

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's Gospel speaks of the Nazarenes' lack of faith. As a result of this, Jesus "was not able to perform one mighty deed there." A similar lack of faith is also present to those who question the passage that we will hear: "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" Their own interpretations of this passage gives them the right to reject the Church's teaching on Mary's virginity and further rejects the teaching authority of the Church. This heterodox (dissenting) interpretation results from a number of causes including, but not limited to these: fundamentalism, ignorance of the history of the Bible, and Biblical authority.

Let's consider the first. Objections to traditional understanding of this passage results from a strict understanding of "brother" and "sister." Fundamentalists translate this word literally. We can see where it will lead us. The original Greek for brother is "adelphos" or "adelphoi" for brothers. It has a wider range of meaning that includes cousins, members of the family by marriage, law or blood and sometimes even friends. Take Lot as an example. Lot is called Abraham's brother, yet Lot is the son of Haran who is Abraham's brother. In reality, Lot is Abraham's nephew, but is nevertheless called "brother." For a detailed exposition, go to: [http://www.catholic.com/library/Brethren of the Lord.asp](http://www.catholic.com/library/Brethren_of_the_Lord.asp)

For help with understanding the history of the Bible, I recommend this book: Confession of a Roman Catholic by Paul Whitcomb. It is the story of a former protestant minister's journey to the Catholic faith through the Bible. It can be bought used from Amazon.com for 50cents. Lastly, when anyone speaks heretically about any articles of faith, ask them on whose authority they received these teachings. The Catholic Church's authority rests on an army of theologians and saints through a span of 2,000 years and counting!

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Just Faith

Please join the JustFaith graduates next Sunday, July 12th in the Parish Hall between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses for an information session on the year five JustFaith program. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear how graduates feel about the program and to ask questions about participating beginning in October. Please call Caroline Correa 647-1232 with any questions about the information session.

40th Potpourri of Art Show

We are calling the Past Chairpersons. We need your help in celebrating the past 39 shows. Would you please share your stories of what the show meant to you? We hope to make the 40th show one to remember by honoring the past and looking forward to the next 40 years. Please write a short story or memories of the artists, volunteers or great Café time and send them to the Publicity Team at PamelaWil@Comcast.net. Our next insert is the third weekend of July. We need your input by July 13th. **Thank you for your help.**

Tools needed for Agape Summer Service Camps

Nancy Orłowski volunteers for Agape and accompanies the group when they go to the Community-2-Community organic farm in Custer to weed and harvest. The following items are needed: gardening gloves, 3-pronged hoe, shovel, spades, rake, wheel-barrow, hand pruners, pruning saw, pruning knives, and hand weeding tools (little shovels, trowels, tillers, claws. Please contact Nancy at 360-927-7783 if you can donate any of these items.



2009 Annual Catholic Appeal

Report date: 6/26/09
Sacred Heart Goal: \$48,341
Pledges received: \$69,792
Potential rebate: \$21,451
Total participation: 43.63%

Thank you for your generosity!

Discipleship of Jesus

using Mary as our Model Conference

Are you excited about your Catholic Faith? Or are you just a Catholic out of habit? Would you like to be recharged as a volunteer? Find out how blessed we are to be Catholics by attending this Conference.

Presented by Fr. Santan Pinto of SOLT Ministries
July 20-22, 2009 Mon.-Wed., 9:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.
St. Mary Church, Father Auer Center, Anacortes
Telephone: 360-293-2101.

Thank those whose work usually goes unnoticed: those who clean our business office, those who serve the food in fast food restaurants. Cahiers at the supermarket, etc.

Pilgrimage for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Sacred Heart Parish in Bellingham is supporting a Pilgrimage for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. The Pilgrimage begins on Aug. 1, at the Church of the Assumption, and we will walk approximately nine miles daily. The pilgrimage plans to overnight in churches along the way. It ends on Aug. 15th with a Prayer Service at the NW Detention Center and an overnight at St. Leo's. All are invited to participate and support this effort. For more on the Bishop's support for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org. To learn more about the Pilgrimage and how you can help, go to www.whatcomblogs.com.



Widely recognized promoter of the Theology of the Body-Christopher West will be speaking on Tuesday, July 7th at Blessed Sacrament parish in Seattle (5050 8th Ave. NE), starting at 7:00 p.m. The title of this talk is "God, Sex and the Meaning of Life." For more information, contact Janet Heva at 206-5072 or janet@uwnewman.org. The event has a suggested donation of \$20.

July 4 & July 5

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 5th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Monday July 6th

No Mass

Tuesday July 7th

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Wednesday July 8th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

Thursday July 9th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting St. Francis

Friday July 10th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

Saturday July 11th

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

15th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 12th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:30-10:45 p.m. Just Faith Recruitment Hall
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 3:00 p.m. Agape Parish Center
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Don't forget: Agape Mission Project is in need of donations of food, clothing and toys. Place your donations in the Agape box in the vestibule of the church or bring to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions This Week

July 7 Jacques Salomon (+)
 July 8 Kimiko Dardis (+)
 July 9 Helen Mosher (+)
 July 10 Zaden Kerry (+)

Weekly Readings

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 5th

Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

July 6 Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26
 July 7 Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
 July 8 Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Matthew 10:1-7
 July 9 Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15
 July 10 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
 July 11 Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Matthew 10:24-33

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Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13



Faith Formation and Liturgy

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith

Have questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process to become Catholic? Then call Twi McDonell at 734-2850, Ext. 6 to set up a meeting. The process is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our Inquiry sessions on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 1st in the Parish Library. Please feel free to join us!

Conversations with Fr. Bob

Tune in Tuesday, July 7th to "Conversations with Fr. Bob". This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with returning guest John Clapp. John teaches Catholic Church History at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, Washington and is joining Fr. Bob to discuss the history of the Catholic Church in America.

"Conversations with Fr. Bob" is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00-10:00 p.m. It also airs every Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m. and Sunday 7:00-8:00 a.m. on KKNW AM 1150. "Conversations with Fr. Bob" is a listener-supported program hosted by Fr. Bob Camuso, the pastor at St. Luke Catholic Church, Shoreline, WA.

Assumption Catholic School

Sponsor a Student: Our biggest Challenge continues to be tuition assistance for families who seek a 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 25 \$1,000 grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Pledge installments are welcome. Will you help? We have had two parishioners come forward so far.

Registration for 2009-2010: Are you looking for a Catholic school with a strong Catholic identity, proven academic success, a quality certificated 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.

Closed for July: Assumption Catholic School will resume summer office hours on Aug. 3 from 8:00-3:00. Have a restful summer!

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report June 27 & 28, 2009



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (150)	\$6,402.25
Visitors	<u>\$ 631.06</u>
Ordinary Income	\$7,033.31
Weekly Budget Need	\$8,097.11

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 50.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00