

# Saint Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church

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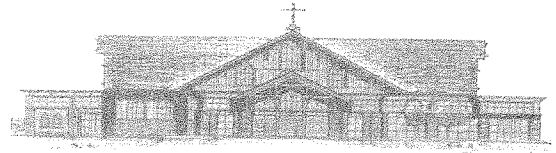
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JUNE 5 AND 6, 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 12 and 13, 2021 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday 9:00am–5:00pm

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE - HOLY MASSES:

Weekdays 8 AM

Wednesday 6 PM

Saturday 5:00PM

First Saturday 8:00AM

Sunday 8AM, 10AM & 12Noon [Spanish]

## CONFESSION:

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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Daily, from 8am-8pm

Friday, from 12Noon (24hrs) - closes at 12Noon on Saturday.

## ROSARY:

Daily – At 7:25 am, Before 8:00am Daily Holy Mass

First Saturday – Before 8:00am Holy Mass; on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**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 at 541-923-3390.

*To schedule a Baptismal Class in English, please call the office 541.923.3390. Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ Noon or by appointment.*

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Should make an appointment with Fr. Todd, six months before the proposed date. Preparation class from September-March 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.

**CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES:** Parishioners may request that candles be lit in front of the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Mary and St. Joseph statues. Call the office for more details.

**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, Anne Maloney, Jim Manley, Marjorie Joll, Patricia Schulte)

**Finance Council** meets last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, Parish Center Conference Room

**Knights of Columbus** will meet on Monday, September 13. Details will follow.

**Altar Society** will meet on Monday, September 13. Details will follow – President: Marjorie Joll

**St. Thomas Academy** – SAC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6pm. Principal: Patricia Schulte

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**  
**JUNE 5 – JUNE 13, 2021**

**JUNE 5, FIRST SATURDAY**

8:00AM TIM KRUGH [HELEN IANNARONE]  
5:00PM SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF OWEN LARKIN [BECKY LARKIN]

**JUNE 6, SUNDAY**

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:00AM+DEBBI SCHMIDT [ERIC SCHMIDT]  
10:00AM BILL SCHERSCHEL [LARRY SCHERSCHEL]  
NOON+SARA PEÑA [JOSE AND ERIKA ROBLES]

**JUNE 7, MONDAY**

8:00AM+BERNADETTE CHEENEY [PAM AND ED CHEENEY]  
8:00AM+SALVADOR GUERRA [MANUEL AND IMELDA GUERRA]

**JUNE 8, TUESDAY:**

8:00AM LORRAINE ESPINOSA [DELLA HARRISON]  
8:00AM+ROBERT THOMPSON [RICHARD AND SALLY GRANT]

**JUNE 9, WEDNESDAY:**

8:00AM RON LAMOUREUX [KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS]  
6:00PM+GADIEL DIAZ [BERTO DIAZ]

**JUNE 10, THURSDAY**

8:00AM+HELEN OSTRANDER [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]  
8:00AM+ROBERT THOMPSON [RICHARD AND SALLY GRANT]

**JUNE 11, FRIDAY**

8:00AM+STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]  
8:00AM CECILIA WECKERLE [DOUG AND ANNE THOMPSON]

**JUNE 12, SATURDAY**

5:00PM TOM AND +MARY ANN LAKIN [JOHN AND NANCY TURLAK]

**JUNE 13, SUNDAY**

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:00AM+DEBBI SCHMIDT [JAKE AND BRIANA SCHMIDT]  
10:00AM BILL SCHERSCHEL [BILL & LARRY SCHERSCHEL]  
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO [JOSE AND ERIKA ROBLES]

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**  
**JUNE 12 – JUNE 20, 2021**

**JUNE 12, SATURDAY**

5:00PM TOM AND +MARY ANN LAKIN [JOHN AND NANCY TURLAK]

**JUNE 13, SUNDAY**

8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
10:00AM+DEBBI SCHMIDT [JAKE AND BRIANA SCHMIDT]  
10:00AM BILL SCHERSCHEL [BILL & LARRY SCHERSCHEL]  
NOON+ARTURO CAMPOS PATINO [JOSE AND ERIKA ROBLES]

**JUNE 14, MONDAY**

9:00AM+TED AND TOM BOHN [DOROTHY BOHN]  
9:00AM WILLIAM MALBON [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]

**JUNE 15, TUESDAY**

8:00AM THE VOLUNTEERS OF SVDP [BILL AND CINDY OSTER]  
8:00AM TIM KRUGH [HELEN IANNARONE]

**JUNE 16, WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM+GADIEL DIAZ [BERTO DIAZ]  
6:00PM+PAT CARPENTER [SHIRLEY CARPENTER]

**JUNE 17, THURSDAY**

8:00AM SUSAN MILNE [DELLA HARRISON]  
8:00AM+MARILYN COTTER [PHYLLIS STURZA]

**JUNE 18, FRIDAY**

8:00AM+LUS CASTENANOS [RAMON & LUISA GARCIA]  
8:00 AM+MARILYN COTTER [PHYLLIS STURZA]

**JUNE 19, SATURDAY**

5:00PM+ROBERT RIGDON [SHERRY GULLINGS]

**JUNE 20, SUNDAY**

8:00AM+EMMETT KEARNEY [DAVID & CAROLYN RIEGER]  
10:00AM+DEBBI SCHMIDT [DEWAYNE KAYSER]  
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS  
NOON DAVID OLASCOAGA [MARGARITA OLASCOAGA]

Please pray for the response of the soul of George Schwartz a parishioner who passed away on May 23.



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Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us. Child Abuse Prevention month reminds us to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. Report all allegations or incidents of sexual abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities to 1-855-503-SAFE (7233) Keep Oregon's Children Safe. After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities please contact: Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker, Safe Environment Coordinator, Email: [leah@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:leah@dioceseofbaker.org), Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, VG, Email: [rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:rfischer@dioceseofbaker.org), Phone: 541-891-9015. Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact: Angelina Montoya, MD, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Phone: 541-678-5652. Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop please contact: Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS), Phone: 800-276-1562.



**MASKS/FACE SHIELDS:** Mass attendees who are fully vaccinated, as defined by the CDC, are not obligated to socially distance or wear masks. See [dioceseofbaker.org](http://dioceseofbaker.org) – Decree of Bishop Liam Cary – Back to Normal at Mass: Undoing COVID-19 Liturgical Restrictions – 14 May 2021.



**USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED:** If interested, call the Parish Office.



**RUMMAGE SALE:** Please bring your good, clean items for the Altar Society Rummage Sale to the Parish Center Gym on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 6pm or Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 1pm. We also need good, sturdy bags. For more information, turn this page over.



**THE ST. THOMAS BOOK CLUB:** The St. Thomas Book Club began reading *Numbering My Days-How the Liturgical Calendar Rearranged My Life*, By Chene Heady. Chene Heady was a believing Catholic whose daily concerns were shaped primarily by forces other than his faith--career demands, financial decisions, scheduling conflicts, etc. He was the typical overextended and anonymous modern Catholic man. Then he tried an experiment that dramatically rearranged his life. After reading about the importance of the Church's liturgical year, Heady took up the challenge to live as though the Church's calendar, not the secular one, stood at the center of his life. *Numbering My Days* tells the story of one man's renewal, and it offers an authentic model of spiritual development for anyone. Books are available at bookstores or from Ignatius Press (1.800.651.1531 or [www.ignatiuspress.com](http://www.ignatiuspress.com)) for about \$16.95. Discussion will be Tuesday, June 22, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Fireside Room. For more information contact Leah at 541.884.4031.



**NOW HIRING:** The Diocese of Baker is looking for an integral, collaborative, dynamic team player who can bring the necessary skill set to provide confidential data management and administrative assistance to the Tribunal.

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**JUNE FLOWERS:** Rachel Visinoni

**FLOWER MINISTRY:** Are you looking for a way to become more involved with St. Thomas? We are looking for additional parishioners to help with arranging flowers for the altar. If you are someone with that ability and would like to join this ministry, please contact Donna Jensen at the parish office.



**BIBLE STUDY:** Have you been feeling the need to learn more about your Catholic faith and the Bible? Check out our wonderful Catholic Bible Studies set aside in their own section in the church's "Fireside Room." For more information see the flyer.



**ST. THOMAS LENDING LIBRARY:** DID YOU KNOW that the lending library in the hallway by the Fireside Room is open for borrowing by ALL parishioners? All the great Catholic authors and saints are there: St. Augustine, John Paul II, Mother Theresa, Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Fulton Sheen, books on the Blessed Mother, the Sacraments, The Bible,

and Theology. There are even DVDs and CDs. Take a look and take a book. Feel free to keep as long as necessary. Anything on the bottom shelf is free to keep.



**WANT TO TRY ONLINE GIVING?** Go to bottom of the home page at [www.stthomasredmond.com](http://www.stthomasredmond.com) and click on "ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION." Great resource!



**RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE UPDATE:** Thanks to all of you who have generously responded so quickly to this year's appeal. The first deposit of the year was made from the first and second weekend collection of the bottles in the amount of \$1611.02. Of the initial 190 bottles that were set out at the beginning of the bottle drive, 180 of them were taken, and 42 were returned within the first two weekends with various checks, currency, and coins. This is a very promising start and there are three months left for contributions. Thank you everyone!

Baby bottles are still available. Please return the bottle with your spare change or check over the summer, with the end of the campaign being Labor Day weekend in September. See the yellow flier for more information.



**CENTRAL OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE:** is looking for compassionate, prayerful people to join us every Friday at Planned Parenthood, between the hours of 8 am to 3pm. Abortions are performed on Fridays by appointment only. We also would appreciate people who will commit to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying for the human lives lost during these hours. If you can help, please contact Toni: [RavenVegas76@gmail.com](mailto:RavenVegas76@gmail.com). God bless you.



**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS – TREASURES OF THE CHURCH:** The Diocese of Baker presents a teaching and exposition of an extraordinary Vatican collection of Sacred Relics from Thursday, June 3, 2021, through Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Over 150 relics will be present, some as old as 2,000 years. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have occurred in the presence of relics, and many have happened through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. The exposition is directed by the renowned expert on Saints and their relics, Father Carlos Martins. See [www.TreasuresOfTheChurch.com](http://www.TreasuresOfTheChurch.com) for more information. The Central Deanery event will be at St. Thomas on Tuesday, June 8, at 6:00PM, beginning in the Church.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Tuesday, June 29, in the parish center from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or contact Donna Jensen at the parish office (541-923-3390).



**THE LATIN MASS:** 9am every Sunday at the historical St. Francis Church. Confession is available before Mass. For more information, please email Chris Miccolis – [SaintFoilan@protonmail.com](mailto:SaintFoilan@protonmail.com)



**REGISTER AT FORMED.ORG.** Parishioners, click on St. Thomas, Redmond.

# RUMMAGE SALE

FOR CHARITY

## St. Thomas Altar Society Rummage Sale

St. Thomas Parish Center Gym

1720 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street (Corner of NW Maple)

Redmond, Oregon

- Friday, July 9, 2021: 9am till 3pm
- Saturday, July 10, 2021 (Bag Sale): 9am till noon

**We need good, clean items for our Rummage Sale**

Please bring them to the Parish Center Gym on:

- Wednesday, July 7th from 2pm till 6pm (or)
- Thursday, July 8th from 9am till 1pm

If you'd like to help with the sale, come to the Parish Center Gym on either set up day, or during the sale. We welcome your help!

Come join our Altar Society ~!!

### Proceeds Help With Altar Society Projects Including:

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## Changes or Additions to Parish Records

- ( ) 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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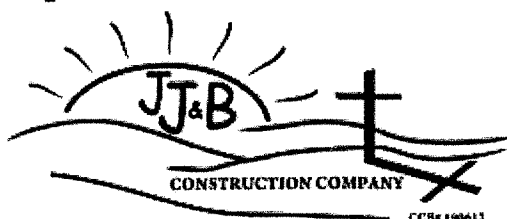


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Joshua 1:9  
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June 2021

St. Thomas Church  
Rev. Todd Unger, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### Baptismal bargain

When we are baptized, God forms an unbreakable covenant with us promising His unconditional love. *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). Our part of the bargain is to obey him and love Him, and put Him first in our lives. At Baptism, we are marked as God's child for life. That won't change.

### A perspective check

*"Do not lose your inward peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."*

St. Francis de Sales

### Adoration

*"The acknowledgment of God as God, Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists ... The first commandment of the law obliges us to adore God"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church).



## Make a difference to your parish

The Catholic parish is a place of wonder and awe. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God's love, and share it with others. Each parishioner is important to a parish, especially now. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

**Take your place.** As pandemic restrictions ease around the country, you can once again take a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from Sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and participate in parish ministries.

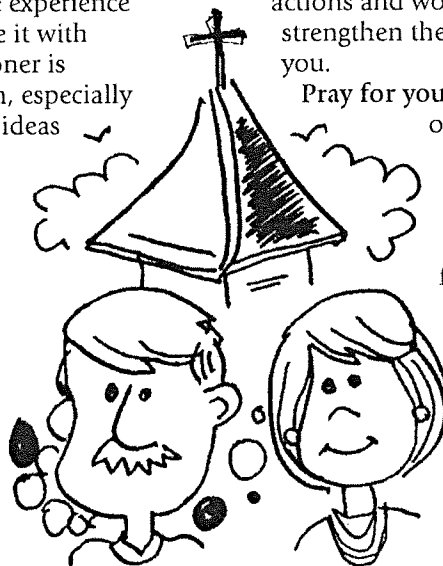
**Boost the faith of others.** Even the strongest Catholics can sometimes falter

in their faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

**Pray for your parish.** This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own in daily prayer. Pray for parish ministries. Offer prayers for your priests and parish staff.

**Build it, serve it, or pay for it.** When there is a need in the parish, don't wait for an invitation. Your parish family depends upon your efforts.

**Help it grow.** Invite friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you in worship. Your parish might be the spiritual home they've been searching for.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do priests wear a white collar?

The white collar or "Roman collar," dates back to the 15th century when priests placed linen or cotton collars over their outer clothing to be easily distinguished. This evolved into the collar we see on most priests today when wearing their black "clerics."



According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "Outside liturgical functions, a black suit and Roman collar are the usual attire for priests." When wearing a white collar, it means he's "on duty" to give blessings, offer counsel, and administer Sacraments.



## Savor a saintly summer

The slower pace of summer offers opportunities to nurture faith in creative ways not feasible in hectic times. Consider these ideas:

**Visit a shrine.** Holy places where relics are preserved, an apparition has taken place, or one that encourages a particular belief or devotion offer opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage. Look for directories of shrines in the U.S., including [www.catholicshrines.net](http://www.catholicshrines.net) or from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://ow.ly/OYvJ30bAayl>.

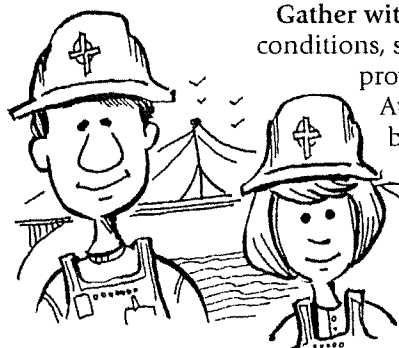
**Attend daily Mass.** Meeting God in the

Eucharist begins a summer day with grace. Daily Mass is a full Catholic immersion in Christ, in the Sacraments, and the saints, all at once.

**Gather with other Catholics.** As we emerge from pandemic conditions, spending time with other Catholic friends can provide a community of faith-filled companions.

Attend Mass together, socialize together, brainstorm Gospel-centered life solutions together.

**Look for signs of God's love.** Find a park or green space near you where you can center your heart and mind on Jesus. Observe His creation and become more aware of His presence.



### from Scripture

#### Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action.

As the leader of the local synagogue, Jairus was probably pressured by the Pharisees to avoid or reject Jesus. It was a courageous act for him to publicly approach Jesus, bow before him, and beg for a cure for his daughter. Jairus' faith in Jesus was that strong.

On the way to Jairus' home, Jesus was delayed by a woman with a serious hemorrhage. According to Jewish law, her constant bleeding would have excluded her from most social contact. She thought Jesus wouldn't want to touch her and secretly grabbed His cloak



believing that any contact would cure her. In fact, she was cured, but Jesus told her that it was her faith that provided the cure. We should never allow fear of our unworthiness to keep us from God.

By the time Jesus finished with the woman, Jairus was told of his daughter's death. Jesus simply said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36), and Jairus' great faith was rewarded. No matter how desperate your situation may appear, trust Jesus to help. Even death is under His control.

### Q & A

#### Is there really such thing as sin?

Dealing with sin is uncomfortable and following God's rules is hard. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist. While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us, eventually God will decide if we have been "good." Since His opinion is the one that matters, His rules rule.

**Sin is real.** The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

**Unconfessed sin separates us from God.** "For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt" (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means missing God's forgiveness. Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they would please God or not. Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



### Feasts & Celebrations

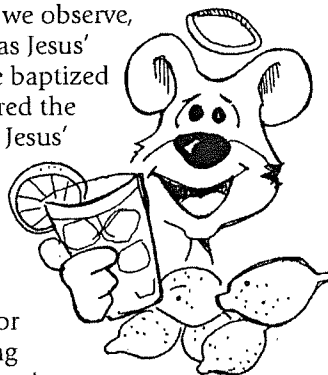
**June 11 - Sacred Heart of Jesus.** The image of Jesus with His heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of His intense and eternal love for us.

**June 22 - Immaculate Heart of Mary.** In response to a request by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

**June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591).** St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to cut back on penance in order to

study and spend time with the other students. He died while nursing the sick.

**June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist.** The only saint whose birth and death we observe, St. John was Jesus' cousin. He baptized and prepared the people for Jesus' coming. He even baptized Jesus and was later executed for denouncing Herod's marriage to his sister-in-law.



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# BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS



Have you been feeling the need to learn more about your Catholic faith and the Bible? Check out our wonderful Catholic Bible Studies set aside in their own section in the church's "Fireside Room."

Here's a brief overview of the Bible Study resources that are available in the Adult Faith Formation library. Many studies cover individual books of the Bible like the Gospel of John, 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, and Psalms. Other studies are more topical, or theme based, and cover a variety of Catholic beliefs and practices such as the Sacraments, the Mass, Prayer, or Church History. The studies are led by contemporary Catholic educators in an interesting and engaging format. A typical study is presented on DVD in 8-10 sessions, each lasting about 30 minutes, and includes a helpful Study Guide to enhance your understanding of the topic. All studies are stand alone and don't require any previous Biblical background or expertise to enjoy.

To borrow the free materials, ask at the office for best times to browse and access the room, then simply follow the check-out instructions. Return the items at your earliest convenience. Enjoy!





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## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 29, 2021  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

St. Thomas Catholic Church Parish Gym  
1720 NW 19<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond, OR

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or  
contact Donna Jensen at the St. Thomas Parish Office (541-923-3390)

# EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

## *Treasures of the Church*



### **The Diocese of Baker welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics.**

- Over 150 Relics, some as old as 2,000 years
- St. Joseph
- St. Maria Goretti
- St. Therese of Lisieux
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Anthony of Padua
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. Faustina Kowalska

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

#### **Northern Deanery:**

June 3, 2021, Our Lady of Angels Church, Hermiston OR, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

June 4, 2021, Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande, OR, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### **Eastern Deanery**

June 5, 2021, Blessed Sacrament Church, Ontario, OR 6:00 - 9:00 PM

June 6, 2021, Holy Family Church, Burns, OR 1:00 - 4:00 PM

#### **Southern Deanery**

June 7, 2021, St. Pius X, Klamath Falls, OR 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### **Central Deanery**

June 8, 2021, St. Thomas Church, Redmond OR 6:00 - 9:00 PM

#### **Western Deanery**

June 9, 2021, St. Peter Church, The Dalles, OR 6:00- 9:00 PM

## **Bulletin Announcement / Pulpit Announcement**

### **Treasures of The Church: Vatican exhibit of Sacred Relics**

The Diocese of Baker presents a teaching and exposition of an extraordinary Vatican collection of Sacred Relics from Thursday, June 3, 2021 through Wednesday June 9, 2021. Over 150 relics will be present, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of the Twelves Apostles, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have occurred in the presence of relics, and many have happened through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. The exposition is directed by the renowned expert on Saints and their relics, Father Carlos Martins. See [www.TreasuresOfTheChurch.com](http://www.TreasuresOfTheChurch.com) for more information.

#### **Northern Deanery:**

June 3, 2021, Our Lady of Angels Church, 565 W Hermiston Ave, Hermiston OR, 6:00-9:00 PM

June 4, 2021, Our Lady of the Valley, 1002 L Ave, La Grande, OR, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### **Eastern Deanery**

June 5, 2021, Blessed Sacrament Church, 829 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Ontario, OR 6:00-9:00 PM

June 6, 2021, Holy Family Church, 678 N Egan Ave, Burns, OR 1:00-4:00 PM

#### **Southern Deanery**

June 7, 2021, St. Pius X, 4880 Bristol Ave, Klamath Falls, OR 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### **Central Deanery**

June 8, 2021, St. Thomas Church, 1720 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Street Redmond OR 6:00-9:00 pm

#### **Western Deanery**

June 9, 2021, St. Peter Church, 1222 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, The Dalles, OR 6:00-9:00 PM



## ***St. Thomas the Apostle Marian Respect for All Life 2021 Campaign is Coming!!!***

Hello everyone!

Another year has passed, and what year it has been we all must agree. So many changes, so many rules, a new president, much unrest and uncertainty, and a vaccine to hopefully control this pandemic that has circled the world.

Speaking of this pandemic, as we write this intro for you, 2,946,072 lives have been lost to the coronavirus in the world averaging 15,983 a day. In the US, 529,759 have died, with an average daily death of 767 Americans. While our government fights so hard to continue to implement restrictions to control the spread of this disease, abortions in America continue to occur, which leads one to wonder why we fight so hard to preserve existing peoples but allow abortions to continually take the lives of the unborn.

It is estimated the 25-30% of American women will terminate at least one pregnancy in their lifetime. That is about 13 abortions per 1000 women, and 25 million women worldwide undergo unsafe abortion procedures each year resulting in approximately 70,000 women dying. In the US, 9.22% women terminate pregnancy voluntarily each year, and of these women, ages 20-29 accounted for 59% of all legal abortions, with only 1.7 % abortions due to rape.

Indeed, at the very heart of the Christian faith is the embodied affirmation of this great truth: that human life is worth living, and that no matter how great the uncertainty, no matter how great the possible suffering, life must be welcomed with open arms, and with great faith and trust. God Himself took on the human form and lived on this earth, showing us once and for all that human beings possess a dignity and value that far surpasses what can be put into words.

We here at St. Thomas will once again begin our Baby Bottle Drive in May to collect donations to help fund those necessary publications and anti-abortion groups that we contribute to and other right to life efforts. We plan on bottle distribution over Mother's Day weekend, May 8 and 9 following all Masses. We will once again do as last year, leaving the bottles out at the entrance to the church so you may take one on your way out after Mass. We will ask also that you return the bottle with your spare change or check over the summer, with the end of the campaign being Labor Day weekend in September.

Your Respect for Life Committee thanks you in advance for your interest and participation in this worthy cause. We could not do this without you!!!!

