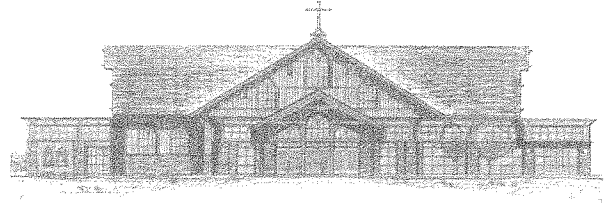


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JANUARY 2 and 3, 2021 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9 and 10, 2021 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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
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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.

CANDLE INTENTION OPPORTUNITIES: Beginning in January, 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 at 7:00pm, Parish Center Conference Room.

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

Knights of Columbus will not meet until further notice - Grand Knight: Jim Manley

Altar Society will meet On Monday, January 11, at 1:00pm in the Church Side Vestibule - President: Marjorie Joll

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

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
JANUARY 2, 2021 – JANUARY 10, 2021**

JANUARY 2, FIRST SATURDAY:
8:00AM+FATHER LEO WECKERLE [CECILIA WECKERLE]
5:00PM RON LAMOUREUX [DON AND MARY LEHNERTZ]

JANUARY 3, SUNDAY:
8:00AM+ANN HAVELOCK [RAY HAVELOCK]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON FAMILIA ROBLES CAMPOS [JOSE AND ERIKA ROBLES]

JANUARY 4, MONDAY:
8:00AM LORRAINE ESPINOSA [LUISA GARCIA]

JANUARY 5, TUESDAY:
8:00AM+DON LYLE [DOLLY LYLE]

JANUARY 6, WEDNESDAY:
8:00AM+BOB HAAK [CRAIG AND BARBI MONSON]
6:00PM ALL PARISHIONERS

JANUARY 7, THURSDAY:
8:00AM+ANDY BETTENCOURT [SHARON BETTENCOURT]

JANUARY 8, FRIDAY:
8:00AM+BUZZ WIDMER [JOLENE AND DAVID PATRICK]

JANUARY 9, SATURDAY:
5:00PM+MIKE McKINNON [ALISON McKINNON]

JANUARY 10, SUNDAY:
8:00AM+JERRY HUBBARD [MARY AND DOUG DECKLEVER]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+DOLORES HERRERA PADILLA [NORMA HERRERA]

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
JANUARY 9, 2021 – JANUARY 17, 2021**

JANUARY 9, SATURDAY:
5:00PM+MIKE McKINNON [ALISON McKINNON]

JANUARY 10, SUNDAY:
8:00AM+JERRY HUBBARD [MARY AND DOUG DECKLEVER]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+DOLORES HERRERA PADILLA [NORMA HERRERA]

JANUARY 11, MONDAY:
8:00AM+STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]

JANUARY 12, TUESDAY:
8:00AM+BOB HAAK [JOAN AND JOE CARPENTER]

JANUARY 13, WEDNESDAY:
8:00AM+MARGARET O'CONNELL [RYAN AND CINDY SALE]
6:00 PM ALL PARISHIONERS

JANUARY 14, THURSDAY:
8:00AM+FELICIA AND WILLIAM ZIEHL [THE HORTENSE ZIEHL FAMILY]

JANUARY 15, FRIDAY:
8:00AM INEZ BACA [HER FRIENDS]

JANUARY 16, SATURDAY:
5:00PM+DONNA WESTENDORF [LOIS NORTHRUP]

JANUARY 17, SUNDAY:
8:00AM+LESLIE ST. CYR [ANNETTE VARDENEGA]
10:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
NOON+ALMAS BENDITAS DEL PURGATORIO [NORMA HERRERA]

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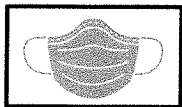
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Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange 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: frfischer@dioceseofbaker.org



HELP WANTED: St. Thomas Academy is seeking candidates for the position of Substitute Teacher for grades Preschool through Middle School. Must have prior education experience. If you would like to apply, please email Patty Schulte with your interest at schulte@redmondacademy.com or call the school office for more details: 541-548-3785.



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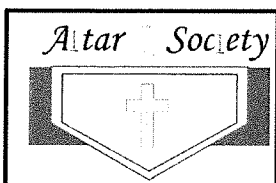
MASKS/FACE SHIELDS: COVID viral spread is affected by: (1) distance from someone not wearing a face covering. (2) Sneezing and coughing which increases the number of virus particles near you. (3) Singing or speaking forcefully which releases more virus than speaking quietly. **Mass attendees at St. Thomas can respect others by socially distancing (6 feet in all directions) and properly wearing face masks or face shields in the manner recommended by the CDC; that is, covering the nose and mouth.**



THE ST. THOMAS BOOK CLUB: The Saint Thomas Book Club is currently reading **All In: Why Belonging to the Catholic Church Matters** by, Pat Gohn. Pat shares her insight on how church teachings have made a deep impact on her life and driven her to be "all in" when it comes to the Catholic Faith. To participate please order the book at available bookstores or from Ave Maria Press at 800.282.1865 or avemariapress.com (Paperback \$15.95). Please complete a faith formation questionnaire found on the table in the back by the bulletins for planning and to receive the discussion questions. **Additional questions please contact Leah Bickett at 541.884.4031.**



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



ALTAR SOCIETY meets Monday, January 11, in the side vestibule at 1:00 pm.

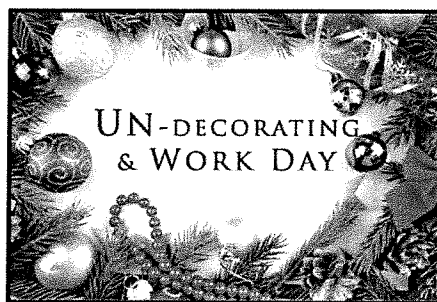


12TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR 5K/10K

RUN JANUARY 9TH - 16TH 2021: The Annual Polar Bear Run is virtual!! All funds raised support St. Thomas Academy this year! Shortly after registering for Polar Bear you will receive a printable bib number via email and you can complete a 5K on your own, in your own neighborhood with responsible social distancing, within the span of a week. This can be done outdoors or on a treadmill. While you're completing your 5K, please take pictures and share them with us so we can post them to our social channels. Run/Walk your distance on your own during race week and post your pictures to our St. Thomas Academy Facebook page for fun! **All registered participants receive a long sleeve race t-shirt.** For Registration information please visit:

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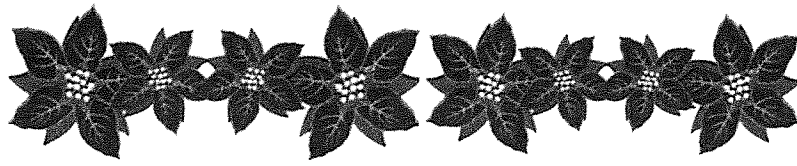
HELP UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH: Monday, January 11, 9:00 am. All are Welcome!!



JANUARY/FEBRUARY FLOWERS (from the Baptism of the Lord to Ash Wednesday) by Judy Newport



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



Thank you for the very generous donations for poinsettias for the Christmas decor.

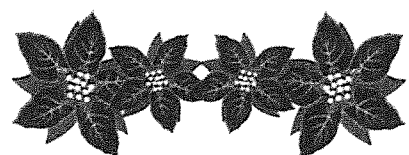
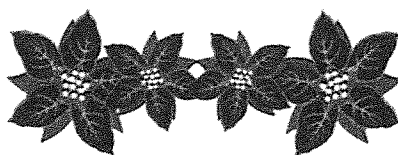
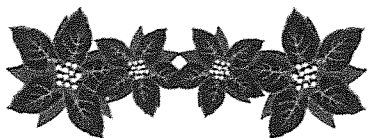
Because of the many contributions and limited space, we purchased as many as was deemed necessary to enhance the Christmas experience. The remaining dollars will be used to purchase Easter lilies.

St. Thomas Altar Society

Donations were received as follows:

In remembrance of — —

Eileen Allumbaugh by Ed Allumbaugh
Jeff Born by The Born Family
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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: _____

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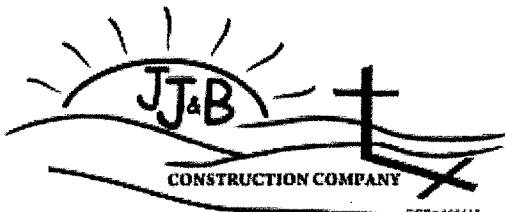


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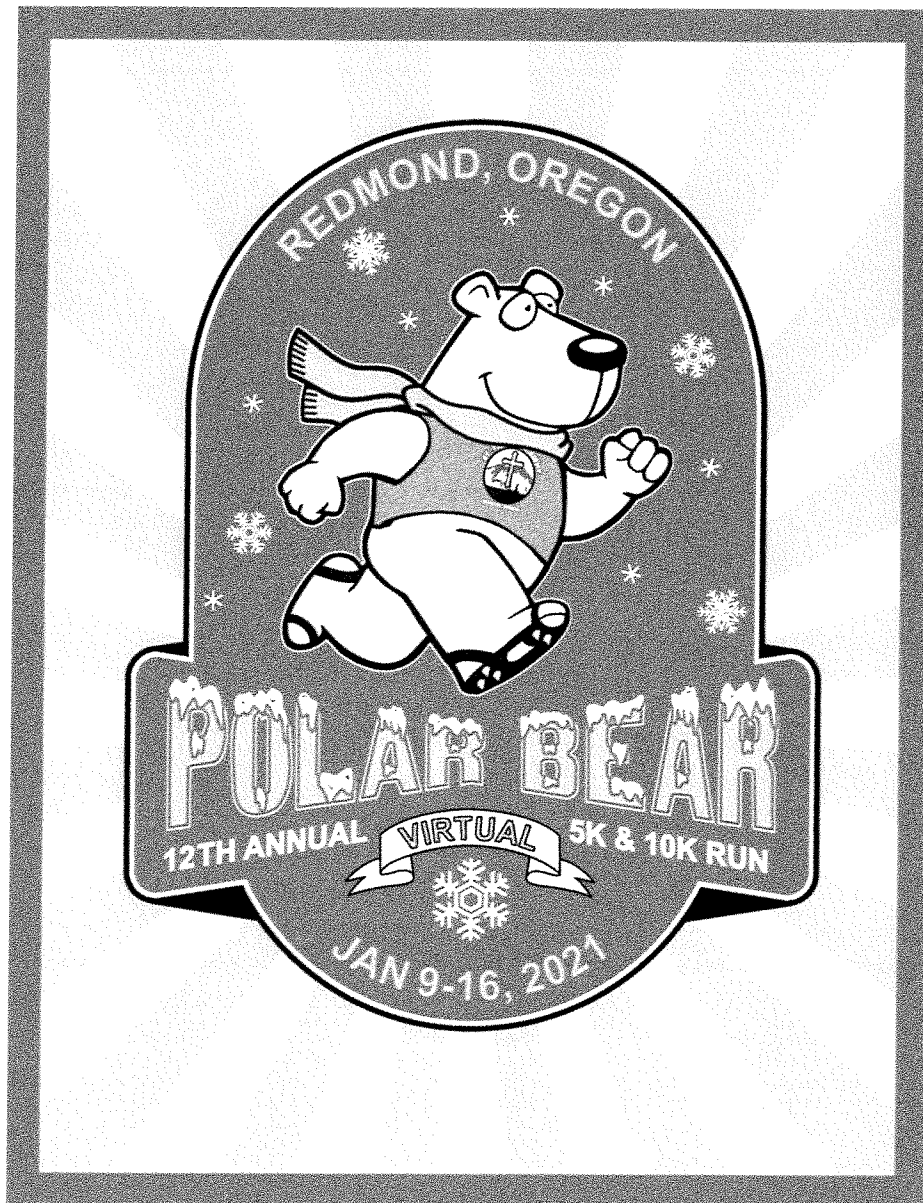
Jerome 8:18
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you.

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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



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One Minute Meditations

Tough times?

Throughout history, God has proven his faithfulness and care over and over again. He promises that He will help you through whatever tough times you face. *"God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Lean on Him.



Tune out the world and tune into Go

In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice over the din. Yet, listening is as important as talking during prayer. *"By waiting and by calm you shall be saved, in quiet and in trust your strength lies"* (Isaiah 30:15). Talk to Him often, but make a point of listening for God's voice.

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).



Give the gift of friendship in the New Year

When times are tough, it can be our family and friends who help us through. There wasn't much Jesus wouldn't do for His friends. In fact, He was more concerned with being a good friend than with having one. In our current pandemic situation, we can care for our loved ones as Jesus would:

Make spending time together a priority. Connections between loved ones are critical now. When meeting in person isn't possible, phone calls, letters, and emails can keep us connected. Video conferencing has become a staple of daily life; consider organizing regular get togethers with friends and family using your favorite conferencing program.

Help other people feel important. No matter how you interact, give the other person your full attention in conversation, and show appreciation and understanding for what he is saying.

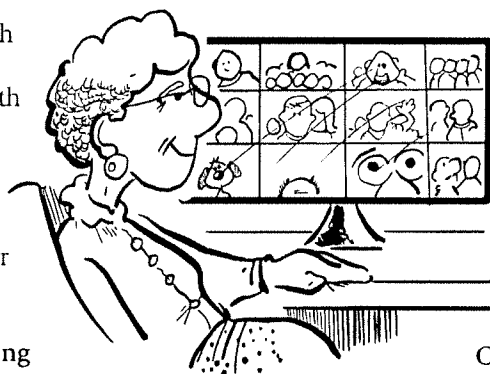
Celebrate your friends' successes. A true friend is genuinely happy when something good happens in the other's life.

Value differences. Don't try to change your loved ones.

Celebrate their diversity.

Be willing to apologize. You may let each other down but a sincere apology can bring friends closer together.

Don't forget old friends. Call someone you haven't been in touch with for a long time. Don't know what to say? Try, "I don't want another moment to go by without being in touch. I've missed you."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross, and circled by a crown of thorns.



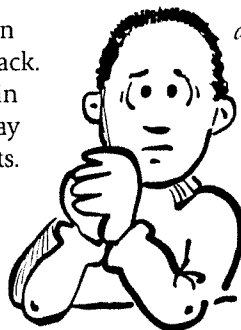
Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.

"What do you want from me, Lord?"

God gives to us freely, but what does he want in return? Simply put, God wants us to love Him back.

Know Him. God made each of us with a space in our heart just for Him. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things, but nothing else fits. When we turn to Him, the reward is beyond our dreams.

Love Him. Jesus said, *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,*



and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). He wants us to surrender to his infinite love. Show your love by praying frequently, seeking Communion with Him often, and praising Him continually.

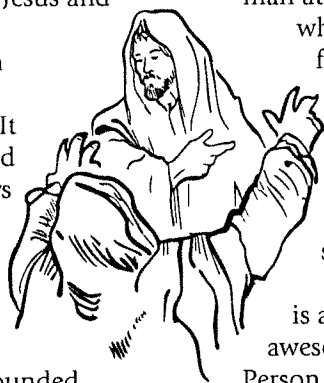
Serve Him. *"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me"* (Matthew 25:40). When we make sure everyone has enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It's what he wants from us.

from Scripture

Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered at the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, *"I say to you ..."* He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate

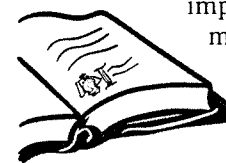


man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.

Q & A How can I choose Catholic references that are accurate and faithful?

One good way to determine whether or not a book or pamphlet accurately reflects Catholic doctrine is to look for an "imprimatur" printed in the first few pages of the book. The presence of an



imprimatur generally means that a bishop's office has determined it to be free of doctrinal or moral

errors. It may be accompanied by a "nihil obstat" (Latin for "nothing stands in the way") which means that someone well-versed in Catholic theology has reviewed the contents and found the same thing. Keep in mind that neither the imprimatur nor the nihil obstat imply agreement with the content or opinions.

It is particularly important for a book that purports to teach about the faith of the Church to carry the approval of the Catholic Church. There are many well-meaning people who intend to educate others about God's infinite love but may have an imperfect understanding of Catholic doctrine. When choosing materials to learn more about our religion, you will want to be sure that they are accurate.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century). Timothy was a convert of St. Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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