

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I had some issues with my car a few months back. There is no garage at Sacred Heart, so I left my car at St. Mary's in Anacortes. A few weeks later I came back to fix the car and take it home. Apparently, Fr. Vu decided not only to fix the problem, but also washed and waxed the car. He told me to come over and put my hand against the hood. I was stunned! The car *looks* brand new and the car *feels* brand new, Fr. Vu discovered the art of clay barring. I was elated at seeing how nice my car was until I got inside the car. It was a mess. The contrast of the immaculate exterior and the chaotic interior overwhelmed me. I was depressed.

The Pharisees and Scribes came from Jerusalem to see Jesus. When they encountered Jesus, the first thing that they saw was the fact that His disciples did not wash their hands before eating and they immediately confronted Him on this issue, *Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?* In answer to this question, Jesus calls them a bunch of hypocrites! Why? Because immediately before this encounter, hundreds and maybe thousands scurried from all the surrounding villages, towns and cities and laid their sick in front of Jesus so that they could touch the tassel on His cloak and *as many as touched it were healed*. No wonder Jesus called the Pharisees and Scribes hypocrites. Just look at the contrast: people who were impure came to be purified versus people who thought of themselves as pure and saw impurity in Jesus, the only man who is ever truly pure! All of us struggle with some degree of hypocrisy. How is your exterior? Immaculate? Showroom quality? Great. How is the interior? Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin Friday, September 4th after the 12:10 p.m. Mass, and will end with Benediction on Saturday, September 5th at 8:20 a.m. in the Winter Chapel. Mass will follow at 8:30 a.m.

The Agape Service Project is over for this year. Thank you for your generous contributions of food and clothing. We invite you to continue to donate food and it will be taken to the Bellingham Food Bank. We ask that you do not bring clothes. Please take your clothing donations to Hope House at Church of the Assumption or to Goodwill. Thank you.

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.

First Meeting of Sacred Heart Young Professional Group: If you are single, between the ages of 23-45, come to the first meeting of our Young Professional Group. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on September 1st at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Agnes Balog, 360-305-1307.

Whatcom Hospice Seeks Volunteers: You are welcome to attend an Informational Meeting Saturday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room, 800 E. Chestnut St. Bellingham. The 32-hour training program will be held Wednesday evenings 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. starting October 14th and ending November 14th. Contact Dianne Gillespie, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator 765-6892 or Dgillespie@peacehealth.org for more information.

Marriage Encounter: Does God care about your marriage? You bet! Find out how much God cares on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place November 6-8 in Everett. For additional information call Kay and Mike Gougeon, 671-6955.

SHALOM Mom's Group: Attention Catholic Mothers: Please join us for prayer and reflection on the First and Third Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Nicholas Room in the Parish Center. Nursing infants welcome—please reserve childcare for older children. If you have questions, call Rebecca Gonnella at 738-6976.

Every time you are in a hurry, and make it through a green light, thank God for that blessing.

Catholic Community Services Adoption Unit

Catholic Community Services is looking for prospective adoptive parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea. For more information about our South Korean and other adoption programs, please call Adoption Unit at (260) 328-5921 or check our website www.ccsww.org.



Think about this: Those who favor euthanasia speak of the "right to die". No one needs a right to die; it's a fact of life. What they really want is the right to kill. Every 20 seconds, another child becomes a victim of the war against the unborn. There are no graves we can visit, no public memorials, only dumpsters and incinerators where the mangled bodies of the war casualties are quietly discarded in back alleys. As people of God, we must end abortion.

August 29 & August 30

Sunday August 30th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 No Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Fairhaven Park
 11:00 a.m. **Parish Picnic** Fairhaven Park

Monday August 31st

No Mass

Tuesday September 1st

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
 7:00 p.m. Inquiry Winter Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Young Professionals Mtg. Hall

Wednesday September 2nd

8:00 a.m. Assumption 8th Grade Retreat Hall
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. Cantor Training Church

Thursday September 3rd

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

Friday September 4th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **First Friday Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel

Saturday September 5th

8:20 a.m. Benediction Chapel
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday September 6th

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

Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions This Week

September 1 Doreen Reny (+)
 September 2 Monica Anne Fetty (Healing)
 September 3 Peggy Trimble (Healing)
 September 4 Annamary Banford (Healing)

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time August 30th

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Aug. 31 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 4:16-30
 Sept. 1 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Luke 4:31-37
 Sept. 2 Colossians 1:1-8 Luke 4:38-44
 Sept. 3 Colossians 1:9-14 Luke 5:1-11
 Sept. 4 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 5:33-39
 Sept. 5 Colossians 1:21-23 Psalm 54:3-4, 6-8
 Luke 6:1-5

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time September 6th

Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SIGNUPS!

Religious Education Classes begin September 27th! We have an awesome team of catechists: Sarah and Jo Reyes for K-1, Janell Salomon, Renée Baranek, and Claire Russell for 2nd Grade, Jim Karcher for 3rd Grade, and Melba Tso and Candice Rosenberg for 4th and 5th Grades. Registration forms and the Yearly Calendar are available on-line and in the back of the Church. Questions? Contact Twi McDonell at 734-2850x6

ALL CATECHISTS AND FAITH FORMATION LEADERS —

Religious Education, RCIA, Dismissal Catechists, Just Faith Small Group Leaders, Sacramental Prep, **are invited to the Catechist and Faith Formation In-Service on Sept. 12th, 8:30-Noon.** PARENTS are especially welcome as you are the first teachers of the faith to your children. Please mark this date on your calendar and see the bulletin insert for more details.

RCIA Inquiry begins Tuesday, September 1st from 7-8:30 p.m. We are meeting in the Chapel.

Assumption School News

Back to School Picnic: September 1, 6:00 p.m.

First Day of School: September 2.

Sponsor a Student: 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 2019-2010 School year. Pledge installments are welcome. Will you help? Five donors have stepped forward with tuition assistance grants. Any gift amount is gratefully accepted. Partial grants can be combined to support the growing number of families who are in financial need.

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

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report August 22 & 23, 2009



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (143)	\$6,308.50
Visitors	\$ 794.97
Children (1)	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	\$7,104.47

Weekly Budget Need \$8,232.00

2009/2010 Fiscal year to date:

Budget: \$428,075.00
 Actual: \$ 63,811.06

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 89.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 75.00
Assumption School	\$ 40.00