

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

This weekend's reflection on the Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves by Fr. Peter Cameron, O.P., in the *Magnificat* is so beautifully written that I wanted to share it with you: "In what does man's wretchedness actually consist?" asks Pope Benedict XVI. He answers that the root of human wretchedness is loneliness, the absence of love - the fact that our personal existence is not embraced by a love that makes our existence "necessary." Our misery arises when we live without a love strong enough to justify our existence no matter how much pain and limitation go along with it. What our heart is crying out for is a true companion in whose love we experience how truly necessary and invaluable our existence is.

The very word companion derives from the two Latin words *cum*, meaning "with," and *panis*, which means "bread." A companion is literally "bread with us" - in other words, everything we need. This literally is the Eucharist! The Eucharist proclaims that God is not a distant fact toward which human beings strive with great effort. "Rather, he is Someone who has joined man on his path, who has become his companion." (Luigi Giussani)

In the Sacrament of the Altar, writes Pope Benedict XVI in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Lord meets us and becomes our companion along the way. True joy, he says is found in recognizing that the Lord is still with us, our faithful companion along the way. For as St. Thomas Aquinas pointed out, no possession is joyous without a companion... Christ's presence is the companionship of those he has called like us. Christ is realized in us and among us through our companionship" (Luigi Giussani). (Monsignor Luigi Giussani is an Italian priest who was the founder of the ecclesial movement *Communion and Liberation*. (Monsignor Giussani died in 2005. Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Ratzinger, celebrated his funeral.) Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen



JustFaith Recruitment 2009: English poet William Wordsworth wrote, "The world is too much with us; late and soon, /getting and spending, we lay waste our powers: Little we see in Nature that is ours; /We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon! If the world is too much with you, and you are looking for a place to reclaim the power of your faith, then check out JustFaith. During each of the thirty week sessions, JustFaith can create a place for you to reclaim the heart of your faith—loving God and loving your neighbors all over the world—in a new and meaningful way. Find out what you are called to do through reflection, study, prayer and community by participating in the JustFaith program. For more information, contact Caroline Correa at 647-1232.



Parish Directory: You will have another opportunity to have your photo taken for the Parish Directory. We are scheduled with Lifetouch for a "make-up" week, September 1-5. More information to follow on scheduling your photo session.

CAST has enough sandwich makers and servers for July and August. Drivers are still needed. You can sign up in the entry of the church or call Ginnie Parine at 647-5703. This is a great family summer project. Thank you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Married couples; just as summer can be an enriching and revitalizing experience, so is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The weekend is designed for good marriages to make them great marriages. The next weekend is November 6-8 in Everett.



Newman Center Agape Groups: Young people from the parish of St. Joseph in Seattle will arrive July 26th to spend a week at Sacred Heart Parish Center. If you would like to help in their mission while they are here, please bring non-perishable food items and clean, gently-used toys and clothes. The donations can be put into the container at the entry of the church or brought to the Parish Office.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." *John 13:34* Love is the foundation of Stewardship. God calls us to care for and share our talents and resources, in love and gratitude for our blessings. By loving God and answering His call to Stewardship, we are also demonstrating our love for one another. Let all people know that we are Christ's disciples through our loving acts of Stewardship!



2009 Annual Catholic Appeal
Report date: 7/26/2009
Sacred Heart Goal: \$48,341
Pledges received \$70,047
Potential rebate: \$21,706
Total participation 43.77%

Thank you for your generosity!



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; No one has the right to destroy the life of another person. Pray for and end to abortion.

July 25 & July 26

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 26th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
3:00 p.m. Agape	Parish Center

Monday July 27th

8:00 a.m. Agape	Parish Center
No Mass	

Tuesday July 28th

8:00 a.m. Agape	Parish Center
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. Mass	Church

Wednesday July 29th

8:00 a.m. Agape	Parish Center
11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church

Thursday July 30th

8:00 a.m. Agape	Parish Center
11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church

Friday July 31st

8:00 a.m. Agape	Parish Center
11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church
2:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	Church

Saturday August 1st

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
2:00 p.m. Wedding	Church
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. Mass	Church

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time August 2nd

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
No Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
3:00 p.m. Agape	Parish Center

Mass Intentions This Week

July 28	Deacon Lawrence Sullivan (+)
July 29	Ted Wilcox (+)
July 30	Lucie Campbell
July 31	Jeanne Dey (+)

Weekly Readings

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 26th

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

July 27	Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35
July 28	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43
July 29	Exodus 34:29-35; John 11:19-27
July 30	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53
July 31	Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Luke 14:25-33
Aug. 1	Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Matthew 14:1-12

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time August 2nd

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35



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!

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: We are preparing the next three months of scheduling (September, October, and November). In addition to the schedule for the weekends, we will also be including the ministers for Thanksgiving Mass held at 10:00 a.m. on November 26th. Please send the dates you are not available for September, October, and November (including Thanksgiving) to Christina Nichols at c.t.nichols@comcast.net by August 1st.

Assumption School News

360-733-6133

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 twenty five \$1,000 grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Pledge installments are welcome. Will you help? Five donors have stepped forward with tuition assistance grants for the 2009-2010 school year. Any gift amount is gratefully accepted—partial grants can be combined to support the growing number of families who are in financial need.



Assumption Prayer Ministry

Wednesday Evening, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Prayer ministry is quiet and confidential. May we pray with you when you go to the Lord for your needs? No appointment necessary. Come to Church of the Assumption. Please note: Prayer ministry will not be available during the month of August.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report

July 19 & 19, 2009

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (143)	\$5,608.00
Visitors	\$ 486.10
Children	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	\$6,096.10

Weekly Budget Need	\$8,232.00
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2009/2010 Fiscal year to date:

Budget:	\$428,075.00
Actual:	\$ 23,031.10

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 69.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 10.00
Assumption School	\$ 10.00

