

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No one gets married so that they can get a divorce. Why then does our society experience such a high level of divorce?

My six-year old niece, Philomena, called me up one evening very upset. They were at Huntington Beach, and had planned to go for a bike ride. Apparently her little three-year old sister, Marianna took a fancy to Philomena's bicycle and left her with the smaller bicycle. Philomena was complaining to me how her feet and hands were hurting because the bicycle was too small. I asked her, "are your feet and hands swollen from the ride?" She answered, "no, but I can see that they are in the process of becoming swollen!" I said, "you mean that you have been riding the smaller bicycle for a while then? You made the sacrifice already? Wow! You are such a great big sister! Your sacrifice is going to teach Marianna so much about what it means to be a good big sister. When Marianna grows up, she will know from your example exactly how to sacrifice for baby Anthony Don Bosco. I should give you two yellow stars for that! In fact, I'm going to call dad and tell him what you did for your little sister." (Philomena receives differing colored stars from school depending on how well she had behaved during the day and is very proud when she can bring home a yellow star). Philomena agreed with me that she is a great big sister. It took some creativity and quickness to get Philomena to enter into the mind of an adult.

The problem with divorce is this: we think as human beings do and not as God does. No wonder there is much confusion in us and in society concerning marriage. Jesus tries to bring people to think and imagine as God does, from the beginning of creation, **God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become flesh.** Is your marriage shaped by your vision or God's vision?

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**Please Note: Friday Mass and Reconciliation Time Change during the month of October, starting on Friday, October 9th. Reconciliation will be at 5:00 p.m. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.
Office Closed, October 9th for Staff Retreat**

Pastor Installation: Fr. Qui-Thac will be installed as our Pastor at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18, 2009, by Bishop Tyson. Please join us for a luncheon celebration after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Childcare During Mass: Childcare is available during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays for children age two through Kindergarten. Please call the office and speak to Ruth for more information.

40 Days For Life: Join the Global Peaceful Ecumenical Prayer Vigil to end Abortion known as "40 Days for Life" in Bellingham, September 23rd through November 1st outside of Planned Parenthood at the corner of Ellis and York. For more information, check out the website: www.40daysforlife.com or e-mail jasonH@CTKbellingham.com.

The Light Weigh: The Light Weigh is beginning a new 12 week session. Would you like to learn how to eat the foods you enjoy while losing weight? Would you like to get peace with food? Give God a chance and rediscover the freedom you had as a small child! A Light Weigh Orientation Meeting will be held at Assumption on Monday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center Living Room. Come and find out about the Light Weigh Bible Study, a 12 week video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others! For more information, you can go to Lightweigh.com. Please RSVP to Robyn 527-2193 as space is limited.

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.

Thank you to Bishop Elizondo for joining us to celebrate Mass last Saturday and the enlightening and inspiring talk on Immigration Reform. Thank you as well to the Social Justice committee for inviting the Bishop to speak on this important topic.

Potpourri of Art News

- Pre-show raffle tickets for the quilt will be available for pick up at a table after Mass on October 10 & 11 and October 17 & 18. The design of this year's beautiful quilt incorporates the colors of the stained glass windows in the church. Look for it on display in the church in October.
- Volunteer sign up slips are in the pews; please consider volunteering for this great weekend of fun as you visit with old friends, make new friends, and build community.
- Posters advertising the show are available on the back table in the vestibule. Please help by distributing them to local stores, offices, schools, salons, medical offices, your employee break room—anywhere you can spread the news!
- The Country Store still needs items such as Christmas decorations, handmade items for the kitchen, or baby showers. Please make sure the items are clean and in good repair and drop them off at the Parish Office.

October 3 & October 4

Sunday October 4th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE & F. Rec., F. Comm. Parish Center
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 After Mass ... Blessing of Animals **outside** Church
 5:00 p.m. **Vietnamese Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

Monday October 5th

No Mass

7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Tuesday October 6th

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
 7:00 p.m. SHALOM Mom's Group St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel

Wednesday October 7th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church

Thursday October 8th

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

Friday October 9th Office Closed Due to Staff Retreat

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Saturday October 10th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 8:30 a.m. Liturgical Minster's Workshop Church/Hall
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday October 11th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Parish Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting Fr.'s Office
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Communion P. Center
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study St. Clare
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/Assumption

Mass Intentions This Week

October 6 Deacon George Ficken (+)
 October 7 Monica Anne Fetty (Healing)
 October 8 Fr. Alan Cushing (+)
 October 9 Marion Young (+)

Weekly Readings

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Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16
 Oct. 5 Jonah 1:1-2:11 Luke 10:25-37
 Oct. 6 Jonah 3:1-10, Luke 10:38-42
 Oct. 7 Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4
 Oct. 8 Malachi 3:13-20b Luke 11:5-13
 Oct. 9 Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26
 Oct 10 Joel 4:12-21 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
 Luke 11:27-28
 Oct. 11 Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Faith Formation & Liturgy

Religious Education Kick-off was awesome! It was a surprise and such a grace that Bishop Elizondo stopped by as we began all together in the Parish Hall. Both the Bishop's and Father's words of encouragement to parents (the first teachers of children), to the catechists and to the children were inspiring and challenging. May God continue to pour out his blessings upon us.

Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Next week, October 11th at the 11 a.m. Mass, we, as a community, welcome those members who are seeking to further their journey into being received or being baptized. Please keep our Inquirers in your prayers.

Today, **October 4th** is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. One way that we will honor St. Francis today is through an Animal Blessing which will be offered after the 11 a.m. Mass outside of the Church.

May God, who created the animals of this earth as a help to us, continue to protect and sustain us with the grace his blessings brings, now and forever! [from The Book of Blessings]

Assumption Catholic School News

733-1380

Attention Parents: Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about enrollment for fall 2010! Enrollment information for new families is mailed in January. Space fills up very quickly — especially our pre-school and kindergarten programs. Contact the school (Jennifer Rick, 733-6133 ext. 38) to add your name to the enrollment inquiry mailing list.

Would you like to help Assumption School? An easy way is to simply do what we all do by buying gas, groceries and clothes. **SCRIP** are gift cards that anyone can purchase for those everyday expensed we all have. It's not extra money, the cards are accepted like cash at the retailer of your choosing. Thank you Assumption parishioners, we wouldn't be the school we are without your support.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report

September 26 & 27, 2009



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (143)	\$ 6,908.75
Visitors	\$ 656.12
Children (1)	\$ 2.00
	\$ 7,566.87

Weekly Budget Need \$ 8,232.00

2009/2010 Fiscal year

Budget to date: \$ 107,016.00
 Actual to date: \$ 103,639.98

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 45.00
Assumption School	\$ 40.00