

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 3, 2009

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WELCOME TO
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH!

Dear Parishioners:

Today I would like to say something about sound and acoustics. I don't think there could be greater contrast between the acoustics of two spaces as there is between our church and our previous worship site.

Our space is acoustically very "alive," meaning for both music and speaking there is a certain amount of resonance and echo. This is good for music and singing, more challenging for the spoken word.

In terms of music, we have found it necessary to slow things down as compared to our previous location. However, I remain insistent that we never let our music drag. I like to keep things moving.

The readers have been instructed to read at a slower pace and with greater diction. No matter how long someone has been reading aloud in church, our current space calls for some greater effort. I have already discovered the effort means my homilies are to be a little shorter. I also find that it almost seems awkward to me, to slow down and enunciate, but I hope it helps in the hearing.

Our sound system does include a wireless transmitter that transmits all spoken words into individual listening devices that are available in the sacristy (speak to an usher). These devices have individual volume control and have very simple single "ear bud" headsets. These have little cloth covers that must be disposed of (for sanitary reasons) unless the listener keeps them for reuse (as we recommend). Those who find the listening devices valuable may even want to buy their own, more sophisticated headsets to use with our receivers. We further understand that some hearing aids can use an adapter that receives the transmission and directs it to one's own hearing device.

As we install each section of pews we hope to also place carpet underneath them. This will eliminate the echo of kneelers in motion and may also add some deadening of the sound. We hope that the combination of careful speaking and listening devices will meet whatever special sound challenges the building presents.

In Christ,

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Monday—Friday 7:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am

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Parish Office Hours: M-F, 9 am-3 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 am—7:00 pm

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Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery of Vancouver—vancouver's historic Catholic cemetery, serving Holy Redeemer Parish and Vancouver. Call 694-2537 for information on available space.

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SUNDAY, 05/03/09	MONDAY, 05/04/09	TUESDAY, 05/05/09	WEDNESDAY, 05/06/09
7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses — Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 4:00 pm—Elementary FF 4:30 pm—May Crowning & BBQ Coffee & donuts after Mass	7:30 am Mass — Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 John 10:1-10 Intention: Colleen Fredericks 10:00 am—Marian Movement 11:00 am—Senior Women 4:00 pm—AHG Unit Leader Mtg. 6:00 pm—Serra Club Meeting 6:30 pm—BSA Troop 462	7:30 am Mass — Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 John 10:22-30 Intention: Agnes Mullen+ 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 7:30 PM—KC Business Mtg.	7:30 am Mass — Acts 12:24—13:5a Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 John 12:44-50 Int: Rose Ann & Tony Ranft 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Study 7:00 pm—HS Youth Group

- ◆ **Novenas for Nicholas:** Nicholas Gustafson, 11 month old son of Jessica and Jeff Gustafson, has been diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a serious neurological disorder. As a community of faithful believers here at Holy Redeemer, we would like to enter into a yearlong prayer commitment for Nicholas and his family. There will be a sign-up after all Masses this weekend for individuals, families, or other groups to commit to praying one Rosary Novena during the year for healing, strength, and peace.
- ◆ The **Hospitality Committee** would like to thank the 5th grade RE class for their help serving refreshments and the Knights of Columbus for providing the donuts on Sunday, April 19th. If you enjoy our social time, please consider signing up to bring a treat one Sunday a month. You may sign up after Mass this weekend or call Laura Siggins at 883-9020.
- ◆ **Join us for The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Video Series** to get the “big picture” of the Bible story. This exciting 24-week Catholic study will take your understanding of the Scriptures and your faith to entirely new levels through a combination of individual reading and study, group discussion, and video presentation. Classes will be on Thursdays, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning June 4th. The fee is \$45.00 and includes workbook and materials. For information or to register, contact Barbara Allen at (360) 254-5038 or email her at rosesoap@gmail.com.
- ◆ You're invited to join the **Holy Redeemer Homeschool Co-op**. The group provides support meetings for parents as well as student enrichment and social opportunities for the kids, including feast day celebrations, book clubs and family fun nights. For more information, call Jamie Kohler at 885-7780, ext. 13.
- ◆ **GARAGE SALE THANKS!!!** WE DID IT! What a fantastic time! Over \$10,000.00 was raised! From beginning to end the Lord blessed us with His Love. Friendships were made; team work thrived. Thanks so much to all of you who participated in our sale. Thank you for all the wonderful donations. Without them we would not have had such a successful sale. Thank you to all the department heads, incredible bakery, fabulous volunteers, creative youth, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality, office staff and St. Vincent de Paul. Your support was amazing! I felt so honored to be a part of this group! Let's do it again next year! *Diane*

OTHER CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS

- ◆ **Sign-ups continue this weekend** for the **Knights of Columbus' Red Cross Blood Drive** to be held on May 16th from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the parish center.
- ◆ This **Mother's Day**, remember the little ones whose mothers choose life in crisis pregnancies. Place your **gifts for Birthright** in the bassinet near the entry of the church after Mass on May 9th and 10th. Monetary gifts can be placed in an envelope marked “Birthright” and put in the collection basket. Call 694-8156 for information.
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will present the 90 minute video-based program **“Called to Protect for Parents and Families”** on Wednesday, May 13th, from 7-8:30 p.m. To register, contact St. Thomas at 834-2126, ext. 202 or by email at Larissa@st-thomascamas.org.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul is in need of **Home Visitation Teams**. These teams go out to visit with clients who need help with their rent and utilities. Due to the current economy, more requests are being received than can be handled. If you have a day or two a month to volunteer, contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at 694-5388.

May 3, 2009

THURSDAY, 05/07/09	FRIDAY, 05/08/09	SATURDAY, 05/09/09	SUNDAY, 05/10/09
7:30 am Mass — Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 John 13:16-20 Intention: Jenny Bulder 7:00 pm—First Communion Practice 7:00 pm—Homeschool Co-op Support Meeting 7:00 pm—Adult Bible Study 8:00 pm—Homeschool Co-op Commission Mtg.	7:30 am Mass — Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab John 14:1-6 Intention: Miguela Cristobal+	8:30 am Mass — Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 14:7-14 Intention: Peggy O'Hollaren+ 10:00 am—First Communion 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass	7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses — Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

. these members and friends of Holy Redeemer Parish in your prayers:

Dorick Beaudoin, Shannon Brasher, Margaret Brien, Jenny Bulder, Leonard Cebula, Michelle Coles, Lorry Davidson, Cuddy DeMarco, Barbara Foulke, Nicole Garcia, Martha Garrison, Gustafson Family, Myrtha Hammer, Dorothy Helley, Eloy Heniff, Christine Jensen, Gary Leech, Sam Marx, Margaret Mohr, Mike Palmer, Greg Patton, Harold Potts, Lillian Ranft, Ginny Rayniak, Pat Scott, Mary Senescu, John Wagner, William & Corinne Wagner, and Jane Woodman.

Phone 885-7780 to add a name to the prayer list. Let us know if a name should continue for more than 4 weeks.

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Baptisms: Please arrange for pre-baptism preparation by contacting Fr. Mitchell at 885-7780. Arrangements should be made well in advance of child's birth. For adult baptisms, see RCIA;

Weddings and Funerals: Please call Father Mitchell at 885-7780. Archdiocesan policy requires six months for wedding preparation; **RCIA and Learning About The Catholic Faith:** Everyone is invited to learn more about the faith or seek to become a Catholic. New classes will begin in Fall. Please contact Jessica Gustafson, Pastoral Assistant for Sacramental Life at 885-7780;

Annulments: Confidential information is available through Father Mitchell at 885-7780; **Pastoral Care:** Requests for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent are received through the parish office;

Catholic Cemeteries: Clark County has several Catholic cemeteries: Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, downtown Vancouver; St. John Parish, Vancouver; Holy Cross Cemetery, Washougal (operated by St. Thomas in Camas); and St. Mary of Guadalupe, Ridgefield. Details are available through the parish

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STEWARDSHIP!

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

Offertory for April 25/26—\$11,709.26 Children's Offering—\$25.75

The children also kept their room clean, did their homework, looked after the cats, and helped mom carry bags at the fair!