

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Divine Mercy Sunday

You may know some of these people: inventor Thomas Edison, novelist Thomas Hardy, president Thomas Jefferson, philosopher Thomas Hobbes, theologian Thomas Aquinas, bishop and martyr Thomas Becket. All these men took the name of the man who made it popular: St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas is the Greek form of the Aramaic name *Te'oma* which means "twin." St. Thomas was the missionary to the people of Iran and India and was later martyred there. What we read in this week's Gospel is commonly associated with Thomas and hence earned him the moniker "Thomas the Doubter." Thomas doubted the resurrection when he said, "*unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.*" (Jn. 20:25)

To remember St. Thomas as the doubter is incomplete and unfair. There is also another passage in the Gospel that refers to Thomas: when Jesus goes to Bethany to raise his friend Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus decided to go to Bethany (right next to Jerusalem), his disciples discouraged him saying, "*Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?*" (Jn. 11:8) Thomas said to his fellow disciples, "*Let us also go to die with him.*" This passage clearly illustrates another man in Thomas: the courageous one.

It is interesting that most people remember St. Thomas' character flaw and not his virtue. It is interesting, but predictable. When we recall different people in our lives, don't we have that same tendency to remember their character flaws and overlook their virtues? Let's reverse this. May the resurrection of Jesus change our lives and the way we live. Thomas the Courageous one. Pray for us! Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Annual Catholic Appeal

From Father Qui-Thac: "*This year's Annual Catholic Appeal has us reflect upon Passion for our Faith, Promise for our Future, and Care for our Community.* You will be receiving a letter this week from Archbishop Brunett, which I support, and ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the needs of our Archdiocese through the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal. I will be asking that all households participate this year so that we can achieve the highest percentage of participation ever in our history. I will be asking each weekend until I've heard from everyone. We will have a witness speaker presentation next weekend which will be your first opportunity to return your pledge envelope at Mass. Thank you."

Parish Hall Floor

The Parish Hall floor resurfacing project is scheduled for April 23 through April 30. There is a project board in the entry of the church with more information.

Walk For Life

Please sponsor us for this year's "**Walk for Life**" On Saturday, May 2nd. Your support will change lives! The Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic is dedicated to providing compassionate care and practical assistance to women, men and teens facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Clinic was established to communicate the truth about abortion, to equip teens to save sex for marriage, to help men women and families cope with the effects of abortion in a life-affirming manner, and to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. See walkers after each Mass to sign up as a sponsor or call Kay Gougeon at 671-6955.

Natural Family Planning

Learn God's gift of natural family planning with the Couple to Couple League. The series consists of three classes in Gig Harbor, WA from 6-8:30 p.m. on April 24, May 22, and June 19. For information and registration, contact teaching couple Chris and Christine Ryalls at 253-851-7445, or c2.ryalls@gmail.com. NW Website: www.nfp4life.org.

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 Methodist 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. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartbellingham.org.

Please contact Jennifer Rick at 647-2374 or Jennifer.rick@comcast.net if you want to volunteer and help with this wonderful ministry.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, April 21st to "*Conversations with Fr. Bob*". This week **Fr. Bryan Dolejsi** will interview **Fr. Bob Camuso** in celebration of five years of radio ministry! Fr. Bob has interviewed over 400 inspirational Catholics and now it is Fr. Bob's turn to share his story. This one hour program will also feature our first ever radio telethon. We will be asking listeners to partner with us to pray for and financially support this program. The program will air on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 on Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m.



Science has determined that at conception, a new individual comes into being, possessing a unique genetic code that has already determined that individual's sex, fingerprints, hair and eye color, facial features, etc. It truly is a human life; therefore, we must end abortion.

April 18 & April 19

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, Gospel (John 20:19-31)

Apr. 19	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	9:45 a.m.	No Coffee Hour	Shaughnessy Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
	1:00 p.m.	John Paul II Celebration	Shaughnessy Hall
	6:00 p.m.	SALT	Upper Room/Assumption

Gospel: (John 3:1-8)

Apr. 20	7:00 p.m.	Edge	Assumption Gym
Mon.			

Anselm, bishop, doctor, Gospel: (John 3:7b-15)

Apr. 21	1:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	6:00 p.m.	Mass (Renee & Parents:healing)	Church
	7:00 p.m.	SHALOM Mom's Group	St. Nicholas Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Chapel

Gospel: (John 3:16-21)

Apr. 22	11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
Wed.	12:10 p.m.	Mass (Imogene Severns) (+)	Church
	7:00 p.m.	8:30 Choir	Church
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep.	Shaughnessy Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

The New Hall Floor Restoration April 23-30

George, martyr, Gospel: (John 3:31-36)

Apr. 23	10:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse	St. Clare
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	12:10 p.m.	Mass (Antonia Amaro) (+)	Church
	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	St. Francis

Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr, Gospel: (John 6:1-15)

Apr. 24	11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
Fri.	12:10 p.m.	Mass (Helen Mosher) (+)	Church

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5a, Gospel (Luke 24:35-48)

Apr. 25	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Winter Chapel
Sat.	3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 p.m.	Mass	Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2:1-5a, Gospel (Luke 24:35-48)

Apr. 26	8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
Sun.	9:45 a.m.	RE & First Rec./First Comm.	P. Center
	9:45 a.m.	No 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

Assumption School News 733-6133

Are you looking for a 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.

Catholic School Education: Many families are called to Catholic school education, but are not able to afford it. If you would like to donate toward our tuition assistance fund, or would like information about establishing an endowment for the school, contact Jennifer Rick, Director of Development, at jrick@school.assumption.org or 733-6133.

Thank you very much for the outpouring of care after my fall on Easter Vigil night. Outside of a few bruises and a pair of broken eyeglasses, I am doing fine. Blessings, Twi McDonell.

Religious Education is on Easter Break. We will resume on April 26th from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Please hold in prayer our First Communion Class. They are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

The last II Tuesday Faith Formation Program is a panel that will be discussing the topic, **Economic Difficulties: How my reason and my Catholic Faith Lead Me Forward.** Our panel is composed of Gus Ayala, Jamie Twining, Jim Thomas from the Missions Office, a medical professional, and Fr. Qui-Thac. The panel will be preceded by the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry making a brief presentation of the highlights of their trip to Tijuana.

As with all II Tuesday presentations, Reconciliation is offered at 5:15 p.m.; Mass is at 6:00 p.m. and the Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and join us for this timely, informative, and faith informed evening.

For News of Fr. Steve Sallis

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

New Parish Directory

Sacred Heart has scheduled time this June with Life-touch Photography to give you an opportunity to update your family photograph and provide a new Parish Directory. The photography sessions are scheduled for June 2-13. Watch the bulletin for more information during the next couple of months. Ruth Miller in the Parish Office is looking for volunteers to assist with scheduling. Please call 734-2850 Ext. 5 if you can offer your time.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report April 11 & April 12, 2009

Envelopes (106)	\$ 4,279.00
Visitors	\$ 20.00
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Total Sunday Income	\$ 4,300.00
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 8,097.11
Holy Thursday	\$ 306.36
Good Friday	\$ 508.66
Easter Sunday	\$ 7,804.11
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 235.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 150.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00