

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Second Sunday Of Lent

The transfiguration of Jesus on Mt. Tabor follows the passage in which Jesus asks the disciples, who do the crowds say that I am? *They replied, John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.* When Jesus asked, *But who do you say that I am?* Blessed Peter responded, *The Messiah of God.* St. Peter already had a glimpse of the true Jesus. It was important that the disciples not only *know* who Jesus is, but also *experience* Jesus as He is. Thus the transfiguration.

A young monk asked an older one, "How is it that so many people set out to be good, and so many people come here to join the monastery, but after some time they leave again or give up the effort? The old monk thought for a while and then answered. "Sometimes as you stand here in front of the monastery you will see a rabbit pass by pursued by the village dogs, barking and howling. After some time the rabbit comes back but there are only one or two dogs in pursuit. These are the dogs who actually saw the rabbit - the others were only following the barking. Likewise, if we are to persevere in our pursuit we must have had a glimpse of the rabbit - The Lord - and not just be following the barking." The transfiguration is one of those moments of seeing and experiencing Jesus instead of just depending on hearsay.

If we wish to follow Jesus like Peter (*martyred by crucifixion upside-down*), James (*Herod Agrippa I killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.*) (Acts:12:1-2), and John (*died at a great age in Ephesus while ministering to persecuted Christians*), we must not follow Christ by the barking of others. When was the last time you saw and experienced Jesus with your own eyes? Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent, our whole assembly joins in prayer for members of the RCIA who been baptized and are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. **The Penitential Rite for Candidates** occurs at the 11 a.m. Mass, and we invite the entire community to lift up in prayer candidates Paul Spring, Tammie Evens and Fred Lee as they continue their journey of faith.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during the First Friday Mass on March 5th. Mass is at 12:10 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts Friday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m., and concludes with Benediction Saturday, March 6th at 8:20 a.m., in the Winter Chapel. Mass will follow at 8:30 a.m., in the Church.

Operation Rice Bowl: Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

Save the date for an incredible experience: Saturday, March 6th, 2010 - Archdiocese of Seattle Junior High Youth Rally. It all happens at Highline Community College in Des Moines. The Rally is an all day, all night Catholic youth extravaganza with hundreds of middle school students from all over western Washington! Contact Angus our youth minister or go online to the Sacred Heart Parish website to get all the details. This Rally is **Totally Awesome!** Our 20+ group had a fantastic time last year !



"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 in total. 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 the Vicar for Clergy, Thomas C. Wagner, Asst. Dir. Pastoral Care, 710 ninth Ave. Seattle, WA 98104.



A Federal Judge has upheld a South Dakota law requiring doctors to inform patients that abortion kills a human being. The law mandates that a woman be told that abortion "will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being." Planned Parenthood had sought to overturn the law.

February 27 and February 28

Sunday February 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm.	Parish Center
11.00 a.m. Mass	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption

Monday March 1st

7:00 p.m. EDGE	Assumption Gym
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Tuesday March 2nd

12:10 p.m. Adoration	Church
12:15 p.m. Lectio Divina	Winter Chapel
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. Soup Night	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Young Catholics	Parish Center
7:00 p.m. RCIA	Winter Chapel
7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina	Parish Hall

Wednesday March 3rd

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church
7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir	Church
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation	St. Augustine

Thursday March 4th

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

Friday March 5th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church
1:00 p.m. Adoration	Church
1:15 p.m. First Friday Luncheon	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday March 6th

8:20 a.m. Benediction	Winter Chapel
8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. Mass	Church
6:00 p.m. Mexico Dinner	Parish Hall

Sunday March 7th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm.	Parish Center
11.00 a.m. Mass	Church
1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

Weekly Readings Second Sunday of Lent

Feb. 28	Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
March 1	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
March 2	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
March 3	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
March 4	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
March 5	Gen 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
March 6	Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Third Sunday of Lent	
March 7	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

The Liturgical Ministries Schedule has been mailed. Special thanks to Sally Majkut, head of lectors, Bridget Adams, head of altar servers, and Belinda Granat, head of readers for their work on the schedule. Also thank you to the ladies led by Betty Chapin who helped to stuff and mail the schedule!

The RCIA from Sacred Heart and WWU Newman Catholic Campus Ministry send their heartfelt thanks to Karla Williams, Hope Lawrenson, and Wayne Kirkendall for the lovely gathering held before the Rite of Election on Friday, February 19th.

There are two hidden ministries that help us celebrate. When the seasons change, it is the ministry of Kay Gougeon to change the colors of the altar linens. It is this gift that allows us to experience the deep purple of lent, the striking reds of the passion and the glorious gold and whites of Easter. Thank you Kay.

Each time we set up for Mass, we at Sacred Heart are able to reach into the sacristy drawer and pull out a beautifully cleaned and ironed purificator or corporal cloth. This thanks to the ongoing ministry of Maria Vigh. Thank you for helping us so beautifully prepare to celebrate the Eucharist.

Assumption School News 7336133

Thurs., March 23, 12-2 p.m. Pre-School Open House --"A Big Step for Small Children" Are you ready for your child to attend pre-school? This can be a big step for both parents and children. You are invited to view our pre-school, meet our teachers, and check out how a quality, values-centered preschool can make this family transition a positive one. Children are encouraged to attend, and we'll gather in the pre-school room.

Mass Intentions this week

March 2	William Forbes (+)
March 3	Eugene Hogan (+)
March 4	Curry Koehler Family (Intentions)
March 5	Dick Banning (Healing)

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report February 20 & February 21

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (155)	\$ 5,972.03
Visitors	\$ 492.53
Children (1)	\$ 2.00
	\$ 6,466.56

Weekly budget needed: \$ 8,232.00

Ash Wednesday	\$ 1507.50
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 185.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 40.00
Assumption School	\$ 55.00

