

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Crime and Punishment is one of the most fascinating novels I have ever read. It is about Raskolnikov, a student, who lives in a tiny, rented room in Saint Petersburg. He refuses all help, even from his friend Razumihin, and devises a plan to murder and to rob an unpleasant elderly money-lender, Alyona Ivanovna. He soon sneaks into Alyona Ivanovna's apartment where he murders her with an axe; however, he is also forced to kill her half-sister, Lizaveta, who happens to enter the scene of the crime. After he bungled the murder, Raskolnikov falls into a feverish state. He behaves as though he wishes to betray himself. His conscience speaks to him. This is precisely the moment of renewal and conversion. Raskolnikov is lucky his conscience still works.

Today's gospel of the woman caught in adultery should be called the story of the story of the men caught in denial. The adulterous woman's confrontation of her sin in the presence of Jesus is the beginning of a new life. "*Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.*" The woman is fully aware of her sins. The men are oblivious. Who's the lucky one now? Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Scrutinies for our Elect are celebrated March 21st at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. See the Liturgy Corner for more information about these Rites.

Please Note: No Reconciliation and No Mass Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday March 25. The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, March 25, as staff is attending the Chrism Mass at St. James Cathedral.

Children of Religious Education Classes will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please make time to join the children as they lead us in this most holy devotion.

Called to Protect Class. If you are a volunteer in the Parish, you may be required to attend the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program's "Called to Protect" class. A class will be offered at Assumption on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Please register at seattlearch.org/sep/index.html and click on "register for classes." If you are not sure if you are required to take the class, or have taken it and need the follow-up training, please call Ruth Miller at the Parish Office, 734-2850.

Bellingham Food Bank "Milk Money" Program. In honor of our Mother, Sacred Heart Parish has designated May as the month that we will sponsor the *Milk Money* program. Our goal is to raise \$750 during that month (you may remember that last year we donated nearly \$2000!). Although May will be our official sponsoring month, the milk can will be in the entryway of the church starting this weekend for those of you who would like to get a head start with your donations.

Polish Confessions, Mass and Potluck: Sunday March 21, 2010. Confessions, 4:00 p.m., in the church. Mass, 5:00 p.m., in the church. Potluck, 6:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Young Catholics of Bellingham: We are a group of young Catholics that invite anyone aged 23-40 to join us for fellowship in our shared faith. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Parish Center after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. This month, please also join us on Tuesday, March 23, in the Stafford Room at Assumption Parish at 7:00 p.m., for Taize prayer, a form of repeated prayer in meditative song from the Taize community of France. Call Janel Sislow at (509) 301-6004, for more information and to be added to the e-mail list.

Operation Rice Bowl: The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

Suds & Spuds. Thank you to all who helped put together the most successful Suds & Spuds ever (a direct quote from a long-time participant): the organizers—Layne and Janet Anderson, the cooks, those doing the cleanup, the dancers, the musicians. And thank you to all who participated and enjoyed the great food, fantastic entertainment and wonderful fellowship.

WISH Meeting. A follow-up to the March 17th meeting with Nancy Fudge will be held on Wednesday, March 24th, at 10:15 a.m., in the Parish Hall. The topic is prayer and discernment.



Sacred Heart Respect Life

The prominent Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer clearly described the act of abortion: "The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder."

March 20 and March 21

Sunday March 21st

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
 9:45 a.m. F. Comm./F. Rec. Parent's Mtg. Fr.'s Office
 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 22nd

9:30 a.m. Loaves and Fishes Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Practice Church
 7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Tuesday March 23rd

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 Supper Parish Hall
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Winter Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Lectio Divina Parish Hall

Wednesday March 24th

10:15 a.m. WISH Parish Hall
 12:10 p.m. **No Mass**
 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee Mtg. St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Rehearsal Church
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Twi's Office
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Parish Hall
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group St. Augustine

Office Closed

Thursday March 25th

12:10 p.m. **No Mass**
 7:00 p.m. **Chrism Mass** St. James Cathedral

Friday March 26th

12:10 p.m. Lenten Friday Adoration Church
 5:45 p.m. Benediction Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church
 7:00 p.m. Fourth Fridays Mtg. St. Augustine
 8:00 p.m. Good Friday Rehearsal Church

Saturday March 27th

8:30 a.m. **No Mass**
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday March 28th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour
 9:45 a.m. No RE & Fir. Rec./Fir. Comm. Parish Center
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church

Weekly Readings Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21 Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
 March 22 Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:12-20
 March 23 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
 March 24 Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
 March 25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Lk 1:26-38
 March 26 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
 March 27 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-46

Palm Sunday

March 28 Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

TRIDUUM MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY THUR REHEARSAL MON, MAR 22, 7-9PM CHURCH

Sacristans, M&K Gougeon; **MC**, Kevin Karcher, **CB**, Andi Barber, **Thurifer**, Josie McDonell, **Boat**, Jasen Barber, **S1**, Matthew Karcher, **S2**, Joseph Adams. **Usher Greeter** [to be confirmed] **Lector1**, Bridget Adams, **Lector2**, Tina Gacad **EHMC B2** Felix Gacad **B3** Maria Vigh **C1**, Deacon **C2**, Connie Barnard **C3** Zac Adams **Foot Washing**: Tim Adams, Kristina Cirillo, Paula Mallahan, Ben Rosbach, James Stockdale, Wayne Kirkendahl, Carolyn Hill, Julie Mauer, and others to be confirmed. **OILS** Hope Bloomfield, Alex Sessoms, Matthew Twining

GOOD FRI REHEARSAL: FRI, MAR 26 AFTER STATIONS

Sacristans, S&K Majkut; **MC**, Daniel Karcher, **Servers**: Lorry McDonell, Jonah Salomon, Christopher Spring **Usher Greeter**, Pat Kust **Lector1**, Belinda Granat, **Lector2**, Karla Williams **CB**: Paul Spring and Mikaela Ketz **EHMC B2** Deacon **B3** Rachel Becker

EASTER VIGIL REHEARSAL: WED, MAR 24 7-9 PM CHURCH

Sacristans, Brianna Glover **MC**, Zac Adams, **CB**, Joseph Adams **Thurifer**, Kevin Karcher, **Boat**, Alex Jabborra, **S1**, Peter Adams **S2**, Ben Jabborra. **Usher Greeter** [to be confirmed] **Lectors**: Rdg 1: Jeanne Twining, Rdg 2: Tom Junkersfeld, Rdg3: Dot Courtis, Rdg4: Marilyn Junkersfeld, Rdg 5: Diane Maurer, Rdg6: Bridget Adams, Rdg 7: Renee Baranek, Epistle: Charlotte Eastman **EHMC B2** Tim Adams **B3** Sally Majkut **C1**, Deacon **C2**, Maria Vigh **C3** Kevin Majkut

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 pre-school can make this family transition a positive one. Children welcome. We'll gather in the pre-school room. For more info or to schedule a tour, contact Jennifer Rick at jrick@school.assumpiton.org or call the school at 733-6133.

Cultural Fair March 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Stop by for our International Open House. Don't miss the dances in the Gym at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Middle Schoolers.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report March 13 & March 14



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (153)	\$	6,983.00
Visitors	\$	476.57
		7,459.57

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	190.00
Building & Grounds	\$	82.00
Assumption School	\$	60.00