

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your prayers while I was away in Washington DC to visit my friends. Some of the highlights were: dinners with friends in DC, Smithsonian Galleries, funeral Mass for a priest friend's father, more dinners with friends. I know, I know, no golf, but I'll take friends over golf any, well, most days.

On a more serious note, we are in the process of making our Annual Catholic Appeal pledges. Please be aware that we have been dependent upon your generosity for both the ministry of the Archdiocese (i.e. Catholic Community Services, Office for Clergy, Missions office, Office for Seminarians...), and the well being of our parish. Since my time at Sacred Heart, we have been very practical in the stewardship of our treasure. Projects have been funded by the rebates of the Annual Catholic Appeal for the last four years: painting of the rectory and the church, replacement of the church boiler, replacement of the parish hall floor, and replacement of the parish hall kitchen stove, kitchen floor and removing old asbestos tiles and carpeting of the lower floor offices. As you can see, we (the parish leadership and I) take seriously the responsibility of caring for our community.

This year's wind storms blew off a number of shingles from our church roof. It became evident that patchwork was not going to cut it. The Pastoral Council, staff and I are unanimous in directing this year's rebate to this project. The preliminary proposal came back around \$40,000. We will obtain more bids and attempt to lower the price. Last year's rebate came back at a little over \$21,000. This means that we will all need to make an increase where it is possible in our pledge. Please join me this week to continue our proud legacy of caring for our home and community life in Christ.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starts after the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Friday, May 7th, and ends Saturday, May 8th, at 8:20 a.m. with Benediction in the Winter Chapel.

There is no Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday, May 5th. Fr. Qui-Thac will celebrate Mass at St. James Cathedral. Fr. Qui-Thac will be back for Mass at Newman Center at 4:30 p.m. if you would like to attend.

Mass intentions this week. Tuesday, May 4, Douglas Vaupel (Recovery from surgery), **Thursday, May 6**, Betty King (+), **Friday, May 7**, Nancy Avery (during her illness).



Annual Catholic Appeal. Your support is critical to the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal and its many ministries and services. Today, I am asking every one of you to commit to making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The reason is not just because the Church has a need - which it does, and not just because the causes are worthy - and they are, but especially because this is part of what it means to be Catholic. *Know that every gift no matter the amount, can and will make a difference.*

Come join us for the final II Tuesday. May 11, 2010, 7-9 p.m. The topic: THE MASS: Supporting and nurturing a life of Grace!

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, please contact Rebecca Gonnella at (360) 738-6976, nmg9@msn.com or Bev Williams at (360) 920-7592, bevjohnson13@hotmail.com.

Bellingham Food Bank "Milk Money" Program. In honor of our Mother, Sacred Heart 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!). The milk can is located at the entry of the church.

Retreat for Returning Catholics. Maybe you have been away from the Church for awhile. Come on a retreat for returning Catholics May 28-30, with Paulist priest Fr. Michael Everndon. For information call the Parish Office, 734-2850.



Pam Tebow, mother of the celebrated college football star, Tim Tebow, shared the story of her decision against abortion at the *Save a Life Ministries* annual banquet. She told how she first reported the story in an interview at the 2007 Heisman Trophy award for Tim. "God was so gracious," she said. "I didn't have to give up my life, and he didn't take the life of my son." *LifeNews*, March 3, 2010.

May 1 and May 2

Sunday May 2nd

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

Monday May 3rd

7:00 p.m. EDGE Assumption Gym

Tuesday May 4th

12:10 p.m. Adoration Church
 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. SHALOM Mom's Group St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. Young Catholics Parish Center
 7:00 p.m. Mystagogia Winter Chapel

Wednesday May 5th

12:10 p.m. **No Mass** Church
 4:30 p.m. **Mass** Newman Center
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church

Thursday May 6th

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

Friday May 7th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Adoration Winter Chapel
 1:15 p.m. First Friday Luncheon Hall
 6:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal Church

Saturday May 8th

8:20 a.m. Benediction Winter Chapel
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of First Communion Church
 11:30 a.m. First Communion Reception Hall
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday May 9th Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. RE & Fir Rec./Fir Comm. Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 6:00 p.m. SALT Upper Rm. Assumption P.C.

Weekly Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2 Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a;
 Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

May 3 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 May 4 Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 May 5 Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 May 6 Acts 15:17-21; Jn 15:9-11
 May 7 Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
 May 8 Acts 16:1-10; Ps 10:1b-2,3,5; Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;
 Jn 14:23-29

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.

We are currently scheduling Liturgical Ministers for June, July, and August. Please keep our schedulers in your prayers! Also, if you would like to enter into a liturgical ministry, please call Twi and she will put you in touch with the Head of Ministry for training and scheduling!

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

Thanks to everyone that attended and donated to our "Growing Great Kids" Auction and Dinner. We truly appreciate your support!

8th Grade Retreat: May 3-4, 2010 at Roche Harbor. Pray for the success of the retreat.

May Crowning: May 7, 10:30a.m. Mass, served by the 8th graders but in procession with the first communicants in their sacramental attire.

Volunteer Appreciation: May 12, join us for our celebration of volunteers. We begin with 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report April 24 & April 25



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (162)	\$	7,918.65
Visitors	\$	316.79
Children	\$	1.00
	\$	8,236.44

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Year to date:

Budgeted	\$353,976.00
Actual	\$357,505.26

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	115.00
Building & Grounds	\$	140.00
Assumption School	\$	125.00
Rice Bowl	\$	839.00