


Holy Redeemer Catholic Church		
	April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of lent	
<div>Parish Information</div> <div>2250 16th Street, North Bend, OR 97459 Phone: 541-756-0633 Fax: 541-756-3234 Website: www.holyredeemernb.org</div> <div></div> <div>Pastor: Fr. Paschal Ezurike Email: frpaschal@holyredeemernb.org Phone: 541-756-0633, ext 4</div> <div>Deacon: Peter Broussard Email: chaplainpete@gmail.com</div> <div>Parish Staff: Hours M-F 10am-2pm Business Manager: Susan Uehara Email: businessoffice@holyredeemernb.org Phone: 541-756-0633, ext 1</div> <div>Administrative Assistant: Sara Miller parishoffice@holyredeemernb.org Phone: 541-756-0633, ext 2</div> <div>Religious Education Director: James DeLong Phone: 541-756-0633, ext 5 Email: religious.ed@holyredeemernb.org</div> <div>Youth Minister: Ann DeLong Phone: 541-756-0633, ext 5 Email: religious.ed@holyredeemernb.org</div> <div>Pastoral Council President: Memo Jasso</div> <div>Administrative/Financial Council Chair: Dean Pfaender</div> <div>Prayer requests & Bulletin: Sara Miller 541-756-0633, ext 2</div> <div>Altar Server Scheduling: Kelly Allman 541-808-0908</div> <div>Mother Mary Statue: Nelia Parsons 541-756-9540</div> <div>Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator: Phil Reher 562-706-6857</div> <tr><td><div>Our Mission Statement:</div><div>The mission of Holy Redeemer Parish is to be a Catholic community centered in Christ as revealed through the Holy Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Church's teaching authority. 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Holy Redeemer Religious Education & Youth Activities	
Learn-Service-Fellowship Jim or Ann; 541-756-0633, ext 5	
<div></div> <div>April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11</div> <div>Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE</div>	
<div>GROW AS A DISCIPLE PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE</div> <div>Today's culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God's power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today's Gospel, instead of condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus' mercy has touched her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.</div> <div>PRAY</div> <div>Transformation doesn't happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they've helped to conform your will to God's. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It's not too late to offer a loving sacrifice to God!</div>	<div>GO EVANGELIZE</div> <div>PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT</div> <div>How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God's call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God's ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being "taken possession of by Christ Jesus," because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God's chosen people in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.</div>
<div>Our Offertory for:</div> <div>3/30/2025</div> <div>Total Offertory: \$ 46633 Catholic Relief Services: \$989</div> <div>We sincerely thank you, our parishioners and visitors, for your ongoing contributions and support. You are a blessing!</div>	<div>Please Pray for the Repose of the soul of Elena Keizer</div> <div>The funeral Mass for Elena Keizer will be held on Saturday, April 12 at 11:00 a.m. with Rosary at 10:30 a.m.</div> <div>A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.</div> <div></div>
<div>PRAYING FOR YOUR RECOVERY</div> <div>Ruth Rezendes, Stephen Lopez, Jim Wallace, Louise Leatherman, Sylvia Stoddard, Bette Osborne, Jan Hillar, Mike Crow, Robynn Repp, Sally Johnson, Ellie Harvey & Family, Tess Hansen, Doris Jefferies, Dustin Brown, Colleen Bushmaker, Charlotte Kelly Porter, Pat Franssen, Pedro Vila, Gail Lewis, Daniel Goodrich, Christa Hernandez, Patsy Gunther, Nina Woldseth, Jean McCurdy, Joseph Salzer, Breahnna Shands, Neil Chu Kung, Mike McGuire, Nora Krajcir, Cora & Lee Stearns, Kathleen Woldseth, Fred Kirby, Dick Hodge, Paul Hillar</div> <div>(If you want to add or remove a name just contact the parish office @ 541-756-0633, ext 2)</div>	

This week at HRC– Join us for the Rosary @ 8:30 am before daily Mass				
Sat	April 5	4:00pm	Ed Lewis† & Gail Lewis By Jan Colvin	
Sun	April 6	8:00am	Tony Holman by Leslie Gabel	
		10:00am	For the People of God	
Mon	April 7	9:00am	No Mass	
Tues	April 8	9:00am	Elena Keizer † Parish Family	
Wed	April 9	9:00am	Kenneth, Jaquelin, James & Jennifer McDonnell by Steve McDonnell	
Thurs	April 10	9:00am	Jim Hillar † Jan Hillar	
Fri	April 11	9:00am	Bob, Bobbie & Mike Gilsdorf † Kathy Walsh	
Sat	April 12	4:00pm	Bill Kulick † Susan Kulick	
Sun	April 13	8:00am	For the People of God	
		10:00am	RJ Dresser † The Miller Family	



Lectors, Altar Servers & Host Ministers

Saturday, April 12th @ 4:00pm
Lector & Voice: Steve Greif
HM & Narrator: Deacon Pete
Choir: Theresa Benton
Altar Servers: Angela, Zoey C & Zoey P

Palm Sunday, April 13th @ 8:00am
Lector & Narrator: Ron McGarrel
HM: Deacon Pete
Voice: Phil Reher
Altar Servers:

Sunday, April 13th @ 10:00am
Lector & Narrator: Tim Novotny
HM: Deacon Pete
Voice: Louie German
Choir: Jan Parten
Altar Servers: Angela, Dylan & Joel

Holy Thursday, April 17th @ 6:00pm (Incense)
Lector : Roger Johnson
Host: Deacon Pete
Choir Host: Jan Parten
Altar Servers: Elias & Veda

Good Friday, April 18th @ 6:00pm
Lector: Louie German
Host: Deacon Pete
Narrator: Deacon Pete
Voice: Roger Johnson
Choir Host: Jan Parten
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Easter Vigil, April 19th @ 8:30pm (Incense)
Lector #1: Louie German
Lector #2: Roger Johnson
Lector #3: Evelyn Reher
Lector #4: Phil Reher
Host: Deacon Pete
Choir Host: Jan Parten

5th Sunday of Lent

The Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery presents us with quite a challenge. Here is someone who has clearly violated the civil and moral laws and deserves the proscribed punishment of being stones to death. Jesus does not defend the women nor her excuse her behavior. He does not say that the people have no right to be outraged ad want to punish her. He simply says that the person with no sin should cast the first stone. We need to consider our own sinfulness and how the Lord has delt with us before passing judgement on others. How might that awareness affect your attitudes toward others?

*The Lord has done great things for us;
We are glad indeed.
-Psalm 126:3*

Altar Society Spring Market– Plant and Used book sale is adding the opportunity to have additional vendors to expand the event. If you or anyone you know would like to have a table at the event please contact Sara in the Parish office, Tuesday –Friday from 11-2
Tables are being offered at \$25 each

Saturday, April 12	11:00 Keizer Funeral 4:00 Mass
Sunday, April 13	8:00 Mass 10:00 Mass
Monday, April 14	10:00 Bible Study Third Scrutiny
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:00 Men's Group
Wednesday, April 16	No HR Kids
Holy Thursday, April 17	10:00 Crafts 6:00 Mass
Good Friday, April 18	3:00 Stations of the Cross 6:00 Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil Saturday, April 19	8:30pm Vigil Service
Easter Sunday, April 20	8:00 Mass 10:00 Mass

Birthday Wishes!	
4/8	Gail Lewis
4/8	Ed Rezendes
4/8	Raven Tinkler
4/10	James Graves
4/10	Teresa Romero
4/10	Virginia Stennett
4/11	Britney Brodersen
4/12	Angela Finneran
4/13	Azicena Sifford
HAPPY Anniversary	
4/7	Lloyd & Marcella Hall
4/12	James & Ann DeLong
4/12	Bert & Susie Teamy



CCC

The angels in the life of the Church

In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.
CCC 334

In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the Roman Canon's Supplices te rogamus. . .["Almighty God, we pray that your angel..."]); in the funeral liturgy's In Paradisum deducant te angeli. . .["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . ."]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).
CCC 335

From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession.202 "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."203 Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.
CCC 336

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & TURKEY 2025.

Travel with Fr. Paschal Ezurike, Pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, North Bend, Oregon, on our Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Fr. Paschal E.

Trip Dates:
Aug 16-26, 2025

Cost: \$5,299.00
Airfare and ALL-Included.

To register, please call (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.
You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Tuesday through Friday: 9:00am
Holy Days: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm
or by appointment-Contact Fr Paschal

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 9:30am to 6:00 pm
(sign up sheets in vestibule)

Anointing of the Sick:

If you or someone you know is homebound, wants to receive Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, contact Fr Paschal or the Parish Office.

Baptisms & Funerals:

Contact Fr Paschal or Parish Office

Weddings:

Call Fr. Paschal at least 6 months in advance of the planned date.