

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## 2nd Sunday Of Advent

All of us want to buy the right gift for our loved ones for Christmas. There is nothing wrong with this. In fact, I hope that you are able to buy it, not at retail, but at a bargain price so that you have more to give to the stewardship of our community! In your search to get the perfect gift, I will share with you a little secret: the best gift is the gift that the receiver appreciates. If you buy a longboard for your 101-year-old grandmother, I can almost guarantee you that she will not appreciate it as much as your 14 year old brother. Knowing the receiver is crucial to getting the right gift.

As we approach Christmas when all the gift exchanging will take place, have you thought of what gift you will give to Jesus? After all, it *is* His Birthday. What are you going to give Jesus as a gift? Whatever it may be, you probably want to give Him something that He will appreciate. Key to the right gift—Get to know Jesus and His desires. What does Jesus desire from you for Christmas? Are you willing to purchase it for Him? Happy shopping! Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen



**Immaculate Conception/Holyday of Obligation:** The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a Holyday of Obligation. There is a Vigil Mass Monday, December 7th at 6:00p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.

**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. 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 McDonnell with any questions 360-733-1380, Ext. 21, [angusmc@assumption.org](mailto:angusmc@assumption.org). Check Sacred Heart or Assumption Parish websites under Youth Ministry > Confirmation for the program overview.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 12:10 p.m. Tuesdays.** Adoration continues until Benediction at 5:50 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** This Feast will be celebrated Saturday, December 12, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at **Church of the Assumption** followed by dinner in the Gym. Join in the bilingual celebration. There is also a service at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, December 5, at 12:10 p.m. followed by a reception at 1:30 p.m. in St. James Cathedral Hall.

**Polish Confessions, Mass and Potluck at Sacred Heart Church:** Sunday, December 13th, Polish Confessions, 4:00 p.m. Mass, 5:00 p.m. in the church. Potluck, 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. All are welcome.

**Food Bank Donations November 15th & 22nd:** 57 lbs of food was given to help the poor in our community. Thank You to all of the parishioners who donated food.

### “Lord, When Did We See You In Prison, and Visit You?”

Matthew 25:39



Did you know that Washington State has over 16,500 people in prison, 13,500 people in jail, and 13,600 youth in juvenile detention? That's 44,600 individuals. Did you also know that 97% of all incarcerated persons will re-enter society?

Potentially we have about 6,700 incarcerated Catholics, plus many others who may want to meet with someone who would be willing to listen and to help them spiritually. Would you like to be a part of this challenging and rewarding ministry? Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan Criminal Justice Ministry in your parish. We are always in need of financial donations for bibles, catechetical and prayer materials, and volunteers to lead weekday prayer services, bible studies, for one-on-one visits, as well as individuals who are willing to be transition partners upon release. Please contact: Archdiocese of Seattle, CJM, Office of Vicar for Clergy, Thomas C. Wagner, Asst. Dir. Pastoral Care, 710 9th Ave. Seattle. WA 98104.



Writing in the Michigan Law Review about Oregon's assisted suicide law, two physicians stated that reasonable sounding safeguards, which proponents said were there to protect the patients, do not appear to have achieved that purpose and are easily circumvented. "As a result, Oregon physicians appear to have been given great power without being in a position to exercise it responsibly." National Right To Life Committee News, June, 2008.

# December 5 & December 6

## Sunday December 6th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center  
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting Fr.'s Office  
 9:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfasts after both Masses Hall  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass Church  
 6:00 p.m. No SALT Upper Room/ Assumption

## Monday November 7th

12:10 p.m. Lectio Divina Winter Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass/Immaculate Conception** Church  
 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym  
 7:30 p.m. Practice-11o'clock Choir Church

### Immaculate Conception Holyday of Obligation

## Tuesday December 8th

12:10 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. Knights of Columbus St. Augustine  
 7:00 p.m. II Tuesday Shaughnessy Hall  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel

## Wednesday December 9th

11:00 a.m. Deanery Meeting St. Charles  
 12:10 p.m. **No Mass** Church  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice Church  
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group St. Augustine

## Thursday December 10th

10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Clare  
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Information Meeting Hall

## Friday December 11th

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church  
 7:00 p.m. NCCM Graduation Mass Church  
 8:00 p.m. NCCM Graduation Reception Hall

## Saturday December 12th

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

## Sunday December 13th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel  
 9:45 a.m. RE & First Rec./First Comm. Parish Center  
 9:45 a.m. F. Rec./F. Comm. Parents' Mtg. Fr.'s Office  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Hall  
 10: a.m. Bible Study St. Clare  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 4:00 p.m. Polish Confessions Church  
 5:00 p.m. Polish Mass Church  
 6:00 p.m. Polish Potluck Hall  
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Room/ Assumption

### Mass Intentions This Week

Dec. 10 Charlie & Lucy Griego  
 (Birthday Blessing)  
 December 11 Monica Ann Fetty (Healing)

## Faith Formation & Liturgy

Congratulations to Doug & Cooki Campbell who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. Also, welcome Doug who was received into the Catholic Church.

### MINISTRY SIGN-UPS FOR SOLEMNITIES OF CHRISTMAS & MARY MOTHER OF GOD!

Liturgical Ministers: If you are going to be celebrating your Christmas and New Year's here in Bellingham, perhaps God is also calling you to serve at one of our Eucharistic Liturgies. Sign-ups are in the back and I invite you to sign up as soon as you know your availability. Thank you! Twi

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS, SEE INSERT**

## Weekly Readings

### 2nd Sunday of Advent Dec. 6

Dec. 6 Baruch 5: 1-9; Philippians 1: 4-6,8-11; Luke 3: 1-6

Dec. 7 Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

### Immaculate Conception

Dec.8 Genesis 3:9-15,20; Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 9 Isaiah 40:35-41; Matthew 11:28-30

Dec.10 Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Dec. 11 Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Dec. 12 Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47

### Third Sunday in Advent Dec. 13

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

## Assumption School News

**733-6133**

**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 November 28 & November 29

### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (156)	\$8,267.29
Visitors	\$ 985.02
Children (1)	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<b>\$9,254.31</b>

Weekly Budget Need \$8,232.00

### 2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Budget to date: \$ 181,104.00

Actual to date: \$ 179,176.82

Holyday	\$1,071.00
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 70.00
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Building & Grounds	\$ 50.00
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Assumption School	\$ 15.00
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