

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday. It is the beginning of the work of our redemption through Jesus. He undergoes the most excruciating pain that any person has ever endured. It is not only physical, but also emotional and spiritual. Jesus' suffering should make us uncomfortable. In the context of Jesus' passion, our own comfort should make us uncomfortable, if we claim to love Jesus.

The dormitories in our mission are packed. Fr. Wilmar and I are supposed to share the room with seven other men. I decided to sleep in the hall because I need to wake up at 5:30 a.m., to be ready to hear confessions at 6:15 a.m., before Mass at 7:00 a.m., and do not want to wake anyone up. One evening, one of the students observed that there were more than 15 pillows on the couches and wondered if that was the real reason why I'm roughing it in the hall instead of the dorms. To be honest, it's not much better than their flattened plastic mattresses, but they are right. My couch is 100 times better than the bed of the people we are serving. The whole family sleeps in one bed in a one room shack, with a curtain for a door, with all their belongings surrounding them. This is what causes me to feel uncomfortable. It is good to feel uncomfortable. I thank Jesus for this gift. I pray that this gift will be given to all of us as we begin the most Holy Week of Jesus' passion.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Holy Week Services



April 1st, Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

April 2nd, Good Friday - Liturgy of the Hours, 12:00 Noon.

- Celebration of the Passion, and Veneration of the Cross , 3:00 p.m.

The Cross used for Veneration of the Cross will have a relic of the True Cross.

- Stations of the Cross , 7:00 p.m.

April 3rd, Holy Saturday - Polish Blessing of Food, 12 Noon

Easter Vigil Mass, 9:00 p.m.

There are no meetings in the Parish Center during Holy Week.

Parish Office closes at 12:00 Noon, Good Friday, April 2nd.

Holy Land Good Friday Offering. On Good Friday, a basket will be placed in the foyer of the church for a collection in support of the Holy Places, but above all for pastoral, charitable, educational and social works, which the church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of Christian brethren and the local communities.

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 Church of the 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.

Healing Mass. "Jesus stands in our midst." Healing Mass with Fr. Daniel Balizan, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m. St. Mary Church, 4001 St. Mary's Drive, Anacortes 98221. Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Operation Rice Bowl. This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation. **Please bring your Rice Bowl Collections to the Holy Thursday Liturgy.**

Vacation Church School. Save the date! Vacation Church School is scheduled for June 21-25. Registration forms and volunteer information will be available soon. For more information, contact Jennifer Rick at Jennifer.rick@comcast.net.

Acts of Stewardship. When you walk in your front door, give thanks for having a place to live.



"The Christian tradition from the earliest days reveals a firm anti-abortion attitude. From apostolic times, the Christian tradition overwhelmingly held that abortion was grievously evil." Charles Chaput, OFM, Cap., Archbishop of Denver.

March 27 and March 28

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
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

Monday March 29th

7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Tuesday March 30th

12:10 p.m. Adoration Church
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:45 p.m. Benediction Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Retreat Winter Chapel

Wednesday March 31st

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

Holy Thursday

Thursday April 1st

7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper** Church

Good Friday Office Closes at Noon

Friday April 2nd

12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours Church
 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion Church
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

Holy Saturday

Saturday April 3rd

9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting for RCIA Winter Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Polish Blessing of Food Winter Chapel
 9:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** Church
 11:30 p.m. RCIA Reception Parish Hall

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4th

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
 1:00 p.m. **No Vietnamese Mass**
 6:00 p.m. No SALT

Mass Intentions

March 30 Margaret Carroll (+)

March 31 Patrick McDermott (+)

Weekly Readings

Palm Sunday

March 28 Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56
 March 29 Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 March 30 Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
 March 31 Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
 April 1 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Jn 13:1-15
 April 2 Is 52:13-53:12; Jn 18:1-19:42
 April 3 Gn 1:1-2:2; Rm 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday

April 4 Acts 10:34a,37-43; Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23;
 Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Faith Formation and Liturgy THANK YOU Religious Education Students

The Religious Education Students led the Stations of the Cross this past Friday. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders read the reflections for each station, the 2nd graders provided the beautiful drawings of each stations, and our Kindergarten and 1st Graders all knew how to lead the parts proclaimed by all. A special thank you to their Catechists: Jim Karcher, Candice Rosenberg, Melba Tso, and Sarah and Joe Reyes. Also thank you to our altar servers and to Roger Stambaugh for their contribution to the unfolding of this beautiful devotion.

Please pray for those who will be initiated at the Easter Vigil: Michelle Dehbob, Summer Hadfield, Kelsey Hollingworth, Angelica Robinson, Tamara Rodden, Alex Sessoms, Julia Starnes, Kayla Washkow, Alison Clark, Tammie Evens, Fred Lee, Julie Messinger, Paul Spring, and James Stockdale.

For Easter Vigil Attendees: Join us at the Reception &

Bring something to share with the Newly Initiated!

If you are planning on attending the Easter Vigil, please consider bringing a sweet or savory dish to add to the reception celebrating our Neophytes. If you have questions, you can contact Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955. Just drop your dish by before heading over to church at 9:00 p.m.

Assumption School News 733-6133

School Commission

Assumption Catholic School is seeking nominations from the parish for two parishioners to serve on the School Commission. This is a three-year term of office. Nominees will be invited to attend a Discernment Dinner on Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30 following the 6:00 Mass. Send name and phone number of nominee and nominator to the school office by April 1. Contact School Commission Chair, Michelle King (398-2472) or Principal, Rose Goeres (733-6133) for more information.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report March 20 & March 21



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (157)	\$	6,442.00
Visitors	\$	457.75
Children (1)	\$	1.00
	\$	6,900.75

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	165.00
Building & Grounds	\$	50.00
Assumption School	\$	75.00