

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Times

Jesus' analogy of the kingdom of heaven to the pearl of great price reminds me of John Steinbeck's novel, *The Pearl*. In this short novel, we meet Kino, a poor diver, who provides a meager sustenance for his wife Juana and their infant Coyotito. One day, Coyotito was stung by a scorpion and Kino could not afford to pay a doctor to heal him. In this predicament, he searches for a pearl and emerges one day with a pearl as large as a seagull's egg. Because of the pearl's great worth, people around them scheme to lie and cheat, resorting even to violence. In the end, Kino becomes keenly aware that the pearl of great price is anywhere but in *this* pearl in his hands.

Christ claims the kingdom of heaven is the pearl of great price. Unlike the pearl of Kino, Jesus is not lying. What are the pearls in your life? Is one of these pearls Jesus?

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Adoration of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament Friday, August 1st at 12:50 p.m. Through Saturday, August 2nd 8:25 a.m.

"Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

Adoration will begin on Friday, August 1st at 12:50 p.m. and will end on Saturday, August 2nd at 8:25 a.m. Adoration will be followed by Benediction and then Mass at 8:30 a.m.

There is a sign up sheet for Adoration in the entry of the church.

Music Coordinator

The Church of the Assumption would like to hire a part time Music Coordinator (25-30 hours per week) with great salary and benefits. This person would be responsible to oversee all choirs and musicians in the parish as well as direct the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. English Mass Choirs. It would be helpful if the person was proficient in Spanish, but it is not required. A working knowledge of piano and voice is important, and a deep desire to work collaboratively with various musicians, parish staff and the wonderful people of Assumption Catholic Church is essential. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please fill out an application at the parish office and submit a resume before July 30, 2008. If you have questions, please contact Tom McMichael at 733-1380.

Stewardship Is Discipleship

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:34

Coffee Hour News

Coffee Hour, today, will be hosted by WISH (Women in Sacred Heart). On August 3rd, and 10th, Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Back alley abortions have become what is now called "Choice". It's still a dark alley down which helpless babies are taken and quietly butchered. It's the ultimate child abuse.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, July 29th to "*Conversations with Father Bob*". This week, Fr. Bob Camuso will interview **Michael Ramos**, the Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle about our role as Catholics as we welcome immigrants and work for social justice. Fr. Bob will also interview Regnum Christi member **James Deady** about ConQuest Summer Camps for boys.

"*Conversations with Father Bob*" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m. It also airs every Saturday morning, 8:00-9:00 a.m. on KKNW AM 1150.

Just Faith

Do you find yourself wondering how to live your faith in today's complex world? Living our faith and understanding today's challenges takes reflection, study, prayer and community. All of these are offered in the JustFaith program, an intensive thirty-week program that helps to answer these questions. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Caroline Correa at 647-1232.

No Babysitting

There will be no babysitting for the rest of summer. Babysitting will start again in October

July 26 & July 27

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Gospel: (Matt 13:44-52)

July 27 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (WISH) Shaughnessy Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

No AGAPE Group this week

Gospel: (Matt 13: 31-35)

July 28

Mon.

Martha, faithful disciple, Gospel: (Luke 10:38-42)

July 29 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass (Lucie Campbell)** Church
 For Mother's Day

Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor, Gospel: (Matt 13:44-46)

July 30 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass (Joseph Voyta) (+)** Church

Ignatius of Loyola, priest, Gospel: (Luke 14:25-33)

July 31 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Thurs. 12:10 p.m. **Mass (Paul Pflueger) (+)** Church

Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor, Gospel: (Matt 5:13-19)

Aug. 1 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **First Friday Mass** Church
 (Teresa Ospina) (+)
 12:50 p.m. Adoration Winter Chapel

Isaiah 55:1-3, Rom 8:37-39, Gospel: (Matt 14:13-21)

Aug. 2 8:25 a.m. Benediction Winter Chapel
Sat. 8:30 a.m. **First Saturday Mass** Church
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Isaiah 55:1-3, Rom 8:37-39, Gospel: (Matt 14:13-21)

Aug. 3 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Knights of Columbus) Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

**AGAPE Group in Hall, Kitchen, St. Augustine/St. Monica,
 and St. Nicholas Rooms from 3:00 p.m. August 3rd to 1:00
 p.m. August 8th.**

Key to Meeting Rooms at Parish Center:

St. Augustine/St. Monica Rooms - Library

St. Nicholas Room - Youth Room/Nursery

Assumption School News

SCRIP sales between the Masses on August 3. Also August 12-13 at the Uniform Sale.

Summer Office Hours: 8:00-3:00 (open during the lunch hour). The office will be closed July 1-July 30.

Attention Alumni: Plans are in the works for an all-school reunion the weekend of August 16-17, 2008. Please provide names, addresses, phone numbers and graduation years of Assumption Catholic School alumni to Jennifer Rick at jrick@school.Assumption.org. Are you interested in serving on the planning committee? Contact Jennifer.

Registration for 2008-2009: Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

Religious Education News

Cast

Ginnie Parine (647-5703) and Lee Langdon (738-4010) have stepped up to serve as coordinators for Sacred Heart CAST Program! Thank you Ginnie and Lee! Sacred Heart participates during Western Newman Center's Breaks. If you or your family are interested in making sandwiches and/or serving them to Bellingham's needy, please contact Ginnie or Lee.

Signups for summer are located on the clipboard in the back of the Church.

Sign-Up for RE Classes

It's not too soon to start thinking about RE Classes for Next Year...

Sign-ups will be August 24th and 31st.

Volunteer Appreciation

By now you should have received a postcard like the one below. If you are a volunteer for one of the many ministries at Sacred Heart, we want to be sure and express our thanks to you personally at the Mass and reception on Friday, September 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If for some reason, you have not received a card, please give us a call at the parish office and leave your name with Martha.

Meanwhile, by all means, please **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Sacred Heart Volunteer Appreciation

Save the Date!!!

Friday, Sept. 19th, 7:00 p.m. Mass

*Followed by
 Reception
 In the Hall*



Hosted by

Fr. Qui-Thac & Parish Staff

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others! July 19 & July 20, 2008

Envelopes (159)	\$	7,219.50
Visitors	\$	1,172.97
Children (1)	\$	4:00
Total Sunday Income	\$	8,396.47

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	115.00
Building & Grounds	\$	43.00
Assumption School	\$	35.00

Thank You for all the gifts of Time, Treasure and Talent you give to Sacred Heart!