

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

We all have dreams. Sometimes we have nightmares. I have managed to repress most of these, except for two because they have been so recent. One involves being pinned to my bed by a spirit. I woke up and found myself in the same situation as the dream, still not being able to move my body. The second was one of celebrating Mass by myself in the church. At the time of elevation of the host, I began to fade away into a vortex. These two experiences were that of death. I woke up from these dreams screaming in my head the name "Jesus." These nightmares were frightening not so much because of the content matter, but because of the lack of presence of anyone, especially Jesus.

The Christmas message is this: "Fear not, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." This incarnation of God in Jesus is the source of our hope and faith that dispel all fears. Archbishop Fulton Sheen once reflected on the incarnation: all peoples in human history have been born in order to live. Jesus is the only human to have been born to die. If God is with us, who can be against us? This is the source of our joy this Christmas, "God with us!" May this truth bring hope into your lives and your families. Merry Christmas to you.
Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen.

Holy Day Of Obligation Mary Mother Of God January 1, 2009

There will be a Vigil Mass, December 31st at 5:00 p.m.
and Mass on January 1st, at 10:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:
December 24th, at noon through January 1st.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin Friday, January 2nd, after the 12:10 p.m. Mass, and will end with Benediction on Saturday, January 3rd at 8:20 a.m. in the Winter Chapel. 8:30 a.m. Mass will follow in the church. There will be no First Friday Luncheon on January 2nd.

"Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

CAST

CAST is a ministry of preparing and serving food to the homes of Bellingham. You can help by preparing sandwiches at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoons and delivering on Mondays through January 5th. Please call Ginnie Parine, 647-5703 for more information.

The Stewardship of St. Paul

What is stopping us from living life fully as Christ's Stewards on earth? St. Paul teaches us that not even trouble, hard times, harm nor hunger can ever separate us from God's love. (Rom 8:35) So, let's trust God in all things.

With His inseparable love, we can boldly embrace Stewardship as our way of life.

Conversations with Fr. Bob

Tune in to Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 on Tuesday, between 5:00-6:00 p.m. to "Conversations with Father Bob". This week Fr. Bob Camuso will interview **Eileen Rasnack**, the program manager for Catholic Community Services Volunteer Chore Services. Also joining Fr. Bob is Ann Wyckoff, the recipient of Seattle University's 2008 St. Ignatius Medal for her inspiring leadership and service.



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

Assumption School News 733-6133

Christmas Vacation: Dec.22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009.
School resumes 1/5/09.

Assumption Catholic School, in cooperation with the National Catholic Education Association, seeks nominees for the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award. This award is intended to honor Assumption School graduates who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The recipient must have graduated from Assumption Catholic School at least ten years prior to receiving the award. The school selects the awardee and NCEA confirms the nomination. You can download the form at.....
www.school.assumption.org/SupportUs2.html
Or call the school to receive a form by mail. Completed nomination forms must be returned by January 5, 2009 for full consideration. For more information, contact Jennifer Rick at.....
jrick@school.assumption.org or 733-6133.

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

December 27 & December 28, Jan. 3 & Jan. 4

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Gospel: (Luke 2:22-40)
Dec. 28 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. No SALT Upper Room/Assumption

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr, Gospel: (Luke 2:22-35)

Dec. 29 No Mass
Mon. 7:00 p.m. No EDGE Assumption Gym

Gospel: (Luke 2:36-40)

Dec. 30 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
Tues. 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (Martha Cate) (+) Church

Sylvester I, pope, Gospel: (John 1:1-18)

Dec. 31 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
 (Monica Soon Boon Choo) (+)
 1:30 p.m. No Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas
 5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** Church

Holy Day of Obligation Mary, The Mother of God Gospel: (Luke 2:16-21)

Jan. 1 10:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
Thurs.

First Friday

Basil the Great, bishop, doctor, Gospel: (Matthew 23:8-12)

Jan. 2 11:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **First Friday Mass** Church
 (Lucretia Larson) (+)
 1:00 p.m. Adoration Winter Chapel
 1:15 p.m. No Luncheon Parish Hall
 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Church

First Saturday

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Gospel: (Matthew 2:1-12)

Jan. 3 8:20 a.m. Benediction Winter Chapel
Sat. 8:30 p.m. **First Saturday Mass** Church
 11:00 a.m. Wedding Church
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Epiphany Of The Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Gospel: (Matthew 2:1-12)

Jan. 4 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 9:45 a.m. First Rec./First Comm. Parents' Mtg.
 (St Aquinas Room)
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Francis
 12:30 p.m. Baptismal Preparation St Augustine
 6:00 p.m. No SALT Upper Room/Assumption

Project Rachel

Retreats for those women who have had an abortion
The next English retreat will be in Feb. 20 - 20, 2009
Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)
You are loved with an everlasting Love!

INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS is Sunday, January 4th from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Parish Library. We will be celebrating baptisms on the weekend of January 11th, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at our weekend Masses.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and best wishes to Kate Seabury and Travis Anderson --- married on January 3, 2008. Please be assured of our continued prayers for you as you begin your life together!

LITURGY INFORMATION

Liturgies for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses are Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we begin the new year in a posture of gratitude for Mary, Holy Mother of God – our mother and advocate.

First Friday is January 2nd at 12:10 mass followed by Adoration. There is no luncheon on this First Friday. Adoration concludes with Benediction on Saturday morning at 8:20 followed by First Saturday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resume on Sunday, January 4th from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

During the next couple of weeks while we are experiencing this wonderful Winter weather, Sacred Heart will post any program changes or cancellations on the phone message and the website at www.sacredheartbellingham.org (Click on the weather update button).

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner December 13 & 14, 2008

Envelopes (82)	\$ 4,954.00
Visitors	\$ 325.98
Children (0)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 5,279.98
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11
Holy Day	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 110.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 82.00
Assumption School	\$ 55.00

2009 Stewardship Update

260 pledges have been received, or 36% of registered households. Thank you to all who have responded. Our goal is 50% response! If you haven't returned your commitment card, please consider doing so at this time. We will begin the budgeting process in January and will plan next year's programs based upon your pledges.

Don't forget to complete your pledge for 2008 by the end of December—also the end of the tax year!