

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."

This week's Gospel reading is the fourth of five Sunday readings on Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. It is the longest continuation of readings in the whole liturgical year. Why does Holy Mother Church give us so much on this subject to contemplate, we Catholics, know well: The Eucharist is the center and summit of our life. As we reflect on this reality, the question for us is this: Is the Eucharist truly the center and summit of my life? Because the Eucharist IS the body and blood of Jesus, "*The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh,*" another way to phrase the question is: Is Jesus the center and summit of my life?

How do we evaluate our lives to this standard? We do so like all things, by looking at what we possess to that which is the standard and epitome of its kind. I evaluate my Motorola Moto Q to the standard set by iPhone (the undisputed king of modern cell phones). We can only transfer this concept to the Eucharist by analogy. Recall the last time that you were smitten by a love for another person. Captured by their beauty, you saw everything about them as a thing to behold and contemplate. Even those things which are not out of the ordinary you pronounced as "special" and "unique." You long to gaze upon your beloved's face and when you are not able, you do so in your mind and in your dreams. When your beloved is sad, you are sad; when your beloved is joyful, you are joyful; when your beloved is depressed, you are depressed. Your happiness is bound up and dependent upon your beloved's happiness. Your beloved has become the standard, the center and summit of your life. Is Jesus the center and summit of your life? If you answer yes to this question to any degree, you are truly blessed! Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Mission Support: The Archdiocese gives mission causes an opportunity to share about their ministry and to raise funds to support their mission. At each Mass on the weekend of August 15-16, Sister Rose Tran of the Congregation of Lovers of the Holy Cross of Govap, at St. Bernadette Convent in Seattle, will be sharing with us about the work that they do in the community, their prayer life, and service, and the financial challenge they face to educate the Sisters. Please give prayerful consideration to supporting their mission.

Thank You: To our fellow parishioners, you have been praying at Mass for our daughter, Monica Anne Fetty. We are pleased to report that, while she is still undergoing chemotherapy, her condition has greatly improved and we are hopeful that the end is in sight. Thank you all so much for your prayers and for the prayer shawl. Sincerely, Chuck and Maryanna Farrell.

Agape Service Project: The 2009 Agape service project has concluded. Thank you to all Sacred Heart parishioners who donated food and other items in support of the Agape food and clothing bank. Your generosity is amazing!

Roof Repair: About a week ago you may have noticed ladders and people on the roof of the church. They were here to repair the roof and attic vents that will, hopefully, prevent the wind from bringing rain up the vents and causing water damage. The small damage in the ceiling plaster will soon be repaired. Thank you for your stewardship contributions to the Building Fund!

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil: Come and pray with us once a month on the third Sunday from 2-3 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, 1530 Ellis St. Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, August 16, 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.

Just Faith Recruitment: Please join the JustFaith graduates next Sunday, August 23rd 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.

Parish Picnic: The Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 30th at Fairhaven Park. We are looking for a team to help at this event in the following areas: food, set-up, clean-up, servers and grillers to help with the salmon and hot dogs. Please call Paula Mallahan, 671-1374, if you can offer assistance.

Parish Directory: You will have another opportunity to have your photo taken for the Parish Directory, September 1-5. Schedule your Photo session after the Masses on the weekend or go to www.sacredheartbellingham.org.

CAST has enough sandwich makers and servers for August. Drivers are still needed. Sandwich makers, servers and drivers are needed for September. 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!

Sacred Heart Young Professional Group: If you are single, between the ages of 23-45, and are interested in helping to form a Young Professional Group here at Sacred Heart, please call, Agnes Balog at 360-305-1307.

August 15 & August 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
No Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass	Church

Monday August 17th No Mass

Tuesday August 18th

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. Mass	Church

Wednesday August 19th

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

Thursday August 20th

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

Friday August 21st

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

Saturday August 22nd

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

Sunday August 23rd

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

Mass Intentions This Week

August 18 Deacon George Ficken (+)
 August 19 Fr. Alan Cushing (+)
 August 20 Marion Young (+)
 August 21 Wilbur Tenge (+)

Weekly Readings

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time August 16th

Proverbs 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Aug. 17 Judges 2: 11-19 Matthew 19:16-22
 Aug. 18 Judges 6:11-24a Matthew 19:23-30
 Aug. 19 Judges 9:6-15 Matthew 20:1-6a
 Aug. 20 Judges 11:29-39a Matthew 22:1-14
 Aug. 21 Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Matthew 22:34-40
 Aug. 22 Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17 Psalm 128:1-5
 Matthew 23:1-12

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time August 23rd

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5:21-32 John 6:60-69



Faith Formation & Liturgy
Information and Calendars for 2009-2010:
Check 'em out at www.sacredheartbellingham.org
Click on the Faith Formation Button.

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. free to join us!

Thank you all parishioners for your welcome to Fr. Benedict this past weekend. Special thanks to Hope Bloomfield, Marcia Strauss, Clark Family, Adams Family, Gonella Family, Nichols Family, and the Gubbins Family for helping with transportation and hospitality during his stay.

Assumption School News

Uniform Sale: New and used uniforms will be sold August 18-19. See your summer packet for hours.

New Parent Orientation (K-8): Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center. This is a parent only event.

Assumption Catholic School now Hiring!

Open until filled. Send resume with three professional references and a cover letter to Principal Rose Goeres at rgoeres@school.assumption.org or directly to Assumption Catholic School, 2116 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225. (360) 733-6133.

- **Position 1: Classroom aide.** This 3-hour position, 5 days a week in a primary grade classroom, pays \$10-\$15 an hour depending on experience and qualifications. Begins 8/25 for some in-service trainings.
- **Position 2: Traffic Loop Coordinator.** One hour per day (25 minutes in A.M.; 35 minutes in P.M.). Supervises the student drop off and pick up traffic. Stipend for school year: \$2,500.
- **Position 3: Night Custodian.** 18 hours per week evening hours. \$10/hour.

Federal Background checks and Safe Environment training required.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report August 8 & 9, 2009



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (160)	\$9,342.66
Visitors	<u>\$ 590.90</u>
	\$9,933.56

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

Budget: \$428,075.00
Actual: \$ 48,114.57

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 455.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 125.00
Assumption School	\$ 30.00