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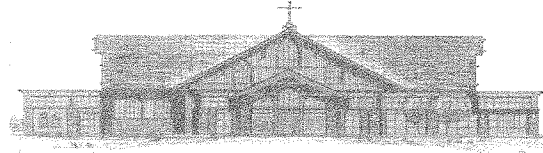
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SEPTEMBER 11 and 12, 2021 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 18 and 19, 2021 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Pastor : fathertodd@stthomasredmond.com

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 22nd

Day of the month for Respect for Life at 7:25 am

CANDLE INTENTIONS

+Judy Newport ~ Blessed Virgin Mary ~ 9/26/21

Sara Jones ~ Blessed Virgin Mary ~ 9/26/21

LeRoy Newport ~ Sacred Heart ~ 9/26/21

Rod and Linda Jones ~ Sacred Heart ~ 9/26/21

Hudson Miller ~ St. Joseph ~ 9/26/21

Matthew Carroll ~ St. Joseph ~ 9/26/21

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. Baptismal paperwork must be completed and turned in at least 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism.

To schedule a Baptismal Class in English, please call the office 541.923.3390. Baptisms in English are scheduled the 3rd 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, John Turlak, 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, 7:00 pm. Grand Knight: John Turlak

Altar Society will meet in the Side Vestibule on Monday, September 13, at 1:00 pm, preceded by the Annual Potluck

Luncheon at noon. President: Marjorie Joll

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
SEPT 11 – SEPT 19, 2021

SEPTEMBER 11, SATURDAY
5:00PM+STAN AND MIKE STURZA [PHYLLIS STURZA]

SEPTEMBER 12, SUNDAY
8:00AM+ALICE LENGLE [DOROTHY BOHN]
10:00AM+KIERAN MADDEN [RON AND MARGARET RUCKER]
NOON+IMELDA AND AMADOR OJEDA [SARA ORTIZ]

SEPTEMBER 13, MONDAY
8:00AM SVPD VOLUNTEERS
8:00AM+JUDY NEWPORT [ALTAR SOCIETY]

SEPTEMBER 14, TUESDAY
8:00AM+DR. RICHARD THORNE [JOHN AND NANCY TURLAK]
8:00AM+JUDY NEWPORT [JOHN AND NANCY TURLAK]

SEPTEMBER 15, WEDNESDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM MICHAEL PALMER [CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]
6:00PM+JAVIER RUIZ, JR. [JAVIER & MA. ELENA RUIZ]

SEPTEMBER 16, THURSDAY
8:00AM PAMELA PROXMIRE [TIM KRUGH]
8:00AM+RAY HOUGHTON [CAROLYN HOUGHTON]

SEPTEMBER 17, FRIDAY
8:00AM+FRANK & GLORIA PHILLIPS [PHYLLIS & JIM HINTON]
8:00AM+BERNADETTE RENNER [BARRY & PENNY GREIG]

SEPTEMBER 18, SATURDAY
5:00PM+TOM NAGY [JOANNIE HAMMOND AND NORM KNOTT]

SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM LARRY SCHERSCHEL [BILL SCHERSCHEL]
NOON+AGRIPINA OLASCOAGA [AGRIPINA RODRIGUEZ]

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK
SEPT 18 – SEPT 26, 2021

SEPTEMBER 18, SATURDAY
5:00PM+TOM NAGY [JOANNIE HAMMOND AND NORM KNOTT]

SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM LARRY SCHERSCHEL [BILL SCHERSCHEL]
NOON+AGRIPINA OLASCOAGA [AGRIPINA RODRIGUEZ]

SEPTEMBER 20, MONDAY
8:00AM JESSICA MEYER [CHUCK MEYER FAMILY]
8:00AM+TOM NAGY [JOANNIE HAMMOND & NORM KNOTT]

SEPTEMBER 21, TUESDAY
8:00AM MATTHEW CARROLL [RON & DONNA JENSEN]
8:00AM+DR. RICHARD THORNE [MR. & MRS. JACK BEEMER]

SEPTEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY
8:00AM ROD AND LINDA JONES [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]
10:00AM+MONICA MUNGASIA [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]
6:00PM+PAT CARPENTER [SHIRLEY CARPENTER]

SEPTEMBER 23, THURSDAY
8:00AM HELEN IANNARONE [TIM KRUGH]
8:00AM+PATRICIA ANN (LONDON) COOKE [MIKE AND LINDA LONDON]

SEPTEMBER 24, FRIDAY
8:00AM+MIKE PANKRATZ [THE PANKRATZ FAMILY]
8:00AM+JUDY NEWPORT [LOIS NORTHRUP]

SEPTEMBER 25, SATURDAY
5:00PM+DR. RICHARD THORNE [RON AND DONNA JENSEN]

SEPTEMBER 26, SUNDAY
8:00AM ALL PARISHIONERS
10:00AM+JIM McDONALD [CHRIS McDONALD]
NOON+FAMILIA SALDANA [IGNACIA SALDANA]

OUR PURPOSE

St. Vincent de Paul is a nonprofit, charitable organization committed to serving at risk and disadvantaged persons in the Redmond community. We are dedicated to serving those in need and providing others with the opportunity to serve. We offer encouragement and hope to individuals through outreach programs that provide food, rent and utility assistance, and a giving closet.



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NUESTRO PROPOSITO

St. Vincent de Paul es una organización benéfica sin fines de lucro comprometida a servir a personas en riesgo y desfavorecidas en la comunidad de Redmond. Estamos dedicados a servir a los necesitados y brindarles a otros la oportunidad de servir. Ofrecemos aliento y esperanza a las personas a través de programas de extensión que brindan asistencia con alimentos, alquiler y servicios públicos, y un armario de donaciones.



DIocese OF BAKER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS



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, Phone 541-388-4004. Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults: Very Rev. Richard O. Fischer, VG, Email: 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.



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH: The weekend of September 11 and 12, we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747.



ALTAR SOCIETY: Altar Society Meeting in the Side Vestibule, **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th**, @ 1:00 pm, preceded by the Annual Potluck Luncheon at noon. All women of the Parish are cordially invited to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The 3rd Degree Knights will meet on Monday, September 13, at 7:00 pm. in the side vestibule.

There will be a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting at Abby's Pizza on September 16 with dinner at 6 pm, followed by the meeting.



SEPTEMBER FLOWERS: Joann Rau



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS on Sunday, September 26, after the 8 and 10 am Masses in the church side vestibule.



RCIA, THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS will begin Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 pm in the Altar Society Room.



THE SAINT THOMAS BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Fireside room to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis. Questions please contact Leah Bickett 541.884.4031.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Central Oregon Right to Life invites you to join us in our 2nd annual 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign 2021. Beginning on Wednesday, September 22nd thru October 31st. Sign up going to: 40daysforlife.com/en/bend or go to CentralOregonRighttoLife.com or call Patty at (541) 280-9744.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful presence along with fasting in front of Planned Parenthood. We are present with at least 2 or more peacefully praying with signs (we will provide). You can find out more about the 40 Days for Life on their website 40daysforlife.com/en/.



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.**



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.**



CENTRAL OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE: If anyone would like to join CORTL in prayer at planned parenthood, between 7:30-8:30am on Fridays at 2330 NE Division Street, please contact Valerie skelton2017@gmail.com or ravenvegas76@gmail.com. See the diocesan chronicle for more information.



WHOLENESS IN CHRIST WOMEN'S RETREAT: October 15 and 16 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Klamath Falls. Contact Mary Lou at kmkranenburg@gmail.com or 541-281-8948 and see registration forms and tri-fold brochure provided.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The September 7 drive was a success with 31 units collected. Thank you donors, Geoff Williams, and Shirley Carpenter for making this event so successful. Save the date of **Wednesday, November 24**, for the next drive.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Did you know that our Voucher Room provides baby & toddler supplies? Our most pressing need is for larger size pull-ups (sizes 4T and 5T) & small packages of baby wipes. Donations Mon-Sat 9:00-4:00.



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



WANT TO TRY ONLINE GIVING? Go to bottom of the home page at www.stthomasredmond.com and click on "ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION." Great resource!



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



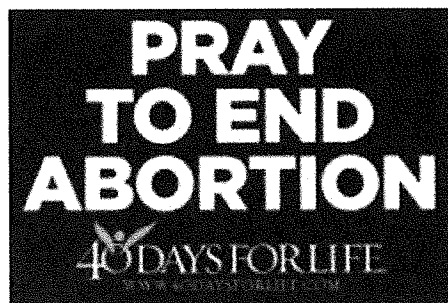
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Help Save a Life

The Pregnancy Resource Center in Redmond needs our help to continue their work to save the lives of unborn children. Each year the Center offers free ultrasounds to women who are considering abortion. 80% of these women, after having the ultrasound, decide to have the child. The Pregnancy Resource Center is in need of a new ultrasound machine. Each machine costs more than \$30,000. The Redmond, Bend and Prineville Knights of Columbus are raising funds to help. All money raised by the local Knights will be matched by the National Knights of Columbus. This is a great opportunity to make a big difference.

We have placed envelopes, as the one below, in the pews and at the church entrance. Simply make out your check to St Thomas and place in the envelope. You can put in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your help in this life saving cause.



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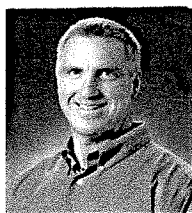


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Changes or Additions to Parish Records

- () 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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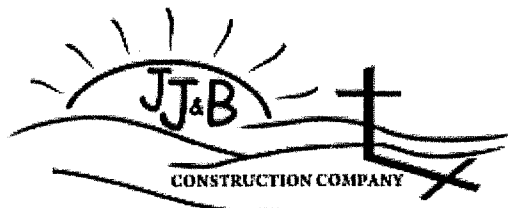
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One Minute Meditations

Make time

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray.

Instead we have to make time to pray. If we make time for God, he will help us find the time we need for everything else.

Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if *"... you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross.

If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.



"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

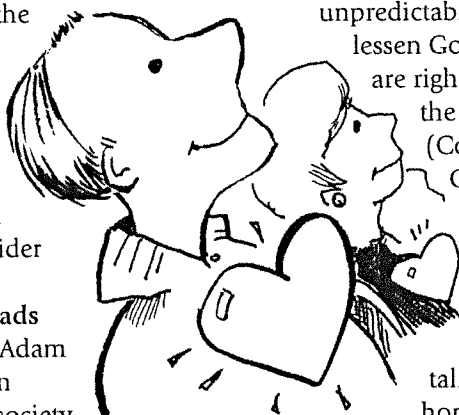
Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to

others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, *"... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

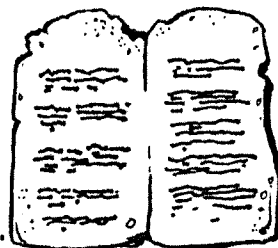
The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them

Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences. Jesus

summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.

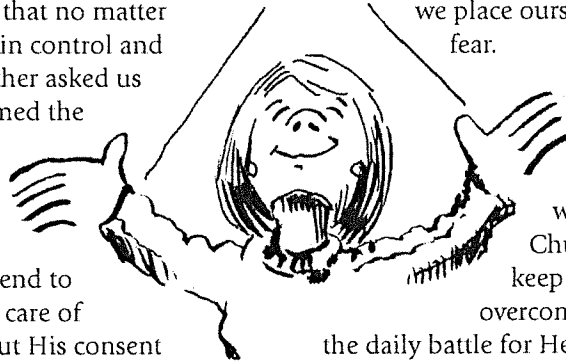


Be not afraid

The phrase "be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry. Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent

and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

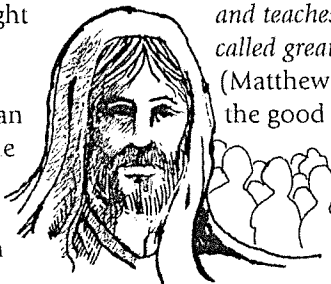


Keep your eyes on Him. Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God's Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.



Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If,

through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others.

Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good

example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q & A Why do I have to go to Mass when I don't enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,048 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn't actually about us – it's about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about Him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) eight

years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick, and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The "Good King" was immediately recognized as a martyr.



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