



# COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC

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

## January 11, 2026

### The Baptism of the Lord

#### 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 Nagineeni, Vicar
- Fr. Clifford Martin, Retired Priest
- Holy Cross Priests
- Deacon Scott Aikin



*Stained glass window of the Baptism of Jesus by St. John, from over 100 years ago, in the church in Boortmeerbeek, Belgium.*

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## Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18
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 3:30-4:30pm	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
1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18
		Funeral Mass Jeannette Gaug 11:00am  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
1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18
		Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 6:00-7:00pm				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)

## Epiphany

Jesus Christ ~ Yesterday, Today, and Forever ~

Epiphany is a Greek word that means revelation or manifestation. Two Sundays after Christmas we celebrate the manifestation of the infant Jesus to the three non-Jewish Kings/Magi/Wisemen. Although we celebrated it last Sunday, January 4, I want to address it a little further here. In celebrating Epiphany, we are acknowledging the reality that Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, came for all of us, not just the Jews.

The Church originally celebrated four different public manifestations of Christ's divinity to mankind, in the following order of importance:

1. **The Baptism of the Lord.** At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard by witnesses declaring that Jesus is His Son.
2. **Christ's first miracle.** At the wedding in Cana, people witnessed Jesus changing water into wine. This miracle manifests Christ's supernatural power, and later, a realization of His divinity.
3. **The Nativity of Christ (Christmas).** At the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him.
4. **The visitation of the Three Kings, Magi, or Wise Men.** At the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles – "the other nations of the earth."

The key difference between the fourth manifestation listed here and the other three, is that the visitation of the Magi is the only manifestation of Christ to non-Jews, i.e. Gentiles. In some nations, Christians separate Epiphany from the other manifestations of Christ (epiphanies) by calling this one "Theophany," "Three King's Day," or "The Visitation of the Magi."

"As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men, or Magi, who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as King, and so were the first to show or reveal Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ [God]. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few."

In some nations, Epiphany is the day in the Christmas season in which gifts are exchanged. This makes more sense than our American tradition of giving gifts on Christmas. Gifts were not exchanged on the day of Jesus birth but days or weeks later when the three Magi brought gifts to baby Jesus (not Santa Claus). *Imagine gifts being given two Sundays after Christmas?* If this were our tradition, then we'd have two special days in the Christmas season that our wider society would celebrate,

Christmas and Epiphany. The focus of Christmas would shift from presents to the birth of Jesus Christ, where the focus should be. This tradition would also help to keep the season of Christmas alive for people as they anticipate presents on Epiphany, one or two weeks after Christmas. As it is now, for almost everyone, there is no Christmas season, just a day. If we exchanged gifts on Epiphany then it might be the day when families gather, the day children long for. It would also highlight the importance of the Holy Day of Christmas: its' silent intimacy, with the Holy Family in the cave in Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, and the shepherds in the fields. At Christmas we would put up a tree, start decorating it, and start placing presents under it for the day, one or two weeks from Christmas, when the Magi come to pay homage to the newborn King of heaven and earth – with presents! Perhaps you can start to make some of this part of your family's Christmas tradition.

All of this is already happening Poland and other Christian nations. An annual event on Epiphany Sunday in Poland, is known



as Three Kings Procession. It draws participants who dress as biblical characters, wear paper crowns, and sing Christmas carols while following figures representing the Magi to Nativity scenes set up in public squares. Here's a photo

of people in Poland wearing crowns and processing to town squares to pay homage to the Christ Child not on Christmas, but on Epiphany Sunday. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/268871/nearly-2-million-people-to-march-in-poland-for-three-kings-procession>.

I finish this pastor's column with a tiny bit on the three Magi from Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich. This is the same author I quoted in recent pastor's columns on the journey of the Holy Family to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus there. To find exponentially more on the Three Kings (Magi) you can find all of her writings here [https://tandfspi.org/ACE\\_vol\\_01/ACE\\_1\\_0261\\_out.html#ACE\\_1\\_0000196](https://tandfspi.org/ACE_vol_01/ACE_1_0261_out.html#ACE_1_0000196).

May the Christ Child Bless You,

Fr. Thomas Nathe

1. Dennis Bratcher, *The Season of Epiphany*. Website: Christian Resource Institute. <http://www.crivoice.org/cyepiph.html>



## Epiphany

**Taken from *The Life of Christ* by Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich—the Three Kings and the Star.**

The names Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar were given to the kings, because they so well suited them, for Caspar means "He is won by love"; Melchior, "He is so coaxing, so insinuating, he uses so much address, he approaches one so gently"; Balthasar, "With his whole will, he accomplishes the will of God."

I heard that the Three Kings traced their genealogy back to Job, who had dwelt on the Caucasus and had jurisdiction over other districts far and wide. Long before Balaam, and before Abraham's sojourn in Egypt, they had the prophecy of the star and the hope of its fulfillment. The leaders of a race from the land of Job had upon an expedition to Egypt, in the region of Heliopolis, received from an angel the revelation that from a virgin the Saviour would be born whom their descendants would honor. They were also instructed to go no farther, but to return to their homes and watch the stars. They celebrated festivals in memory of the event, erected altars and triumphal arches which they adorned with flowers, and then turned back home. There may, perhaps, have been three thousand of these people collected together at this time. They were dwellers in Media and star worshippers, of a beautiful, yellowish-brown color and of tall and noble stature. They roamed from place to place with their herds, ruling wherever they pleased by their irresistible power. They had, as the Kings now related, been the first to announce the prophecy to their people, and the first to introduce among them the observation of the stars. When both the prophecy and the study had fallen into general oblivion, they were received first by one of Balaam's scholars, and long after him by three prophetesses, the daughters of the Three Kings' forefathers. And now at last, five hundred years since the time of those prophetesses, the star had appeared which they were to follow.

All periods, remarkable on account of their reference to the coming of the Messiah, were pointed out to them by visions in the stars. During the last year since Mary's Conception, these visions were more and more significant, and the coming of salvation more explicitly shown. At the time of the Blessed Virgin's Conception, they saw the Virgin with the scepter and the scales in whose evenly balanced plates lay wheat and grapes. They saw, too, a prefiguration of the bitter Passion itself, for they beheld the new-born King involved in a war from which He came out victorious over all His enemies.

This observing of the stars was accompanied by religious ceremonies, fasting, prayer, purification, and self-denial. They watched not one star alone, but a whole constellation; by certain coincidences among the different stars as they gazed, were formed the visions and pictures that they saw. The Kings saw the visions clearly and from them tasted sweet, interior consolation, without feeling the effects of any malign influence. They became, on the contrary, better and more pious. The star was hidden by a cloud; but when it again appeared, looking so large

among the drifting clouds and so near to the earth, the Kings arose from their couches, called the people of the city together, and pointed it out to them.

Mensor (Caspar) and Seir (Melchior) were together when they saw in the stars the vision of the birth of Jesus, and both set out on the following day with their respective caravans. Theokeno (Balthasar), also, had the same vision in his own home, and he hurried to join the other two. It was a journey to Jerusalem of about sixty days, each day twelve hours long; but they accomplished it in thirty-three days, on account of the great speed of their camels, and because they often travelled day and night.

The star that guided them was like a ball from whose lower surface light streamed as from an open mouth. It always appeared to me as if guided by an apparition that held it by a thread of light. By day I saw walking before the caravan a figure more brilliant than the light of the sun. When I reflect upon the length of the journey, the rapidity with which they made it appears to me astonishing.

When the caravan set out, the star was visible, shining with a reddish light, like the moon in windy weather. Its train of light was pale and long. The Kings and their followers went part of the way on foot beside their animals, praying with heads uncovered. The road here was such as to prevent their travelling quickly; but when it became level, they mounted and pushed on at a swift rate. Sometimes they slackened their pace and all sang together, the sound of their voices on the night air producing a most touching effect. When I gazed upon them riding forward in such order, their hearts filled with joy and devotion, I could not help thinking: "Ah, if our processions could only pattern after this!"

The star was not constantly shining before them; sometimes it was quite dull. It appeared to shine out more clearly wherever good people lived; and when the travelers beheld it more brilliant than usual, their hearts were filled with emotion thinking that there, perhaps, they would find the Messiah.

### ***Fast forward to the cave at Bethlehem...***

Over the cave shone out the star and in the star a Child plainly visible. It stood directly above the Crib, its stream of light falling straight down upon it. The Kings and their followers uncovered their heads and watched it sinking lower and lower, increasing in size as it approached the earth. It looked to me as large as a sheet, I think. All were at first amazed. It was already dark; no dwelling was to be seen around, only the hill of the Crib Cave, looking like a rampart on the plain. But soon their amazement turned to joy, and they sought the entrance of the cave.

## 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/>



## Columbia River Catholic is Hiring!

Columbia River Catholic is now accepting applications for a full time (30-40 hrs per week). Maintenance Assistant to serve at the Holy Redeemer, St. Thomas Aquinas campuses and periodically at Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission. A full job description, requirements and benefits package information can be found on the Columbia River Catholic website at [columbiarivercatholic.org](http://columbiarivercatholic.org), or contact Don Anderson, Parish Administrator at [dona@holyredeemervanc.org](mailto:dona@holyredeemervanc.org).

## Rosary and Mass for Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, Jan 22

Rosary at 5:30pm, Mass at 6:00pm



The Day of Prayer for the Legal protection for Unborn Children occurs on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. All Columbia River Catholic families are invited to Holy Redeemer to join in praying the Rosary for the unborn at 5:30pm at the northeast

garden Shrine for the Unborn, followed by Mass at 6pm in the church. Please bring a jar candle to leave at the shrine.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Jan 22

The Knights of Columbus at Holy Redeemer are hosting the next Red Cross Blood Drive on THURSDAY, January 22nd from 11am to 4pm at the Parish Center at Holy Redeemer. You can sign up to donate blood at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and search for Blood Drives in the zip code 98684 that day. The Holy Redeemer Parish Center is at 17010 NE 9th Street, Vancouver, 98684.

## Free Movie Showing: Triumph of the Heart

Saturday, Jan 17 | 6:30pm

The Columbia River Catholic Evangelization Team and Youth Adult Ministry are presenting a free movie night feature of "Triumph of the Heart" at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall. Space is limited so please RSVP by scanning the QR code to reserve your space.



## "We Are Carried" Grief Retreat

Saturday, Jan 24

This month Parish Family 45 is hosting a Grief Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. This Retreat is for men and women (Ages 18 and up) who are



journeying through grief because of a death - recent or long since past. The retreat features tremendous keynote

speaker Colleen Storey, Grief Recovery Specialist and Holistic Care Supervisor for PeaceHealth Hospice. The day includes three sessions, Adoration, Worship & Prayer Teams. To register email [pastoralcare@parishfamily45.org](mailto:pastoralcare@parishfamily45.org) or call 564-274-3066, or scan the QR Code to register online.

## Save the Date: 2026 Vocations Dinner

Saturday, Feb 7

The Serra of Columbia River is presenting the 2026 Vocations Dinner on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The program begins with Mass at 5pm in the church followed by the dinner in Marian Hall at 6:30pm. This year's special guests are Bishop Schuster, a Seattle Seminarian and Religious Sisters. Tickets are \$25 per person, with youth under 18 free. For tickets please contact Shawn Madison at [shawnmadison@comcast.net](mailto:shawnmadison@comcast.net). Tickets will also be sold after weekend Masses in January.

## American Heritage Girls Talent Show & Fundraiser

Friday, Feb 6th | 6:30pm

The American Heritage Girls are hosting their Annual Talent Show and Dessert Fundraiser on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish after the 6:30pm evening Mass.

Spend an enjoyable evening before Lent and experience the talent show of our AHG girls, and partake in the Dessert Fundraiser. This is their only fundraiser to support programs throughout the year. Tickets to the event are \$10 per person. To access online ticket purchase, please scan the QR code to the right.



# Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver



## Holy Redeemer Church

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### Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday-Friday

17010 NE 9th Street

Vancouver, WA 98684



### Daily Mass Intentions

- 1/12 Susan Pellicano
- 1/13 Susan Pellicano
- 1/14 Susan Pellicano
- 1/15 Raymond Currant†
- 1/16 Paul Tran Van Hoang†
- 1/17 Madeline That Ngo†

### Prayer Requests

Jerry Ackert+, Spencer Adams, Joseph Aflague, Charlene Bragg, Coletta Brandst†, Greg Cesar, Stan Crull, Ruby Duncan, Ryker Erickson†, Georgene Finders, Carol Greene†, Tim Greene†, Ed Gillis, Anita Hanisch†, Lillian Henry, Christopher Hepworth†, Jim Hudson†, Evelyn Huebner†, Kaiona Lynn Kaainoa, Jamie Kohlert†, John Kessinger†, Mary Muscatt†, Annalisa Patton†, Teresa Poissant+, Ron Prill, Carol Quintero, Damon Schleichert†, Quentin Smith, Ivana Tarabochia, Joe Trabinot†, William Wear+, Jim Williamst†, Elizabeth Wolf†

## Special Notes This Week

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### Save the Date: 2026 Vocations Dinner

Feb 7 | Mass at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm

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## Coming Up

- Jan 22 Rosary and Mass for the Unborn
- Feb 6 American Heritage Girls Fundraiser
- Feb 7 Serra Club Vocations Dinner at St. Joseph Parish
- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

## Recurring Meetings

- American Heritage Girls:** Mondays 4:30pm | Jan 12, Jan 19
- Bible Study with Littles:** Tuesdays 9:30am | Jan 13, Jan 20
- Cenacle of St. Joseph :** 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30am | Jan 20
- Choir, Children & Youth:** Wednesdays 5:00pm | Jan 14, Jan 21
- Choir, Adult:** Thursdays 7:00pm | Jan 15, Jan 29
- Direction of Our Times :** 2nd Tuesday (monthly): Jan 13
- Fidelis and Fraternus:** Wednesdays 6:00pm | Jan 14, Jan 21
- Holy Face of Jesus Devotion:** 4th Tuesdays 9:15am | Jan 27
- Homeschool Co-Op:** Fridays 10:30am | Jan 16, Jan 23
- Millions of Monicas:** Mondays 6:00pm | Jan 12, Jan 19
- MMP Cenacle:** Mondays 9:15 am | Jan 12, Jan 19
- MMP Cenacle:** Thursdays 9:15am | Jan 15, Jan 22
- MMP Cenacle:** Saturdays 9:15am | Jan 17, Jan 24
- OCIA:** Tuesdays 6:00pm | Jan 13, Jan 20
- Spanish Endow:** Thursdays 6:30pm | Jan 15, Jan 29
- Troops of St. George:** Mondays 6:30pm | Jan 12, Jan 19
- Young Adult Bible Study:** Friday 6:30pm | Jan 16, Jan 23

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	12/28-1/03/26
Stewardship	\$ 55,769
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 6,344



## 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.

# TRIUMPH *OF* *THE* HEART

FREE MOVIE SHOWING  
**1/17/2026 6:30PM**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall  
324 NE Oak St, Camas, WA 98607**

SCAN QR  
CODE TO  
RSVP!



## Mass for Life & Prayer Vigil

**January 22, 2026**

**Holy Redeemer Church**

***5:30pm Rosary by candlelight at the front lawn***

***6:00pm Mass for Life in the Church***

*For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together  
in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made.*

*Psalms 139: 13-14*



***Bring a rosary and a plain jar vigil candle***

***Pro-Life Stickers will be provided for your candle!***

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Camas



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Parish Office Hours

9am-4pm Monday -Thursday

324 NE Oak Street

Camas, WA 98607



### Daily Mass intentions

1/14 Beth Gleason Weyert†

Anne Catherine Firth†

1/15 Holy Souls of Purgatory

Marla Steinbach†

1/16 End of child trafficking

### Prayer Requests

Jeanette Gaug†, Jay Poncet†, Brooke Webster†, Renne Nicole Goode†, Ulma McCaathy†, Justina Wallace (surgery), Kathryn Thomson (recovery), Bill Wallace (recovery), Terri Battrem, Emily O'Neill, Marty Price, Joan Murphy, Nora Lovell, Leonardo DeFilippis (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)

## Special This Week

### Faith Formation Resumes for PreK-12th and Faith & Family Series

Sunday, January 11, 9:45am, Aquinas Center

Faith & Family parent topic will be the Davidic Covenant.

### Monthly Parish Potluck | Tuesday, January 13

Gather with your favorite dishes at 5pm in the parish hall for fellowship and then our meal begins at 5:30pm. Contact Paula at [pdrenshaw@aol.com](mailto:pdrenshaw@aol.com).

### Funeral Mass for Jeanette Gaug | Tuesday, January 14, 11am

10:30am Rosary and 11am Mass, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Help us pray for Jeanette, mother of Sandi Wurzer.

### Infant Baptism Class | Saturday, January 17, 9:30 - 11:30am, Fireside

For parents and godparents: use this QR Code to sign up and receive a link to videos you will need to watch before the class.

Questions? Contact [amy@stthomascamas.org](mailto:amy@stthomascamas.org).



### Discipleship Gathering

Tuesday, Jan 20, 7-8pm, in front of tabernacle in St. Thomas Church

In his great discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus made a promise to his disciples:

"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God....you know him, because he remains with you and is in you" (Jn 14:16-17). Jesus knew that Christians would need a supernatural source of strength, the strength and power of God himself to achieve the mission He has given to every Catholic to make disciples. So he promised to his disciples the very Spirit of God. Please join us to accomplish the mission Jesus has given to us.

## Coming Up

Jan 17 Triumph of the Heart (St. Maximilian Kolbe Movie), 6pm

Jan 22 Candlelight Rosary & Mass for the Unborn, 5pm, Holy Redeemer

Jan 24 Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Dinner, 6pm

Jan 27 Open House for CRC Preschool & Kindergarten, 3-5pm

Feb 7 Serra Vocations Dinner, 6:30pm, St. Joseph

## Recurring Meetings

**Aquinas Guild:** 1st Wednesdays (not Jan) 10am Fireside | Feb 4, Mar 4

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

**Cor Men's Group:** Saturdays 8am Fireside | Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24

**Discipleship Gathering:** 3rd Tuesdays 7pm church | Jan 20, Feb 17

**Drama Group:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00pm Fireside | Jan 13, Jan 27

**Faith Formation (PreK-12):** Sundays 9:45am AC | Jan 11, Jan 25

**Faith & Family Parents:** Periodic Sundays 9:45am Fireside | Jan 11, Feb 8

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

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

**OCIA (Christian Initiation):** Tuesdays 6pm Holy Redeemer | Jan 13, Jan 20

**Parish Playgroup:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10am AC | Jan 20, Feb 3

**Parish Potluck:** 2nd Tuesdays 5pm hall (except summer) | Jan 13, Feb 3

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

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

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Fridays 6:30pm Holy Redeemer | Jan 16, Jan 23

**Youth Group Events:** Monthly 6pm (not summer) | Jan 10, Jan 17, Feb 7

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Contributions	12/28-1/03
Stewardship	\$ 10,409
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,340



# 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. Thomas FEASTDAY DINNER

We warmly invite you to join us for a special dinner to celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

JANUARY  
SATURDAY 24 6:00 PM

324 NE Oak St, Camas, WA 98607  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall  
Limited childcare available \$5 per child  
Youth activities in the Grotto  
Dinner \$10 pay online

For Reservations please scan QR Code  
or contact us at: (360) 834-2126



COLUMBIA RIVER CATHOLIC  
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

## OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 27, 5-7PM

NOW REGISTERING:

- Kindergarten: Mon-Fri full days
- Preschool: Mon-Thurs half days

360-953-5842 | [lauren@stthomascamas.org](mailto:lauren@stthomascamas.org) | <https://www.columbiarivercatholic.org/crc-students>  
324 NE Oak Street, Camas, WA 98607

### Bible Study Continues: *Introduction to Matthew*

Wednesdays in January, 9:30am, Parish Hall

Join Ted Meany for a four-part series as an orientation to Matthew, reviewing the structure and themes that make this Gospel unique. On Jan 14, there will be a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount. On Jan 21, we will explore Peter's Confession and lessons for discipleship.

Handouts provided; no book required.

Bibles will be available; bring your favorite Bible if you wish.

Send RSVP or questions to [ted@stthomascamas.org](mailto:ted@stthomascamas.org).



**Exodus 90 & Magnify  
90 Began January 5th!**



There is still time to jump in! 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!

### Cor Men's Group | Saturdays at 8am

All men are encouraged to meet each Saturday morning in the Fireside Room to discuss the Sunday Mass readings and to encourage one another to grow as disciples.

### KC Woodcuts: Firewood available

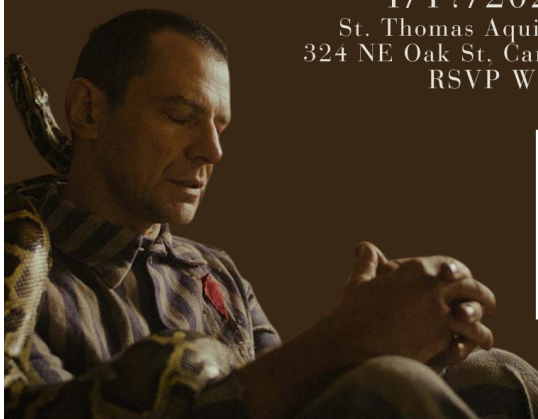
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# TRIUMPH OF THE HEART

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1/17/2026 6:30PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Hall  
324 NE Oak St, Camas, WA 98607  
RSVP WITH QR CODE



### Fr. Bala on Retreat | January 12-16

Please keep Fr. Bala in your prayers during his retreat this coming week. Fr. Jerry Woodman will celebrate weekday Masses for us during this time, including a Mass at Holy Redeemer and a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas on Tuesday. Our hard-working priests also regularly make visits to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in our area. May God continue to bless their generous priestly ministry!

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

Webpage: [stthomascamas.org/our-lady-star-of-the-sea](http://stthomascamas.org/our-lady-star-of-the-sea)

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**Staff:** Tony & Abby Coates  
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509-427-0010

### Sunday Mass Intention

1/11 Janet Ann Stig†

1/18 Richard Roeder†

### Prayer Requests

Tamara (urgent intention), Stefanie Townsend (healing), Carlos Avila†, Connie Davies†, Richard Roeder†, Mary Lou Harding, James Hickey (surgery), Judy Hegewald (healing), Sharon Vance, Meghan Mac-Rhyann, Connie Buttaccio, our Catechumens, 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

### Vocations Dinner Tickets Available

For Sale in the Social Hall after Mass. 2026 Vocations Dinner is Saturday, February 7, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mass at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm with special appearances from Bishop Schuster, Seattle Seminarian and Religious Sisters. Tickets available for \$25 after Mass. (See Abby Coates) Help support our seminarians!

### Bible Study Sign-ups on Social Hall bulletin board

Bible study will begin by the end of January. We will continue our Bible Study by moving on to Galatians. I assumed Second Corinthians was offered through Ascension Press, but it is not, but Galatians is. Since we are trying to continue chronologically, we will do Galatians. I hope you are all as excited about that. Be sure to Sign-up so we can inform you when it will start. The time and date will be announced shortly.

### Sister's Craft Night – Thursday Jan. 22

All the ladies are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of crafting and chatting. Who wouldn't like that? Thursday, January 22, Sister's Craft Night. All the ladies of OLSOS are welcome to come and participate in a fun evening. Please bring a light snack to share. Let's get creative and have some fun. Craft time is from 6:00-8:00pm in the Social Hall. If you have a special craft you would like to share, please notify Abby after Mass.

### Papal Intentions for January

For prayer with the Word of God – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### 2026 Envelopes

Are on the way! Once they arrive, you will see them in the Narthex. Thanks so much for your patience.

## Coming Up

Jan 17	Triumph of the Heart (St. Maximilian Kolbe Movie), 6pm
Jan 22	Candlelight Rosary & Mass for the Unborn, 5pm, Holy Redeemer
Jan 24	Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Dinner, 6pm
Feb 7	Serra Vocations Dinner, 6:30pm, St. Joseph
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday

### Minister Schedule

Celebrant:	Fr. Bala
Sacristan:	Tony
EMHC (cups):	John & Kitty
Lector:	Tony C.
Ushers:	Jim & Debbie
Counters:	Bill & Laura
Coffee Hosts:	Dale, Peggy, John, & Kitty

### Sun, Jan 11

Fr. Bala
Tony
John & Kitty
Tony C.
Jim & Debbie
Bill & Laura
Dale, Peggy, John, & Kitty

### Sun, Jan 18

Fr. Bala
Chris C.
Monica & Joseph
Tom P.
Amy & Lexie
Greg & Kitty
Tim, Kaeli, Lexie, Katie, & Mike

## Contact Information



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### 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)  
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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### 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

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

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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

Sep 2026 Another Camino!  
Oct 2026 Holy Land  
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