

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Palm Sunday

With Twi's presentation last Tuesday, we came to the last part of our catechesis on John Paul II's Theology of the Body (TOB) and how it informs our daily lives. At the center of TOB is the person of Jesus and calls us to imitate this love that is fruitful and life-giving. TOB asks us to love like God: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful. As we enter into Holy Week when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Blessed Lord, we realize that Jesus embodies all four principles of TOB. Jesus' love is free; is our love for God and one another free or do we have strings attached to it? Jesus' love is total; is our love for God and one another total or do we hold back part of our hearts? Jesus' love is faithful; is our love for God and one another faithful or do we stop loving when we perceive that God or the other person has stopped caring for us? Jesus' love is fruitful; is our love for God and one another fruitful; or does it bring us to a sadness or lifeless feeling?

During this week, I invite you to reflect upon the love of our Blessed Lord in His passion, death and resurrection. If you are not doing so already, I encourage you to attend all three parts of the Triduum celebration: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. May Jesus love for you and me help us to love as he loves us.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

There will be additional times for Confession during Holy Week (check schedule in the bulletin)

Please note: No meetings in Parish Office during Holy Week

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The Good Friday collection goes to supporting the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land

Publicity for Potpourri of Art

It is not too early to start telling your family, co-workers and the community about the show this coming November: it's the 40th and promises to be the best one ever! As you "advertise" the show, you may know of a quilter, a great pie maker, someone to assist in the Country Store or help out with the event in other ways. We invite you to share your gifts.

Support for detained parishioners: A group of people from Bellingham (Assumption parishioners and others) will accompany some of the families whose wage earners were detained in the Yamoto Engine raid last month, down to the Tacoma ICE Detention Center. Please consider joining us; what better way to wait for the resurrection than in solidarity with detainees and their families. The group will leave the Assumption parking lot at 8:00 a.m., and leave Tacoma at 1:00 p.m. We need drivers. If you can help, call Nick Mele at 671-0238 or e-mail n.mele@comcast.net.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful we are our brothers and sisters' keepers. 75% of your **almsgiving** supports Catholic Relief Services around the world and 25% stays in the U.S. dioceses to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

"Milk Money" Program

Thanks to your generosity, Sacred Heart donated \$1,918.91 to the Bellingham Food Bank for the Milk Money Program.

Vacation Church School June 22-26

VCS provides programming for age 4 through grade 6. Youth in grades 7 through 12 next year are encouraged to volunteer in the program in a variety of ways. Vacation Church School is a cooperative effort of Assumption, First Christian, First Congregational, St. James, Sacred Heart and Garden Street churches. It is held at First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview Rd. Enrollment is limited, so please register early. Registration begins April 19th and closes May 20th. Watch for registration forms next month. Please contact Jennifer Rick at 647-2374 or jennifer.rick@comcast.net if you want to volunteer and help with this wonderful ministry.

Thank You

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank the Sacred Heart community for supporting this year's offering of letters to reform U.S. Foreign Aid. We would also like to thank Fr. Qui-Thac for his encouragement, support and blessing. More than 80 letters were received, blessed and sent.



Rachel's Corner

"I found out that my daughter had an abortion. I was devastated, and felt so guilty. Why didn't my daughter come to me when she was pregnant? What had I done to prevent her from trusting me with her secret? I watched her change before my eyes. She was not the same. I tortured myself with guilt. When I heard of Rachel's Vineyard I just had to give it a try. I was amazed at the kindness and compassion that I experienced on that weekend. I was allowed to share my pain and grieve the loss of my grandchild." - Testimony from a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The next Retreat is May 15-17, 2009
Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

April 4 & April 5

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Gospel (Mark 14:1-15:47)

Apr. 5	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Mass Start in Hall to process to Church	
	6:00 p.m.	SALT Upper Room/Assumption	

Gospel: (John 12:1-11)

Apr. 6	11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
Mon.	12:10 p.m.	Mass (Margaret Carroll) (+)	Church
	5-6 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	7:00 p.m.	No Edge	Spring Break

Gospel: (John 13:21-23, 36-38)

Apr. 7	5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Mass (Michael Palmieri) (+)	Church

Gospel: (Matthew 26:14-25)

Apr. 8	11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
Wed.	12:10 p.m.	Mass (John Ellwanger) (+)	Church
	6-7p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	7:00 p.m.	8:30 Choir	Church

Holy Thursday

Gospel: (John 13:1-15)

Apr. 9	9:00 p.m.	Deanery Meeting	St. Mary's Anacortes
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Mass	Church
	8:00 p.m.	Adoration	Winter Chapel

Office Closed at Noon

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Gospel: (John 18:1-19:42)

Apr. 10	12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
Fri.	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2, Rom 6:3-11, Gospel (Mark 16:1-7)

Apr. 11	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Prayer Service	Winter Chapel
Sat.	10:30 a.m.	RCIA Practice	Church
	12:00 p.m.	Polish Blessing of Food	Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Flower Decoration	Church
	9:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass	Church
	11:00 p.m.	RCIA Reception	Hall

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Gospel (John 20:1-9)

Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
	6:00 p.m.	No SALT Upper Room/Assumption	

Assumption Catholic School News

Congratulations to Lindsey Nakatani, a 2005 Assumption Catholic School alumnus and a current senior at Squilicum High School. She was accepted at the prestigious Julliard School for the fall of 2009. The Julliard School only accepts 9 to 12 students per year, so this is quite an accomplishment! Lindsey is the daughter of Dale and Kim Nakatani and the granddaughter of Tom and Rita Schlotterback.

Registration for 2009-2010: 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 Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

If you would like to donate toward our tuition assistance fund, or have information about establishing an endowment for the school, contact Jennifer Rick, at jrick@school.assumption.org or call 733-6133.

Liturgical Ministers for Triduum (on the website)

Thank you to all liturgical ministers who responded to the Triduum Ministry Cards and indicated interest in participating in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies. Ministers for the Triduum have been contacted by either Dr. McDonnell or by the heads of ministry to confirm participation in the Sacred Liturgies. The Liturgical schedule is listed at www.sacredheartbellingham.org. Click the Faith Formation button and then select the link "Triduum Ministry schedule."

Thank you to our Religious Education Children for participating and leading in the April 3rd Stations of the Cross. Also, thank you to our Religious Education Teachers for preparing the children. May God's abundant blessings be with you as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Why Do We...? Frequently, I am asked by parishioners why we do a certain ritual action in a certain way. This line of questioning emerges even more during this Festal Time when we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Over the course of Three Days, we journey with Jesus and ponder deeply the inestimable gift of his Dying and Rising for us. And each liturgy is unique. There are ritual actions that are proper to each of the three days. To that end, I am putting up links on our website that will offer insight into the Three Days. Go to the Faith Formation and Liturgy page on the website: www.sacredheartbellingham.org.

For an update on Fr. Steve Sallis connect with St. Benedict's website at www.rc.net/seattle/stbenedict.

Thank You from Fr. Dave

Thanks very much for thinking about us here in wet Lewis County once again. The funds you sent from your second collection sure did come in handy with some of our Hispanic families who were displaced by the flooding here in Chehalis. It came in the "nick of time" to say the least. Thanks again, and God bless.

Fr. David Mulholland.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart?

Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help!

Details: helpourmarriage.com

Spring Program begins: April 24-26 Call: 206-706-2608

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report March 28 & March 29, 2009

Envelopes (158)	\$ 6,597.00
Visitors	\$ 56805
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Total Sunday Income	\$ 7,166.05
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 125.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 20.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00