

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Thanksgiving is one of America's favorite holidays because it promotes a key component that makes us happy: our family. This focus on family balances and promotes right understanding of our individualism. We Americans like to define ourselves, but we sometimes forget that the people around us also define us. Thanksgiving allows us to embrace this defining moment. It would be a shame for us to let this moment pass without reflecting on it. I'd like to suggest a question for us to reflect upon: What three things are you most thankful for in your family? Here are my answers.

1. I am thankful for my father who is always present with his guiding hands. He encourages me when I feel discouraged, patient with me when I rebel, and reminds me of my dignity when I am confused. I am also thankful for my mother who embraces me in her arms and whispers in my ears that I am a good son. Even when I feel alone, I know she is watching me with the greatest devotion and care.

2. I am thankful for the fact that my siblings are so different from me! (I'm sure they feel the same way.) One is spontaneously generous. Another is incredibly pious and calm in almost all circumstances. I am most grateful for the one who has been hurt, but courageously comes back to find meaning and solace.

3. I am thankful for the opportunities to express my gratitude in words.

I'm grateful for you, my family. You are the source of my hopes and joys.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

There will be no Mass Friday November 27th. The Office is closed November 26th-27th.

Multi-Faith Alternative Holiday Market: Second annual event to be held Sunday, Nov. 22, 1-4:00 p.m. at Bloedel-Donovan Park, 2214 Electric Ave.; co-hosted by Assumption Parish. Among the many organizations represented is Centro Santa Catalina, a Catholic based ministry in Juarez, Mexico, and one of our parishioners, Carol Gavareski, will be selling hand-made items from their women's sewing cooperative. Please bring a jar of baby food to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank.

Sacred Heart Giving Tree: Pick up Giving Tree tags in the Parish Hall before or after each Mass, these dates only: November 21, 22; November 28, 29.

Advent Preparation: Lectio Divina: Monday, November 23, 2009 and continuing on Mondays during Advent, join us for prayer in the Winter Chapel, 12:10-12:50 p.m. Call Martha Sweeney for more information, 734-2850.

Holiday variety show to benefit Interfaith Coalition and Bellingham Food Bank: Tickets on sale now at the Mount Baker Theatre ticket office for the Friday, Dec. 18 performance of "Sounds of the Season." Enjoy an evening of all-generations, family entertainment by local performers in this Christmas-themed variety show to benefit Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County and the Bellingham Food Bank. Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. show are \$10. Performances range from dancing to vocal and instrumental music, and are sure to please theatergoers of all ages. Thanks to the sponsorship of this community event by Alliance LLC. Every dollar raised will provide support to Interfaith Coalition's homeless housing, health care, and senior outreach programs.

Thank You! To everyone who donated pies for Potpourri of Art. Two hundred and fifty two slices of pie were sold!

Confirmation Information Meeting: There will be a Confirmation Information meeting on Thursday, December 10th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall 1110 14th Street. Archdiocese of Seattle guidelines for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is 16 years or older by May 2010 for this school year. This meeting is for parents and confirmandi (those wishing to be confirmed). Please contact Angus McDonell with any questions 360-733-1380, Ext. 21, angusmc@assumption.org. Check Sacred Heart or Assumption Parish websites under Youth Ministry > Confirmation for the program overview.

Thank You! To Jeanne Koehn who made and donated the beautiful corporal cloths for use at Sacred Heart liturgies and for the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry!

Donations to Bellingham Food Bank: Thank you to all of our parishioners who made donations to the Bellingham Food Bank. 129 lbs of food was given to help the poor in our community.



As we give thanks for the gift of life, consider the words of Pope John Paul II: "Causing death can never be considered a form of medical treatment. Rather, it runs completely counter to the health-care profession, which is meant to be an impassioned and unflinching affirmation of life." *Gospel of Life*

November 21 & November 22

Sunday November 22nd

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. F. Comm., F. Rec. Parent's Mtg. Fr.'s Office
 9:45 a.m. NO Coffee Hour Hall
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study St. Clare
 11:00 a.m. Mass Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/ Assumption

Monday November 23rd

12:10 p.m. Lectio Divina Winter Chapel
 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Tuesday November 24th

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. RCIA Winter Chapel

Wednesday November 25th

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

Thanksgiving/Office Closed

Thursday November 26th

10:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday November 27th

No Mass

Saturday November 28th

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

Sunday November 29th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. NO Coffee Hour Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. No SALT Upper Room/ Assumption

Mass Intentions This Week

November 24 Betty King (+)
 November 25 Katica Mladine (+)

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

Nov. 22 Daniel 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Nov. 23 Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Luke 21:1-4
 Nov. 24 Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
 Nov. 25 Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Luke 21:12-19
 Nov. 26 Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
 Nov. 27 Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
 Nov. 28 Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 29 Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
 Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Faith Formation & Liturgy

Welcome to our newly baptized children: Samuel James Bell and Ariel Alayne Cramer!

Thanksgiving Liturgical Ministers Thur., Nov. 26th at 10 a.m.

Sacristan: Mike and Kay Gougeon

Usher: Allan Larson

Reader: Emily Larson

Bridget Adams

EMHC: Cup 1 Sally Majkut

Cup 2 Connie Barnard

Cup 3 Dot Courtis

Bread 2 Kevin Majkut

Bread 3 Kathy Stambaugh

Acolyte: Zachary Adams

Crossbearer: Joseph Adams

Servers: Peter Adams and Jonah Salomon



Assumption School News

36th Annual Bishop Blanchet Math Competition Results

Seventh and Eighth grade Math Olympiad students competed in the Bishop Blanchet Math Competition on Saturday, November 7. There were 114 students representing 12 schools. The team from Assumption placed second overall, with individual awards going to Aurora Leeson, (1st place girl), Hunter Dunn (2nd place boy, tied), and Alexandria Nung (4th place). Other competitors were: Meg Casey, Sean Chambers, Mikayla Chang, Angela Dentone, Stephen Kolodychuk, Meghan Lowry, Mckenna Rybka, Maura Schaefer, Luke Schneider, Abby VonFeldt, and Siobhan Younger. Please congratulate these students for their fine efforts.

Grandparents Mass: Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to join us for this event.

Human Food Chain: Prayer Service at 12:30 p.m. Students have been collecting non-perishable food. The food is taken to the Hope House.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report November 14 & November 15

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (155)	\$6,736.88
Visitors	\$ 576.00
Children (1)	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	\$7,313.88

Weekly Budget Need \$8,232.00

2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Budget to date: \$ 164,640.00

Actual to date: \$ 163,239.57

Holyday \$ 10.00

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 199.00

Building & Grounds \$ 67.00

Assumption School \$ 30.00

