

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. I say this prayer at the break of dawn when I first open my eyes in the morning. It invites Mary into my soul and allows for it to be transformed. The closer I am to Mary, the better a pastor I will be for you. The closer you are to Jesus, the better mother, father, daughter (or son, student, friend, colleague) you will become. This is the reason behind an experiment that Sacred Heart will undertake.

After consultation with the Pastoral Council and staff, I have decided to try out a new schedule for Mass times on Fridays. For the month of October (with the exception of First Friday on October 2nd), Mass will be celebrated at 6pm with confessions available at 5pm. Our hope is that this time will make it more convenient for more people to attend. During this time, if you have any insights, positive or negative, please forward them to any of the pastoral council members, staff, or me. These will be used to help us make a decision at the end. Whatever the outcome, we hope to bring Jesus closer to your life and change it for the better.
Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

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

Interfaith Coalition 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 the first three weekends of October. Children's coats are most needed. Sunday, October 18, is the last Sunday to bring in items. This program is especially appreciated because people don't have to spend their limited income on a coat or go without one through the winter.

Life Chain. Keep this date open to help proclaim the truth and save lives: Sunday, October 4th, 2:00 pm. One hour of silent prayer and witness, along the Guide between Kellogg & Telegraph Road. Pick up a sign at a check-in station in front of Rite-Way Service Center, Cafe Cafe, Premier Wireless, Horizon Bank, or Christ the King Church. For more information, contact Joe & Kathy St. Hilaire, 671-4836.

Carmelite Institute of Spirituality Days of Recollection: St. Teresa of Avila House, 27008 78th NW, Stanwood, WA 98292, Fr. Ramiro Casale, OCD. Please join us on October 24th, St. Francis of Assisi, November 28th, St. Catherine of Siena, and/or December 19th, St. John of the Cross. For more information, call (360)629-4032.

Openings on Pastoral Council and Finance Council. The Finance and Pastoral Councils are consultative leadership bodies in Sacred Heart Parish that advise and make recommendations to the pastor. There are position vacancies on both councils: one on the Pastoral Council; two openings on the Finance Council. If you would like to know more about the role of the council and council member and the requirements for serving, please call Ruth Miller, Pastoral Administrator, at 734-2850.

Volunteers Needed for the Potpourri of Art. Sign-up sheets will be available in the pews at all Masses this weekend. You may return to completed form to the office, the collection basket or the chairpersons.

Donations to the Bellingham Food Bank. Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated food to help the poor in our community. 66 lbs of food was donated and picked up by the food bank on September 14th!

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!



Sacred Heart Respect Life

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.

September 26 & September 27

Sunday September 27th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE, Children & Parents	Parish Center
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church

Monday September 28st No Mass

Tuesday September 29th

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. Mass	Church
6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Inquiry	Winter Chapel

Wednesday September 30th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church
7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

Thursday October 1st

10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse	St. Clare
11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Chapel

Friday October 2nd

11:15 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. First Friday Mass	Church
Sacrament of Anointing at Mass	
1:00p.m. First Friday Luncheon	Parish Hall

Saturday October 3rd

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

Sunday October 4th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. Religious Education	Parish Center
10:00 a.m. Bible Study	St. Clare
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Assumption Pastoral Center

Mass Intentions This Week

September 29	Joan McDonell (+)
September 30	Deacon Thomas Frskine
October 1	Jewell Kobiskie (+)
October 2	Helen Lupo, Martha Hanford, Trudy Wellman (+)

Weekly Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27th
 Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Sept. 28 Zechariah 8:1-8, Luke 9:46-50
 Sept. 29 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, John 1:47-51
 Sept. 30 Nehemiah 2:1-8, Mt 13:47-52
 Oct. 1 Nehemiah 8:1-4a, Mt 18:1-4
 Oct. 2 Baruch 1:15-22, Matthew 18:1-5
 Oct 3 Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:2-16

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4th
 Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16

Faith Formation & Liturgy

RELIGIOUS ED BEGINS THIS WEEKEND! It is not too late to sign up for classes. Registration Forms are on-line, in the back of the church, and available in the Parish Hall this morning. If you have questions, please contact Twi at 734-2850 x6. May God Bless this year!

A number of parents approached me after Mass last week expressing their gratitude (and some surprise) to be invited to stand for the blessing of catechists. The Church's teaching on the *Ecclesia domestica* (the domestic Church) is beautiful. You can find church teachings on-line at www.usccb.org. Hit Catechism. Holy Mother Church tells us, in part, "It is in the bosom of the family that parents are 'by word and example'...the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and 'a school for human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous — even repeated — forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos 1656-1657).

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 ThanksTuition Assistance Donors!

A heart-felt and humble "THANK YOU" to the many donors who have stepped forward with **\$15,000** in much needed tuition assistance grants. (Two donors provided \$2,000 each!) Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for the 2009-2010 school year — and we're nearly half way there. If you would like to pledge your support, in any amount, please contact Jennifer Rick at 733-6133 or jrick@school.assumption.org. Donations can be mailed directly to Assumption School, 2116 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225.

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 19 & 20, 2009



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (159)	\$ 7,615.00
Visitors	<u>\$ 628.50</u>
	\$ 8,243.50

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

Budget to date:	\$ 98,784.00
Actual to date:	\$ 96,751.11

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 114.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 20.00
Assumption School	\$ 20.00