

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The disciples can be a bunch of selfish jerks sometimes. It is bad enough that they engaged in a debate over who is the greatest among them, but the worst part is that it took place right after Jesus' intimate disclosure of his own violent and deadly fate. Imagine the loneliness that Jesus felt. He was not suggesting that they talk about his teachings or about the weather, he was talking about his own destiny and the salvation that will be wrought for them through it. Nevertheless, there is no indication of Jesus being hurt or upset.

There is a lot of loneliness in our society. There are no overt indications of this, but it takes discerning eyes and hearts to see. American society is filled with nursing and convalescent homes; I know of no other nations like ours. Studies have shown that in the last 50 years, suicide among teenagers (15-24 years old) have risen over 100% (the highest and most dramatic of all age groups, [www.suicide.org](http://www.suicide.org)). Young adults in college are sexually promiscuous and they begin sexual activities as soon as they reach their teen years. American viewers have popularized MTV, Friends, Desperate Housewives, Sex in the City and countless similar shows and movies. Men are adulterous and addicted to pornography. Divorce remains above 50%. Why? We all know why. The better question is, how can we stop it? You can't give what you don't have. Let's begin with Jesus. Let's begin with me. Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen.

**Change in Weekly Mass Schedule:** No Mass on Wednesday, September 23rd. There will be Liturgy of the Hours at 12:10 p.m.

**Tuesday Adoration:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 12:10 p.m. through Mass time at 6 pm on Tuesdays, We especially invite families to stop by after school or before Mass for a visit with our Lord.

**Retreat: Dreams, Healing, and the Inner Journey: A weekend retreat led by Abbot David Geraets, O.S.B.**

Oct. 2-4, 2009 at Palisades Retreat Center, offering informative sessions on how dreams can be healing and transformative. Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.wccr.org](http://www.wccr.org), pre-registration is required. For more information contact Pat Corwin 425-486-3077 or Margaret Whetham 206-935-0786. Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal: 206-364-2272, [info@wccr.org](mailto:info@wccr.org). Register by September 28th.

**Maple Alley Inn** is seeking volunteers. This is an Opportunity Council Program that serves a free hot meal on Wednesday and Thursday at Noon to those in need. For more information, please call Lillian at 758-2122.

**Interfaith's Winter Coat Drive:** Join us for Interfaith Coalition's annual winter coat drive. This successful program brings warm coats to people in need throughout the county. Please bring clean, good quality winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens to the worship services in October. Children's coats are especially needed. Sunday, October 18 is the last Sunday to bring in items. Many people appreciate this program because they don't have to spend their limited income on a coat or go without one through the winter.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Looking For A Way To Include God In Your Marriage?** Why not attend a WWME Weekend and find out how! The next available WWME Weekend is Nov. 6-8 in Everett. Contact Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955. Already Attended A WWME Weekend? Join the WWME community Oct. 24-25 for enrichment for couples called Building Through Relationship. For more information/registration: call the Blackburn's at 425-876-6964 or the Clark's 253-779-0210.

**Assumption Prayer Ministry:** Wednesday Evenings after Mass 7:00-8:30 p.m. "Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed, I am your God. I will strengthen you and uphold you with my right hand." Is 41:13. Experience God's love and our quiet prayer. No appointment necessary.

**Harvest Festival:** The Church of the Assumption's Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1 p.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Join the fun for the whole family: food vendors, games and activities, crafts, used book sale, mini-golf, inflatable's, face painting, spin art, bingo, dunk tank, and beer garden. New this year: all-day children's games passes, \$10 for Saturday, \$5 for Sunday. Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.. Music and dancing with The Dagwood's at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Assumption at 733-1380, Ext 30.

### **Project Rachel** **Healing the wounds of Abortion**

Come find healing and compassion on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The next English retreat is Nov. 13-15, 2009  
Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

*You are loved with an everlasting Love!*



Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family.....  
U.S. Bishop's Documents

# September 19 & September 20

## Sunday September 20th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
1:00 p.m. <b>Vietnamese Mass</b>	Church

## Monday September 21st No Mass

## Tuesday September 22nd

12:10-5:50 p.m. Adoration	Church
1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m. Inquiry	Winter Chapel

## Wednesday September 23rd

12:10 p.m. <b>Liturgy of the Hours</b>	Church
7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

## Thursday September 24th

10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse	St. Clare
11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church

## Friday September 25th

11:15 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church

## Saturday September 26th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. Reception for Bishop	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Bishop's Talk on Immigration	Parish Hall

## Sunday September 27th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE Children & Parents	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Communion	P. Center
10:00 a.m. Bible Study	St. Clare
11:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Assumption Pastoral Center

### Mass Intentions This Week

September 22 Neomi Clark (+)  
September 24 Edith Wilson (+)  
September 25 Baby Owen (Healing)

### Weekly Readings

#### 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 20th

Wisdom 2:12,17-20 James 3:16—4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 21 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13  
Sept. 22 Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Luke 8:19-21  
Sept. 23 Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6  
Sept. 24 Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9  
Sept. 25 Haggai 2:1-9 Luke 9:18-22  
Sept. 26 Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a Jeremiah 31:10-13  
Luke 9:43b-45

#### 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 27th

Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Faith Formation & Liturgy

**Looking for a few good men and women:** First Friday Adoration Team is looking for some more people to sign up during the early hours of Saturday morning. Time slots that could use additional people are during the 1:00-5:00 a.m. hours.

Bishop Elizondo will be joining Sacred Heart Parish on Saturday, September 26th to celebrate Mass and then to speak about Immigration Reform. Mass is at 5:00 p.m. There is a reception in the Hall and the talk begins at 7:00 p.m. Please see the bulletin insert for more details.

The Religious Education Kickoff will be Sept. 27th from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Hall. Fr. Qui-Thac will be meeting with students, catechists, and parents. Following the introductions, the children will go to their classrooms with their Catechists and the parents will continue their meeting with Father. **Registration Forms and Calendars for Religious Education are on the web and also at the back of church!**

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic or have some questions about the faith, please feel welcome to join us Tuesdays during September from 7-9 p.m.

### Assumption Catholic School News

#### How Can I Support Assumption Catholic School?

If the Spirit is directing you to support Assumption School in ways other than tuition assistance, there are many ways to help. The first, of course, is **continued prayer** for our students, faculty, staff and the success of our school. Other options include: Increasing your **parish stewardship** so that school subsidies remain strong; donating to the Fulcrum Foundation, the organization that supports Archdiocesan schools; contributing to Assumption Catholic School's **Annual Fund Campaign**, which is applied to current operating expenses in order to keep tuition affordable; investing in the **Support for a Century Endowment**, for sustainable support of the school's mission. Please contact Jennifer Rick to learn more about these options

**Registration for 2009-2010:** Are you looking for a Catholic School with a strong 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 September 12 & 13, 2009



#### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (156)	\$ 7,483.54
Visitors	\$ 595.05
Children (2)	\$ 2.25
	\$ 8,080.84

Weekly Budget Need \$ 8,232.00

#### 2009/2010 Fiscal year

Budget to date: \$ 90,552.00  
Actual to date: \$ 88,507.61

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 309.54
Building & Grounds	\$ 107.00
Assumption School	\$ 15.00