

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

All the readings speak of fraternal correction. God tells Ezekiel, if "you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." St. Paul tells the people in Rome, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." Jesus tells his disciples, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault..."

Key to understand when we ought to correct our brethren is Jesus' words, "If your brother *sins* against you." You see, to sin is different from hurting another person or offending another person. We do these two things on a daily basis sometimes without intending it. I sometimes "offend" people when I walk in public with my collar on. This is no sin. We often determine without much reflection that our brethren are sinning against us when it is not the case.

The goodness of a moral act is determined by three elements: object, intention, and circumstances. At least one of these must be good; others may be indifferent; and none may be evil. A defect in any of these renders the act morally evil. Once we have determined that it is a morally evil act, we need to see if the person who committed the act committed a mortal sin. Three things are necessary for a morally evil act to be a mortal sin: gravity of matter, full knowledge, and full consent. Once we have determined after careful reflection that our brethren have indeed sinned, it is necessary that we ask our conscience if we ought to approach them and win them back to the Lord. If not, we ought to forgive. Jesus speaks far more often about forgiveness than fraternal correction.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Welcome Back to School!

Curriculum Night: September 10 at 6:30 p.m. We will start in the gym.

Early Release: Friday, September 26 for a Teacher In Service Day In

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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Registration for 2008-09: 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.

Office Hours: Assumption Catholic School's regular office hours are 7:30-3:30 every Monday - Friday.

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 a message at the Parish Office.

Come Celebrate Respect Life Month

At the

"Its Our Catholic Faith, Let's Live It!"
Respect Life Weekend 2008

Key Note Speaker

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

When: October 17-19

Where: St. Michael Church (1021 Boundary SE, Olympia,
98501

More information at 360-280-6717 or 360-480-1898

(Sponsored by Respect Life)



Sacred Heart Respect Life

Labor Day Weekend marks the launch of "Yes to Life Month 2008", sponsored by the Bishops of Washington State. Initiative 1000, which would legalize assisted suicide, is on November's ballot. I-1000 is contrary to Catholic teaching and places vulnerable people at risk. To respond to I-1000, there will be a special financial appeal on Labor Day Weekend. Donations will go to the Coalition Against Assisted Suicide.

Attention Catholic Voters

In their statement "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", the U.S. Bishops remind us, "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is moral obligation." Find out more about what the Church teaches about citizenship and how to apply it in this election year on **Tuesday, September 30th** at 7:00 in the parish hall at Sacred Heart. We will have a guest speaker and opportunity for discussion.

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. 8th, 15th, and the 29th.

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

Sacred Heart Quilters

Reminder to all Sacred Heart Quilters. The quilt will be housed in the Library until September 13th. Please Join us when you can.

September 6 & September 7

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Rom. 13:8-10, Gospel: (Matthew 18:15-20)

Set. 7 8:30 a.m. Mass Church
Sun. 11:00 a.m. Mass

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gospel: (Matthew 1:18-23)

Sept 8 No Mass
Mon.

Peter Claver, Priest Gospel: (Luke 6:12-19)

Sept. 9 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues 5:15 Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. Mass Church
 7:00 p.m. Shalom Mom's group St. Nicholas Room

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Sept. 10 11:15 Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 Mass (Susan Delfs) (+) Church

Gospel: (Luke: 6:27-38)

Sept. 11 11:15 Reconciliation Church
Thurs. 12:10 Mass (Marie Allet Archbold) (+) Church
 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Parish Center

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel: (Luke 5:33-39)

Sept. 12 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. Mass (Milagros Santa Cruz (+)) Church

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Rom. 13:8-10, Gospel: (Matthew 18:15-20)

Sept. 13 8:30 a.m. Mass Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. Mass Church

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nbrs 21:4b-9, Phlpn. 2:6-11 Gospel: (John 3:13-17)

Sept. 14 8:30 a.m. Mass Church
Sun. 11:00 a.m. Mass Church

Just Faith: Fifty percent of the world lives in abject poverty. What does our faith call us to do to change this situation and help our brothers and sisters in need? Find out what you are called to do through reflection, study, prayer and community by participating in the Just Faith program. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Caroline Correa at 647-1232.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Love is not love until you give it away." Give your love to your spouse by experiencing a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct. 17-19 in the Seattle area. Early registration is recommended. For more information, contact Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

UPDATED WEBSITE ... if you are looking for RE Registration Materials, the calendar for 2008-2009 RE and First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep, Parish Registration Materials, Schedules, etc, many of these items have been updated and are posted (and downloadable) on the website.

Welcome to our new 11:00 a.m. Greeters, Nanette Davis and Burl Harmon. Welcome also to Mary Youngblood who will be joining our 5:00 p.m. Greeters. The Parish is grateful to each of our Greeters for their ministry of hospitality.

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?

Have questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process to become Catholic? Then call Twi McDonell at 734-2850, x 6, to set up a meeting. The process is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our next inquiry sessions on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 9th in the Calcutta Room (Twi's Office).

Religious Education (R.E.) for K-5th Graders

RE FOR K-5TH GRADERS WILL START SEPTEMBER 21ST FROM 9:45-10:45 A.M. For this first meeting, we will all begin in the Parish Hall. Students will be dismissed to their classrooms after our gathering prayer and Father will meet with parents in the hall.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF FOR SACRED HEART AND ASSUMPTION (THE edge) BEGINS ON MONDAY, September 15th at ASSUMPTION GYM, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

SALT - SACRED HEART ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN begins on Sunday, September 14th and meets in the Assump-

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others!

August 30 & August 31, 2008

Envelopes	\$	5583.88
Visitors	\$	410.91
Children		
Total Sunday Income	\$	6,164.79
Weekly Budget Need	\$	8,097.11
Assumption	\$	1,067.11

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	\$	11.00
Building & Grounds	\$	11.00
Assumption School	\$	1.00

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