

All Saints

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WELCOME TO
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH!

Dear Parishioners:

I was going to reproduce my annual teaching about the Communion of Saints, but will probably do that with my homily/sermon instead. In recent weeks people have asked about the advisability of suspending certain liturgical practices in the interest of preventing the spread of flu or other contagious diseases. In fact this was the subject matter of a rather mean anonymous e-mail I received several weeks ago. I was taken to task for not enforcing an alleged recent archdiocesan decree on the suspension of certain liturgical practices. If the writer had not cancelled the source e-mail account as soon as they sent their blast to me I would have told them there was no such archdiocesan decree. The only official archdiocesan commentary was a "best practices" letter from the Archbishop when this issue was raised last spring. At that time we handed out a copy of that letter, and it is reproduced again this week for those who missed it or forgot.

The consistent line with regard to most of the practices about which people express concern is that no one has ever had to do them. No one has ever been required to shake hands as a sign of peace. Holding hands at the Lord's Prayer is not an official liturgical action. The use of cups and holy water is always optional.

In a future bulletin letter I will address what has been described as the increasing incivility of our age, perhaps abetted by the ease with which people can "speak" through e-mail and other electronic media. It is an ease that sometimes avoids appropriate reflection. Anonymity does not eliminate demands of justice and charity, nor does it mitigate guilt. (Just because the one who is violated doesn't know who extended the violation doesn't make the violator any less guilty before God, who certainly knows all. Anonymity not only points to lack of charity it shows lack of courage.)

In Christ,

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Monday—Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 am—7:00 pm

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SUNDAY, 11/01/09	MONDAY, 11/02/09	TUESDAY, 11/03/09	WEDNESDAY, 11/04/09
7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — <i>Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14</i> <i>Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6</i> <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12a</i> 12:30 pm—All Saints Day Family Fun 4:00 pm—RCIC Class 4:30 pm—WHO Information Meeting	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Wisdom 3:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6</i> <i>Romans 6:3-9</i> <i>John 6:37-40</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 10:00 am—Marian Movement 4:30 pm—AHG Auction Meeting 7:00 pm—BSA Troop 462	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 12:5-16ab</i> <i>Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3</i> <i>Luke 14:15-24</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 10:00 am—Homeschool Enrichment 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 6:45 pm—MS Youth Group 7:00 pm—KC Meeting	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 13:8-10</i> <i>Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9</i> <i>Luke 14:25-33</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Group 6:30 pm—Love and Logic Parent Class 7:00 pm—HS Youth Group 7:15 pm—Stewardship Comm

- ◆ **All Souls envelopes** are in the pews as well as in the pre-mailed envelope packages. Completed envelopes should be returned to the church prior to All Souls Day. The names on the envelopes will be part of a collective Mass intention for All Souls Day and the days that follow.
- ◆ The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** needs your donations of non-perishable food items and cash contributions for their annual **Thanksgiving Food Basket Program**. Place any food donations in the barrel in the back of church or take directly to the St. Vincent de Paul office at 2456 NE Stapleton Road, Vancouver, WA 98661. Money may be donated by using the St. Vincent de Paul envelope and placing in the Sunday collection or it may be sent directly to their office also. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program, submit their name, address, phone number and family size to St. Vincent's by November 6th. Please consult with the families prior to submitting their names to make sure that they will accept a food basket.
- ◆ Each year Holy Redeemer families can take part in the **advent candle lighting** at the beginning of Mass. One family member reads a short Advent prayer while another lights the appropriate number of candles. Directions are provided. The Sundays of Advent are November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. If you would be interested, please email Sue Brodeur with your date and Mass time preference at sue_brodeur@hotmail.com or call her at 604-2907.

OTHER CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS

- ◆ St. John the Evangelist Parish will have their next **Senior Luncheon** on Tuesday, November 3rd at noon in Vogel Hall. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Please come for a great meal!
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop 462 will be available after all Masses the weekends of November 7/8 and 14/15 to take orders for their annual evergreen and wreath sale. Contact Terri Gerichs at 882-3438 for information.
- ◆ There will be a **gala dinner** hosted by Archbishop Brunett to benefit Seton Catholic High School on Sunday, November 8th, at 5:00 p.m., at the Heathman Lodge. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Seton Catholic at 258-1932.
- ◆ St. Thomas Aquinas' Guild's **Annual Harvest Dinner** will be Sunday, November 8th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in their parish hall. Dinner includes turkey and all the trimmings!
- ◆ Come on a journey of emotional and spiritual healing from abortion. The next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is November 13-15, 2009. Call Valerie at 1-800-822-4673 for more information.
- ◆ Hungry? The **American Heritage Girls** are selling tickets after all the Masses this weekend for their annual auction and first annual dinner to be held Saturday, November 14th.
- ◆ Journeying toward Christ's Birth, a **labyrinth walk** at **The Grotto**, will be on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. For more information, please call (503) 254-7371.
- ◆ Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church offers you an opportunity to celebrate **Mass** with them every **Tuesday evening** at 7:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, 11/05/09	FRIDAY, 11/06/09	SATURDAY, 11/07/09	SUNDAY, 11/08/09
7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 14:7-12</i> <i>Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14</i> <i>Luke 15:1-10</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 7:00 pm—Music Practice 7:00 pm—Bible Video Series 7:00 pm—RCIA 7:00 pm—Homeschool Support Meeting 8:00 pm—Homeschool Committee	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 15:14-21</i> <i>Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4</i> <i>Luke 16:1-8</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 6:30 pm—Homeschool Event 7:00 pm—Strengths Group	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27</i> <i>Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11</i> <i>Luke 16:9-15</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 9:00 am—Serra Club Meeting 10:00 am—MS Retreat 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass 7:00 pm—Dynamic Marriage	7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — <i>1 Kings 17:10-16</i> <i>Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10</i> <i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i> <i>Mark 12:38-44</i> 10:15 am—Catechism Classes 4:00 pm—Catechism Classes 6:00 pm—HS Catechism 6:00 pm—Confirmation Class <i>Refreshments after Mass</i>

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

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

Dorick Beaudoin, Shannon Brasher, Margaret Brien, Joan Bounds, Jenny Bulder, Leonard Cebula, Patti Cline, Michelle Coles, Joanne Condon, Ruth Cook, Cuddy DeMarco, Lola Dixon, Donna Gaines, Nicole Garcia, George Gebhardt, Greg Georgoff, Gustafson Family, Myrtha Hammer, Eloy Heniff, Christine Jensen, Claire Lackner, George Lorbeer, Suzette Madsen, Steve Mercer, Kris Miles, John Mulligan, Mike Palmer, Greg Patton, Gerry Pinzone, Harold Potts, Ginny Rayniak, Mina Reis, Sheree Robert, Pat Scott, Joseph Tardio, Peggy Uribe, John Wagner, William & Corinne Wagner, Betty Wassick, 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.)

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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 have begun. 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

STEWARDSHIP!

Today's psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it."

We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

Offertory for October 24/25—\$12,928.95 Children's Envelopes—\$10.00

The children also shared at story-time, did their chores, helped their cousin, and helped look for their brother's lost shoe!