

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

"Love, then do whatever you want!" This quote was often used (and misused) when I was in minor seminary (college). In order to not misuse this quote, one must understand the context of these words. It is a quote from St. Augustine's sermon on the Gospel of St. John where Jesus said, *"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* This quote was preceded by these words, *"As the Father has loved me, so I also love you."* Jesus loves us by laying down his life. It would seem logical to say then that the Father loves the Son by laying down His (the Father's) life. But this is not the case, *"Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides?"* (Romans 8:32)

How is the Father's *"handing over"* different from the *"handing over"* of Judas? The facts look the same. Judas is a traitor; therefore, is the Father also a traitor? You say, this is blasphemous! But I did not say it, St. Paul himself testified that *"God did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over."* The Father gives the Son, the Son gives Himself, what does Judas do? Judas gives his Master. Externally, nothing is different. Internally, we see clearly the distinctions. God the Father gives the Son out of love, *"God so loved the world that he gave His only Son."* (John 3:16) Jesus gives Himself out of love, *"It is a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20) Judas gave Jesus his Master out of sin, *"immediately after, Satan entered his heart."* (John 13:27)

Thus the teaching of St. Augustine in this short commandment: Love, then do whatever you want! If you accuse, accuse with love; if you speak, speak with love; if you correct, correct with love; if you pardon, pardon with love. If the root of your action is love, then from this root, nothing but good can proceed. Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Please Note: No Mass on Wednesday, May 20th. Annual Catholic Appeal Message

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington through the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal. One person or parish could not possibly accomplish all that needs to be done in the 63 ministries and services of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift, no matter the amount, can, will, and is making a difference! It is not too late to return your pledge envelope if you haven't already done so—please do so today. Thank you.

Quo Vadis Days

The Archdiocese of Seattle's 7th Annual Quo Vadis Days will take place at Camp Don Bosco situated outside Carnation, WA. Quo Vadis Days is a three day camp for young Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives.

Cost: The Camp is free due to the generous contributions of the Serra Club, Knights of Columbus, and private donors. You must **register online**, and it is necessary to download and print out a hard copy of the **Health History form** and **the permission slip** to bring with you to the camp. Please make sure that a parent or legal guardian sign the registration form if you are under 18. The website is www.qvdays.org

Altar Servers

Calling all those interested in becoming ALTAR SERVERS! We are setting June dates for the next round of training, don't miss out! If you're being called to serve in this ministry (or if your parents are being called for you!) please contact timbridget@gmail.com or call the Adams' 647-9579.

Marriage Encounter

Husbands and wives: Did you know it takes so little to bring joy and excitement into a marriage? Learn new ways to enhance your relationship on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: June 19-21 in the Seattle area, November 6-8 in Everett. For more information contact Kay and Mike Gougeon, 671-6955.

Vacation Church School June 22-26

Vacation Church School is held at First Christian Church, 495 E. Bakerview Rd. 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, 647-2374, or at Jennifer.rick@comcast.net, if you want to help with this wonderful ministry.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, May 19th to *"Conversations with Fr. Bob"*. This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Vincent Fortanasce, M.D.** about his book *The Anti-Alzheimer's Prescription*. Also joining Fr. Bob is **Peter Emau** who will share his experience of the Catholic Church in Uganda. Broadcast on KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Scheduling for the Parish Directory

If you aren't able to schedule your portrait session after Mass over the weekend, you may schedule it from the Sacred Heart website. Go to sacredheartbellingham.org and choose the Lifetouch scheduling link. The link will be active beginning Monday evening, May 18.

Reform Foreign Aid: On Wednesday, May 20, the House on Foreign Affairs Committee will meet to take up House bill 2139, the Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009. Please call Rep. Rick Larsen's office at 1-800-826-3688, and urge him to co-sponsor HR 2139 to reform foreign aid and make it more effective in reducing poverty. Your calls make a difference.



Another real casualty of abortion, besides the babies who are killed and the mothers who suffer from post-abortion syndrome, is our humanity. Every society is judged by the way it treats those who are defenseless and dependent.

May 16 & May 17

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

Monday May 18th

7:00 p.m.	EDGE Party	Assumption Gym
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Tuesday May 19th

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.	SHALOM Mom's Group	St. Nicholas

Wednesday May 20th

11:00 a.m.	Deanery Meeting	St. Charles
11:00 a.m.	No Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m.	No Mass	Church
1:00 p.m.	WISH	Parish Hall

Thursday May 21st

8:00 a.m.	Finance Council	Parish Hall
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
6:00 p.m.	Soc. Justice Comm. mtg.	Twis's Office
6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council mtg.	Parish Hall

Friday May 22nd

11:00 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m.	Mass	Church

Saturday May 23rd

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

7th Sunday of Easter May 24th

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

Mass Intentions This Week

Tues.	May 19th	Corey & Martina (For God's Will)
Thurs.	May 21st	Esther Sabato (+)
Fri.	May 22nd	Zaden Kerry (+)

Weekly Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

May 18th	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
May 19th	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
May 20th	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
May 21st	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
May 22nd	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a
May 23rd	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 11b-19

Faith Formation & Liturgy

II Tuesday wrapped up its year with a wonderful panel presentation on Economic Difficulties. Many thanks to our panelists: parishioners Jamie Twining and Gus Ayala, to Jim Thomas from the Archdiocese of Seattle, and to Fr. Qui-Thac! Also, thank you to Ginnie Parine and Dan Larguer for their outstanding work. A special thank you to the students from Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at WWU who shared pictures and witness from their mission trip to Mexico.

At this time of year many things are beginning to wrap up. Our final RE session will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. A tremendous "Thank You!" to Sarah & Joseph Reyes, Janell Salomon, Renee Baranek, Corinna Jones, Jim Karcher, Candice Rosenberg, Melba Tso, and Rurik Patschick for their leadership as catechists in the Religious Education Program. A special thank you to parents for allowing us to support your role as primary teachers of the faith!

Thank you to all those who helped with the RCIA program this year as catechists, dismissal catechists, and sponsors! The effects of your ministries were evident on the faces of all those who were initiated this year. In particular, thank you to Carol Gavareski for coordinating the dismissal catechist schedule.

EDGE Final Party is this Monday, May 18th at Assumption Gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. It's Fiesta time! The event is for Middle School Students and their families. EDGE is the Middle School Youth Ministry Program run by Assumption and Sacred Heart's Youth Minister, Angus McDonell. Information about this event and about the EDGE program is up on the web, so check it out at: www.Sacredheartbellingham.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned at the Sunday Masses on Pentecost (May 30/31).

If you're interested in participating in a liturgical ministry, please check out the website for more information or call Twi McDonell at the Parish Office.

Assumption Catholic School News

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?

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report May 9 & May 10, 2009



Envelopes (161)	\$ 9,872.13
Visitors	<u>\$ 472.76</u>
Total Sunday Income	\$ 10,344.89
Weekly Budget	\$ 8,097.11

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 456.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 75.00
Assumption School	\$ 35.00