

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Baptism Of The Lord

Beginning with baptism, all seven Sacraments are external signs that have the power of effecting that which they signify: the very presence of Jesus. He tells us, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Jesus communicates this abundant life primarily through the Sacraments. You say, what's the big deal? and how is this life in abundance when all we see is ordinary water for baptism. Maybe Jesus should have elaborated what he meant. What he means by life in abundance refers to the spirit and soul of the person.

When I got to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, I noticed a lot about these Dominican sisters. Everything here screams ordinary life. They wake up at 5am to get ready for 6:30am Mass. They wear the same white habit day in and day out no matter what task they are performing. They care for terminally ill people, absolutely free of charge. They wake patients up in the morning, wipe, wash and clean them. With the priest, they bring Holy Communion to each person in their rooms. They feed and talk to the patients. In the evening, they tuck them in for bed. This morning at 5:45am, they held Roger's hand as he died. Despite this mundane and burdensome life, all the sisters were joyful! What gives? Far from experiencing what the world saw, they saw themselves as being the luckiest people in the world. They were being fed in the spirit.

John baptized Jesus with ordinary water. Everyone saw this, but as St. Mark recounts to us, only John saw the heavens being opened and the Spirit, like a dove, descend upon Jesus. John not only saw, but heard the voice of God, "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Do you see this miracle? Do you hear God's voice at every celebration of the Sacraments? Do you see what John sees? Do you experience what the sisters experience? That's abundant life in the soul! Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen.

Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East

The January Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East will be at St. James Presbyterian Church, 910 14th Street, Tel. 733-1325, at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, 2009.

ULTREYA!

All cursillistas are invited to an ultreya at 3:30 pm on Saturday, January 17, at the Stafford Room at Assumption. Please join us!

Catholic Advocacy Day, Feb. 24

Parish members are invited to join together in Olympia to meet for a legislative briefing on economic justice, housing, health care and the environment; Gov. Gregoire will be speaking. To get complete information and to register go to: ipjc@ipjc.org or 206-223-1138 before Jan. 23.

Sanctity Sunday

Show your support for life and the work of your local Christian crisis pregnancy home: Great Expectations Maternity Home in Lynden, by purchasing a luminary after each Mass on January 17 and 18 for \$1/each. Light the luminary the evening of Jan. 18 to show your support for human life.

Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Knights of Columbus annual Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 6:30pm, at Shaughnessy Hall. The coveted "Chili Cup" trophy was at Sacred Heart for two years thanks to Gino Donatelli in 2006 and Margie LaValley in 2007. Last year the cup went to an Assumption parishioner and Sacred Heart needs to get the trophy back! Plan to attend this fun event and taste some great chili (18 contestants last year). Contact Dick Banning, 671-1672, to enter the contest.



Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, January 18, 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.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, January 13th to "Conversations with Father Bob". This week Fr. Bob Camuso will interview newly ordained priest, **Fr. Jack Shrum**, about his work with Catholic Relief Services. Also joining Fr. Bob is seminarian **Dwight Lewis** who is originally from Trinidad.

"Conversations with Father Bob" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 PM and Thursday 9:00-10:00 PM.

Eagle Scout Book Drive

Sacred Heart received a letter of thanks from Assumption parishioner Eagle Scout Danny Gibson for our help in his drive to collect books written in Spanish for Bellingham Books to Prisoners. With our assistance, Danny was able to collect more than 180 books and he extends his thanks on their behalf.

Carmelite Institute of Spirituality Day of Recollection

Jan. 24, at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 27008 78th Ave. NW Stanwood.

Any questions, please call 360-629-4032.

January 10 & January 11

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Isaiah 55:1-11, Acts 10:34-38, Gospel: (Mark 1:7-11)

Jan. 11 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. First Rec./First Com. Parents' meeting
 St. Aquinas Room
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First comm. Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

Gospel: (Mark 1:14-20)

Jan. 12 **No Mass**
Mon. 7:00 p.m. Soc. Justice Book Discussion St. Augustine
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Hilary, bishop, doctor, Gospel: (Mark 1:21-28)

Jan. 13 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 (Sheila Siebert) (Special Intention)
 7:00 p.m. II Tuesday Parish Hall

Gospel: (Mark 1:29-39)

Jan. 14 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
 (Joseph & Martha Kundinger) (+)
 7:00 p.m. 8:30-Choir Practice Church
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Mens Group St. Augustine

Gospel: (Mark 1:40-45)

Jan. 15 8:00 a.m. Finance Council Parish Hall
Thur. 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Claire Room
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Ted Nark Sr.) (+) Winter Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee Mtg. St Augustine
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Parish Hall

Gospel: (Mark 2:1-12)

Jan. 16 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Violet Jurgella) (+) Winter Chapel

1 Samuel 3:3b-10:19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Gospel: (John 1:35-42)

Jan. 17 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

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10:19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Gospel: (John 1:35-42)

Jan. 18 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE/First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church
 2:00 p.m. Vietnamese Potluck Parish Hall
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to the beauty of our Christmas Liturgies. It was a year of winter weather challenges, yet each liturgy did honor to the tremendous gift of Jesus and was a reflection of the charity and gifts of our parish. May God be praised!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes run on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the lower classrooms of the Parish Center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

II Tuesdays resume on January 13th in the Parish Hall. Fr. Qui Thac will be our featured speaker and the topic is "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of our Lives". Please join us and feel welcome to bring a friend!

WEATHER BUTTON

Sacred Heart will post any program changes or cancellations due to inclement weather on the phone message and the website at:
www.sacredheartbellingham.org (Click on the weather update button).

Assumption School News 733-6133

Are you looking for a Catholic school with a strong Catholic identity, proven academic success, a quality certified faculty, and an atmosphere that promotes achievement, moral behavior, and a host of co-curricular activities? Call Assumption school (733-6133).

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner January 4, 2009

Thank you for your gifts of treasure over the Holidays. There were many collections over the last two weeks, so this report includes the budgeted and collection totals for July 1 through December 31, 2008. If you would like specific collection totals, please call Ruth Miller at the Parish Office.

Actual Sunday Collection	\$202,722.82
Budgeted Amount	\$ <u>210,525.12</u>
Shortage	\$ -7,802.30

Holy Days	\$ 18,904.30
Budgeted Amount	\$ <u>11,000.00</u>
Overage	\$ 7,904.30

2009 Stewardship Pledge Report

272 pledges, or 37% of registered households
 Pledged \$362,579.60

2008 Stewardship Pledge Report

239 pledges, or 34% of registered households
 Pledged \$331,101.40