

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Gospel recounts to us the calling of the first disciples who were followers of St. John the Baptist. The Evangelist noted that when the disciples went to stay with Jesus that day, it was "*about four in the afternoon.*" The translation to help us understand exactly what time of the day it was is unfortunate. The Latin translation kept the Jewish timing. The Vulgate states: "*hora erat quasi decima.*" It was about the tenth hour. The tenth number pertains to the Law. The reason why the time was noted is to remind us that in Christ resides the fullness of the Law. We are reminded of Jesus' saying later in his ministry: "*Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.*"

The reason why Peter and Andrew followed Jesus is because they believed that Jesus is the master of the Law. The true master of the Law is also the giver of the Law. The first apostles saw in Christ, the fulfillment of the Law of God written in every human heart.

Humans are inspired to do the good often; and just as often we fail to live up to it. Under the Law, it is impossible for us to be justified, but now, in Christ, all things are possible.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MON. JAN. 19.
(Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s BIRTHDAY)
OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUES. JAN 20, AT 9:00 A.M.**



Our pro-life work is not only a matter of telling the truth about abortions; it's also a matter of working to change public policy so that the laws of our country will never allow the killing of innocent human life again.

Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Knights of Columbus annual Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 6:30 pm, 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.

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.

Speaker on WSCC 2009 Legislative Priorities

On Feb. 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, Jim Thomas will share with us the priorities of the Washington State Catholic Conference as advocates for the poor and vulnerable during the current legislative session, and how our faith calls us to be involved. Jim is the Director of Adult Faith Formation for Catholic Social Teaching and Family Life at the Archdiocese. This session is co-sponsored by Pax Christi and the Social Justice Committee.

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.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS/TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

A 10:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael Church, 1021 Boundary SE, Olympia, followed by a procession from the Church to the State Capitol to participate in the Washington State March for Life, which begins at noon. All are invited back to the Church for a complimentary lunch served by the Knights of Columbus. More information on the St. Michael Church events at (360) 480-9329 or www.SaintMichaelParish.org.

Mount Vernon Marriage Encounter Weekend Informational Meeting/Sacred Heart Parish Hall

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for March 27-29 in Mount Vernon. Interested couples are invited to an **Informational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 12:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Parish Hall.** For more information, please call Mike & Kay Gougeon, 671-6955 or Joe & Kathy St. Hilaire, 671-4836.

FIGHT FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT!

Sacred Heart Church is participating in a national pro-life postcard campaign to send a message (no to FOCA) to Congress. Launching on January 24-25, this massive campaign is being coordinated by the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment. Due to the incredibly high response, the cards may not be available until the first week of February. As soon as we receive the postcards, we will make them available after each Mass. In the meantime, please pray for the success of this campaign.

January 17 & January 18

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

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Office closed

Gospel: (Mark 2:18-22)

Jan. 19 **No Mass**
Mon. 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Fabian, pope, martyr, Gospel: (Mark 2:23-28)

Jan. 20 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas Room
Tues. 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** (Harry Dobronich) (+) Church
 7:00 p.m. Shalom Moms Group St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel

Agnes, virgin, martyr, Gospel: (Matthew 13:44-46)

Jan. 21 10:00 a.m. Loaves & Fishes Kitchen
Wed. 11:00 a.m. Deanery Meeting St. Charles
 12:10 p.m. **No Mass** Winter Chapel
 1:00 p.m. WISH Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. 8:30-Choir Practice Church

Vincent, deacon, martyr, Gospel: (Mark 3:7-12)

Jan. 22 8:00 a.m. Finance Council Parish Hall
Thurs. 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Claire Room
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Alice & Joe Wysocki) (+) Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting St. Francis
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting Parish Hall

Gospel: (Mark 3:13-19)

Jan. 23 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. **Mass** (Helen Mosher) (+) Winter Chapel

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Gospel: (Mark 1:14-20)

Jan. 24 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 6:30 p.m. Chili Feed Parish Hall

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Gospel: (Mark 1:14-20)

Jan. 25 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting St. Aquinas
 9:45 a.m. RE/First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

Assumption School News

Catholic Schools Week, January 25-February 1.

Registration for 2008-09: Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are held on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the lower classrooms in the Parish Center.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Please note that Confirmation classes begin for High School Students on Wednesday, March 4th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Check the website (and hit the Youth Ministry button for more information).

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).

WISH

The next WISH (Women in Sacred Heart) meeting will be Wednesday, Jan 21 at 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for soup and fun. For more information, call Lada Ivancic, at 527-9685, or Marcia Strauss, at 738-8108.

Faith and Light

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

Donations to the Bellingham Food Bank

Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated food to help the poor in our community. 70 lbs of food was donated the weekend of January 4th.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report January 3 & 4, 2009

Envelopes (142)	\$ 8,695.00
Visitors	<u>\$ 475.28</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 9,170.28
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

Holy Day	\$ 1,769.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 499.60
Building & Grounds	\$ 85.00
Assumption School	\$ 25.00

January 10 & 11, 2009

Envelopes (182)	\$ 10,256.00
Visitors	\$ 482.06
Children (1)	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 10,740.06
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

Holy Day	\$ 80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 475.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 76.00
Assumption School	\$ 11.00