

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Simon Peter and his friends caught a lot of fish. Was it a miracle or did they just get lucky? Real miracles take place inside the person.

A schoolteacher was trying to discredit the miracles of the Bible. He said, "Take, for instance, the crossing of the Red Sea. We know this body of water was only 6 inches deep." Immediately from the back of the room came the remark, "Thank God for the miracle!" Irritated, the teacher asked, "What miracle?" "Well," explained the young boy, "The Lord must have drowned the whole Egyptian army in just six inches of water!"

The miracle is in the person, not the events. If we were to look only at the events, we would notice that it probably was not the first time that St. Peter and his friends caught a large amount of fish. To the average person, what was so extraordinary about it? They were fishermen, who caught fish, in a boat, in a lake, with fish nets. Whoopteedoo! There is nothing extraordinary in this event. That is the very reason why the response of Simon is so amazing. Simon is the miracle. Who cares about the fish! The fish did not acknowledge its sinfulness, experience a conversion, and leave everything and follow Jesus; it was Simon Peter. Real miracles are not external, they take place inside the person.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**Please Note:** There is no Coffee Hour Sunday, February 14.

**Sacred Heart-Assumption Chili Contest Results:** Official vote by judges, Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen, Fr. Scott Connolly, and Dale Boudreau (K.O.C.): 1. Dick Banning, Sacred Heart, 2. Christine Gubbins, Sacred Heart, 3. Ken Koenig, Assumption. Popular vote: 1. Joseph and Peter Adams, Sacred Heart, 2. Marge LaValley, Sacred Heart, 3. Pete and Vicki Pilch, Sacred Heart. Congratulations to Dick Banning for his wonderful chili!

**II Tuesday** is February 9th 7-9 p.m.: *Music in the Mass – why we sing – what we sing – and when we sing.* This evening is geared for the music planner, the musician at Mass, and most especially, the person in the pew! We will be joined by Corinna Laughlin from St. James Cathedral where she serves as Liturgy Director. She will be assisted by Jamie Twining and our own musicians at Sacred Heart.

**Catholic Advocacy Day** is on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in Olympia, WA. To register: contact the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center: [ipjc@ipjc.org](mailto:ipjc@ipjc.org).

**Parish Dinner and Dance:** A Mardi Gras celebration! Friday, Feb. 12, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall. Enjoy good food, good drink, good music. Wear a costume if you have one, masks will be provided if you don't. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. This party is for adults; RSVP for childcare by Feb. 8 to Ruth Miller at 734-2850.

**ALL YOU SWEETHEARTS♥.** Friday, February 12th at 6 p.m. (right before our grand Mardi Gras Party), is a Mass for all married couples. Please come and join us in thanksgiving and in prayer for the many blessings God bestows upon those couples who seek to live out the sacrament of marriage. Make a whole night of it for you and your beloved. After Mass, head over to the Mardi Gras Party!

**Lenten Practice, Lectio Divina:** In an address to a congress of Biblical scholars meeting in Rome to discuss "Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church," the Holy Father recommended the monastic practice of lectio divina, the prayerful, meditative reading of the Bible. "Assiduous reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer makes that intimate dialog possible in which, through reading, one hears God speaking and through prayer, one responds with a confident opening of the heart," the Pope said. During Lent we will have Lectio Divina in the church at 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m., during the time of Adoration on the following dates: February 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. All are welcome. For more information call Martha Sweeney, 734-2850 Ext. 7.

**Interfaith Coalition's Annual Spring Auction:** Interfaith Coalition's annual spring auction is March 20. Plan to enjoy a fun evening and generously support programs that provide housing to homeless families, health care to all in need, and outreach to isolated seniors. This year's theme is "A Burst of Spring in the Garden of Hope." Tickets now on sale cost \$40 per person. Cost includes a sit-down dinner. **For tickets, information, or if you can provide a service, have a vacation home, or enjoy entertaining, contact Nancy Orlowski, 360-927-7783. The last days for Nancy to collect gift items from members of our parish is February 28th.**



"What allows the injustice and pain of abortion to continue unabated? What shields the horror of the abortion practice from scrutiny and exposure? Lies. Whole webs of deceit. Mountains of evasions and a cultural elite who know, but don't want to know, the truth." Father Thomas King, S.J. former Georgetown University professor.

# February 6 and February 7

## Sunday February 7th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm.	Parish Center
9:45 a.m. RE Parents Meeting	Fr.'s Office
11.00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
12:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep.	St. Augustine
1:00 p.m. <b>Vietnamese Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm./Assumption

## Monday February 8th

7:00 p.m. EDGE	Assumption Gym
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul	St. Nicholas

## Tuesday February 9th

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. <b>Mass</b>	Church
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg.	St. Augustine
7:00 p.m. II Tuesday	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. RCIA	Winter Chapel

## Wednesday February 10th

11:00 a.m. Deanery Meeting	St. Charles
12:10 p.m. <b>No Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. Choir practice	Church
7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

## Thursday February 11th

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

## Friday February 12th

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
7:00 p.m. Parish Dance	Parish Hall

## Saturday February 13th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Winter Chapel
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church

## Sunday February 14th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour	
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm.	Parish Center
10:00 a.m. Burning of Palms	Outside Parish Center
11.00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. No SALT	Upper Rm./Assumption

### Weekly Readings Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11
February 8	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
February 9	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13
February 10	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
February 11	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
February 12	1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19; Mk 7:31-37
February 13	1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14	Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26
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## Faith Formation & Liturgy

Do you love the Church? Is your mind disposed to learn more about how the Church lives out its mission in true charity? Is your heart moved to do something with the gifts God is giving you? Do you (and your family) long to live out this faith in real and substantial ways? Do you wish to bring others into the holy activity? **Consider joining the Social Justice Committee.** Contact Twi McDonnell, 360-734-2850 Ext.6, for more info.

**The Magnificat Lenten Companion** is available to parishioners and their families. Offering brief meditations for each day of Lent that "speaks to daily struggles and sorrows" this Lenten Companion leads us deeper into the Heart of Jesus...to a knowledge "that the answer to all life's troubles is found in the Mystery of Jesus Christ." We invite you to take one and hope that it may offer a focus and a peace as you enter more deeply into this journey of Lent. Let me know how it works for you and your families. Thanks, *Twi*

**Lent is coming!! Call for old palms.** Please bring your palms from last Palm Sunday to church next weekend, February 13th/14th. The Boy Scouts will be burning them at 10:00 a.m., outside the Parish Center in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

## Assumption School News 360-733-6133

**Thank you** to the generous parishioners who support Catholic education by making donations to our Tuition Assistance Program, the Annual Fund Campaign, the Educational Enrichment Fund, and the Support for a Century Endowment. All of these gifts go to work immediately to support our school and Catholic families, and help grow our faith community. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Rick at 733-6133 or [jrick@school.assumption.org](mailto:jrick@school.assumption.org).

## Mass Intentions this week

February 9	Marylou Canuli (Healing)
February 11	Betty King (+)
February 12	Luanne Pollaway (Healing)

## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report January 30 & January 31

### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (154)	\$ 6,024.00
Visitors	\$ 368.35
	\$ 6,392.35

Weekly budget needed: \$ 8,232.00

### 2009/2010 Fiscal Year

Budget to Date	\$ 255,192.00
Actual to Date	\$ 258,847.85

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 143.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 50.00
Assumption School	\$ 50.00

