

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

When was the last time you heard a bishop talk about sex? Ever since the 1968 “birth control encyclical” *Hu-manae Vitae* of Pope Paul VI, there has been an almost total failure of the faithful to embrace the Church’s teaching on human sexuality. As George Weigel noted, most of those who rejected the Church’s teaching felt that their experience of sexual love has been ignored or demeaned by their religious leaders. In our own day, whenever the Church or her leaders speak on human sexuality, it is generally viewed with suspicion and in the case of Western elites, with active hostility.

The Theology of the Body of John Paul II took the conversation on human sexuality to another level. *Hu-manae Vitae* placed marital sexuality in a negative context of endurance and lists a number of acts one ought to do or grave consequences would follow. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body repositions human sexuality in a completely new context: how is our embodiment as male and female and the sexual act within marriage the key to illuminating the self-less gift of God? The Church changed the question from “how does illicit sex lead us to hell?” to “how does chaste sex bring us to heaven and into the very mystery of the Trinity? Exciting? You betcha!

Back to the original question: when was the last time you heard a bishop talk about sex? You’ll get something even better: you will hear a bishop explain the sex talk that our Holy Father gave to the world! The series of four presentations begin this Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

The Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:  
November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.  
December 24 at noon through January 1.  
The office will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2009

### Mass Times for Thanksgiving Sacred Heart

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

Church of the Assumption  
Wednesday, Nov. 26 Mass is at 7:00 p.m.

### Potpourri Raffle Winners

The Potpourri Raffle Winners are...Quilt: Lisa Brett, Print: Jonathan Trujillo, Afghan: JoAnn Nelson, Basket: William McLean.

### Whatcom Hospice Seeks Volunteers

We are seeking special people to provide assistance—such as respite sitting, light chores, transportation, comfort, & friendship—to those facing a life-threatening illness. Hospice Volunteers are:

- Excellent communicators,
- Not afraid to be in the presence of ill, or dying, or grieving people,
- Available four hours per week for at least one year,
- Flexible, caring, and compassionate.

If you are interested in volunteering, please attend the Informational Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2:30-5:00 p.m. Lower Level Meeting Room—800 E. Chestnut St., Bellingham. For more information, contact Diane Gillespie, 756-6892 or [dgillespie@peacehealth.org](mailto:dgillespie@peacehealth.org).

**Reminder:** If you were issued keys to the hall or church during the Potpourri of Art, don’t forget to return them to Ruth at the Parish Office. Thank you.



A nation cannot be strong when it destroys its weakest members, the unborn and the infirm.

### 2009 Sunday Missals

The 2009 Sunday Missals are available for purchase in the Parish Office for \$3.00 each.

### Friends of Debra Black

Friends of Debra Black have organized a dinner and auction fundraiser to be held on Friday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in Shaughnessy Hall. Proceeds will help with her medical expenses. For more information please contact Pete and Vickie Pilch at 671-0427, or Barbara Haddad at 734-4225. Thank you for your help and support.

### Faith and Light

Faith and Light is a gathering of Christians with disabilities and their caregivers. Gatherings are held at Church of the Assumption. For details, call 360-733-1380.

### Information Meeting For Those Interested In Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification:

Are you a pastoral lay leader who feels called to formally serve the Church in collaboration with the Archbishop, priests and deacons? The Archdiocese of Seattle sponsors a program entitled Christifideles which includes acceptance and participation into the Masters Degree program at Seattle University and certification by the Archdiocese as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. If you are interested or would like more information, you are invited to an informational meeting taking place at Seattle University on December 6th. To register, please contact the Office of Catholic Faith Formation, 206-382-4096.

# November 22 & November 23

## Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Gospel: (Matt 25:31-46)

**Nov. 23** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
**Sun.** 9:45 a.m. RE/F. Recon./F. Comm. Parish Center  
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents Meeting St. Aquinas  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Shaughnessy Hall  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

### Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, Gospel: (Luke 21:1-4)

**Nov. 24** **No Mass**  
**Mon.** 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

### Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, Gospel: (Luke 21:5-11)

**Nov. 25** 12:10 p.m. Lectio Divina Winter Chapel  
**Tues.** 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas  
 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 (Pam Lang) In Thanksgiving  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Theology of the Body Parish Hall

### Gospel:(Luke 21:12-19)

**Nov. 26** 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
**Wed.** 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church

### Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

### Gospel: (Luke 17:11-19)

**Nov. 27** 10:00 p.m. **Mass** Church  
**Thurs.**

### (Office Closed) Gospel: (Luke 21:29-33)

**Nov. 28** **No Mass**  
**Fri.**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Gospel: (Mark 13:33-37)

**Nov. 29** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel  
**Sat.** 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

### First Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Gospel: (Mark 13:33-37)

**Nov. 30** 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
**Sun.** 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall  
**Advent Wreath Making** Parish Hall  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

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## Assumption School News

**"The Velveteen Rabbit"**: December 4, 7:00 p.m., Bellingham Theatre Guild's production of "The Velveteen Rabbit". Come see five of our students perform and support our school. Tickets are available at the school office.

**School Conferences:** November 25-26th.

**School Book Fair:** Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Assumption School, Nov. 19-25th.

**School Office Hours:** 7:30 - 3:30 Monday - Friday.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join us on Tuesday, November 25th from 7:-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall as we welcome Bishop Tyson! A dynamic and engaging speaker, Bishop Tyson will present Theology of the Body. Please come and bring a friend.

## GREENERY NEEDED

We need evergreen greens for our annual wreath making activity which is coming up on the First Sunday of Advent. If you have greens that you can contribute that are suitable for wreath making, would you please bring them to the Parish Hall before November 30th? Contact Twi McDonell 360-734-2850, Ext. 6 for details/ more information.

Please feel welcome to bring your In Remembrance sheets to Mass and place them in the Remembrance Book of Prayer. The book will be in the church throughout the month of November.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Marriage Encounter is the most successful and dynamic marriage enrichment experience in the world today! Many couples who have made a Marriage Encounter Weekend say that their only regret is that they did not go sooner. Upcoming weekend dates are March 27-29 and June 19-21, 2009. For more information and registration, please call Mike and Kay Gougeon, 671-6955.

## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner

### November 15 & 16, 2008

Envelopes (167)	\$ 6,344.75
Visitors	\$ 657.24
Children (1)	\$ <u>2.10</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 7,004.09
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

### 2009 Stewardship Pledge Report

Sacred Heart Registered Households: 736  
 Pledges received as of 11/18/08: 179  
 25% of the parish  
 Treasure pledged for 2009: \$244,078

Thank you for your gifts of time, treasure and talent! For those who are prayerfully considering their commitment, cards may be returned with the Sunday collection or to the Parish Office.

Mission Sunday	\$ 50.00
Holy Day	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 131.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 95.00
Assumption School	\$ 85.00