

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

When the mother sought out Jesus to cure her demon-possessed daughter, it seemed rather direct and cruel when Jesus responded, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Honestly, a simple "no" would have sufficed to get the point across. If I were the mother, I would have said, "Well, if that is your attitude, forget about you! I thought and had hoped that you would be a little more affirming than calling me a canine. Why do I have to endure this?"

We, who at times undergo struggles and tragedies similar to that of the mother, run to Jesus in prayer and supplications and receive comparable responses: silence, avoidance, insults. We are tempted and at times give in to our emotions and utter, "Lord, why are you testing my patience? Don't you love me? If that is your attitude, then forget about you!" All these sentiments and attitudes flow from two flaws: a perception that Jesus is cruel and we are the victim. The first is just blatantly false. St. John did not write, "God is cruel," he wrote the very opposite, "God is love." The second is a psychological phenomenon called projection. Just ask ourselves: Is God silent and avoids us or is it more accurate to say that we are often silent to God and avoid Him? Does God insult us or is it more accurate to say that we often insult God? Who's testing whose patience? Let us not fool ourselves. This statement can be trusted: God is love. He is compassionate to all who call upon Him. Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

On the 18th of every month since Advent of 2000, the churches in Bellingham have been praying for peace in the Middle East. On Monday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m. the prayer will be hosted by Whatcom Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace association, and held at the Church of the Assumption. Please join us.

Calling All Quilters

Sacred Heart Quilters really need you. Due to family emergencies and health concerns, we have not been able to reach the goal of completing our Parish Quilt for the Potpourri of Art. This quilt is one of the hallmarks of our yearly Potpourri and it also brings in a sizeable amount for our raffle. The quilt will be housed in the Library for the remainder of August, so if you are handy with a needle and willing to join beautiful and noble ladies of Sacred Heart, please contact the parish at 360-734-2850.

Just Faith

Are you interested in exploring the social justice tradition of your faith? Do you want to know more about the spiritual journey of Francis of Assisi, Mother Theresa, Oscar Romero and the prophets? Consider taking part in a new justice formation process called "JustFaith" that will begin at our parish this fall. The program includes readings, videos, conversations about the most difficult topics, face-to-face encounters with the poor, and an investigation into the intersection of spirituality and Christian activism. Parishes have offered JustFaith across the country with dramatic effects. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Patti Wright at 778-3047.

Country Store

Please remember the Country Store. We would appreciate any collectibles you might wish to donate. If you would like them to be picked up please call Anni Martinek at 527-2290 or leave them at the Parish Office.



Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2-3:00 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, August 17, 2008, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from Post-Abortion Syndrome. For more information call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

Conversations with Fr. Bob

Tune in Tuesday, August 19th to "*Conversations with Father Bob*". This week, Fr. Bob Camuso will interview Franciscan Health System's **Rose Shandrow**, recipient of the Catholic Health Association's Mid-Career Award for outstanding leadership in pastoral and spiritual care. He will also speak with Washington State History Teacher of the Year, **Betsy Gottschalk**. Betsy teaches 8th grade history, literature, art and religion at Assumption School in Bellingham.

"*Conversations with Father Bob*" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 PM.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Sept. 26-28 in Centralia and Oct. 17-19 in the Seattle area. Early registration is recommended. For more information, contact Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

August 16 & August 17

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isa 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Gospel: (Matt 15:21-28)

Aug. 17 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Wish) Shaughnessy Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church
 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Potluck Shaughnessy Hall

Gospel: (Matt 19:16-22)

Aug. 18
Mon.

John Eudes, priest, Gospel: (Matt 19:23-30)

Aug. 19 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (*Krystyna Dylczyk*) Church
 (Yvonne Wstaniała) Both have had a stroke
 7:00 p.m. Shalom Mother's Group St. Nicholas Room

Bernard, abbot, doctor, Gospel: (John 17:20-26)

Aug. 20 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 (*Bishop Aloisio Pham Van Nam*) (+)

Pius X, pope, Gospel: (John 21:15-17)

Aug. 21 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Thurs. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (*Steve & Janice Pinkous*) Church
 Wedding Anniversary

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gospel: (Luke 1:26-38)

Aug. 22 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (*Julie Bestwick*) (+) Church

Isa 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Gospel: (Matt 16:13-20)

Aug. 23 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Isa 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Gospel: (Matt 16:13-20)

Aug. 24 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Assumption School News 360-733-6133

WANTED: Eucharistic Ministers for the school Masses on Fridays. If you regularly attend the Friday school Mass and would be willing to commit to being a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the principal, Rose Goeres, at 733-6133.

Registration for 2008-2009: Are you looking for a Catholic school with a strong Catholic identity, proven academic success, a quality certified faculty, and an atmosphere that promotes achievement, moral behavior, and a host of co-curricular activities? Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

Religious Education News

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.

CAST Needs

Sandwich makers (3) 4:30-5:30 p.m. needed for Sept. 15th and 29th.

Servers (2) 6:00-7:00 p.m. needed for Sept. 1st, 8th, 15th, and the 29th.

If you can help, please call Ginnie Parine at 647-5703 or Lee Langdon at 738-4010.

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.**

Seeking Working Computer

A Senior homebound parishioner is in need of a working computer and someone to set it up for her. She would like to have the computer to keep in touch with her family. Please contact Mary Spencer at 733-7634 or Sheila Siebert at 734-5029.



Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others! August 9 & August 10, 2008

Envelopes (154)	\$ 7,474.20
Visitors	\$ 1,161.75
Children (3)	\$ 16.00
Total Sunday Income	\$ 8,651.95
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

July Monthly Report

Collection income for month	\$ 35,634.22
Budget need for month	\$ 35,087.51
Overage for July	\$ 546.71

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 90.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 62.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00

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