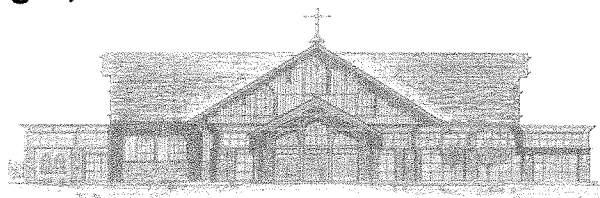


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AUGUST 29 and 30, 2020 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5 and 6, 2020 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekly Schedule - Holy Masses:

M-F 8AM
Wednesdays 8AM & 6PM
Saturdays 5:00PM
First Saturday 8:00AM
Sunday 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon [Spanish]

Confession:

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:45 pm and Saturdays at 3:00 to 4:30pm or by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Daily 8am – 8pm
Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) – closes at 12Noon on Saturday. Sunday from 2pm – closes at 6pm

Rosary:

Daily – At 7:25am, Before 8:00 am Daily Holy Mass
First Saturday– Before 8:00 am Holy Mass at 7:25 am
Monthly – Before 8:00 am Holy Mass; on the 22nd Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the office to register between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday-Friday @ 541.923-3390.

BAPTISMS: Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of our parish. A Baptism preparation class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information call the parish office @ 541.923-3390.

Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3rd Saturday of the month @ Noon and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month in Spanish. Preparation and completed paperwork are due 2 weeks prior to the Baptism.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class is mandatory.

MARRIAGES: Couples planning to marry in this parish should call the office to make an appointment with the Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, at least six months before the proposed date. Marriage Preparation course is mandatory.

Parish Pastoral Council meets 2nd Wednesdays at 6:45pm (September-June) – Parish Center - Conference Room.

(Parish Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Angie Ornelas, Faviola Soto, Scott Jackson, Mary Lehnertz, Anne Maloney, Jim Manley, Bobbi Thomson, Patricia Schulte)

Finance Council meets last Tuesday at 7:00pm, Parish Center Conference Room.

(Finance Council Members: Fr. Todd Unger, Scott Jackson, Carol Reichert, Kathryn Sizemore, Gary Williams)

Knights of Columbus meet 2nd Mondays at 7:00pm – Knights of Columbus Room. Grand Knight: Jim Manley (Will not meet during the summer)

Altar Society meets 2nd Mondays at 7:00pm – Altar Society Room. Interim President: Anna Jackson (Will not meet during the summer)

St Thomas Academy – SAC; 3rd Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

AUGUST 29, SATURDAY:
5:00PM DON LEHNERTZ [GABRIELLA AND BILL BORCHARD]

AUGUST 30, SUNDAY:
8:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK [RAY HAVELOCK]
10:00AM+TED AND TOM BOHN [DOROTHY BOHN]
NOON ALL PARISHIONERS

AUGUST 31, MONDAY:
8:00AM+CARL CACHO [CARL AND JULIE CACHO]

SEPTEMBER 1, TUESDAY:
8:00AM MARIA CLEMENTINA DIAS [ART AND JUANITA BORBA]

SEPTEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY:
8:00AM+MARIE HARPOLE [CRAIG AND BARBI MONSON]
6:00PM

SEPTEMBER 3, THURSDAY:
8:00AM+RAY HOUGHTON [CAROLYN HOUGHTON]

SEPTEMBER 4, FIRST FRIDAY:
8:00AM DEACON CALEB CUNNINGHAM [DOUG AND ANNE THOMPSON]

SEPTEMBER 5, FIRST SATURDAY:
8:00AM CECILIA WECKERLE [FATHER LEO WECKERLE]
5:00PM MARY LEHNERTZ [DON LEHNERTZ]

SEPTEMBER 6, SUNDAY:
8:00AM KRISTIN MALBON [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+SARA PEÑA

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

SEPTEMBER 5, FIRST SATURDAY:
8:00AM CECILIA WECKERLE [FATHER LEO WECKERLE]
5:00PM MARY LEHNERTZ [DON LEHNERTZ]

SEPTEMBER 6, SUNDAY:
8:00AM KRISTIN MALBON [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+SARA PEÑA

SEPTEMBER 7, MONDAY:
8:00AM CHERYL PALMER [THE CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]
OFFICE IS CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8, TUESDAY:
8:00AM+TED AND TOM BOHN [DOROTHY BOHN]

SEPTEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY:
8:00AM+JIM CHISHOLM [VICKY CHISHOLM AND HENRY HUCKE]
6:00PM

SEPTEMBER 10, THURSDAY:
8:00AM+ALICE LENGLE [DOROTHY BOHN]

SEPTEMBER 11, FRIDAY:
8:00AM+MIKE AND STAN STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]

SEPTEMBER 12, SATURDAY:
5:00PM+MARY ANN LAKIN [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]

SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY:
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10:00AM ELZENA HUFF [HER FAMILY]
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Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Diocese of Baker is: Angelina Montoya, MD Phone: 541-678-5652;
Contact Information for Coordinator Protection of God's Children: Leah Bickett Email: leah@dioceseofbaker.org;
Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving Adults: Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, V.G Phone: 541-891-9015 Email: rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org



BISHOP'S 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal begins this week. This year the theme is Faith and Family. We are called to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus waiting at the door, to welcome us into the life of their home. Due to the pandemic Bishop Cary has made many changes to cut costs and adjust for this late start.

The overall Appeal participation goal is 20% and the supporting financial target is \$412,750. For our Parish, the participation goal is 220 families with a supporting target of \$34,265.

Many important diocesan and parish programs that help thousands in our diocese every year are made possible by your generosity such as tuition for seminarians, clergy formation, workshops for parish catechists, diocesan-wide youth retreats, as well as assistance to our Catholic Schools. This week registered families will receive an Appeal packet from Bishop Cary with more information. Holy Cards, Prayer Intention Cards and Pledge envelopes will be available at all exits next weekend – September 5-6th.

For more information, please visit the diocesan website: dioceseofbaker.org.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE collection as of August 19, is \$2,660, and the Respect for Life Committee thanks all who have contributed and are going to contribute. We ask that you return your empty or filled bottles by Labor Day, **September 7**, so we can begin distributing the funds to the needed areas.



LIFE TOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY HAS CANCELLED ALL PHOTOGRAPHY EVENTS UNTIL 2021: We will inform you of a new date when that information becomes available to us.



TWO OPTIONS FOR PURSUING SPIRITUAL GROWTH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES!

Consider joining a small group for **Bible Study** or join the Parish **Book Club**. If you're interested in participating in either or both, please fill out our questionnaire giving us your preferences. We want you to feel comfortable and there are lots of choices and ways of doing both of these options! For more info, pick up the **flyer and questionnaire** next to the bulletin at the table in the vestibule of the Church. To send in your questionnaire or ask your questions, please see the **contact info** on the flyer.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Thanks to our parishioners and other community members the

blood drive at St. Thomas Parish Center from 9:30am to 2:30PM on **Tuesday, September 8** is nearly full. **Streamline your donation experience by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.**



ST. THOMAS ACADEMY PLAYGROUND

RENOVATION has taken off! If you'd like to be part of our final step, we have your opportunity! **P@STA is still selling plaques for the back side of our wall ball wall!** Plaques start at \$500 and can be donated by your family or a business! Put your logo, a quote or an 'in-memory of' on our dedication wall! A Plaque is available to view in the church office; call Janelle Kreuzner at 503-939-3061 or e-mail her at janelle.kreuzner@redmondacademy.com.



MASKS/FACE SHIELDS: COVID viral spread is affected by: (1) distance from someone not wearing a face covering. (2) Sneezing and coughing which increases the number of virus particles near you. (3) Singing or speaking forcefully which releases more virus than speaking quietly. **Mass attendees at St. Thomas should be socially distanced (6 feet in all directions) and wearing face masks or face shields.**

If you need a mask, please see Donna Jensen in the office during office hours.



THE OREGON RETROUVAILLE COMMUNITY will be holding its weekend October 2-4, 2020 at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, Oregon. In compliance with Oregon and facility requirements, a limit of 12 couples can be accommodated. Masks must be worn during the weekend. *For more information please contact the community at portland@retrouvaille.org.*



NEW PARISH WEBSITE:

Our parish website has a brand new look. Check it out at www.stthomasredmond.com.



Register at FORMED.ORG – Parishioners, click on St. Thomas, Redmond.



Continue the Journey...

Check out the **Adult Bible Studies** available to you in our Parish Library!



40 Days for Life

Central Oregon Right to Life will have its 2nd annual 40 days for life Fall Campaign from
September 23rd-November 1st.

We pray all Catholics in Central Oregon, will join us and stand up for our brothers
and sisters in the womb.

You can help by, being a silent, peaceful, prayerful, presence, with other people of good
will, in front of Planned Parenthood, 1 hour for 6 weeks. If that is more than you're able
to do, you could be a prayer warrior for 40 days.

There are many opportunities to volunteer.

All that's missing is YOU!

God bless us all,

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Sign-ups will be the weekend of September 5 & 6, 2020.

For more information please contact:

CentralOregonRighttoLife.Org or ForLifeBend@Gmail.com

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- () I am a new parishioner and would like to register
- () I've moved ~ My new address, phone and email are shown below
- () I'm Moving. Please remove me from St. Thomas Parish
- () Please contact me regarding envelopes, online giving or parish directory

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____



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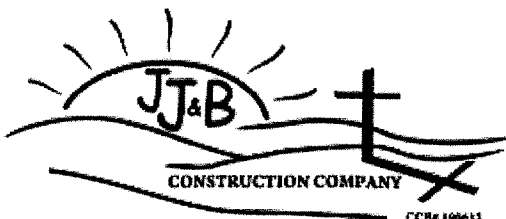


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Joshua 1:9
Have I not commanded you? Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS:

St. Joseph Statue: Fr. Leo Weckerle & The Souls in Purgatory
Blessed Mother Statue: For All Bishops and All Priests
Sacred Heart Statue: In Reparation and for Fr. Todd Unger

St Thomas Adult Education Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions to help us organize these two programs according to your preferences!

Which of the two options do you prefer? (You can select one or *both*)

1) Book club

2) Bible Study small group

Book club preferences:

Would you like to meet with a small group to discuss the book after everyone has read it? Yes No

If Yes, would you prefer to meet at the Church or online through Zoom?

a) In a room at the Church b) Online through Zoom

When each new book is introduced, how do you prefer to receive information about the book so that you can purchase it?

a) Email b) In the Church Bulletin c) On Church's Flocknotes or Website

Bible Study small group preferences:

Where/how do you prefer to meet for Bible Study with a small group?

a) In someone's home b) In a room at the Church c) Online through Zoom

If you chose a) In someone's home, would you be willing to host the small group at your house? Yes No

If Yes, how many people would you feel comfortable hosting in your home?

4 5 6 7 8

Even if you could not host a bible study group in your own home, would you be willing to attend in someone else's home? Yes No

If you prefer to meet in someone's home, would you like to be grouped according to your address so that you wouldn't have to drive too far? Yes No

If so, what is your address? _____

If you prefer to meet in someone's home or at the Church, is there a person or persons you would like to be in the same group with if possible? Please name.

If you feel more comfortable not meeting in person, but prefer to meet online through Zoom, do you have the ability to send out a Zoom invitation to group members?

Yes

No

Select each day that works for you:

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Select the time of day that works for you:

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Is there anything else you would like us to know that we might be able to accommodate?

St. Thomas Adult Bible Study

What's happening this coming year?

Unfortunately, we won't be able to continue with the past bible study format because of Covid-19. But the GOOD news is that we have two GREAT new options to keep you fed on your spiritual journey!

Option #1 - Join the new book club! Leah Bickett has chosen a variety of solidly Catholic non-fiction and fiction books that look great and will appeal to all readers. After the group has finished reading the book, people can choose whether or not they would like to discuss the book with a group. More on how that will happen after we tell you about Option 2. Every 6 weeks a new book will be introduced. You can choose to participate or wait for the next cycle.

Option #2 - Be part of a *small* Bible Study group. You can choose to form your own group, or sign-up and be placed in a group. What resources are available for groups? Your group can:

- a) Borrow one of the bible studies which the Church already owns from the Parish Library. Typically this includes a DVD and at least one *sample* Study Guide. Please do not write in the Study Guide. Additional Study Guides can be purchased by each participant through the company producing the study or by calling them.
- b) Purchase a new study from Catholic websites Ascension Press, Word on Fire, etc. Starter Sets (One DVD and one Study Guide) can be purchased with Church funds with prior approval. Additional Study Guides can be purchased by each participant.
- c) Go online to Formed.org which the Church has subscription to and use one of the free bible studies. Videos can be streamed or the DVD can be purchased. Study Guides can be purchased or some can be printed out.

d) Purchase a study that uses just a book and not a DVD (such as Fr Mitch Pacwa's studies.) Again participants will purchase their own book either online or by asking a local book store to order it for them.

The small groups should be anywhere from 4 to 12 persons depending on the space or situation:

- Zoom groups - 10 to 12 persons
- Small groups in homes - 4-8 persons
- Small groups in the Fireside room at Church – 4-8 persons

Charlotte Curtis will put the groups together for both the Book Club and the Bible Study using *your* preferences. To participate, *just notify Charlotte at: caalec@outlook.com or call her at 541-279-9978.* She will then email you a questionnaire about your preferences before she puts the groups together. (you can do both Option 1 & 2 if you want!) Examples of the questions you will be asked are things like: who do you want to be in a group with, do you want to Zoom or meet in person, can you host a group in your home, when would you like to meet, etc.

The Book Club and Bible Study groups will begin sometime in *October*. The sooner we know that you would like to participate, the sooner we can get it organized so don't delay in your response to Charlotte! As soon as she gets the groups formed, you will get an email or phone call (however you prefer to be contacted) giving you the necessary information.

Watch for additional updates in the Church Bulletin and the Church's online message system.

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One Minute Meditations

Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking on a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and dumping it in a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and vanished. Some things we just have to take on faith.

"God bless you"

When you sneeze, think of Pope St. Gregory, the Great. In 590AD, the bubonic plague was spreading to Rome. To combat the disease, the pope requested incessant prayer. "God bless you!" in response to a sneeze was part of that effort.

"You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon" (Psalm 91:5-6).



Do you trust God?

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts" (Psalm 28:7). Do you trust God with everything in your life or only some things? Do you give him your problems but take them back when he doesn't do what you want? It is when we have complete trust in God that our lives work well.

Is God trustworthy? A person worthy of trust is one of good character and integrity. We have more than two thousand years of history that prove God means what he says and says what he means. He does what he promises.

Is God capable? God has power

over all creation – He even has power over life and death. Through the ages, we have learned that all things are possible with God. More to the point, God's Son told us that God loves us with

unimaginable intensity so he always wants what is best for us. In fact, God is more qualified than we are to take care of what we need.

Are you ready to really trust God? Start

by thanking him no matter what. Everything that he allows to happen to us is for our good. Then remind yourself that God is fully in charge. Finally, ask him what you should do next and do it.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is Jesus' Body and Blood?

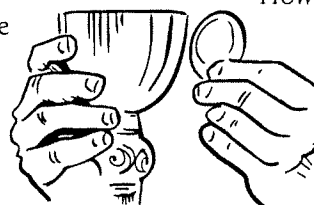
The concept of transubstantiation means that, during Mass, the entire substance of bread changes into the substance of the Body of Christ. The entire substance of wine changes into the substance of His Blood. This change is brought about in the eucharistic

prayer through the Word of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit.

However, the outward

characteristics of bread and wine, the "eucharistic species," remain unaltered.

Jesus is truly present during Mass, Body and Blood, soul and divinity.

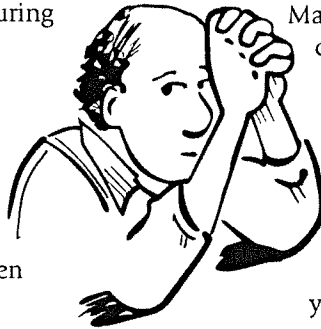


Make distractions a plus in prayer

There is no better way to build a relationship with Jesus than through prayer. Relying on His strength during difficult times is how we get through them. Yet when we become distracted during prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

Gently return. Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back.

Practice recall. St. Frances de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions,



gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

Turn distractions into prayer. If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

Pray out loud. When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud.

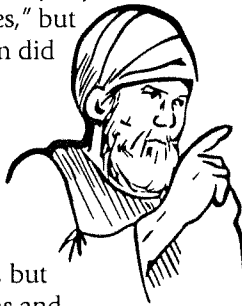
from Scripture

Matthew 21:28-32, Faithful obedience.

Jesus told of a man who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first said, "No," but went anyway. The second said, "Yes," but didn't go. Which son did as the father asked?

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the outcasts of society. They said "No" to God at first, but repented of their sins and changed.

The second son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They said "Yes," but it was just lip service. They followed rules rather than changing their hearts.



Saying, "Yes, God, I believe in you," is not enough. If we presume that the Lord will take us into Heaven just because we profess our faith, we will be disappointed. Words are not enough.

True obedience is lived. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we're sorry, or we can show we're sorry by going to Confession, doing sincere penance and amending our lives. Living as Jesus taught us is our way of "working in our Father's vineyard."



Q & A How can I stop worrying about what other people think?

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect,



you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests – or your eternal future – at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven.

Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us.

Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience – two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

Feasts & Celebrations

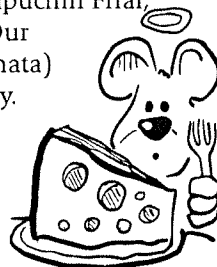
Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition holds that Mary was born in Jerusalem after her parents had been childless for more than twenty years. Mary's birth brought them – and us – joy.

Sept. 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. This referred, in part, to a time when Mary would stand at the foot of her son's Cross. Still, Mary stood dignified and fearless while others fled.

Sept. 21 – St. Matthew (1st century).

Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything behind when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

Sept. 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Francesco Forgione was born to farmers in southern Italy. Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



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