

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth." However, the words are the words of a deceiver. Just a few verses before this passage, they wanted to arrest him. They are liars. What they say and claim are different from what their hearts and actions communicate.

We all struggle with this problem. We claim to be a good person, but sometimes our actions are not. We claim to be honest, but sometimes we lie. We claim to be holy, but some of our actions are unholy. We claim to follow Jesus, but sometimes we deny His voice that speaks in our hearts. It is a terrible place to be in.

In these last few days, I have been in a different place. In two hours, I will be celebrating Mass with 35 others at the site where Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Yesterday, I went to Cana and helped 14 couples renew their marriage vows. The day before, we all got the chance to renew our baptismal vows while standing in the river Jordan. We are literally walking in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus! I feel like St. Peter. I want to tell Jesus that it is good to be here; let us make a tent and remain in this place. It feels good to literally walk after Jesus. I hope to continue to experience these feelings whenever I practically walk in the footsteps of Jesus in my life.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**One of our community, Debra Black, is fighting a grave illness. Friends are organizing a dinner/auction fundraiser, scheduled for December 5, to help defray medical expenses. Call Pete or Vicki Pilch, 671-0427, or Barb Haddad, 734-4225 for more information about how you can help.**

### **Potpourri of Art Committee Meeting Reminder**

All Potpourri of Art 2008 Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are reminded that there is a meeting scheduled in the Hall beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2008

### **Healing Mass**

**You are invited to participate in a special Mass for healing  
Theme: "Jesus respects our journey of faith."**

Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring a Charismatic Healing Mass with Fr. Emmanuel Azike presiding. There will be prayer ministry following the Mass. Tuesday, October 28, 2008 7:00 p.m. Church of the Assumption 2116 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, Washington 98225 Please bring your needs for physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing to the Lord during this Mass and time of prayer.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

**You are loved with an everlasting Love!**

"The Church has a duty to be close to these post-abortive people with love and delicacy. Catholics have an obligation to reach out to women hurting after an abortion. The Gospel of Love and Life is also always the Gospel of Mercy"....-Pope Benedict XVI, April 4-6, 2008 Catholic Conference.

Reach out to your hurting sisters and brothers and encourage them to seek healing through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The next English retreat is November 7-9, 2008.

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-Hope (4673)

### **Donations to the Bellingham Food Bank**

Thank you to all those who gave donations to the Bellingham Food Bank. Seventy one pounds of food was collected to help the poor and hungry in our community.



Worldwide the number one cause of human death is not hunger, cancer, floods, hurricanes, or even war; It's abortion! No disease or natural disaster can match the loss to the human race that abortion causes. That does not take into account the mental and physical damage to the mothers.

### **Social Justice Book Discussion**

The book we will be using is the best seller "Three Cups of Tea" by Mortenson and Relin. All are welcome to attend the discussion Monday, Oct. 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Library. (St. Augustine Room)

**I-1000 would be bad law:** Initiative 1000, which is on this November's ballot, would legalize physician assisted suicide in Washington State. Requests for assisted suicide are often a cry for help by people who are afraid, alone, depressed, or marginalized. Not knowing exactly how we will die is truly difficult for many, but the answer isn't legalizing assisted suicide. Sadly, people can already choose to die by suicide. But legalizing assisted suicide opens the door to placing vulnerable people at risk. These people may feel pressured to consider assisted suicide because of societal or familial pressures, or inadequate health care coverage. Those who are ill need loving accompaniment and compassionate care—not a lethal prescription. After prayerfully and carefully considering the options facing us in the coming election, please vote!

### **K.O.C. Looking for Used RV Trailer**

Knights of Columbus are looking for an old R.V. trailer (single or double axle) to be used for their Kettle Korn Fundraiser. Will accept as a donation or will consider buying if it is a good price. If you can help, please call: Chris Hogan at 647-9045.

# October 18 & October 19

## World Mission Sunday

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- Oct. 19** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
**Sun.** 9:45 a.m. RE/First Rec./First Communion Parish Ctr.  
 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.

### Paul of the Cross, priest, Gospel: (Luke 12:13-21)

- Oct. 20** **No Mass** Church  
**Mon.** 6:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Class St Nicholas  
 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym  
 7:00 p.m. Soc. Justice Book Discussion St. Augustine

### Gospel: (Luke 12:35-38)

- Oct. 21** 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room  
**Tues.** 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (Packie Treacy) (+) Church  
 7:00 p.m. SHALOM Mothers' Group St. Nicholas  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Potpourri of Art Meeting St. Augustine Rm.

### Gospel: (Luke 12:39-48)

- Oct. 22** 11:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Wed.** 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Luke Ty Nguyen) (+) Church

### John of Capistrano, priest, Gospel: (Luke 12:49-53)

- Oct. 23** 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Claire Rm.  
**Thurs.** 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Tom Shively) (+) Church  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting Parish Center  
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church

### Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, Gospel: (Luke 12:54-59)

- Oct. 24** 11:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Fri.** 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Helen Mosher) (+) Church

Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Gospel: (Matt 22:34-40)

- Oct. 25** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel  
**Sat.** 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mexico Pancake Breakfasts after both Masses

Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10, Gospel: (Matt 22:34-40)

- Oct. 26** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
**Sun.** 9:45 a.m. RE/First Rec./First Communion Parish Ctr.  
 9:45 a.m. Mexico Pancake Breakfast Hall  
 9:45 p.m. No Coffee Hour Shaughnessy Hall  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 Mexico Pancake Breakfast after 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine Rm.  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption Parish Ctr.

## Liturgical Ministers Sign up Sunday this 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.



Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated next week at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Please keep the members of our RCIA in your prayers!

Thank you to Fr. Bryan Dolejsi for joining the Parish for the first in its II Tuesday Presentations — Discernment, God's plan for YOU. this past Tuesday (October 14th.) Stay tuned for our next evening, which is with Fr. Ed White on the topic of Prayer — the Spirituality of Prayer!

## Assumption School News

**Next School Mass:** Friday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.

**Veterans' Day Prayer Service:** All veterans are invited to the Prayer Service on November 10th at 8:30 a.m. in the church in honor of those who have served our country with such pride and dedication. The invitation is also extended to our current warriors in all branches of the military.

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

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Do you have a Wedding anniversary coming up? Give your spouse a gift to last a lifetime! A Marriage Encounter Weekend is for any couple that wants to enrich their marriage. The rewards continue to grow through the years! The next upcoming weekend date is Nov. 14-16 In Centralia. For more information: Call Kay & Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

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

October 11 & 12, 2008

Envelopes (158)	\$ 7,391.12
Visitors	\$ 615.34
Children (2)	\$ <u>1.02</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 8,007.48
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 256.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 29.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00

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