

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Third Sunday Of Lent

Whether you hear the reading of the Gospel of the unfruitful fig tree or the conversion of the Samaritan woman (for the Mass with the Elect) the readings are about conversions. This call to conversion is for **all** of us. We embrace the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Penance (reconciliation).

Most people do not perceive Penance as a form of prayer, but it is one of the most beautiful of all prayers. Prayer in general is a communion with God. In the confessional, we share with God our deepest sorrows and failures. Without this type of communication, relationships tend to be very weak. Think about it. With whom have we shared the most sorrowful and painful experiences of our lives? Most likely, these people are our best friends or our spouses. We don't share these things with just anyone. Jesus invites us to a deeper communion with Him through the Sacrament of Penance. Confessions are heard one hour before all weekday Masses and on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Scrutinies for our Elect are celebrated on March 7th at 11 a.m. Mass, March 14th at 8:30 a.m. Mass, and March 21st at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. See the Liturgy Corner for more information about these Rites.

Please Note: No Mass, Wednesday, March 10th. Fr. Qui-Thac is attending a Deanery meeting.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Church of the Assumption's Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart.

Fr. Qui-Thac will be joining with the priests of the Northern Deanery to hear confessions at Church of the Assumption.

Burst of Spring In the Garden of Hope

Interfaith Coalition 2010 Spring Auction
Saturday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.
Lakeway Inn & Conference Center, Bellingham
Contact Bess Christman 734-6379
for tickets or information
Tickets are \$40 and include a sit-down dinner

Operation Rice Bowl: Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. It's not too late to pick up a Rice Bowl in the church entry.

One Day Retreat for Caregivers: From Shadow into Light. Finding hope in everyday grief: Saturday, April 17, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Retreat leaders: Sr. Joyce Cox BBVM and Thomas Wagner. Venue: The Palisades Archdiocesan Retreat Center, 4700 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023. Phone 1-800-330-7622 for more information. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch.

WISH Meeting Thursday, March 17, 10:30-Noon

Please join with the Women in Sacred Heart as they meet for an enjoyable time of prayer and discernment, led by Nancy Fudge. Nancy has a wealth of experience focusing on prayer and the liturgy and it promises to be an interesting and enlightening session. All are welcome! Call Hope Bloomfield for further information: 778-3059.

Marriage Encounter: Married Couples, prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it—you DESERVE a worldwide marriage encounter weekend! Upcoming weekends are April 30-May 2, June 4-6, and June 11-13. For more information, call Kay and Mike Gougeon 671-6955.

Couples For Christ presents The Newest Teaching based on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" by Christopher West. Saturday, May 22, 2010 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Glad Tidings Church, 3546 Fraser St. Vancouver BC. Registration fee: \$40. Register before March 31, and save \$10! Phone (604) 270-9463.



"To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right into law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance; that of an absolute power over others and against others."
Evangelium Vitae

March 6 and March 7

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.

Monday March 8th

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

Tuesday March 9th

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
6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	St. Augustine
7:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Winter Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Lectio Divina	Parish Hall

Wednesday March 10th

11:00 a.m.	Deanery Meeting	St. Charles
12:10 p.m.	No Mass	
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Parents' Adoration	Chapel
7:00 p.m.	8:30 Choir	Church
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Preparation	Parish Hall
7:30 p.m.	Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

Thursday March 11th

10:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse	St. Clare
11:15 a.m.	Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m.	Mass	Church
6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council	Parish Hall

Friday March 12th

12:10 p.m.	Lenten Friday Adoration	Church
5:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church
5:45 p.m.	Benediction	Church
6:00 p.m.	Mass	Church
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday March 13th

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

Sunday March 14th

8:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
9:45 a.m.	No Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:45 a.m.	RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm.	Parish Center
9:45 a.m.	RE Parent's Meeting	Fr.'s Office
11:00 a.m.	Mass	Church
4:00 p.m.	Suds & Spuds	Parish Hall
6:00 p.m.	SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

Weekly Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
March 8	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
March 9	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
March 10	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
March 11	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
March 12	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
March 13	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
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Faith Formation & Liturgy

The Scrutinies of the Elect, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are rites that are intended to "uncover, then heal what is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA, 141). Following the homily, the elect and their godparents come forward, kneel or bow their heads, and all pray in silence "for some time" (RCIA, 152). Also included are the strong, upright, and good things that need strengthening in their hearts. Please join the whole community in lifting up our elect, Michelle Dehdod, Summer Hadfield, Tamara Rodden, Alex Sessoms and Julie Starnes.

There are 8 wonderful CDs located in the back of the church that will inspire and foster the faith. Please feel welcome to take one, listen to it, and then bring it back and swap it for another one! Topics: *Marriage & the Eucharist*, *Seven Secrets of the Eucharist*, *The Mass Explained*, *Confession*, *The Conversion of Scott Hahn*, *The Rosary*, *John Corapi's Amazing Story*, and *Healing and Holiness*.

Assumption School News

Tues., 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 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, we'll gather in the pre-school room. For more information about these events, or to schedule a personal tour, please contact Jennifer Rick at jrick@school.assumption.org or call the school at 733-6133.

Congratulations! The Assumption 8th Grade Math Olympiad Team swept the 8th grade honors at the 2010 Whatcom County Math Championship on February 27, 2010 at WCC capturing 2 team awards and 3 individual awards. They have been working hard all year! There are teams in grades 4-7 as well. There will be another competition in April for other grade levels.

Mass Intentions

March 9	Bryan Marriott (+)
March 11	(In thanksgiving for) Madeline May
March 12	Howard Grile (+)

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report

February 27 & February 28

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (158)	\$ 7,476.00
Visitors	\$ 426.31
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
	\$ 7,903.31

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Budget to date	\$288,120.00
Actual to date	\$289,919.98

Ash Wednesday	\$ 36.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 221.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 145.00
Assumption School	\$ 70.00

