

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

The first few words of Jesus gave me great comfort, *My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life.* Eternal life comes from following Jesus. Last week, Jesus last words to Peter (again) was: Follow me. Peter is Jesus' sheep because Jesus knows Peter, *Lord, you know everything.* How did Peter know that Jesus knows everything? Because Peter hears Jesus' voice, *My sheep hear my voice.* Here is the logic: **Eternal life** comes from **following Jesus** which comes from being aware of Jesus' knowledge of us, which comes from listening to the voice of Jesus. Therefore, **to hear the voice of Jesus leads to eternal life.**

If you have prayed with me recently, you may have noticed that I always begin our prayer with a moment of silence as we put ourselves into the presence of God. Without the presence of God, everything that I do, (no matter how much perceived results I get), is simply useless and a waste of time. Where did I learn this? From a great 17th century Catholic classic: Practice the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence.

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it." ... Brother Lawrence

Life is sweet with the presence of sweet Jesus. Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

**Fr. Paul Weckert O.S.B. will be with us to celebrate the Masses this weekend. Please make him welcome**

**Fr. Qui-Thac is on vacation April 19-30. No weekday Masses are scheduled during that time.** Weekday Masses at Church of the Assumption are, Monday, Thurs. and Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and Wed. at 6:00 p.m. .



**Annual Catholic Appeal.** We, as Catholics, are a very generous people—and we show it each year through our parish-wide support for over 60 ministries and services of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through our generosity to the appeal, 30 seminarians are provided support, over 69,000 individuals who seek help through Catholic Community Services will be cared for, our 11 high schools and 63 elementary schools serving over 23,000 students are sustained and continue to grow, *and so much more!* Please support the many faithful servants throughout our Archdiocese who continue to provide the services and ministries needed to provide a Future Full of Hope for all!

**Attention Catholic Moms!** Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the St. Nicholas Room at Sacred Heart's Parish Center. We are a group from Sacred Heart and Assumption who are committed to our families, motherhood, and our faith. On May 4th, Deacon Larry Kheriaty will be presenting the "Called to Protect" program for parents as we discuss how to teach our children safe boundaries. This is an important topic for everyone with children. If you have questions about the program or group, please contact Rebecca Gonnella at (360) 738-6976, [nmg9@msn.com](mailto:nmg9@msn.com) or Bev Williams at (360) 920-7592, [bevjohnson13@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjohnson13@hotmail.com).

**Walk for Life.** Please sponsor us for this year's "Walk for Life" on Saturday, May 8th. Your support will change lives! The Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic is dedicated to providing compassionate care and practical assistance to women, men and teens facing an unplanned pregnancy. See walkers after each Mass to sign up as a sponsor, or call Kay Gougeon at 671-6955.

**High School Esperanza Service Trip to Mexico July 2011.** There will be a general interest meeting on May 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption Church after Mass, for high school students who want to be a part of this amazing experience. Our group is reserved for July 17-23, 2011, through Esperanza International which just celebrated its 25 years of service! You can read more about this organization at: <http://esperanza.org/us/>. Contact Angus McDonell, our Youth Minister, for more information at 733-1380.

**Marriage Encounter.** The next Marriage Encounter weekend is April 30-May 2, in Mount Vernon. A coupon worth \$50 off the price of the registration fee is available. If interested, please call 527-0787.



"Researchers Find Safer Methods to Reprogram Adult Stem Cells." This recent headline describing adult stem cell research that does not involve killing embryos joins those announcing breakthroughs with adult stem cells from bone marrow, skin, and placentas. Meanwhile the world of embryonic stem cell research keeps demanding more money while producing negligible results.

# April 24 and April 25

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### Sunday April 25th

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir Rec./Fir Comm.	Parish Center
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Hall
9:45 a.m. NCCM Slide Show	Hall
11:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

### Monday April 26th

7:00 p.m. EDGE	Assumption Gym
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### Tuesday April 27th

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	St. Nicholas
6:00 p.m. <b>No Mass</b>	
7:00 p.m. Mystagogia	Winter Chapel

### Wednesday April 28th

12:10 p.m. <b>No Mass</b>	
6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee Mtg.	St. Nicholas
7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Twi's Office/Calcutta Rm.	
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation	Hall and Church
7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group	St. Augustine

### Thursday April 29th

10:00 a.m. Parish Nurse	St. Clare
12:10 p.m. <b>No Mass</b>	

### Friday April 30th

6:00 p.m. <b>No Mass</b>	
7:00 p.m. Fourth Friday	St. Augustine

### Saturday May 1st

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Winter Chapel
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church

### Sunday May 2nd

8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
9:45 a.m. RE & Fir Rec./Fir Comm.	Parish Center
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Hall
11:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	Church
1:00 p.m. <b>Vietnamese Mass</b>	Church
6:00 p.m. SALT	Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

## Faith Formation and Liturgy

Religious Education students will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. The rehearsal for First Communion occurs on Friday, May 7th at 6 p.m. This rehearsal occurs on First Friday, so we will be rehearsing in the Church, while Jesus is Exposed for Adoration in the Chapel. Following rehearsal, families are invited to spend a few minutes with Jesus in adoration.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS please let the Liturgy Scheduler know of the times you cannot be scheduled for the period June July and August! You can do so by emailing: [sacred-heart.liturgyschedule@gmail.com](mailto:sacred-heart.liturgyschedule@gmail.com).

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they begin final preparations for reception of the Sacrament. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated, Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption. Bishop Elizondo will be presiding.

## Assumption School News 733-6133

**"Growing Great Kids" Auction** is on-line until April 26! Check it out...([link: http://acs-bidz4kidz.cmarket.com](http://acs-bidz4kidz.cmarket.com)) Our online auction goal this year is to raise \$20,000 to help support our school's operations. We need your support! This is an exciting and fun way to help us, and at the same time have the chance to win cool items! If you wish to procure any of these items please feel free to use the procurement letter and donation form located under "Auction" on our school website

**Math Olympiad:** Our Math Olympiad teams did very well and we are so proud of them. None of our students won individual awards, but our top team placed 11th which is fabulous. Congratulations "mathletes"!

## Weekly Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
April 26	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
April 27	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
April 28	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
April 29	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
April 30	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
May 1	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Mt 13:54-58

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2	Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
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## Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report April 17 & April 18



### Ordinary Income

Envelopes (156)	\$	7,682.30
Visitors	\$	604.83
	\$	8,287.13

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Holy Day	\$	50.00
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$	195.00
Building & Grounds	\$	41.00
Assumption School	\$	15.00