



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

**December 7, 2025**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

## 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. It contains very important information about our faith and opportunities to grow in it, and 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



*"The Immaculate Conception" by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, (1696-1770)*

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Stevenson, WA 98648

## Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation  Mass 8:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	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
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation  Mass 8:30am 6:00pm		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
12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation  Mass 12:00pm		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?

Consider joining the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults or OCIA.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA is a formal process of communal initiation of new members into the Catholic Church, as well as a welcome back program for returning Catholics, and further instruction for practicing Catholics who want to know more about the beauty of our faith. Please reach out to us, we want to help!

Holy Redeemer and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes—Contact Mark MacKenzie at [markm@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:markm@holyredeemervanc.org)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission in Stevenson—Contact Abby Coates at [abby@stthomascamas.org](mailto:abby@stthomascamas.org)

## The Immaculate Conception

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~



This Monday, December 8th, we mark The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of only three Marian Feast days that are so special that we observe them as holy days of obligation. To get some idea of how important the Blessed Virgin Mary is to God and thus to the Church and us, look at the list below of Marian Feast days throughout the liturgical year.

- January 1: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
- March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
- May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 13: Our Lady of Fatima
- Monday after Pentecost: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- Nine days after Corpus Christi: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 22: The Queenship of Mary
- September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 12: The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
- October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
- November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

So what makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so important?

To answer that we need to go way back to the beginning, to the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve, the first humans, sinned in the Garden of Eden when they disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit. That first sin is called “original” sin. Adam and Eve were changed forever; in this life, they lost the preternatural gifts of infused knowledge, absence of concupiscence, and bodily immortality (more on that in a bit). What’s more, they couldn’t remove that sin or any other sin that they might acquire in their lives, and their sinful nature would now be inherited by all who came after them, along with suffering and death. Fortunately, from the moment Eve agreed to Satan’s temptation in the Garden, God hatched a plan that would redeem the human race, one that would take place over thousands of years of time. The centerpiece of that plan would be the second person of the Holy Trinity, The Word of God (Jesus), taking on our human nature, suffering and dying as the only sacrifice that could remove all sin from that first one in the Garden, to the last one sometime in the future. This plan was first alluded to when God spoke to Satan, Eve, and Adam after the fall. To Satan he said: *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel”* (Gn 3:15). God foresees three things here: 1) enmity between Satan and the woman; 2) enmity between Satan’s offspring and the woman’s offspring; 3) the heel of the offspring of the woman striking at Satan’s head. The woman in question is the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the offspring of the woman is Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the new Eve, and Jesus is the new Adam. This powerful pair would remake the human race thousands of years after Adam and Eve would go to their graves.

The Word of God (Jesus) knew exactly when he would enter into time and space as the Messiah (savior) and Christ (anointed one). At the moment he created the universe, he must have known the exact time when he would enter our world as Jesus because he arranged the stars, which have a perfect mathematical calculation, so that the star of Bethlehem would precede him to the place of his birth; furthermore, he created the Blessed Virgin Mary years before his birth, so that she would be ready to be his virgin mother: *“the offspring of the woman”* (Gn 3:15) and, *“Behold the Lord Himself will give you a sign, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son and she shall call his name Immanuel”* (Is 7:14).



## The Immaculate Conception

Now we've reached the Immaculate Conception. When most Catholics hear "*the Immaculate Conception*" they mistakenly think we're referring to the moment the Archangel Gabriel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and tells her of her impending pregnancy of the Son of God, although she is a virgin. That moment is called the "*Annunciation*," and Jesus' simultaneous entering of Mary's womb as an embryo is called the "*Incarnation*." This is not the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception was the moment at which the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived by normal means, through her parents Saints Joachim and Ann, in her mother Ann's womb. At the moment of her conception by a singular grace, God removed original sin from her.

From the moment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's conception, she is set free from the sin of Adam and Eve and its effects. The Blessed Virgin Mary will spend her entire life never having had sinned; and the preternatural gifts of infused knowledge, absence of concupiscence, and bodily immortality are restored to this one individual. Practically speaking, this means that the Blessed Virgin Mary: 1) knew things about God and creation without having to learn them (infused knowledge); 2) never experienced temptation to sin within herself (absence of concupiscence); and 3) did not experience the normal effects of aging as a result of original sin (bodily immortality). On this last point, the Blessed Virgin Mary did die. We know this through what has been handed onto us through the ages back to the apostles and constantly affirmed through the successors of our first Pope Peter. Theologically we know that the Blessed Virgin Mary died because her sinless Creator, Savior, and Son died too. If the God-Man was willing to die, then we can safely presume upon his mother's humility to agree to the same.

The dogma (certain truth) of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was proclaimed fairly recently in Church history, 1854, yet the knowledge of Mary's freedom from sin goes back to apostolic times. The Fathers of the Church, those saints and theologians from the first six centuries, are unanimous in proclaiming the holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the large majority of them referred to her as sinless. When the Archangel Gabriel declares Mary "*full of grace*" (Lk 1:28) it is understood that she is literally full of grace, meaning that there is no sin to impede the fullness of the grace she has received. When God puts enmity between Satan and the woman (Gn 3:15), that enmity is considered full as well, as in perfect enemies, and the only way that could be, is if the Blessed Virgin Mary is sinless; and the

only way a person could be sinless is if they never had inherited original sin – thus an immaculate conception. A further theological reality is this: as God, Jesus is the fullness of perfection. If his mother had original sin, then her physical body would reflect that too, remember bodily immortality? Thus, for nine months of pregnancy, God would be feeding in his mother's womb upon tainted nutrients, and after birth at her breast; this would naturally affect Jesus' physical development. Remember, as God, Jesus is perfect in mind, *body*, and spirit.

Lastly, the 19th Century saw two apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she identified herself as immaculately conceived; at Lourdes to St. Bernadette in 1858: "*I am the Immaculate Conception*," and to St. Catherine Laboure in coining the miraculous medal at Rue du Bac in Paris France in 1830: "*O Mary, Conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee*." Indeed.

Mass times this Monday, December 8th

Holy Redeemer – 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 7 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas – 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Our Lady Star of the Sea – 12:00 p.m.

May Jesus and His Immaculate Mother 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/>

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, Dec 8



Monday, Dec 8th we will celebrate the holy Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for Mass that day at any of our Columbia River Catholic campuses:

8:30am Holy Redeemer  
8:30am St. Thomas Aquinas  
11:00am Holy Redeemer  
12:00pm Our Lady Star of the Sea  
6:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas  
7:00pm Holy Redeemer

All parish offices will be closed that day, and reopen on normal schedules on Tuesday, Dec 9th.

## St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver

### Donations Update and Toy Drive

St. Vincent de Paul in Vancouver wants to thank the Columbia River Catholic communities for all the used clothing this year. Due to space limitations at their facility, during the month of December they need to limit the number of clothing donations to only warm coats, blankets, men's clothing, hats, scarves, new socks and underwear. They will continue to accept non-perishable food, hygiene items, and these specific warm winter items. Drop off is available at their location at 2456 NE Stapleton Road in Vancouver, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver is also holding its annual drive through Toy Drive at St. Joseph Catholic Church from 10am-4pm on Wed, Dec 17th. Drop off NEW unwrapped toys that will be distributed through the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas program.

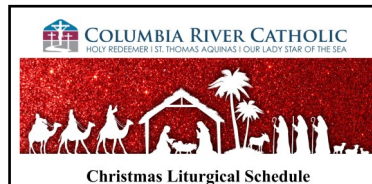
## Blessing Bags at Our Lady Star of the Sea!



year's Blessing Bags.

The Faith Formation classes at Our Lady Star of the Sea assembled "Blessing Bags" over the Thanksgiving holiday. The bags were filled with new and gently used items that might help someone out someone in need this winter. The Blessing Bags are then passed out to parishioners to have in their cars. Thank you to all who contributed items for this

## Christmas Liturgical Schedule



The last issue of the our Sunday bulletin (for 11/23 and 11/30) had an insert of the Christmas Liturgical Schedule for all campuses (Holy Redeemer, St. Thomas

Aquinas and Our Lady Star of the Sea) of Columbia River Catholic. If you did not receive a copy or would like to download the flyer to keep on hand, it is available on the Columbia River Catholic website at [columbiarivercatholic.org](http://columbiarivercatholic.org), or scan the QR code to go directly to the webpage.



2025 CRC Christmas Schedule

## Women Growing in Faith

Saturday, Dec 13

This month Women Growing in Faith welcomes Mary Hawkins who will be presenting "Naming Our Season [of Life] ~ The Intentionality of Time". We will discern what Sabbath Time looks like for each one of us, living and discerning where our seasons have been, and how the roles and relationships within them change over time. Women Growing in Faith meets the second Saturday of the month at 9:15am (after the morning Mass) in the Holy Redeemer Parish Center and includes prayer, light hospitality, a featured speaker, timely topics, and fellowship. No RSVP is needed ~ simply join us!

## Christmas Cards for Sr. Ines

One of our parishioners pursuing religious life, Sr. Ines, is a cloistered Carmelite in Coeur d'Alene ID. During most of the year she has limited ability to receive correspondence. However, at Christmas, the sisters are allowed as many Christmas Cards and notes as are sent. If you would like to send Sr. Ines a card this Christmas to wish her blessings, encourage her in her vocation, and to make prayer requests please send your correspondence to

Sr. Ines of the Infant Jesus

c/o Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

3069 W. Presley Rd.

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



## Holy Redeemer Church

Website: [holyredeemervan.org](http://holyredeemervan.org)

Phone: 360-885-7780

Email: [office@holyredeemervan.org](mailto:office@holyredeemervan.org)

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



### Daily Mass Intentions

12/08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
12/09 Clare Krill  
12/10 Legion of Mary  
12/11 Paulette Molina†  
12/12 Elizabeth Wolf†  
12/13 Zach Buhman and Family

### Prayer Requests

Jerry Ackert+, Spencer Adams, Joseph Aflague,  
Charlene Bragg, Greg Cesar, Ruby Duncan,  
Ryker Erickson †, Carol Greenet†, Tim Greenet†,  
Ed Gillis, Lillian Henry, Christopher Hepworth†,  
Jim Hudson, Evelyn Huebner†, Jamie Kohler†,  
John Kessenger†, Kristen Morris,  
Annalisa Patton†, Teresa Poissant+, Ron Prill,  
Mary Santiago, Damon Schleichert†, Quentin  
Smith, Ivana Tarabochia, William Wear+,  
Jim Williamst†, Elizabeth Wolf†

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	11/16-11/29 (2 weeks)
Stewardship	\$ 78,312
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 2,422

## Special This Week

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation

Dec 8

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### The Giving Tree

There are still some ornaments on the Giving Tree in the narthex. Birthright, PREPARES and St. Vincent DePaul are counting on us to provide gifts to our brothers and sisters in need this Christmas season. Please return your gifts no later than Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> to ensure they are delivered on time. Your generosity and timeliness are appreciated!

### Family Gaudete Sunday Celebration

Dec 14

Next Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice". The Evangelization team will be hosting a Family Gaudete Sunday Celebration in the Holy Redeemer Parish Center after the 11am Mass on Sunday, Dec 14th. All are invited for games, crafts, card-making for the homebound, caroling and more.

## Coming Up

Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ Parish Offices Closed  
Dec 13 Women Growing in Faith  
Dec 14 Gaudete Party

## Recurring Meetings

**American Heritage Girls:** Mondays 4:30pm | Resumes Jan 5

**Bible Study with Littles:** Tuesdays 9:30am | On hiatus: resumes Dec 30

**Cenacle of St. Joseph :** 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30am | Dec 16

**Choir, Children & Youth:** Wednesdays 5:00pm | Dec 10, Dec 17

**Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Dec 11, Dec 18

**Direction of Our Times :** 2nd Tuesday (monthly): Dec 9

**Fidelis and Fraternus:** Wednesdays 6:00pm | Dec 10, Dec 17

**Holy Face of Jesus Devotion:** 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | Dec 23

**Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Dec 12, Dec 19

**Millions of Monicas:** Mondays 6:00pm | Dec 15, Dec 22

**MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | Dec 8, Dec 15

**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Dec 11, Dec 18

**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Dec 13, Dec 20

**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Dec 9, Dec 16

**Spanish Endow:** Thursdays 6:30pm | Dec 11, Dec 18

**Troops of St. George:** Mondays 6:30pm | Resumes Jan 5

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Friday 6:30pm | Dec 12, Dec 19



# 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.

## FAMILY GAUDETE SUNDAY CELEBRATION!

**December 14, 2025**

*FOLLOWING THE  
11AM MASS*

**HOLY REDEEMER CAMPUS**

**Games, crafts, card  
making for the  
homebound,  
caroling, and  
visits from  
special  
saintly guests!**



A Ministry by Women for Women

**December 13th**

**9:15am-10:45am**

**Mary Hawkins**

**"Naming our Season~  
The Intentionality of Time"**

**Holy Redeemer Parish Hall**

17010 NE 9th St

Vancouver, WA 98684

Prayer, Inspiration, Hospitality and Fellowship

Join Us ~ No RSVP needed

For program details please visit

**[www.holyredeemervan.org](http://www.holyredeemervan.org)**



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SR. INES!

Sr. Ines is a parishioner discerning a vocation as a cloistered Carmelite nun. She entered the convent in 2024, and her correspondence is usually very limited. For Christmas, the sisters are able to receive as many letters and notes as they are sent! She'd love to hear from you!



WELL WISHES, ENCOURAGEMENT IN HER VOCATION,  
AND PRAYER REQUESTS ARE ALL ENCOURAGED!

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Sr. Ines of the Infant Jesus  
c/o Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph  
3069 W. Presley Road  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814



# Exodus

# Magnify

## Exodus 90 for Men

## Magnify 90 for Women

Join Fr. Nathe in 90 days of asceticism  
and prayer to grow in virtue and a  
deeper relationship with God.

## Starts January 5

To sign up, scan the QR  
code or visit  
[holyredeemervan.org](http://holyredeemervan.org)



# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



## St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Email: [office@stthomascamas.org](mailto:office@stthomascamas.org)

Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday -Thursday

324 NE Oak Street

Camas, WA 98607



### Daily Mass intentions

12/8 Pro Populo

12/10 Emma Simms (birthday)

Lester Shook†

12/11 Fr. Raja (birthday Dec 10)

12/12 Daniel Shook†

### Prayer Requests

Bill Wallace (surgery), Ken Dean (recovery), Dana Logan-Schmidt (healing), Patricia Mingus (healing), Jack Mahoney (healing), Mary Hevlihy†, Lydia Wikeer (healing), Sally Gordon (healing), Elenor Collins, Patty Lovell, Kitty Quirke, Emily O'Neil, Andrea Nelson (surgery), Eve Moore (recovery), 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	11/16-11/29 (2 weeks)
Stewardship	\$ 18,389
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 945

## Special This Week

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the "giving tree" in the back of the church to help someone in our community have a wonderful Christmas. Be sure to return wrapped gifts (with the tag!) to the box by the St. Thomas statue by Dec. 13th. (There are a variety of items requested with three separate tags for each recipient: two "needs" and one "want").

### Faith & Family

| Sunday, December 7, 9:45am, Fireside Room

Parents are encouraged to attend this informative series on key moments in biblical history, focusing on the succession of pivotal covenants.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

| Monday, December 8

Masses for this holy day of obligation will be celebrated at 8:30am and 6pm.

### Christmas Flowers

We welcome donations of poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please leave them in the library during office hours from Dec 14th to 22nd. White poinsettias are preferred, but we know those are harder to find, so red is welcome as well! Thank you!

### Discipleship Gathering

| Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7pm, Before the Tabernacle

Jesus tells you and me that we are to make disciples by teaching others all that He has taught us. Jesus teaches us to receive God's love and forgiveness until our cups spill over with loving and forgiving others. There is no greater way to love than by sharing Jesus & His truth with others. This is discipleship. Please join us and help reverse the diminishing of our Catholic faith.

## Coming Up

Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Masses at 8:30am & 6pm

Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, 6pm Mass + Fiesta

Dec 13 CRC Young Adults Christmas Party, 6:30pm, Holy Redeemer

Dec 14 Children's Faith Formation Christmas Program, STA Parish Hall  
Family *Gaudete* Celebration & Caroling, 12pm, Holy Redeemer

Dec 19 *Simbang Gabi* Mass and Reception with Filipino Food

## Recurring Meetings

**Aquinas Guild:** 1st Wednesdays 10am Fireside | Jan 7, Feb 4

**Catholic Daughters:** 1st Mondays 5pm Fireside (not Jul-Aug) | Jan 5, Feb 2

**Cor Men's Group:** Saturdays 8am Fireside | Dec 13, Dec 20

**Discipleship Gathering:** 3rd Tuesdays 7pm church | Dec 16, Jan 20

**Drama Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00pm Fireside | Dec 9, Jan 13

**Faith Formation (PreK-12):** Sundays 9:45am AC | Dec 7, Dec 14

**Faith & Family Parents:** Periodic Sundays 9:45am Fireside | Dec 7, Jan 11

**Grief Support:** 1st Mondays 10:00am Parish Office | Jan 5, Feb 2

**Knights of Columbus:** 1st Wednesdays 7pm Fireside | Jan 7, Feb 4

**OCIA (Christian Initiation):** Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Dec 9, Dec 16

**Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Dec 16, Jan 6

**Parish Potluck:** 2nd Tuesdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Dec 9, Jan 13

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** 1st Saturdays 9:30am | Jan 10, Feb 7

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 1st Wednesdays 1pm Fireside | Jan 7, Feb 4

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Fridays 6:30pm Holy Redeemer | Dec 12, Dec 19

**Youth Group Socials:** Monthly 6pm (not summer) | Dec 12, Jan 17, Feb 7



# St. Thomas Aquinas Evangelization

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



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

**Starting November 22nd**

Please choose a tag from  
St. Vincent de Paul giving tree  
located in the vestibule.

Please purchase the gift, wrap it,  
place the tag on the gift, then  
return the gift to the box near our  
St. Thomas Aquinas Statue by

**Saturday, December 13th**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Questions?

Contact Anita at 360-833-8786



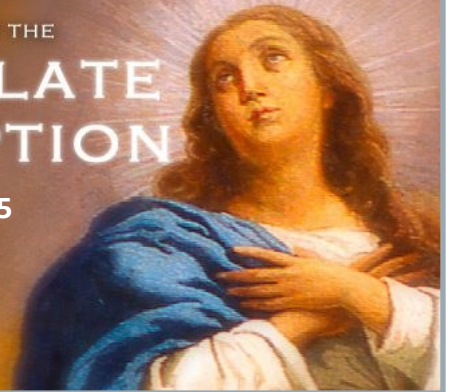
## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Monday, Dec. 8, 2025**

**Masses times:**

8:30am & 6:00pm

St. Thomas Aquinas



## VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

*12 de Diciembre  
December 12, 2025*

*Misa a las 6:00 pm.*

*Mass @ 6:00 pm.*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*



**Fiesta después de la Misa  
Celebration after Mass**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
324 NE OAK STREET CAMAS, WA 98607

**A novena** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be prayed  
in St. Thomas Aquinas Church every evening at 6:45pm from  
Wednesday, December 3, until Thursday, December 11.  
Please join us!

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Please Join us for our annual Christmas Program,  
with music and a heartwarming play that brings the  
story of Christmas to life, with love, joy, and wonder.

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

**11:30am**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall**

Enjoy the play, music, and some of our treats!  
Hope to see you there!

### Exodus 90 & Magnify 90 Begin January 5th!

90 days of powerful asceticism can free us from  
bad habits and strengthen virtuous ones. Use this  
QR code to learn more and sign up. This is the year!



### KC Woodcuts: Firewood available

KC Firewood is now available to parishioners for  
personal use as well as for anyone in need. Please  
scan this QR code and the KCs will arrange to pick-  
up or drop-off as needed.



## YOUTH GROUP SOCIAL OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

**6PM MASS, FIESTA, GROTTO SOCIAL**

All youth, in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, are invited to join us in the youth grotto  
for our annual white elephant gift exchange. We  
will attend Mass together, and then enjoy the  
fiesta in the hall. When everyone has eaten, we  
will shift to the youth grotto. Please bring a small,  
wrapped gift, but do NOT feel like you need to go  
out and purchase anything! Just be as creative or silly as you like!



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

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### Sunday Mass Intention

12/7 Pro Populo

### Prayer Requests

The Joy Family (moving), Sharon Vance, Deanna (surgery), Meghan Mac-Rhyann, Judy Krieger (special intention), Trudy Wilson, Connie Buttaccio, Lolah Bliss (healing after car accident), Emily Cook, Angela Tovar, Jayden, our Catechumens, 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	11/16-11/29 (2 weeks)
Stewardship	\$ 17,787

## Special This Week

### Papal Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### Soup for Souls Starts Tonight

Thank you to all who signed up to help throughout the month of December, for our one-night community soup supper on Sunday evenings. They will be ongoing from this Sunday on and start at 5:00-6:30pm Sunday evenings. We hope that it will grow as more people hear about it. Please spread the word! If you feel called to be part of this beautiful ministry — whether by helping serve, cook, or simply offering your time — please sign up above the piano in the Social Hall.

### Pick Up Your Blessing Bags

Our Faith Formation kids have put them all together. Please take 2 per family after Mass. The tubs will be by the door through the winter until they are gone. If you come across someone that needs a little help or is begging for money, you can hand them a blessing bag. Each bag will have some warm winter essentials and a small Catholic sacramental to give them hope. Thank you for bringing so many needed supplies for our Blessing Bags!

### Christmas Potluck Sign-ups

The annual Christmas Potluck is coming up quickly. It will take place after the Mass on Sunday, December 21st. Please help us out by signing up for salads, sides and/or a dessert. You will find the sign-up sheet on main bulletin board in Social Hall.

### Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 8th. Mass for this holy day of obligation will be celebrated at 12:00pm (noon) with Fr. Bala.

## Coming Up

Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 12 noon

Dec 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Mass at 12 noon

### Minister Schedule

	Sun, Dec 7	Mon, Dec 8	Sun, Dec 14
Celebrant:	Fr. Nathe	Fr. Bala	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Tony	Dick A.	Chris C.
EMHC (cups):	Tony & Jim	John & Kitty	John & Kitty
Lector:	Tom P.	Chris B.	Chris B.
Ushers:	Chris & Elaine	Lexie & Laura	Amy & Lexie
Counters:	Kitty & Lexie	—	Cheryl & Salvie
Coffee Hosts:	Matt, Dick, Steve	—	Dave, Deby, Jerry, & Linda

## Contact Information



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- 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)  
360-885-7780

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Contact your Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor

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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  
Preschool through High School

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### Join Our Upcoming Trips

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Oct 2026 Holy Land  
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