



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

**September 28, 2025**

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Priesthood Sunday**

## **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
9/29	9/30	10/01	10/02	10/03	10/04	10/05
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am  Jennifer Milligan Funeral 11:00am	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
9/29	9/30	10/01	10/02	10/03	10/04	10/05
		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
9/29	9/30	10/01	10/02	10/03	10/04	10/05
		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](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)

## The Four Last Things

### Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Our gospel this Sunday recounts the story Our Lord tells of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus going to heaven after death, and the rich man who ignored his suffering, going to purgatory. If you attended Mass at Holy Redeemer this Sunday, you will have heard in my homily about the rich man suffering the flames of purgatory not hell. Not hell, because all the people and angels there are filled with hatred of all people and want everyone to join them. The rich man in Our Lord's story does not want his brothers to join him in his suffering, hence a desire for the wellbeing of others. He's not in hell filled with hatred of God and people, but in purgatory suffering for his sins.

Because of the subject matter raised in the above-mentioned gospel, I thought I would speak to **the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell**. We should have these memorized.

At death everyone faces their individual judgement before Jesus Christ: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Pantheists, Atheists – everyone will stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me" – Jesus (Jn. 14:6). So prepare. Fortunately, Jesus is infinitely merciful toward sinners who repent, "I did not come to save the righteous but sinners." He doesn't want to condemn us but to save us. Jesus wants us in heaven with Him, so let's work on that.

At **death**, we are **judged** with infinite perfection by Jesus Christ according to our final state of life on earth. All the good in thought, word, and deed; as well as all the evil in thought, word, and deed. This includes our sins of omission too; what we did not do in thought, word, and deed that God wanted us to do. This judgement takes into account what we would be responsible for knowing and being able to act upon. For example, as a priest, I will be held to a higher standard at my judgement than a person who knows nothing of God. So will almost all of the people who read this pastor's column. The upside of baptism and serving Jesus Christ; is that those who do so, have a greater opportunity for salvation, less purification after death, and a higher place in heaven for eternity. So, let's seek to know, love, and serve the Lord. Let's seek to be holy, the rewards are out of this world!

**Hell.** Souls who are bound for hell go there immediately after their judgement, and their judgement is a quick one. There is

no appeal, no attempt at one. People who go to hell know they deserve it and agree to belonging there for eternity. They have no remorse, no fear, just unimaginable misery forever. Warning, do not confuse being damned with a lack of mercy on God's part, *or on the part of anyone telling you about it*. God remains infinitely merciful as well as just, for without perfect justice, there can be no perfect mercy.

**Heaven** is in two states, the beatific vision and purgatory, first the beatific vision. There are those very rare souls who go immediately into the beatific vision of heaven upon their deaths. These are the saints. This is what Our Lord wants all of us to strive for. Even if we should try and fall short, it will still be worth it for all the good we did in this life for God's glory, and the salvation of souls, as well as the lessening of our purification through remorse in purgatory.

**Purgatory.** The second state of heaven, purgatory (Latin for *purging*), is temporary until passing into the beatific vision forever. It is a state or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions. These people suffer purification for what they were responsible for on earth; what evil (even venial) they did in thought, word, and deed; and what they failed to do in thought, word, and deed that God wanted them to do. After these sins have been paid for through the remorse of purgatory (in many cases, very painful and very long) then the Lord lifts them into the beatific vision of heaven. "I tell you solemnly, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny" – Jesus (Mt. 5:26). Here are a couple of great websites on purgatory <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12575a.htm> and [www.catholicanswers.org](http://www.catholicanswers.org). The Catechism of the Catholic Church does a good job on this subject too.

**Limbo.** "I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God" – Jesus (Jn 3:5). We don't hear much about limbo anymore, and the current catechism doesn't directly address it, yet two ecumenical councils and the Fathers of the Church did. Ecumenical councils are rare gatherings of the Church's bishops. Where they solemnly define a matter of faith, we trust that it is true. The Fathers of the Church are the saints from the first six centuries. Where they taught on a subject with uniformity, we know what they taught was true and remains true for all time. Where they were divided on a teaching, the Church remains uncertain along the lines they were divided on.



## The Four Last things

On the issue of salvation for the unbaptized, some Church Fathers taught that people who died without baptism went to hell. Others held that righteous people who died without baptism couldn't go to heaven, yet they also didn't believe that all of them were damned to hell either. Thus, the theory of a state of existence outside of heaven or hell was hypothesized. This state is called limbo.

While this subject is worthy of a pastor's column in itself, for now I'll say that people who die *without baptism*: either go immediately to hell (see above) or into one of the two states of limbo; limbo's purgatory, to be purified of all the same things for the same reasons as those purified in heaven's purgatory; or in extremely rare cases, go directly into limbo's natural state of happiness without further purification. Here are a couple of good articles on limbo – <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/the-need-for-theological-precision-on-limbo> and <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09256a.htm>

So there are two states of eternity all people will ultimately spend eternity in, heaven or hell; but five states that a person can go to immediately after death: the beatific vision of heaven, the purgatory of heaven, limbo in a natural state of happiness, the purgatory of limbo, and hell.

All of this raises some important things for us to consider. The first is the importance of preparing for death. We start with baptism. Jesus (God) commanded us to be baptized, failure to do so has consequences in this life and the next: the loss of the grace of God to lead a holy life, and an increased chance of going to hell, and if not that, then limbo at least until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Then we seek to be holy Christians. Nothing prepares us better in this life for the life to come than baptism and holiness.

The second important take away for us is intercession for the dead. Our prayers and penances for the deceased help them immensely to move on through their purgatory into the beatific vision of heaven. In this regard great graces are released from God for those souls who have a funeral. Catholic funerals are probably the single most efficacious thing we can do for a soul that is in purgatory. So, make sure there is a Catholic funeral for you upon your death and encourage the same for your loved ones. "What you did for the least of these you did for Me" – Jesus – Mt. 25:40.

### Purgatory Continued

How does the transformation from sinner on earth to sinless in heaven happen? What happens after our death that removes our sins, makes atonement for them, and eliminates our remorse for our sins?

Over the past 20 years I've read much about purgatory. Three books in particular stand out to me as exceptional, as all three have people on earth either experiencing purgatory through a grace of God, or souls from purgatory reaching out to them. Here they are from beginner to advanced (if you've never read up on purgatory before, do not start with number three). You can do an internet search for them.

1. *The Mist of Mercy* by Anne a Lay Apostle.
2. *Visions of Purgatory*. Anonymous author. Scepter Press.
3. *Get Us Out of Here!!* Maria Simma and Nicky Eltz.

With the assistance of the Church in Heaven (Triumphant) as well as the Church on earth (Militant), let's help all those who are in purgatory (Church Suffering) atone for their sins, glorify God, and move along into the beatific vision of heaven. Know too, that the holy souls in purgatory (holy because they are no longer sinners) can pray for us too, and they appreciate the opportunity to do so. They are not only aware of our prayers and sacrifices for them, but they are also aware of our requests for their help, and their prayers for us are very powerful. There is a caveat though. The holy souls of purgatory have to be asked by name to pray for us and for those for whom we wish them to intercede. So, pray and do penance for your deceased loved ones, and those beyond your family who have no one to intercede for them in death; and ask deceased family members to pray for you or your holy cause.

May the Risen, Ascended, and Glorified Christ 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](mailto:lauren@stthomascamas.org)
- Regina Caeli Academy Homeschool Hybrid, Pre-K - HS  
[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/>

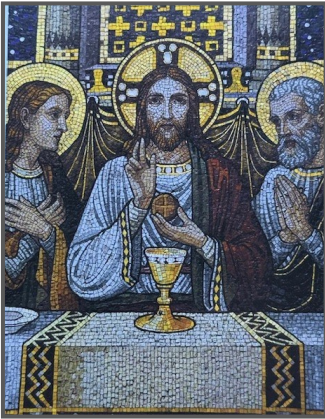
## Priesthood Sunday

Sept 28

This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. Consider one or more of

these ways to thank and honor Fr. Nathe, Fr. Bala and Fr. Martin with prayer and sacrifice:

- Attend Mass and pray for their intentions;
- Pray a Rosary for their intention;
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- Invest an hour of Eucharistic Adoration for a priest;
- Dedicate a day of fasting for them.



## Prayer for Priests

By Pope Benedict XIV

*"Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest. You offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy spirit gave your priestly people a share in Your redeeming sacrifice.*

*Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to YOU, the Divine Master."*

*May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to Your own Heart, single-minded in service to You and to the church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life.*

*Through the prayers of the Blessed virgin Mary, Your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."*

## Pope Leo Asks All Catholics to Pray the Rosary for Peace Throughout October

October is the Month of the Rosary. On the first Sunday in October, 1571, a surprising victory in the battle of Lepanto saved Christian Europe from invasion. Pope Pius V attributed this to the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary processions being held that day. Originally the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, it was later renamed as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and, in 1913, moved from the first Sunday in October to October 7. Byzantine Catholics and Orthodox Christians celebrate the Protection of the Mother of God on October 1. May this prompt us all to renew (or begin!) our daily prayer of the Rosary. She is our maternal protector and so many conflicts today need her intercession.

## 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW | Oct 4



The 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW — A Eucharistic and Marian celebration. The Rosary Bowl 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](http://www.rosarybowlnw.org).

## Men of Faith October Event | Oct 4



Men of Faith have a special event planned for this month: Men of Faith are going to carpool to the Rosary Bowl NW (see above) in place of the normal meeting at the Holy Redeemer parish center. Men are asked to

meet at Holy Redeemer at 8:15am, arrange carpools to Salem and leave promptly at 8:30am. The group will attend Mass, the Rosary, Adoration, lunch and the Keynote speaker with prayer to return to Holy Redeemer late afternoon. All men are invited to join in this special event.

## Life Chain Vancouver

Sunday, Oct 5, 2:00pm-3:00pm

This is a national annual event on the first Sunday of October. For 2025, we'll meet at Mill Plain and Chkalov next Sunday, Oct 5, from 2:00 to 3:00pm. Please come, and by your public witness, help build the life respecting society we so dearly need.

## Blessing of the Animals | Oct 3, 6:00pm

The annual Blessing of the Animals for Columbia River Catholic will take place on Friday October 3rd (the Eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) at Holy Redeemer in front of the church. All are invited to bring your animals for the blessing. Please be sure all critters on leash or in a carrier.

# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



## Holy Redeemer Church

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### Daily Mass Intentions

9/29 Tam Thi Nguyen  
9/30 Paul Ranft  
10/1 Dee Dee Braunsteint  
10/2 Jamie Kohlert  
10/3 Carol Greenet  
10/4 Melvin Engbert†

### Prayer Requests

Spencer Adams, Joan Badertscher, Erik Benavente†, Giselle M. Brakeville†, Charlotte Braden, Sherry Callaghan, Greg Cruz, Dee Dettling†, Ruby Duncan, Ryker Erickson †, Lynn Florentino†, Carol Greenet†, Dorothy Gutierrez †, Ed Gillis, Wendy Karls, Diane Helley†, Evelyn Huebner†, Ron Hurst, Jamie Kohlert†, Kristen Morris†, 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	9/14-9/20
Stewardship	\$ 30,853
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 425

## Special This Week

### Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

Sept 28

This weekend, on Priesthood Sunday, we honor all men who serve the Church in their vocation to the priesthood. Thank you in particular to Fr. Nathe, Fr. Bala and Fr. Martin! Please remember to keep them in your prayers this Sunday and throughout the year for all they do. We will have baskets at the entrances to the church if you wish to leave a card or note for our priests.

### Blessing of the Animals

Oct 3

This year we will be celebrating the Blessing of the Animals on Friday evening, October 3rd at 6pm in front of the church. This event is open to all families and critters of Columbia River Catholic. For ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all, please be sure to have your animals on leash or in a carrier.

### Men of Faith Special Event

Oct 4

This month the Men of Faith will be participating in the 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW in Salem, OR. Men interested in attending are asked to gather at Holy Redeemer at 8:15am to arrange carpools and depart by 8:30am. The group will participate in all the events of the day, with expected return back to Holy Redeemer at approximately 4:15pm.

## Coming Up

Sept 28 Priesthood Sunday  
Oct 3 Blessing of the Animals  
Oct 4 Men of Faith at the Rosary Bowl NW  
Oct 11 Women Growing in Faith

## Recurring Meetings

**American Heritage Girls:** Mondays 4:30pm | Sept 29, Oct 6  
**Bible Study with Littles:** Tuesdays 9:30am | Sept 30, Oct 7  
**Cenacle of St. Joseph,** Wednesdays (monthly) 3:00pm | Oct 15  
**Choir, Children & Youth:** Wednesdays 5:00pm | Oct 1, Oct 8  
**Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Oct 2, Oct 9  
**COR Mens Group:** Last Saturday 9:15am | Oct 25  
**Direction of Our Times Lay Apostles:** 2nd Tuesday (monthly): Oct 14  
**Fidelis and Fraternus:** Wednesdays 6:00pm | Oct 1, Oct 8  
**Forming Intentional Discipleship:** Tuesdays 7:00pm | Sept 30  
**Holy Face of Jesus Devotion:** 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | Oct 28  
**Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Oct 3, Oct 10  
**Millions of Monicas:** Mondays 6:00pm | Sept 29, Oct 6  
**MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | Sept 29, Oct 6  
**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Oct 2, Oct 9  
**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Oct 4, Oct 11  
**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Sept 30, Oct 7  
**Troops of St. George:** Mondays 6:30pm | Sept 29, Oct 6  
**Young Adult Bible Study:** Friday 6:30pm | Oct 3, Oct 10



# 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.

## Blessing of the Animals

**October 3rd**

**6pm**

**in front of the Church**



Anticipate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by bringing your pet to church for a special blessing from Fr. Nathe!



## MEN OF FAITH

**MEN OF FAITH WILL BE ATTENDING THE ROSARY BOWL NW ON OCTOBER 4**

(WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR NORMAL MEETING)

**MEET AT HOLY REDEEMER AT 8:15AM TO CARPOOL TO THE EVENT!**

LEARN MORE HERE



## MagnifiKid!

MagnifiKid! is a weekly missalette for Sunday Mass geared toward kids 6-12 years of age.

*Order by October 31 to get a one year*

*MagnifiKid! subscription for January - December 2026.* Pick up your monthly packet in the Narthex and have an issue for each Sunday that month. Holy Redeemer is offering subscriptions at a discount due to bulk pricing and shipping for just \$20!

**Order Today!**



## YOUTH SACRAMENTS

### CHILD BAPTISM

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

[melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:melissaa@holyredeemervanc.org)

[katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org)



### FIRST COMMUNION

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

For youth in middle or high school, contact Katelyn.

[anniec@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:anniec@holyredeemervanc.org)

[katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:katelyng@holyredeemervanc.org)



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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

Contact Mark for more info.

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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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### Daily Mass intentions

- 10/1 Evelyn Yoshimura (baptism anniv.)  
Megan & Dylan Ewing (anniversary)  
10/2 Healing of Susan Schneider  
10/3 Maddie Johnson (graduation)  
10/4 Jovito Cruz†

### Prayer Requests

Melissa & Mark Hortman†, Claire (healing), Newlyweds Joan & Javier Vargas, Andrea Nelson (healing), John & Yvette Hoffman (healing), all victims of gun violence, all catechists, Jeanette Gage (healing), Bob (terminal cancer), Susan Schneider, Debbie Chase (healing), 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	9/14-9/22
Stewardship	\$ 12,225
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 623

## Special This Week

### Sunday Morning Parish Faith Formation Sessions Continue

Sunday, September 28th, 9:45am, Aquinas Center Classrooms  
FF sessions for Grades Pre-K - 12. New students welcome. Register online.

### Family Friday Session on Iconography

Friday, October 3 & 19, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Fireside Room  
Two-part session hosted by CRC Preschool and Kindergarten. See page 9.

### Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 3, 6:00pm, Holy Redeemer  
In honor of St. Francis of Assisi Day, you are encouraged to bring your pets to the annual Blessing of the Animals. Meet in front of Holy Redeemer church.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Hosts Priest Day Celebration

Friday, October 3, 6pm Mass and 7pm Reception in Parish hall  
It's our turn to host this annual event that circulates among local parishes. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share. Contact: [jaime.lucy.campos@wwme.org](mailto:jaime.lucy.campos@wwme.org).

### First Saturday Rosary

Saturday, October 4, 4:15pm, Library  
All are invited to join in this devotion requested by Our Lady at Fatima.

### Life Chain Vancouver

Sunday, October 5, 2:00pm-3:00pm  
This is a national annual event on the first Sunday of October. For 2025, we'll meet at Mill Plain and Chkalov next Sunday, Oct 5, from 2:00 to 3:00pm. Please come, and by your public witness, help build the life respecting society we so dearly need.

### Parish Office Foundation Repair

Monday - Friday, Sep 29 - Oct 3  
The lane behind the church and parish office will be closed this week as workmen install pilings to stabilize the foundation of the parish office.

## Coming Up

Oct 4 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW at Salem, Oregon (see page 5)

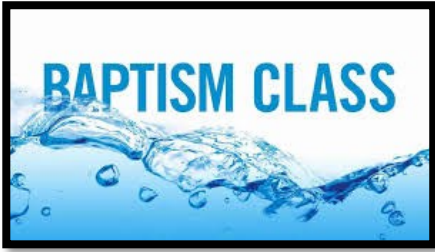
## Recurring Meetings

**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) | Oct 18, Nov 15  
**Discipleship Gathering:** 4th Tuesdays 7pm church | Oct 28  
**Drama Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00pm fireside | Oct 14, Oct 28  
**Faith Formation (PreK-12):** Sundays 9:45am AC | Sep 28, Oct 5  
**Faith & Family Parents:** Periodic Sundays 9:45am fireside | Oct 5, Oct 26  
**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 30, Oct 7  
**Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Oct 7, Oct 21  
**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](https://stthomascamas.org) and read the weekly parish email.



**Baptism Class**  
Saturday, Oct 11, 9:30-11:30am, Fireside Room  
For parents and godparents preparing for an infant Baptism. Visit <https://www.stthomascamas.org/baptism> or use the QR Code above to register and you will get a link for videos to watch before the class.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - all are welcome!

Saturday, October 3, 9:30am - 1:00pm, Fireside Room  
Share your skills (or learn!) to knit, crochet, or quilt as we make prayer shawls for homebound parishioners, blankets for infant baptisms, hats & scarves for Christmas, items for Mater Dei Radio's Sharathon, and more. It's a great group; join us!

## Young Adult Events

CRC Young Adult Ministry encourages all young adults, ages 18-26, to join weekly Bible Study sessions at Holy Redeemer. Contact Daniel for more details: 360-601- 0459 or [holyredeemeryoungadult@gmail.com](mailto:holyredeemeryoungadult@gmail.com). Visit the STA website for more Young Adult events.

## 40 Days for Life

Prayer vigils continue on Fridays near Planned Parenthood in Vancouver. This peaceful public presence awakens consciences and can be lifechanging for women in a crisis pregnancy. Contact info on page 5.

## Youth Group Socials Resume

Saturday, Oct 11, 6:00pm,  
Fireside Room  
All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to gather for food & fun.



**October 03, 2025**

**6:00 p.m Mass  
7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
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with Deacon Christopher Scheck

**October 3rd & 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm  
Fireside Room @ STA:**

**Part 1 (Oct 3rd):** LEARN – What is sacred art, specifically iconography, and why is it important in the life of Catholics?

**Part 2 (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>):** DO – Applicable activities and resources to help teach our children/youth about icons.

**Sign Up → <https://bit.ly/IconographyCRC>**

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509-427-0010



### Sunday Mass Intention

9/28 Alan Stig†

### Prayer Requests

Anna Maciejewski (healing), Charlie Kirk†, Levi (pneumonia; Kathy Cooper's grandson), Bill Hickman, Bonnie (lost her husband & battling cancer), Bright Dove (leg pain), Susan (recovery from car accident), 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

### Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Monday, September 29. St. Michael, known as the protector, is the patron saint of soldiers and police; St. Gabriel, known as the messenger, is the patron saint of postal workers and messengers; St. Raphael, known as the healer, is the patron saint of the blind and healing. The liturgical reforms of 1969 combined the three separate feast days into one.

### Faith Formation Classes Have Begun

Our classes have begun but you can still get your kids involved. They run from 10:15am – 11:15am before Mass. First Holy Communion Class is held in the St. Gabriel room. The Confirmation Class is held in the St. Michael room. Due to our high interest in a younger class (2yrs – 5yr olds) we are actively looking for volunteers to run a class for our mini saints. If you feel called to sit and sing with these little ones, please express your interest to Abby Coates after Mass.

### Help us Gather Blessing Bag items

Winter weather is right around the corner, and our students will be putting together *blessing bags* for those that are less fortunate. *Blessing Bags* are XL zip lock bags that are filled with essentials for everyday living but can be hard to get when you are either homeless or in need. We will have 2 totes in the social hall by the bulletin board that will be for those that can donate specific items that can help our students put together these *Blessing Bags*. The *Blessing Bags* will then be passed out for all parishioners to have in their cars. These can then be passed to those in need that you may see during your travels. We are looking for hats, gloves, socks, toothbrushes, granola bars, bottled water, travel sized shampoo or soap, band aids, pocket warmers, XL zip lock bags and gift cards for food. If you feel called to help us put these bags together and can donate any of these items, we would greatly appreciate it.

### 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 sourdough starter.

## Coming Up

Sep 28 Priesthood Sunday

Oct 4 19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW at Salem, Oregon (see page 5)

Oct 5 Life Chain Vancouver (see page 5)

### Minister Schedule

Celebrant:  
Sacristan:  
EMHC (cups):  
Lector:  
Ushers:  
Counters:  
Coffee Hosts:

#### Sunday, Sep 28

Fr. Bala  
Joseph S.  
Joseph & Monica  
Connie B.  
Jim & Debbie  
Cheryl & Lexie  
Dale & Peggy

#### Sunday, Oct 5

Fr. Nathe  
Tony C.  
John & Kitty  
Pete B.  
Lexie & Amy  
Kitty & Salvie  
Tim, Kaeli & Lexie

## Contact Information



**COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC**  
[www.columbiarivercatholic.org](http://www.columbiarivercatholic.org)

### Parish Offices' Phone Numbers & Hours:

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

### CLERGY

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

### BECOMING CATHOLIC? RETURNING CATHOLIC?

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Don Anderson | [dona@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:dona@holyredeemervanc.org)

### TITHING AND FINANCIAL GIFTS

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Annie Cooper | [Anniec@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:Anniec@holyredeemervanc.org)

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### MARRIAGE

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

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

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### FAITH FORMATION: ADULT

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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.

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

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

### COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LOCAL RESOURCES

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

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