

# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2009

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Dear Parishioners:

We seem to be rapidly moving through Fall, and in less than two weeks we will officially begin the “holiday season” with the celebration of our national day of Thanksgiving. Appropriately, as we also engage in our annual review and discernment about our regular financial commitment to the Church, I would like to repeat my thanks to all who have and continue to make the sacrifices that provide the resources for the work of our parish and the construction of our buildings and repayment of our building loan.

510 households regularly contribute through the Sunday collection. In addition to these sacrifices, 432 have at the same time continued to fulfill pledges to the building fund. The payments currently being collected will help us reduce the principal on our loan.

Periodically, over the years, we have had small capital campaigns (in addition to our initial campaign in 2003 and the extension campaign in 2007) to invite new parish members to join in the building effort. Although not conducting a formal “campaign”, we recently sent information to 292 families inviting their participation in the effort to provide additional funds for our building efforts. We prayerfully and gratefully await their response in joining so many who are already engaged in this double sacrifice, the Sunday offering and the building fund.

While the debt remains our most significant obligation, we always appreciate an opportunity to devote some gifts to purchases that will enhance our facilities. The recent invitation for new participation in the building fund noted that 25% of the gifts would be used for such special enhancements. Of course on the top of the list is the final batch of pews. Hopefully response to this latest request will allow us to place the final pew order before the end of the year considering the likelihood of a price change in the new year.

If you did receive one of the recent invitations to participate in the building effort, we would appreciate a response that allows us to more effectively plan for future expenditures.

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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# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, 11/15/09	MONDAY, 11/16/09	TUESDAY, 11/17/09	WEDNESDAY, 11/18/09
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  <b>Refreshments after Mass</b>	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63</i> <i>Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158</i> <i>Luke 18:35-43</i> <i>Intention: Harold Ordway+</i> 10:00 am—Marian Movement 7:00 pm—BSA Troop 462	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>2 Maccabees 6:18-31</i> <i>Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7</i> <i>Luke 19:1-10</i> <i>Intention: Kathryn Rose</i> 9:30 am—AREAS Meeting 4:30 pm—Catechism Classes 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 6:45 pm—MS Youth Group 7:00 pm—Knights of Columbus Social	7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31</i> <i>Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b &amp; 15</i> <i>Luke 19:11-28</i> <i>Int: Romeo &amp; Yvonne Brien+</i> 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Group 6:00 pm—Serra Business Mtg. 6:30 pm—Love and Logic Parent Class 6:45 pm—HS Youth Group 7:15 pm—Hospitality Meeting

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Food Drive!** Thanksgiving will soon be here and we are reminded of those in our community who are going hungry. Every year on Thanksgiving Day, our parish collects non-perishable food items that are delivered to St. Vincent de Paul for distribution to families in need. There are empty grocery sacks at the back and side doors of the church for you to take home, fill with food and return to the church on or before Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ The next **Baptism preparation class** for parents wishing to have an infant child baptized (under seven years of age) is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12th**, at 9:30 a.m. Anyone anticipating a baptism in the next four months should plan to participate in this class. Parents are encouraged to arrange for the classes even before the child is born. Call the parish at 885-7780 to register.
- ◆ Do you enjoy meeting new people and helping them feel part of a group? Are you energized when you see the potential in others? Welcome the challenge of bringing ideas to life and making things happen in innovative and creative ways? We are looking for someone with these strengths to pilot the **Welcome Committee**. Contact the parish office (885-7780 or parish@holyredeemervanc.org) for more details.
- ◆ **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.

## OTHER CATHOLIC HAPPENINGS

- ◆ **Boy Scout Troop 462** will be available after all Masses this weekend to take orders for their **annual evergreen and wreath sale**. Please contact Terri Gerichs at 882-3438 for more information or to order.
- ◆ The **Knights** of Columbus will be selling Christmas **cards** and Advent **books** in the narthex of the church starting this weekend through December 20th. This is the Knight's Keep Christ In Christmas program.
- ◆ The **American Heritage Girls** are selling **Christmas trees** for their winter fundraiser. The trees are Noble Firs and range in size from 5 feet to 10 feet. For more information, contact Danielle Tyler at 891-4523 or kndtyler@hotmail.com.
- ◆ Interested in joining the **Simbang Gabi choir**? Call Tess Irons at St. Joseph Parish at 823-2838 or email her at tessi@stjoevan.org. All are welcome. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons.

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THURSDAY, 11/19/09	FRIDAY, 11/20/09	SATURDAY, 11/21/09	SUNDAY, 11/22/09
7:30 a.m. Mass — 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Luke 19:41-44 Intention: Bridget Curran+ 7:00 pm—Music Practice 7:00 pm—RCIA	7:30 a.m. Mass — 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Luke 19:45-48 Intention: Myrtha Hammer 9:00 am—Homeschool 6:00 pm—Parenting for Peace and Justice 6:30 pm—5th Grade Fun Night	8:30 a.m. Mass — 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19 Luke 20:27-40 Intention: Julieta Valenzuela+ 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass 6:45 pm—Adult Enrichment 7:00 pm—Dynamic Marriage	7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37 10:15 am—Catechism Classes 1:00 pm—Simbang Gabi Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm—Catechism Classes 6:00 pm—HS Catechism Class  <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, Craig Ranft, 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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## STEWARDSHIP!

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

**Offertory for November 7/8—\$12,178.23    Children's Envelopes—\$23.50**