

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

In the Gospel, Bartimaeus was crying out to Jesus for mercy. No one was going to stop him from making himself heard, not even the disciples. When Jesus called for Bartimaeus, "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." It's easy to recognize that Bartimaeus was desperate. Besides being blind, he probably was ignored, disrespected, and felt useless to those around him. As we encounter Bartimaeus in this story, we may start to feel some sorrow and pity for him. To empathize this way would be loving, yet it misses the bigger picture: grace is given because of Bartimaeus' misery. His misfortune was the source of blessing.

In our lives, there are times when we can relate to the desolation of Bartimaeus. We feel blinded, ignored, disrespected; in other words, we feel miserable. St. Mark is telling us that it is precisely in this misery that we encounter Jesus. When we have nothing to hang onto, we hang onto the Creator of all things. When a baby cries in its misery, his mother loses no time to pick him up and hold him and comfort him. In our misery, all we need to do is cry out.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap;  
As a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you. (Isaiah 66: 12-13)

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, October 31st. Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. November 1st.**

**Catholics Come Home:** Three meetings have been scheduled to give you an opportunity to brainstorm and plan for the Catholics Come Home program and what it will mean to Sacred Heart Parish. The meetings will be held at the Parish Hall, 10/29, 10/30 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., and 10/31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Please plan to attend one—or all—of these meetings.

**All County Prayer Shawl Get-Together:** Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. First Congregational Church Social Hall, 2401 Cornwall Ave. If you need a ride, contact Sheila Siebert 734-5029.

**Blessed is She:** After caring for her dying husband for four years, Nanette Davis longed to connect with others who had walked in her footsteps. She soon realized that the common threads of those experiences would create a fascinating tapestry. This tapestry is instantiated in a marvelous book entitled: "Blessed is She"—Elder Care, Women's stories of Choice, Challenge and Commitment. If you are a caregiver for an elderly or infirmed family member, we invite you to join Dr. Nanette Davis on Wednesday, October 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Hall. This is an evening for you!

**Due to the set up for Potpourri of Art, no meetings are scheduled November 2-6 in the Parish Center.**

## Potpourri of Art News

- **The Country Store** needs your donations to make the fundraiser a success. We are requesting gently loved items such as kitchenware, linens, collectibles, jewelry and glassware, as well as handcrafted items and baked goods. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Hall.
- **Raffle tickets:** Sold raffle ticket stubs along with the money, and all unsold tickets must be turned in no later than November 6. You may put them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office. Look for the quilt displayed in the Hall.
- **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!

**Coat Drive:** Thank you for your generosity to the Interfaith Coalition coat drive. The delivery van was completely full!



Perhaps true sainthood consists of accepting challenges and relying on God to rise above them. A pregnant woman pressured and confused feels abortion is the only solution. Yet in the struggle against this temptation, there is always grace to do what is right. "God will not let you be tested beyond your strength. Along with the test, he will give you a way out of it so that you may be able to endure it." (1Cor. 10:13)

# October 24 & October 25

## Sunday October 25th

8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m.	RE & First Rec./First Comm.	Parish Center
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	St. Claire
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
5:00 p.m.	<b>Vietnamese Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m.	SALT	Upper Room/Assumption

## Monday October 26th

### No Mass

7:00 p.m.	EDGE	Assumption Gym
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## Tuesday October 27th

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.	RCIA	Winter Chapel

## Wednesday October 28th

11:15 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m.	8:30 Choir Practice	Church
7:00 p.m.	Blessed is She	Hall
7:30 p.m.	Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

## Thursday October 29th

10:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse	St. Claire
11:15 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m.	Catholics Come Home	Hall

## Friday October 30th

5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m.	Catholics Come Home	Hall

## Saturday October 31st

8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Winter Chapel
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m.	Catholics Come Home	Hall

## Sunday November 1st

8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m.	RE & First Rec./First Comm.	Parish Center
11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
12:15 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast	Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	<b>Vietnamese Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m.	SALT	Upper Room/ Assumption

### Mass Intentions This Week

October 27	Linda Heater (+)
October 28	Janet Martell (+)
October 29	Kevin Elles (Healing)
October 30	Fr. David Prebula (+)

## 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Oct. 25	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52
Oct. 26	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
Oct. 27	Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
Oct. 28	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Oct. 29	Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35
Oct. 30	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
Oct. 31	Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15,17-18; Luke 14:1,7-11

## All Saints

Nov. 1	Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; 1John 3:1-3; Mark 5:1-12a
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## Faith Formation & Liturgy

Lectors may pick up their new LTP Workbook for Lectors 2010 in the Sacristy. Please sign your name and book number on the sheet provided. Thank you.

Parents Meeting for First Reconciliation is TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 25th from 9:45-10:45 in Fr. Qui-Thac's Office.

Children are invited to dress as their favorite saint for the liturgies next weekend. November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. This feast first honored martyrs. Later as the religious persecutions eased, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. These men and women are truly the heroes of the church. You can find out more about different saints on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org) We look forward to seeing a multitude of saints and heavenly host next weekend.

High School Students are invited to the High School Youth Convention being held on November 6,7,and 8 in Bellevue. Bellingham teens will be participating in a gathering on Friday night at St. Joe's, Issaquah. Check it all out online at our parish website: [www.sacredheartbellingham.org](http://www.sacredheartbellingham.org) Hit Youth Ministry button.

If you are a caregiver for an aging parent or family member, please join us on Wednesday night, October 28th from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a presentation by Dr. Nanette Davis. Author of "Blessed Is She", Dr. Davis brings great insight into the challenges and needs of the caregiver.

## 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.

## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report October 17 & 18, 2009



### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (136)	\$ 5,996.00
Visitors	\$ 702.03
Children (3)	<u>\$ 16.00</u>
	\$ 6,714.03

Weekly Budget Need \$ 8,232.00

### 2009/2010 Fiscal year

Budget to date: \$ 131,712.00  
Actual to date: \$ 131,279.77

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 45.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 100.00

Total collection for Catholics Come Home: \$2,862.01