

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Easter Sunday

A man is trying to open a jar of pickles. The announcer keeps talking about gym membership fees for different months while he tries in vain to open the jar. Gym membership for February: \$68. Gym membership for March: \$68. Gym membership for April: \$68. Finally convincing your boyfriend he should go with you: priceless. Then a woman walks in and opens the jar for him. A few years back, there were a number of MasterCard commercials that were very popular. "Priceless" commercials communicate one idea: there are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's MasterCard.

As we enter into the event of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, it is no laughing matter. But if we seriously reflect upon the full impact of this one event that Christ gave to us, we should not be surprised by the conclusion: that a person could buy practically anything in this world, but salvation? It is priceless. What a wonderful gift we have in our faith in our Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Happy Easter to all.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

The Parish Office is closed Monday, April 5th.

Rally in Support of Immigration Reform. In addition to global anti-poverty efforts, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for national comprehensive immigration reform, including re-unifying families; basic worker protections within a "rational and humane system by which laborers can enter the country legally;" a non-amnesty, or earned legalization process, or law respecting, reasonable pathway to citizenship; and restoration of due process. As part of a day of nationwide action, a rally will be held in Seattle on Saturday, April 10, from 12noon to 2:30 pm, at West Park, next to Qwest Field. If you would like to catch a free bus ride instead of driving, or for more information about the rally, call Bob Van Male, 756-6161.

Catholic Moms Group. We are a group of Catholic moms from both Sacred Heart and Assumption parishes, committed to family, motherhood, and our faith. We meet on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in the St. Nicholas room. We provide support, friendship and affirmation of our role as Catholic mothers. Our fellowship opportunities include: playgroups, meals for new moms, rosaries, Mom's Night Out, and various activities for the children. Please contact Rebecca Gonnella at 738-6976/nmg9@msn.com or Bev Williams at 920-7592/bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com for more information.

Operation Rice Bowl, The risen Christ gives all people a new hope. It is truly a time for rejoicing. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Even though our Lenten journey is over, our solidarity with the poor needs to continue all year long. Visit crs.org to stay connected with the Church's work on behalf of those in need around the world.

II Tuesday. Father Ed White will be joining us for our next II Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. His topic: Spirituality of the Eucharist.

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.

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.



"In today's world of medical technology and pain control, the understandable fear of pain and death as one faces the end of life should never lead to suicide—physician assisted or otherwise." Jennifer Popic, J.D., NRL News, November – December, 2009

April 3 and April 4

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.	
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
1:00 p.m. No Vietnamese Mass	
6:00 p.m. No SALT	

Parish Office is Closed

Monday April 5th

7:00 p.m. No EDGE

Tuesday April 6th

12:10 p.m. Adoration	Church
1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:45 p.m. Benediction	Church
6:00 p.m. Mass	Church
7:00 p.m. SHALOM Mom's Group	St. Nicholas
7:00 p.m. Young Catholics	Parish Center

Wednesday April 7th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church
7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice	Church

Thursday April 8th

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

Friday April 9th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for Divine Mercy Celebration	Hall
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. Mass	Church

Saturday April 10th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Winter Chapel
9:00 a.m. Set-up for Divine Mercy Celebration	Hall
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. Mass	Church
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Altar Servers & families	Chapel

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 11th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church

Divine Mercy Celebration in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

Weekly Readings

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
April 5	Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15
April 6	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
April 7	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
April 8	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
April 9	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
April 10	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
Divine Mercy Sunday	
April 11	Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Faith Formation and Liturgy

Welcome and Congratulations to our Neophytes!!

Michelle Dehbod, 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. And congratulations to Matthew Twining who was confirmed!

Many thanks to liturgical ministers, RCIA catechists, sponsors, art and environment committee, parishioners, community members, and staff who labored long and lovingly to bring alive these Easter Liturgies. May the abundant blessings of Easter resound in your hearts and in your homes.

Religious Education Classes are on break. Classes resume April 18th.

Assumption School News

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.

Mass Intentions

April 6	Patrick Carroll (+)
April 7	Alistair Macdonald (+)
April 8	Eric Moertl (+)
April 9	Gerry Crowder (+)

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report March 27 & March 28

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (156)	\$ 6,015.19
Visitors	\$ <u>436.90</u>
	\$ 6,452.09

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Actual to date – 322,759.44
Budget to date– 321,048.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 465.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 65.00
Assumption School	\$ 80.00

CRS Total Donation \$ 2,003.00

