

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## Biblical Interpretations

It is a fascinating account of Jesus' miracle. Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves of bread and two fish. How are we to understand this? What is the message? A very popular interpretation in the past few decades went something along these lines: Jesus miraculously fed the five thousand by stirring in their hearts a great generosity so that as the baskets were passed around, they did not take away, but even placed more in the baskets so that at the end, all were filled and there were twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Valiant attempt, but none of the Church Fathers like St. John Chrysostom, Augustine, or Jerome ever interpreted the passage in this way. If anything, this interpretation explains away the very miracle it attempts to understand. The early Church Fathers noted evidence that the feed of the five thousand was a bonafide miracle evidenced in the fact that they were in a "deserted place," and they needed to be sent away to buy food in the nearby villages." If they had so much food, why would they need to be sent to the nearby villages to buy food?

As you can see, there are ample opportunities for all of us to misinterpret the Bible. In this particular case, there is not much harm in the interpretation itself except the negligence of the interpreter to do more research. As Catholics, we have an immense gift of knowledge passed on to us by great teachers of the faith. These Fathers and especially the saints, whom Benedict XVI has said are the true interpreters of Scriptures, deserve much respect and admiration from all of us.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

## Attention Quilters

We are looking for people to help with this year's Quilt for Pot-pourri of Art. If you are interested, please call Jo Button at 647-7446 to find out where, and how you can help.

### 2008 WWCCR Day of Renewal "Open the Eyes of Our Hearts" Eph. 1:18

Come pray with us at the 2008 WWCCR Day of Renewal Saturday, August 16 at Bellarmine Preparatory School, 2300 South Washington St., Tacoma, WA. Our main speaker will be David Thorp. The Director of Evangelization for the Spiritual Life Center of Marian Community in Medway, Massachusetts and a longtime leader in Charismatic Renewal. He will help us journey with St. Paul in how to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit. Registration is Free!! So bring a friend! Register at the door! Doors open for registration at 8:30 a.m.: the closing Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. For information contact WWCCR at 206-364-2272, or: [info@wwccr.org](mailto:info@wwccr.org) **Let this Day of Renewal be part of your celebration of this Jubilee Year of St. Paul.**

## Just Faith

Do you find that your life is rapidly moving from one year to the next and you have little time to reflect on what it means to live the Gospel as Jesus asks us to do? Consider joining a JustFaith group that helps to answer this question through reflection, study, prayer and community. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Patti Wright at 778-3047. information table after Mass and a registration meeting next Sunday, August 10 at 12:20 p.m. in the Parish Center Library.

## Coffee Hour News

On August 3rd, and 10th, Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Some claim they are free to believe that the unborn are not human lives. But to claim the right to destroy them by abortion is a different matter no longer involving only beliefs, but bloodshed, not only viewpoints, but also real victims. Believe what one may, that does not change the reality that it is human life in the womb. Abortion kills that life.

## "Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, August 5th to "*Conversations with Fr. Bob*". This week, Fr. Bob Camuso will interview **Fr. Michael J. Ryan** about his work with Catholic Relief Services and his recent trip to Rwanda. Fr. Bob will also speak with author **James Francis Smith** about his most recent novel "*The Life and Times of Liam O'Donnell*".

"*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. "*Conversations with Father Bob*" is a listener-supported Program hosted by Fr. Bob Camuso, the pastor of St. Luke Catholic Church, Shoreline, WA. Subscribe to our free podcast and listen to all of our past programs on the internet at [www.conversationswithfatherbob.com](http://www.conversationswithfatherbob.com).

**Thank you, to those who donated food to the Bellingham Food Bank. Twenty Three pound of food was given to the poor in our Community.**

## August 2 & August 3

**Isaiah 55:1-3, Rom 8:35, 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.**

**John Mary Vianney, priest, Gospel: (Matt 9:35-10:1)**

**Aug. 4  
Mon.**

**Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary in Rome  
Gospel: (Matt 14:22-36)**

**Aug. 5** 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St Francis Room  
**Tues.** 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. Mass (*Pauline Simo*) Birthday Church

**The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Gospel: (Matt 17:1-9)**

**Aug. 6** 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Wed.** 12:10 p.m. Mass (*Fr. Joseph Marquart*) (+) Church

**Sixtus II, pope, martyr, Gospel: (Matt 16:13-23)**

**Aug. 7** 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Thurs.** 12:10 p.m. Mass (*Jeremy Scully*) (+) Church  
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting Hall

**Dominic, priest, Gospel: (Luke 9:57-62)**

**Aug. 8** 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Fri.** 12:10 p.m. Mass (*Anna Aikard*) (+) Church

**1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Gospel: (Matt 14:22-33)**

**Aug. 9** 8:30 a.m. Mass Church  
**Sat.** 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 5:00 p.m. Mass Church

**1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Gospel: (Matt 14:22-33)**

**Aug. 10** 8:30 a.m. Mass Church  
**Sun.** 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Knights of Columbus) Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Mass Church  
 12:20 p.m. JustFaith Registration Mtg. St. Augustine

**Key to Meeting Rooms at Parish Center:**

**St. Augustine/St. Monica Rooms - Library**

**St. Nicholas Room - Youth Room/Nursery**

### Assumption School News 733-6133

**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](mailto: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.

### Religious Vocations

Single women age 18 and older are invited to a Vocation Discernment Live-In Weekend hosted by the Sisters of Providence, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m. through August 24th, 2:00 p.m. at Mt. St. Joseph, 9 East Ninth Ave., Spokane, WA. There is no charge for the weekend, which includes free meals and lodging. For information and registration, contact Sr. Judy George at 509-474-2323 or Sr. Clare Lentz, 206-923-4028, or e-mail [vocations@providence.org](mailto:vocations@providence.org)

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2008 Campaign

Our Annual Appeal Goal was \$42,783.00

Sacred Heart's Rebate Goal was \$30,000.00

**Our Rebate** is for the replacement of the floor in Shaughnessy Hall equals **\$29,542.00**

Total pledged amount is **\$72,290.00.**

**Thank You**, to the **48.04 %** of the Parish who have responded to the Annual Appeal.

**We just received our first rebate check for \$5,219.63 on July 28, 2008. Largest first check and the earliest. Thank You so much!**

### Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others!

July 26 & July 27, 2008

Envelopes (146)	\$	6,262.66
Visitors	\$	930.60
Children (1)	\$	6.00
<b>Total Sunday Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,199.26</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Need</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,097.11</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 08-09</b>		

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	82.00
Building & Grounds	\$	45.00
Assumption School	\$	40.00

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