



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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



## Christmas Liturgical Schedule

December 23, 2025-January 1, 2026

### Advent Penance Service Tuesday, December 23rd

- 6:00pm at Holy Redeemer with multiple Priest Confessors

### Christmas Eve Masses Wednesday, December 24th

- 4:00pm Holy Redeemer *Carols before Mass at 3:30pm*
- 5:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas *Carols before Mass at 4:30pm*
- 7:00pm Holy Redeemer *Carols before Mass at 6:30pm*

### Christmas Day Masses Thursday, December 25th

- 8:30am St. Thomas Aquinas *Carols before Mass at 8:00am*
- 10:00am Holy Redeemer *Carols before Mass at 9:30am*
- 11:00am St. Thomas Aquinas *Carols before Mass at 10:30am*
- 12:00pm Our Lady Star of the Sea *Confessions at 11:00am*

### Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation Masses Thursday, January 1, 2026

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

# Advent and Christmas Seasons 2025

See bulletin and website for event details

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 30 <b>1st Advent</b> 	Dec 1	2	3 St. Francis Xavier  <b>Guadalupe Novena begins Tuesday, 6:45pm</b>	4 St. John Damascene <b>Guadalupe Novena continues 6:45pm →</b>	5  <b>Camas tree lighting 5-8pm</b>	6 St. Nicholas  <b>St. Nicholas Celebration 6pm</b>
Dec 7 <b>2nd Advent</b>  <b>Faith &amp; Family Parent Series on Covenant, 9:45am</b>	8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b> <b>Mass at 8:30am &amp; 6pm</b> 	9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  <b>Parish Potluck, 5pm</b>	10 Our Lady of Loreto	11 St. Damasus I	12 <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration 6pm Mass + Fiesta Youth Group Social</b> 	13 St. Lucy <b>Giving Tree Gifts Due</b> <b>Women Growing in Faith 9:15am HR</b> <b>Young Adult Christmas Party, 6:30pm, HR</b>
Dec 14 <b>3rd Advent</b> <b>Christmas Program 11:30am, STA</b> <b>SVdP Giving Day</b> <b>Gaudete Party and Caroling 12pm, HR</b>	15  	16  <b>Discipleship Gathering, 7pm</b>	17	18  <b>Young Adult Paint Night 6:30pm, HR</b>	19  <b>Simbang Gabi 6pm Mass and Reception, STA</b>	20
Dec 21 <b>4th Advent</b>	22	23 St. John of Kęty  <b>Advent Penance Service at Holy Redeemer, 6pm</b>	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  <b>Mass at 5pm</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Mass at 8:30am &amp; 11am</b> 	26 St. Stephen <b>CRC Choir Performs at The Grotto, 7pm</b> 	27 St. John
Dec 28 <b>Holy Family</b>	29 St. Thomas Becket	30	31 St. Sylvester I  New Year's Eve	Jan 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God  <b>Mass at 8:30am &amp; 6pm</b> 	2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	3 Most Holy Name of Jesus
Jan 4 <b>Epiphany</b> 	5 St. John Neumann  <b>Exodus 90 and Magnify 90 Begin</b>	6 St. André Bessette	7 St. Raymond of Penyafort	8	9	10
Jan 11 <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> 	12 <b>Ordinary Time</b> (you can take your Christmas decorations down now!)	14	<div> <div>Advent Season</div> <div>Christmas Season</div> <div>Ordinary Time</div> </div> <div> <div>Octave of Christmas</div> </div>			

We Catholics get to celebrate two distinct seasons: Advent *and* Christmas. The Church begins a new Liturgical Year on the First Sunday of Advent and during the next four weeks, she prepares with mounting expectation for the coming of Christ in a spirit of waiting, conversion, and hope. The above calendar summarizes these two distinct seasons and includes a few of the special events at our parish family to help us celebrate as a community.

While there are always four Sundays in Advent, there are not necessarily four full weeks.

The readings refer to “the coming” of the Lord (literally, His *Advent*). This theme, the coming of the Lord, is what gives the liturgical season of preparation before Christmas its name. Christmas draws our attention to a past event, the coming of the Lord in the person of Jesus 2000 years ago. The readings remind us that we must balance that aspect of Advent with another “coming of the Lord”: His coming at the end of time. As Advent proceeds, we are challenged to maintain this tension between the coming of the Lord in the past as well as in the future (and even his presence *now* in the Eucharist). May he find us ready. Come, Lord Jesus!