

# 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2009

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WELCOME TO  
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH!

Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday evening I stopped into the church to take the time to prayerfully read through all the names that had been listed on the envelopes submitted for our prayers during the novena of Masses for All Souls. The daily Mass intention for this past week has been the collective intention of all these faithful departed.

The list is an expression of the breadth of the ethnic diversity of our parish, as people placed names of parents, grandparents and other relatives. This devotional practice of prayer for the dead reaches back into the pre-Christian era of Judaism in the final centuries before Christ. It is a practice that remained in the Christian Church. It echoes the belief that even those who die redeemed and justified may have need for final purification that prepares them to embrace God in all His glory as they pass from death to life.

The official teaching of the Church is brief. It affirms the fact of purification and the value of supportive prayer. It does not define or describe the nature of the purification. It does not seek to describe it in terms of either time or place, as indeed, the dead have stepped across that line from earth where there is the measurement of time, to eternity where time as we know it does not exist.

I have always offered the speculative image that while we, in time, offer our prayers over time, all of them pierce through the physical barrier of earth and enter into the sphere of eternity. The prayers we offer over time for the dead become a part of the collective spiritual support to conduct the dead through purification. As I noted in last week's homily, often the death of a good person will engender much such prayer over even many years. That prayer may be well more than is "needed" by the particular souls. However, our prayer for our dead ancestors, purified and standing before God, is readily shared with any departed soul in need.

### 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

### Office Staff

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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

### Faith Formation Staff

Jamie Kohler, *Pastoral Assistant*, ext. 13  
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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.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, 11/08/09	MONDAY, 11/09/09	TUESDAY, 11/10/09	WEDNESDAY, 11/11/09
7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — 1 Kings 17:10-16 <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>	7:30 a.m. Mass — Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 <i>Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9</i> <i>1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17</i> <i>John 2:13-22</i> <i>Intention: All Souls Novena</i> 10:00 am—Marian Movement 4:30 pm—Den 6, Pack 462 4:30 pm—AHG Troop Meeting 5:00 pm—Den 8, Pack 462 6:00 pm—Serra Board Meeting 7:00 pm—BSA Troop 462	7:30 a.m. Mass — Wisdom 2:23—3:9 <i>Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19</i> <i>Luke 17:7-10</i> <i>Intention: Bill Hansen+</i> 4:30 pm—Catechism Classes 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 6:45 pm—MS Youth Group	7:30 a.m. Mass — Wisdom 6:1-11 <i>Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7</i> <i>Luke 17:11-19</i> <i>Int: Patrick &amp; Mary Scanlon+</i> 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Group 6:30 pm—Love and Logic Parent Class 6:45 pm—HS Youth Group 7:15 pm—Finance Meeting

- ◆ **WHO needs you!** Where would you go if you were homeless right now and all the homeless shelters were full? Thanks to the kindness of local churches like Holy Redeemer, there are some who do have somewhere to go! We still have volunteer openings for both weeks that Holy Redeemer is manning the Winter Hospitality Overflow shelter at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. For information, contact Russ & Marianne Pachl 256-6740, Mike & Kaye Lanes 892-9533, or Francis Guevara 882-3960.
- ◆ Each year Holy Redeemer families can take part in the **advent candle lighting** at the beginning of Mass. The Sundays of Advent are November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. If interested, please email Sue Brodeur with your date/Mass time preference: sue\_brodeur@hotmail.com or call her at 604-2907.
- ◆ **Policy Update:** Effective immediately, all volunteers working directly with parish children, youth or vulnerable adults through Holy Redeemer must successfully complete a background check through the parish office before becoming involved with any activity involving these parish populations. This is a strengthening of the previous policy that only required a background check if the volunteer had on-going, unsupervised contact with one of these populations. Included are volunteers in a parish based ministry and those from any separate organization. Any separate organization facilitating or assisting with a children's or youth activity will provide the parish office with a list one week in advance of those members who will be involved with the activity so that background checks can be reviewed. Having a person without the check assisting in an activity directly ministering to youth simply complicates matters. (It should be noted that some Catholic schools require it for all the parents who may or may not have an occasion to be in such an assisting position.) Volunteers handling money must also successfully complete a background check. Background checks are re-run every three years. Any concerns may be directed to Father Mitchell at 885-7780, ext. 11 or pastor@holyredeemervanc.org.
- ◆ Some Holy Redeemer parishioners have reserved at table at the St. John Parish **Christmas Bazaar** on November 14th. Proceeds from this table will be donated back to our parish for the purchasing of church furnishings. If you have handcrafted items you would like to donate, or you would like to work a shift at the table, please e-mail Dee at jdengleking@comcast.net.

### OTHER CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS

- ◆ **Boy Scout Troop 462** will be available after all Masses this weekend and next to take orders for their **annual evergreen and wreath sale**. Delivery of the wreaths, baskets and swags will be on December 5th and 6th after each Mass. Please contact Terri Gerichs at 882-3438 for more information or to order.
- ◆ Long Beach getaway, personal training, karate classes and more can all be yours at discount prices! Come to the **Mangia! Auction** on Saturday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by the American Heritage Girls. Tickets are available after all the Masses this weekend.
- ◆ The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Christmas cards and Advent books** in the narthex of the church starting the weekend of November 14th/15th through December 20th. This is the Knight's Keep Christ In Christmas program.

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THURSDAY, 11/12/09	FRIDAY, 11/13/09	SATURDAY, 11/14/09	SUNDAY, 11/15/09
7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Wisdom 7:22b—8:1</i> <i>Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175</i> <i>Luke 17:20-25</i> Int: <i>Glenn &amp; Ruby Doxey+</i> 7:00 pm—Music Practice 7:00 pm—Bible Video Series 7:00 pm—RCIA	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Wisdom 13:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab</i> <i>Luke 17:26-37</i> Int: <i>Concecion Vazquez+</i> 9:00 am—Homeschool 6:00 pm—K4J 7:00 pm—EM Training 7:00 pm—Strengths Group	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9</i> <i>Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43</i> <i>Luke 18:1-8</i> Intention: <i>Jace Wasson Family</i> 8:15 am—1st Reconciliation Retreat 9:15 am—EM Training 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass 6:00 pm—AHG Dinner/Auction	7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — <i>Daniel 12:1-3</i> <i>Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11</i> <i>Hebrews 10:11-14, 18</i> <i>Mark 13:24-32</i> 10:15 am—Catechism Classes 1:00 pm—Dynamic Marriage 4:00 pm—Catechism Classes 6:00 pm—HS Catechism  <i>Refreshments after Mass</i>

**PLEASE REMEMBER . . .**

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

Dorick Beaudoin, Ivarel Benavides, 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, 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.)

**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 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

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Week:

"Key Difference"

**STEWARDSHIP!**

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury.

Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

**Offertory for Oct. 31/Nov. 1—\$17,791.48 Children's Envelopes—\$33.90**

The children also shared their toys and helped mom clean without complaining!