

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If a person today, claims that he is the Son of God, would you believe him? Not without some form of proof would I give him the time of day. The Scribes and Pharisees were probably no different. They were expecting a Political Messiah/King who would bring FREEDOM to their people; like King David. Not a man who claims that he shares the same NATURE as God. Anyone who does so is blasphemous, and deserves death.

Today, in Matthew 22, Jesus does not make the claim directly. Instead, he tells a parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning) to help the Scribes and Pharisees understand the Kingdom of Heaven. The parable is about a King who throws a wedding banquet for His Son. To His surprise, many ignored the invitation, and some provided excuses. Even worse, some mistreated the King's servants and killed them. One attended the wedding, but was poorly dressed.

They just don't get it! The Word of God has become flesh. God has become human and is standing right in front of them. But they just don't get it! However, on a more positive note, upon taking a closer look at the parable there are other guests that filled the banquet hall, who feasted on what the King provided. Blessed are they who believe that Jesus is the Son of God! Get it!

Fr. Vu Tran (on behalf of Fr. Qui-Thac)

One Sunday For The Whole World

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. **It's World Mission Sunday!**

As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to **offer financial help** through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. **10% of Next Weekend's Collection will go to this cause. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!**

Potpourri of Art Meeting

All Potpourri of Art 2008 Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are reminded that there is a meeting scheduled in St. Augustine Room beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2008.

Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East

Saturday, October 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
2600 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham

All are welcome! Phone: 733-1277

Potpourri of Art Country Store

As you clean out your cupboards 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 527-2290 or leave them at the Parish Office.

Social Justice Committee Invites All Parishioners to a Potluck/Movie Oct. 18th at 6:15 p.m. Last names starting with A-L, please bring Salads, M-Z, Desserts. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m. "Posada": A night to cross all borders. Babysitting available. This is a documentary film about unaccompanied children knocking on America's door. This is the story of three who stayed. Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition that retells the Christmas story of Joseph and Mary's search for shelter.

Please remember the Baby Food Drive. 240 jars donated so far. The goal is 1000 jars for the month of October.



October is Respect Life Month

Come pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2-3 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.) Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, Oct. 19th, 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.

Catholic Marriage Enrichment: Seven weekly sessions, Mon. nights 6:30-9p.m. Oct. 13 - Nov. 24. We will be using DVD,s and materials from John Gottman, Christopher West on Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body", Gary Smalley and Jimmy Evans. Open to married people of all ages, if one person in the couple is a registered parishioner at Sacred Heart or Church of the Assumption. Room for 20 people only. Fee of \$30.00 per couple to cover the cost of materials. Call Phil and Christine Gubbins PhD if you wish to attend 360-671-7646. Anyone with issues of substance abuse, physical or sexual abuse, or mental illness should seek professional help, as this course will not be helpful to them until those problems are solved.

Social Justice Book Discussion

The book we will be using is the best seller "Three Cups of Tea" by Mortenson and Relin. The book tells the story of one man's mission to promote peace one school at a time. If you have already read the book, please come and share your reactions with others. All are welcome to attend the discussion Monday, Oct. 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Library. (St. Augustine Room)

Interfaith's Winter Coat Drive

Sun. Oct. 19th is the **last Sunday** to bring coats, hats and mittens.

October 11 & October 12

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Gospel: (Matt 22:1-14)

Oct. 12 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. RE/First Rec./First Communion Parish Ctr.
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting Aquinas Room
 9:45 p.m. Coffee Hour (Potpourri of Art) Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine Rm.
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption Pastoral Ctr.

Gospel: (Luke 11:29-32)

Oct. 13 **No Mass** Church
Mon. 6:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Class St Augustine
 7:00 p.m. Edge Assumption Gym

Callistus 1, pope, martyr, Gospel: (Luke 11:37-41)

Oct. 14 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (Jean Solomon) (+) Church
 7:00 p.m. SVDP St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Potpourri of Art Meeting St. Augustine Rm.
 7:00 p.m. II Tuesday Adult Faith Formation Hall

Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor, Gospel:(John 15:1-8)

Oct. 15 11:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Margaret Carroll) (+) Church
 1:00 p.m. WISH Shaughnessy Hall

Hedwig, religious, Gospel: (Luke 11:47-54)

Oct. 16 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Claire Rm.
Thurs. 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Patrick Carroll) (+) Church
 2:30 p.m. Assumption/Sacred Heart Hall
 Wills & Estate Planning Seminar
 6:00 p.m. Social Justice Com. Mtg. St. Augustine
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church

Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr, Gospel: (Luke 12:1-7)

Oct. 17 Animals as Natural Therapy Breakfast
Fri. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Shaughnessy Hall
 11:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

Is 45:1, 4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b, Gospel: (Matt 22:15-21)

Oct. 18 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 6:15 p.m. Social Justice Movie Night St. Augustine

World Mission Sunday

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 9:45 a.m. First Com./First Rec. Parents' meeting St. Aquinas
 9:45 p.m. Coffee Hour (Potpourri of Art) Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine Rm.
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption Parish Ctr.

II Tuesdays Adult Faith Formation

II Tuesdays! Our first gathering for Adult Faith Formation is Tuesday, **October 14th** from **7-9 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Fr. Brian Dolesji, an inspiring and dynamic speaker will speak about Discernment — God's Plan for Us...finding our true Vocation. Please come and join us!

Liturgical Ministers Sign up Sunday next weekend!!

If you think God might be calling you to serve the community at our Sunday Liturgies, this is a great time to find out more information and sign up! Trainings will be at a later date. **And There's More....All New and Veteran Liturgical Ministers** are invited to attend the Liturgical Ministers Retreat on Saturday Morning, November 8th beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with lunch.

The Liturgical Ministers Institute is offering a class at Assumption Parish on Saturday, October 18th from 9am—1 pm entitled *Celebrating the Mass*. The course is \$20. For more info, call Tony Varas at 206-382-4878.

Please keep the members of our RCIA in your prayers!

Assumption School News

Next School Mass: Friday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.

Wills and Estate Planning Seminar: Thursday, October 16. Session 1: 2:30-4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Session 2: 7-8:30 p.m. Assumption Catholic School Library.

Science Fair: Thursday, October 23.

Office Hours: Assumption School 7:30-3:30 every Mon.-Fri.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Winter will soon be upon us and for some of us that thought makes us feel cold, how about warming up to your spouse on a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming weekend dates are Nov. 14-16 -Centralia and March 27-29, 2009. For more information please call: Kay & Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner

Giving to Others!

October 4 & 5, 2008

Envelopes (191)	\$ 11,048.00
Visitors	\$ 1,615.76
Children (1)	\$ <u>1.00</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 12,664.76
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 638.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 248.00
Assumption School	\$ 166.00

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