

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel account of the resurrection this weekend, Jesus gives a very brief and succinct homily to his disciples: *Peace be with you.* Have we received this Easter message? If Jesus has already whispered these words to your heart, can you describe this peace?

I recently received the Spring edition of the Mount Angel Letter magazine. Mount Angel Abbey (where the monks also run a seminary) recently elected a new abbot: Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB. The new abbot has chosen his motto for his abbacy from the messianic proclamation of the Prophet Micah: HE SHALL BE PEACE. Seeing his picture, I realized that I had encountered this man before. Between my second and third year of minor seminary (undergraduate studies & formation), I made a private retreat at the Mount Angel guesthouse. One afternoon, I was led by the Spirit while praying in the monastery's chapel, to root out a number of past sins and memories that impeded my spiritual growth. As I received the gift of a true sorrow for my sins and a desire to be purged from this part of my life, I wanted to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Alas, the time was 12:30 p.m., and it was right after lunch and therefore no soul was to be found in the chapel! Resigned to my cruel fate that I must wait until Vespers (evening prayer) in order to grab one of the monks for confession, I asked Jesus to make sure my heart remained steadfast in this fervor until I could confess my sins. As I stood up and turned around to walk out of the chapel, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a monk sitting in the choir stall praying! I swore I had thoroughly scanned the whole chapel several times before! How could I have missed him? It was Father (now Abbot) Gregory who gave me this precious Sacrament and the gift of peace.

Jesus short sermon on peace is briefly elaborated with these words, *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.* The peace of Jesus is directly connected to the presence of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the Holy Spirit is directly connected to the forgiveness of our sins. I pray that JESUS SHALL BE YOUR PEACE.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**Please Note: There is no Mass Wednesday, April 14th.** Fr. Qui-Thac will be attending a Deanery meeting.

## II Tuesday, Adult Faith Formation

The overall focus of this year's II Tuesdays is the Mass. Fr. Ed White will be joining us for our next presentation, Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
His topic is Spirituality of the Eucharist.

**Good Friday Collection.** Thank you for your gift of \$512 for the continuing work of the Church in the Holy Land.

**Pro-Life Prayer Vigil.** Come and pray with us once a month on the third Sunday from 2-3:00 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, April 18th, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from Post Abortion Syndrome. For more information call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

**Thank you** to the floral design committee who continuously provide the church with beautiful arrangements throughout the year. Committee members spent many hours working on the beautiful Easter flowers. The members of the committee are Sheila Siebert, Merrily Aliotti, Maria Vigh, and Paula Wlaznak. If you are interested in helping us arrange flowers please contact me, Mary Spencer at 733-7634; you need not be experienced.

**Rice Bowls.** Please return your Rice Bowl by Sunday April 18. You may place it in the receptacle in the entry of the church or return it to the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale.** Next Sunday, April 18th, the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall after both Masses. The proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul Society. During the same time Catholic Daughters' will host a Bake Sale.

**Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East.** This month's prayer vigil for peace in the Middle East will be held Sunday, April 18th, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. at Bellingham Friends Exploration Academy, 1701 Ellis St., Bellingham.



"Nobody is a nobody; nobody is unwanted. All are wanted by God, and therefore to be respected, protected and cherished by us," wrote Father Richard John Neuhaus. Is this not the message of Christ's dying and rising,-- not just for certain people but for all ?

# April 10 and April 11

## 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.

### Monday April 12th

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

### Tuesday April 13th

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  
 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus St. Augustine  
 7:00 p.m. Mystagogia Winter Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. II Tuesday Hall

### Wednesday April 14th

12:10 p.m. **No Mass**  
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church  
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group St. Augustine

### Thursday April 15th

8:00 a.m. Finance Council Hall  
 10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse St. Clare  
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church  
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

### Friday April 16th

4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Church  
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

### Saturday April 17th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Wedding Church  
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church  
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

### Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Catholic Daughters' Bake Sale after both Masses today

### Sunday April 18th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church  
 9:45 a.m. RE & Fir Rec./Fir Comm. Parish Center  
 9:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Hall  
 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 Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11 Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;  
 Jn 20:19-31  
 April 12 Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8  
 April 13 Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15  
 April 14 Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
 April 15 Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
 April 16 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
 April 17 Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
 April 18 Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14;  
 Jn 21:1-19

## Faith Formation and Liturgy

Welcome and Congratulations to our Neophytes!!

Michelle Dehdod, Summer Hadfield, Kelsey Hollingworth, Angelica Robinson, Tamara Rodden, Alex Sessoms, Julia Starnes, Kayla Washkow, Alison Clark, Tammy 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 733-6133

**Congratulations.** The following seven students have been nominated and accepted into the San Juan Music Educators' Association regional honors choir.

Congratulations to all of these students are in order!! This will be an exciting opportunity for our students to sing with talented middle school students from throughout the San Juan region! Kate Ronson, Maura Schaefer, Natasha Zuther, Christopher Nakatani, Doria Nelson, Alexandra Nung, and Kaitlyn Schueler.

## Mass Intentions

April 13 Maria, John and Madeline  
 April 15 Charles Leonard (+)  
 April 16 Melissa & Calvin (First wedding anniversary)

## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report April 3 & April 4

### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (126)	\$	6,091.00
Visitors	\$	1,312.00
Children (2)	\$	3.00
	\$	7,406.00

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Holy Thursday \$ 670.65

Easter \$ 4,298.31

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	435.00
Building & Grounds	\$	85.00
Assumption School	\$	10.00

