

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Taken and revised from Women for Faith & Family website: On the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Christians "exalt" the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, therefore, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died for our redemption from sin and death. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ -- all in one image.

The Cross -- because of what it represents -- has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the "little sign of the cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified. Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and hospitals, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder -- and witness -- of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it." (Mt 10:38,39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves -- our souls and bodies -- with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Barnes & Noble Bookfair for Assumption School - September 13-15.

This weekend, Barnes & Noble will host a bookfair benefiting Assumption Catholic School! The Barnes & Noble Bookfair is sponsored by the Seattle Archdiocese, and proceeds directly impact our school. See enclosed bulletin insert for more information.

Immigration and Catholic Teaching

Whatcom Pax Christi will offer a program on immigration and Catholic teaching at 7:00 p.m. on October 8th in the Assumption school library. Come learn from Fr. Scott what the Church teaches about this high-profile issue, followed by small group discussion.

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 (2) 4:30-5:30 pm needed - Sept. 15th & 29th.

Servers (1) 6:00-7:00 p.m. needed for Sept. 15th & 29th. Call Ginie Parine at 647-5703 or Lee Langdon at 738-4010.

Just Faith: Just Faith program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Caroline Correa at 647-1232.



A baby has but one voice - yours. Speak up for the unborn.

Sacred Heart Quilters

Reminder to all Sacred Heart Quilters. The quilt will be housed in the Library until September 21st. Please Join us when you can.

Country Store

Please remember the Country Store. We would appreciate any collectibles you might wish to donate. Please call Anni Martinek at 527-2290 or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Assumption School News Welcome Back to School!

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

Immediate Opening. Assumption Catholic School, Bellingham, is seeking a teacher for 8th grade Science, Algebra, and Language Arts. Must be a team player willing to collaborate with other staff members. Guaranteed consideration: September 16, 2008. Open until filled. Send resume and cover letter to: Rose Goeres, Principal, Assumption Catholic School, 2116 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. For more information call: 733-6133.

Pax Christi

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September 13 & September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9, Philippians 2:6-11, Gospel: (John 3:13-17)

Sept. 14 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Hosted by Pastoral Council)
 9:45 a.m. Catechist Meeting St. Aquinas Room
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 12:30 p.m. Baptismal Preparation St. Augustine Rm.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Gospel: (John 19:25-27)

Sept 15 No Mass
Mon.

Office Closed (Staff Retreat)

Cornelius, pope, martyr, Gospel: (Luke 7:11-17)

Sept. 16 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (Susan Delfs) (+) Church
 7:00 p.m. Shalom Mom's group St. Nicholas Rm.
 7:00 p.m. Potpourri of Art meeting Hall
 7:00 p.m. Inquiry Calcutta Room

Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor, Gospel:(Luke 7:31-35)

Sept. 17 12:10 p.m. **No Mass** Church
Wed. 1:00 p.m. WISH Luncheon Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. Just Faith St. Augustine Room

Gospel: (Luke: 7:36-50)

Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. Finance Council Hall
Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Claire Rm.
 11:15 Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Estela R. Jones) (+) Church
 6:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee St. Augustine
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Parish Hall

Gospel: (Luke 8:1-3)

Sept. 19 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Nancy Palmieri) (+) Church
 7:00 p.m. **Mass** Volunteer Appreciation Church
 8:00 p.m. **Volunteer Appreciation** Parish Center

Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Gospel: (Matthew 20:1-16a)

Sept. 20 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Gospel: (Matthew 20:1-16a)

Sept. 21 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE/First Reconciliation/First Communion
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. **Vietnamese Mass** Church

Assumption School News (continued) 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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Welcome to another new 11:00 a.m. Greeter, Dick Winchip. The Parish is grateful to each of our Greeters for their ministry of hospitality.

If you are reading this and think, "Hm...I wonder how I can get involved as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Greeter /Usher, a Musician, a Sacristan or an Altar Server, Contact me, Twi McDonnell 734-2850, Ext. 6 for more information!

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 McDonnell at 734-2850, Ext. 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 KICK-OFF 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 Assumption Parish Center "Upper Room" from 6-8:00.

Remember all volunteers – Parish Appreciation is September 19th beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Reception in the Hall. Come let us thank you!!!

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others!

September 6 & 7, 2008

Envelopes	\$	9,494.00
Visitors	\$	375.60
Children (0)	\$	00.00
Total Sunday Income	\$	10,084.60

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	\$	514.00
Building & Grounds	\$	150.00
Assumption School	\$	45.00

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