



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

**December 14, 2025**

**The Third Sunday of Advent:  
Gaudete 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. 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 Transfer of Mary's House to Loreto", 16th Century, Anonymous Artist*

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## Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am	Mass 8:30am  23 hr. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00am  Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm  Confessions 3:30-5:00pm	Mass 8:30am  Confessions 9:15am-10:30am 2:30-4:15pm  Mass 4:30pm	Confessions 7:30-8:15am 10:00-10:45am  Mass 8:30am 11:00am

## St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
		Confessions 5:00-5:45pm  Mass 6:00pm	Mass 6:00pm	Simbang Gabi 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
12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
		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?**

**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 Holy House of Loreto

Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

All too often we reject, out of hand, things of a supernatural nature. To be sure, we need to discern things that are not natural. God normally operates within the laws of nature, laws he created. However, he is not limited by them. God does occasionally perform miracles that nature or science cannot explain. Years ago, I heard about the Holy House of Loreto in Italy. It is supposedly the house that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in while they lived in Nazareth. Somehow, it was miraculously transported to Italy in the 13<sup>th</sup> century (1200's). In the spirit of Advent and the Holy Family's



journey to Bethlehem, I submit a fascinating article on how the little house where they lived in Nazareth made its way to Italy. Enjoy.

May Our Lord Bless You,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property

<http://www.tfp.org/science-confirms-angels-took-the-house-of-our-lady-of-nazareth-to-loreto/>

August 7, 2016 | Luis Dufaur

### Science Confirms: Angels Took the House of Our Lady of Nazareth to Loreto

The Annunciation took place in Nazareth, in the Holy Land, where the foundations of the Holy House remain to this day. When compared with the dimensions and characteristics of the Loreto House, they match perfectly; but the similarities and concordances do not end there. How did the Holy House take off, so to speak, from its foundations and reappear about 2,000 miles away, where it remains intact to this day? According to historical evidence, the move took place in the thirteenth century; but how could it have been done given the poor technological resources of the time?

At a conference organized by the "Amici del Timone" Cultural Center in Staggia Senese, Italy, titled "The Story of the Incredible Move of the House of Mary of Nazareth to Loreto," a topic was developed which challenges engineering. Indeed, the Holy House, birthplace of Our Lady and where the Archangel Gabriel announced to her the Incarnation, has been for many centuries

in the town of Loreto (Santa Casa di Loreto), in the Marche region of Italy, facing the Adriatic Sea.

The move is attributed to an angelic action officially recognized by Popes and sustained by saints. However, such authoritative approvals are not intended to explain the material procedure, which carried an object the size of a house from one continent to another practically overnight. This transfer, however, was confirmed by historical, documentary, and archaeological evidence. Once again, for the astonishment of many, science confirms the Church.

Prof. Giorgio Nicolini, who devoted his life of study and research to the case, spoke at this conference. Based on these scientific evidences, he proved indisputably the veracity of the miraculous transfer. During his lecture, Professor Nicolini demonstrated the existence of many documents and eyewitness accounts of the transfer, which science and human method cannot explain. He also established a chronology of the change of location.

1. On May 9, 1291, the Holy House was still in Nazareth.
2. On the night of May 9 to 10, 1291, it traveled nearly 2,000 miles and reached Tersatto (now Trsat), in the region of Dalmatia, in what is now a suburb of Rijeka, Croatia. On that occasion, Nicolò Frangipane, feudal lord of Tersatto personally sent a delegation to Nazareth to ascertain whether the Holy House had indeed disappeared from its original place. The emissaries not only verified its disappearance but found the foundation on which the house was built and from which the walls had been taken away as a block. Around these foundations in Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation was built. In Loreto, the Holy House stands firmly, without its foundation, directly on the ground.
3. On the night of December 9 to 10, 1294, the Holy House disappeared from Tersatto and landed "in various places" of Italy. For nine months it stayed on a hillside overlooking the port of Ancona, which thus came to be called "Posatora," from the Latin "*posat et ora*" (to set down, or land, and pray). A church was built on the site as a memorial, as was recorded at the time and signed by a priest "Don Matteo," probably an eyewitness. Two tombstones also commemorate this occurrence. One is from the same time period of the event and is written in old Vulgar Latin. The other, from the sixteenth century, is written in vernacular and is a copy of the older. Posatora's oldest tombstone already mentioned "Our Lady of Loreto," making it clear that the inscription was done after the House's departure from the site.
4. In 1295, after nine months in Posatora, the Holy House moved to a forest that belonged to a woman called Loreta, near the town of Recanati. That is where the name Loreto comes from.
5. Between 1295 and 1296, after spending eight months in this location the Holy House was miraculously transported to a farm on Mount Prodo belonging to two brothers of the Antici family.



## The Holy House of Loreto

6. In 1296, after four months at this farm, the Holy House departed and landed on a public road on Mount Prodo connecting Recanati to Ancona, where it remains to this day.

Countless other elements attest to the historical truth of this inexplicable translation [movement] of the Holy House. Three churches were built in Ancona—two still existing—testaments that eyewitnesses saw the “flying” Santa Casa [house] arrive in Ancona and stop in Posatora. Moreover, in Forio, on Ischia Island, fishermen who traded with Ancona returned narrating the events that had taken place in 1295. Their reports led the city inhabitants to erect a basilica dedicated to “Santa Maria di Loreto.” They also saw the Holy House in Ancona with their own eyes.

Various bishops of the region approved the veneration of the miraculous translations. For centuries, the Popes renewed the approvals until Urban VIII, in 1624, definitively established December 10 as the Feast of the Translation of the Holy House of Mary, Mother of God. Several Popes, including Paul II, Julius II, Leo X, Pius IX, Leo XIII and Pius XI documented their recognition of the translation. These respective documents, beyond their religious aspect in which the Popes recognize the event as supernatural, are recognized as valuable documents by historical science.

Professor Nicolini strongly reprimanded the materialistic mentality, at times agnostic, atheistic or Protestant, which seeks to discredit the authenticity of the Holy House venerated in Loreto. In a way, this opposition encouraged deeper studies, which ended up proving the Holy House actually came from the Holy Land. Proofs include the chemical composition of the material used to build the house, its shape, and many architectural details.

Some, denying the angelic translation, have gone so far as to fabricate a story that a fanciful princely family from Epirus named “Angeli” had dismantled the house and transported it brick by brick at the request of the Crusaders facing the destructive advance of Muslims. That “family” then rebuilt the house in Loreto. Such an operation, with the transportation conditions of the thirteenth century, would have been a more miraculous feat than the angelic translation.

The stones and bricks are kept together with a mortar whose physical and chemical composition is found only in Palestine and precisely in the region of Nazareth. They are nonexistent in the Marche region or anywhere else in Italy. Moreover, if the house was dismantled and rebuilt in place after place along its journey—as claimed by its fanciful objectors—one

cannot understand how it could possibly have maintained the exact geometric proportions of the Nazareth house, whose foundations, to this day, match perfectly the walls of Loreto. Nor would it have been possible that nobody saw or heard the house being dismantled and later rebuilt, especially in the brief span of one night in the center of the shrine in Nazareth and then again in Croatia and Italy.

Even more inexplicable is the fact that the Holy House finally came to rest across an old dirt highway. On this road, the passage of animals and carriages naturally opened ruts in the center of the roadway, raising the roadsides, and forming ditches on both sides. Thus, the way the house landed, its three walls, with no foundation, are supported partly on ground and partly over open air. Today pilgrims can see this for themselves through a glass floor.

The Recanati City Hall, moreover, had already at that time forbidden the building of houses on public roads and had ordered demolished all buildings found to be in violation of the ordinance. How, then, could someone have rebuilt a house cutting across the road without anyone noticing? Another great hurdle comes from the lack of means in those days to carry an entire house, even if dismantled brick by brick and stone by stone. It would weigh a few tons. Transport by road would have likely been unfeasible due the delay and the number of chariots, animals, and men it would require. Transportation by sea, while more feasible, would also have been too time-consuming and prone to loss due to storms.

More complicated still would be to cut the walls in segments and take them intact on a 2,000-mile journey and then glue them back together without leaving traces of the joints. These material factors, Prof. Giorgio Nicolini explained, postulate the impossibility of such transportation with the technical means of the time.

From Professor Nicolini’s long and detailed demonstration it is clearly much more reasonable to believe the angelic translation resulting from a wondrous work of God, for whom nothing is impossible, and Who has worked far greater miracles. For human hands to have performed such a translation is to consider an event even more miraculous than that done by the work of angels.

## 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/>

## Christmas Liturgical Schedule

The last issue of the our Sunday bulletin (for 11/23 and 11/30) we published an insert of the Christmas Liturgical Schedule for all three CRC 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.



## 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. 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, 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Toy Drive

**Dec 17 | 10am-4pm**

St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver is 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.

## Save the Date: CRC Choirs Concert at the Grotto

**Dec 26**

Save the date for Friday, December 26th at 7pm when the combined choirs of Columbia River Catholic will be the featured choir at The National Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother ("The Grotto") in Portland. This is a beautiful way to celebrate Christmas with a selection of sacred music in the Chapel at the Grotto. For the complete seasonal choir concert list and to order tickets see [thegrotto.org/Christmas/choir-schedule](http://thegrotto.org/Christmas/choir-schedule).

## Advent Penance Service

**Dec 23**

This year's Advent Penance Service will be at Holy Redeemer on Tuesday, December 23rd at 6pm. Multiple priests will be on hand hearing confessions. In the meantime, please note the weekly opportunities to prepare for Christmas by going to confession during Advent. See the inside cover (page 2) of the weekly bulletin for the dates and locations of Columbia River Catholic confession times each week.

## Catholic Employment Opportunities: Parish 45

Parish Family 45 — St. Joseph • Our Lady of Lourdes • The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater — is accepting applications for a full-time Executive Asst. to Pastor, PA for Music, and Director of Pastoral Ministry. A brief description of each position is noted below. For full job descriptions and compensation packages or to apply, please see the Parish 45 website [www.parishfamily45.org](http://www.parishfamily45.org).

- **Executive Assistant to the Pastor** provides high-level administrative and confidential support to the Pastor and pastoral leadership team. This position ensures effective communication, organization, and coordination across three vibrant parishes. This person will be serving as a key liaison among clergy, staff and parishioners.
- **Pastoral Assistant for Music** will provide musical liturgical leadership across three churches and collaborate with parish schools. The successful candidate will be an experienced musician with proficiency in piano/organ, choir direction, and music accompaniment, committed to fostering active congregational participation and cultivating vibrant parish music ministries.
- **Director of Pastoral Ministry** will serve as a key member of the Parish Family Leadership Team. This position collaborates closely with the Pastor to provide vision, direction, and coordination for all pastoral ministries—liturgy, faith formation, OCIA, evangelization, outreach, and social justice—across three churches and two schools.

# 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

12/15 Kathleen Khoury†  
12/16 Legion of Mary  
12/17 Leo Deario Refilt  
12/18 Larry Bolton†  
12/19 Jamie Kohler†  
12/20 Stella Reynoldst†

### Prayer Requests

Jerry Ackert+, Spencer Adams, Joseph Aflague,  
Charlene Bragg, Greg Cesar, Ruby Duncan,  
Ryker Erickson †, Carol Greenet†, Tim Greenet†,  
Ed Gillis, Anita Hanisch†, Lillian Henry,  
Christopher Hepworth†, Jim Hudson,  
Evelyn Huebnert†, Kaiona Lynn Kaainoa,  
Jamie Kohler†, John Kessengert†, Kristen Morris,  
Annalisa Pattont†, Teresa Poissant+, Ron Prill,  
Carol Quintero, Mary Santiago, Damon  
Schleichert†, Quentin Smith, Ivana Tarabochia,  
William Wear+, Jim Williamst†, Elizabeth Wolff†

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	11/30-12/6
Stewardship	\$ 111,674
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 959

## Special This Week

### The Giving Tree

This weekend is the last weekend to return your unwrapped gift for the Giving Tree as gifts will be distributed this week. Please get them to the church as soon as possible if you have not already. Also remember to go online and submit your prayer request. The prayer requests will be remembered in the month of December. Thank you all for your great generosity.

### Troops of St. George Thanks You

A massive, heartfelt THANK YOU to absolutely everyone who supported our Troops of St. George wreath sales this year! This year's fundraiser was a HUGE success, and it's going to make such a difference in keeping costs super low for the troop's incredible families and fantastic young men!

### Family Gaudete Sunday Celebration

Dec 14

This 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, December 14th. All are invited for games, crafts, card-making for the homebound, caroling and more.

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## Coming Up

Dec 23 Advent Penance Service  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve  
Dec 25 The Nativity of Our Lord, Holy Day of Obligation  
Jan 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God

## 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 17  
**Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Dec 18  
**Direction of Our Times :** 2nd Tuesday (monthly): Jan 13  
**Fidelis and Fraternus:** Wednesdays 6:00pm | Dec 17, Jan 7  
**Holy Face of Jesus Devotion:** 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | Dec 23  
**Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Dec 19, Jan 2  
**Millions of Monicas:** Mondays 6:00pm | Dec 22, Dec 29  
**MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | Dec 15, Dec 22  
**MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Dec 18, Jan 1  
**MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Dec 20, Dec 28  
**OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Dec 16, Jan 6  
**Spanish Endow:** Thursdays 6:30pm | Dec 18, Jan 8  
**Troops of St. George:** Mondays 6:30pm | Resumes Jan 5  
**Young Adult Bible Study:** Friday 6:30pm | 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!**



## 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)



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT

## PAINT NIGHT!



PAINT OUR LADY OF  
EXPECTATION!  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH  
6:30 PM



RSVP 360-356-6199 OR  
[HOLYREDEEMERYOUNGADULT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOLYREDEEMERYOUNGADULT@GMAIL.COM)  
PLEASE RSVP FOR US TO KNOW SUPPLY AMOUNTS NEEDED

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Phone: 360-834-2126

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

- 12/17 Pamela Godsill† (1st Anniv. of Loss)  
Fr. Bala (birthday)
- 12/18 Angel Martinez†  
Don Rouch†
- 12/19 Henry Smedley† (1st Anniv. of Loss)  
Magnus Yoshimura (Baptism Anniv.)

### 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, 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	11/30-12/6
Stewardship	\$ 17,947
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 420

## Special This Week

### Children's Faith Formation Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14, 11:30am, Parish Hall

You are all invited to enjoy a charming play, delightful music, and refreshments as we celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas with our school-aged children. Last FF sessions until they resume on January 11th.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Day

Thank you to our many parishioners who provided Christmas gifts to our local SVdP Society. Other generous donors provided food and household items that will be distributed to families in our community this Sunday, Dec. 14th.

### 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 December 14th to 22nd. White poinsettias are preferred, but we know those are harder to find, so red ones are 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 and His truth with others. This is discipleship. Please join us and help reverse the diminishing of our Catholic faith.

## Coming Up

- 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
- Dec 23 CRC Advent Penance Service, 6pm, Holy Redeemer
- Dec 25 Christmas! See next page (or website) for Mass times
- Dec 26 CRC Choirs Perform at The Grotto Christmas Festival of Lights, 7pm

## Recurring Meetings

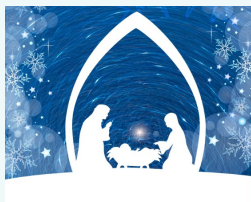
- Aquinas Guild:** 1st Wednesdays 10am Fireside | Jan 7, Feb 4
- Catholic Daughters:** 1st Mondays 5pm Fireside (not Jul-Aug) | Jan 5, Feb 2
- Cor Men's Group:** Saturdays 8am Fireside | Dec 20, Dec 27
- Discipleship Gathering:** 3rd Tuesdays 7pm church | Dec 16, Jan 20
- Drama Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00pm Fireside | Jan 13, Jan 27
- Faith Formation (PreK-12):** Sundays 9:45am AC | Dec 14, Jan 11
- Faith & Family Parents:** Periodic Sundays 9:45am Fireside | Jan 11, Feb 8
- 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 16, Jan 6
- Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Dec 16, Jan 6
- Parish Potluck:** 2nd Tuesdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Jan 13, Feb 10
- 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 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.

## 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.



### Free 2026 Calendar for You!

Pickup a free 2026 Calendar from the back of the church or in the parish office with beautiful images of churches around the world and holy days listed throughout the year.

### Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 23rd, 6pm, Holy Redeemer

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Please join us for  
**Simbang Gabi**  
Novena Masses in Southwest Washington  
Southern Deanery, Archdiocese of Seattle

**Mass: Friday, Dec 19, 6pm**

Followed by a reception  
with delicious Filipino food in the parish hall

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## Holy Days of Obligation Mass Times at Columbia River Catholic Churches

**Christmas: Dec 25**

**Mary, Holy Mother of God: Jan 1**

### St. Thomas Aquinas

**Dec 24: 5pm**

**Dec 25: 8:30am, 11am**

**Jan 1: 8:30am, 6pm**



### Holy Redeemer

**Dec 24: 4pm, 7pm**

**Dec 25: 10am**

**Jan 1: 8:30am, 11am,  
7pm**

### OL Star of the Sea

**Dec 25: 12pm**

**Jan 1: 12pm**

## New Bible Study: *Introduction to Matthew*

Wednesdays, 9:30am, January 7, 14, 21, 28, Parish Hall

It's a new (liturgical) year, so our Gospel readings for "Year A" will now be primarily from the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Join Ted Meany for a four-part series as an orientation to Matthew, reviewing the structure and themes that make this Gospel unique, including key passages such as the Sermon on the Mount and Peter's Confession.



# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

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### Sunday Mass Intention

12/14 Alan Stigt

### Prayer Requests

Judy Hegewald (healing), 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:  
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## Special This Week

### Month of Divine Infancy & The Immaculate Conception

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the omnipotent God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of Mankind was preserved from all stain of original sin" (Pope Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, Denzinger n. 1641)

### Christmas Pageant | Sunday, Dec. 21, after Mass, church

After Mass next week you must stay for some fun entertainment. The Faith Formation Class will put on their annual Christmas Pageant. The kids will be full of jitters and excitement to show off their acting skills and then smile for some pictures after.

**Christmas Potluck | Sunday, Dec. 21, after the Pageant, social hall**  
Sign-up to bring your favorite dish for our Christmas Potluck. It will take place after the Mass (and after the kids' Christmas Pageant) next Sunday. Please help us out by offering to bring salads, sides and/or a dessert. You will find the sign-up sheet on main bulletin board in Social Hall.

**Fa-la-la-la-la Christmas Caroling Night | Sunday, Dec. 21, 4pm**  
Meet at the church at 4pm next Sunday and help us make this our biggest caroling night yet! Bundle up in your coats and hats and join us as we go door-to-door singing Christmas carols. Afterward, warm up with delicious hot soup at our Soup for Souls Dinner. Fun for the whole family.

**Soup for Souls Continue | December Sundays, 5pm, social hall**  
Thank you to all who signed up to help throughout the month of December, for our one-night community soup suppers on Sunday evenings, 5:00pm - 6:30pm. 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.

### Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass will be at 12:00pm (noon) with Fr. Bala

## Coming Up

Dec 21 Christmas Pageant, Potluck, Caroling, and Soup for Souls  
Dec 23 CRC Advent Penance Service, 6pm, Holy Redeemer  
Dec 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Mass at 12 noon  
Dec 26 CRC Choirs Perform at The Grotto Christmas Festival of Lights, 7pm  
Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, Mass at 12 noon

### Minister Schedule

Celebrant: Fr. Bala  
Sacristan: Chris C.  
EMHC (cups): John & Kitty  
Lector: Chris B.  
Ushers: Amy & Lexie  
Counters: Cheryl & Salvie  
Coffee Hosts: Dave, Deby, Jerry, & Linda

### Sun, Dec 14

Fr. Bala  
Chris C.  
John & Kitty  
Chris B.  
Amy & Lexie  
Cheryl & Salvie  
Dave, Deby,

### Sun, Dec 21

Fr. Nathe  
Joseph  
Joseph & Monica  
Tom P.  
Ed & Rachel  
Kitty & Salvie  
POTLUCK

## 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)  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

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

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### RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

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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

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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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