cancer), Bright Dove (leg pain), Susan (recovery from car accident), 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

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Special This Week

Faith Formation Classes Start this Sunday

Class begin today, 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. If you have any questions, please email Abby directly at abby@stthomascamas.org or call her at 509-427-0010.

Our Lady of Sorrows | Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows refers to the seven sorrows of Mary: 1) The prophecy of Simeon, 2) The Flight into Egypt, 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days, 4) The Carrying of the Cross, 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus, 6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross, 7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb.

Check out the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows at: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/seven-dolors-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-5437>

Triumph of the Heart Movie | Thursday, September 18

A feature film about St. Maximillian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over death is playing at Regal Bridgeport Village on September 18th, at 7pm. Fr. Kolbe died a martyr at 47 years old, and was executed on Aug. 14, 1941, in the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz. Hosted by Mater Dei Radio. (screening.triumphoftheheart.com).

St. Januarius' Blood

This fascinating relic is believed to liquify miraculously three times a year. This extraordinary event has occurred since 1389 on three occasions: every September 19 (the feast day of St. Januarius), on December 16 (the anniversary of his intervention to prevent the effects of an eruption of Mount Vesuvius volcano in 1631), and on the Saturday before the first Sunday in May. St. Januarius was a bishop and martyr and his relic is held in the city of Naples, Italy. Will St. Januarius' blood relic liquify again this Friday, September 19th?

Mike Leon's Bread Class is FULL

Saturday, October 25, 3:00-5:00pm, Social Hall

If you have signed up, the date is set. If this doesn't work for you, please cross your name off the sign-up sheet to allow others in.

Bring: Notepad and pen and glass container with lid for sour dough starter

Coming Up

Sep 13 Chor Anno Concert at 7pm at Holy Redeemer
Sep 14 Sunday Morning Faith Formation Begins, 10:15am
Sept 24 40 Days for Life Campaign begins, Vancouver

Minister Schedule

Celebrant:

Sacristan:

EMHC (cups):

Lector:

Ushers:

Counters:

Coffee Hosts:

Sunday, Sep 14

Fr. Bala

Tony C.

Tony & Jim

Tom P.

Gina & Laura

Ed & Elaine

Chris, Elaine, Ginger, Steve

Sunday, Sep 21

Fr. Bala

Chris C.

Dick & Chris

Mile L.

Chris & Elaine

Greg & Ed

Darice & Jill

Contact Information



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC
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- Holy Redeemer Parish | 360-885-7780
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- St Thomas Aquinas Parish | 360-834-2126
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- 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
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Deacon Scott Aikin

BECOMING CATHOLIC? RETURNING CATHOLIC?

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Don Anderson | dona@holyredeemervanc.org

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Kevin Greenlee | keving@holyredeemervanc.org

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Mark MacKenzie | markm@holyredeemervanc.org

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

FAITH FORMATION: PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Katelyn Greenlee | katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org

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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.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LOCAL RESOURCES

See Pg. 5 for a list of local Catholic School options for students
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