

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches." If we remain in Him, we will bear much fruit. If this is the case, then when we do not bear much fruit or none at all, it is because we have not remained in Jesus. This is truth. If we apply this principle to our lives, we will begin to learn and understand much. The problem is that we sometimes forget.

About a week ago, I had one of those days where everything went wrong. In the morning, the allergy kicked in and I felt tired all morning. I did not have much of an appetite and eating breakfast was an unpleasant task. I drove home and the rain poured. I became sleepy and because the tires were as bald as a honeydew, I nearly swerved off the freeway at one point. In the afternoon, after a couple of counseling meetings, I became perturbed by the sadness of the struggles of those I had just met. Knowing that I will have a four hour meeting in the evening, I asked a few of the students to catch the end of happy hour with me to relax. On my way over, I was stopped by a person in great distress. As a result of this, I missed happy hour by seconds. It was well past 11 that I prepared myself for bed. As I reflected upon the day, I saw how chaotic it was. I tried in the evening as well as through the day to figure out where they were all coming from. Why was my heart troubled? I found all sorts of external reasons, but none explained them all. It was then that I realized that throughout the day, the only time I felt some peace was the time of reflection I had before Mass. After Mass, I lost it. I could have had this peace all through the day, but I had forgotten. I felt dry and barren because I did not remain in Jesus. Jesus said, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."  
Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

### Annual Catholic Appeal Message

**Your gift is still needed.** This month we have been conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign and still have not heard from some of you. This is not just another collection, but rather an annual commitment from all parishes in Western Washington to provide a Future Full of Hope for years to come. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share the good news and minister to those in need. If you have not already done so, please consider making your annual commitment today to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you cannot make a financial commitment at this time, please fill out an envelope and pledge to offer a prayer (write it in the pledge amount box). Thank you.

### Healing Mass

*"God grant that I glory only in the cross of Christ"*

**Healing Mass with Fr. Michael Barry  
Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
100 5th Street, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273**

Sponsored by:

Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal

### "Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, May 12th to "Conversations with Fr. Bob". This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with former Seattle University Theology Professor **Jesuit Father John Topel** about Christian Fundamentalism. Also joining Fr. Bob is New York Times best selling author and political commentator Cokie Roberts who will speak about her faith, family and the 10th anniversary edition of her book We Are Our Mother's Daughters. Broadcast on KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m.

### Thank You

A big THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me for the Walk for life, for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. **I raised over \$4,500!!!** I was so surprised and impressed. I want everyone to know that I really appreciate your support. Kay Gougeon.

### 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. 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](http://www.sacredheartbellingham.org). Please contact Jennifer Rick, 647-2374, or at [Jennifer.rick@comcast.net](mailto:Jennifer.rick@comcast.net), if you want to help with this wonderful ministry.

### Parish Hall Floor

Hopefully you've had an opportunity to check out the beautiful new floor in the Parish Hall. It would be great if this floor was around as long as the previous one: over 40 years! In order to keep it in tip-top condition, please keep items such as hee-les, bicycles, Big Wheels, anything with a rubber wheel, or items like Pogo sticks, outside the Parish Hall building.

### Safety First!

Please make sure that you and your children are safe when you are seated upstairs in the loft during Mass: the organ bench in the loft is not to be used for seating. Thank you



Come and pray with us on the third Sunday of each month for one hour, from 2-3:00 p.m., at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, May 17th, 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.

# May 9 & May 10

## 5th Sunday of Easter May 10th Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 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  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Rm./Assumption

## Monday May 11th

7:00 p.m. No Edge Assumption Gym  
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul St. Nicholas

## Tuesday May 12th

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Nicholas  
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 7:00 p.m. II Tuesday Hall

## Wednesday May 13th

11:00 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group. St. Augustine

## Thursday May 14th

10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Clare  
 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 6:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Church

## Friday May 15th

8:00 a.m. Assumption 7th Grade Retreat Hall  
 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

## Saturday May 16th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Chapel  
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

## 6th Sunday of Easter May 17th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Comm. P. Center  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Shaughnessy Hall  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 12:15 p.m. Bible Study St. Augustine  
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Rm./Assumption

### Mass Intentions This Week

Tues. May 12th Kay Southwell (+)  
 Wed. May 13th Jake Touchstone (+)  
 Thurs. May 14th Sheila Siebert (Healing)  
 Fri. May 15th Jaques Salomon (+)

### Weekly Readings

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10th Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;  
 Jn 15:1-8  
 May 11th Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
 May 12th Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31  
 May 13th Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
 May 14th Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
 May 15th Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
 May 16th Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

## Faith Formation & Liturgy

II TUESDAY FAITH FORMATION will be this Tuesday, May 12th and it is our Last Faith Formation Program for the year. The subject matter deals with Economic Difficulties and how our Faith and Reason inform our thinking and our response. We invite you to make it an evening and join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church, with Hospitality and Talk following in the Hall. The presentation portion of the evening features a compelling witness from our Newman Catholic Campus Ministry Students. The panel is comprised of Jamie Twinning, Gus Ayala, Jim Thomas, and Fr. Qui-Thac. Please come for an inspiring evening. Babysitting is available.

Hey are you interested in serving as an Usher/Greeter, Sacristan, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Liturgical Musician, Choir Member, or Lector? Please contact the Parish Office 360-734-2850 with your contact info and a Head of Ministry will contact you. Specific Masses that need your help are 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Thank you to Maria Vigh for her generous service in preparing the altar linens. Especially during the festal season of Easter, there is an abundance of laundering and ironing. We thank you for your loving and hidden ministry.

## Assumption Catholic School News

**Catholic Education Survey** In early April, 120 parish families were randomly selected from Sacred Heart Church and Assumption Church to complete a survey about Catholic education. Thank you to those who have completed the survey. If you have not mailed your survey, please do so as soon as possible. Accurate statistics cannot be tabulated if you do not respond.

**Sponsor a Student:** our biggest challenge continues to be tuition assistance for families who are seeking Catholic education. If you are called to sponsor a student with a tuition grant, please call Jennifer Rick or mail your pledge directly to the school. Our goal is to have twenty five \$1,000 grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Pledge installments are welcome. Will you help?

**School Enrollment is Climbing!** Thank you to those who have been praying for our school's success and for increased enrollment. God is answering our needs and prayers! Several classes are full and waiting lists have been started.

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

## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report May 2 & May 3, 2009



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| Envelopes (190)     | \$ 13,828.16   |
| Visitors            | \$ 520.88      |
| Children (2)        | <u>\$ 3.00</u> |
| Total Sunday Income | \$ 14,352.04   |
| Weekly Budget       | \$ 8,097.11    |
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| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 595.00      |
| Building & Grounds  | \$ 131.00      |
| Assumption School   | \$ 36.00       |