

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

St. John relates to us Jesus' Last Supper discourse. It seems like a monologue, but it's really a dialogue with the hearts of his disciples. He is trying to convince them to understand the coming of the Holy Spirit as a greater presence of Himself and the Father. Key to this understanding is love. He keeps repeating to them, *Whoever loves me*, and again, *if you loved me*. Love is key to understanding.

This past Wednesday, I had the privilege of coming back to O'Dea High School, my alma mater, to celebrate the feast of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers who run the school. Rice's early life was difficult growing up in Callan, Kilkenny because of the British Penal Laws that oppressed the Irish Catholics. Nevertheless, his parents provided for him and six of his brothers a strong academic and spiritual education. As a young man, he assisted his uncle in a merchant business at Waterford and later took over the company after his uncle's death. A tragedy occurred in his life when Mary, his wife (married less than four years), was accidentally thrown off a carriage while pregnant. Mary gave birth to Edmund's daughter on her deathbed. Mary was born handicapped and in delicate health. The following year, 1800, Edmund sold his business to take up his calling to educate children (illegal for Catholics during this time), with the help of a few good teachers. The children were found to be such a challenge to manage that all the teachers resigned. Edmund then rededicated himself completely to training teachers to a life of prayer and total dedication to the education of children. Before his death, Blessed Edmund Rice saw eleven of his communities instituted in Ireland, eleven in England and one in Sydney, Australia while applications for foundations were received in Baltimore, Newfoundland, and numerous others. Blessed Edmund's life and decisions would make no sense if we did not see it through the lenses of love. Our lives make no sense if we do not love Jesus.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

There is no Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday, May 12th.



Annual Catholic Appeal. The Annual Catholic Appeal is not just another collection, but rather an annual commitment from all parishes in Western Washington to provide a Future Full of Hope for years to come. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share the Good News and minister to those in need. If you have not already done so, please consider making your annual commitment today to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Altar Server Ministry seeks young Catholics to answer God's call to serve Him. If you are open to this call, please attend both the upcoming New Server training session at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. and May 26, at 6:30 p.m. Alternate times are available if these dates/times don't work for your family. Our ministry is blossoming and we would love for you to be part of the beautiful bouquet! Call Bridget or Zachary Adams for more information or with questions, 360-647-9579 or e-mail timbridget@gmail.com.

2010 Pentecost Celebration Day/Unleashing Spiritual Gifts in Community! Join us on May 22, 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. for the 2010 Pentecost Celebration Day at Kennedy High School, 140 South 140th St., Burien, WA. Our guest speaker is Jim Murphy. Jim is known as "the man who walked across America in Prayer," a title he earned in 1992 when he undertook an 18 month, 4,200 mile journey of prayer and evangelization across America carrying a six foot cross. You can expect to deepen your relationship with Jesus, and a new experience of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. Registration is free. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. For information contact WWCCR at 206-364-2272 or info@wwccr.org.

Meals for the Breeding Family. Parishioners Selloane and Michael Breeding along with their young daughter Michelle, are in the process of adopting their four orphaned niece and nephews from Lesotho, Africa. A coordinated effort of several local churches is underway to help provide meal support to the family during this busy and stressful process. Selloane is in Africa now, and Mike and Michelle plan to join them on May 25th. Pastor Carlo Furlan from Hillcrest Chapel is coordinating a calendar for meal deliveries to support the Breedings as they settle in as a family. If you are able to provide a meal for Mike and Michelle between now and May 23rd and/or in July for the family of seven, please contact Pastor Carlo directly at 733-8400 or e-mail cfurlan@hillcrestchapel.com. Thank you.

Loaves and Fishes Ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from the support of meals during a difficult or stressful time, the Loaves and Fishes Ministry is here to help. Call Claire Niland at 715-9125.

Congratulations to recent graduates of the Parish Nurse program: Maureen Terich and Linda Rogers.

Vacation Church School Registration. June 21-25, 9 am-12 daily for children 4th-6th grade. This year's theme is "Create". Registration forms are in the entry of the church. Deadline is May 21. Contact Jennifer Rick at 647-2374.

Food Bank Milk Money Program. Donations for the first week in May were \$94. Our goal is to raise \$750 for this worthwhile program. Thank you!

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil. Pray with us on May 16th, from 2-3 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from Post-Abortion Syndrome. For information, call Kathy St. Hilaire at 671-4836.

May 8 and May 9

Mother's Day

Sunday May 9th

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.

Monday May 10th

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

Tuesday May 11th

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

Wednesday May 12th

12:10 p.m. **No Mass**
 6:30 p.m. Altar Server Training Church
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group St. Augustine

Thursday May 13th

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

Friday May 14th

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. Assumption 8th Grade Dance Hall

Saturday May 15th

8:00 a.m. Make Up Retreat Hall
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** Winter Chapel
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday May 16th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. RE & Fir Rec./Fir Comm. Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23;
 Jn 14:23-29
 May 10 Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
 May 11 Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
 May 12 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 May 13 Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
 May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
 May 15 Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
 Jn 16:23b-28

Ascension Of The Lord

May 16 Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23;
 Lk 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Faith Formation and Liturgy

Congratulations to Gabrielle Henderson, Max Case, Nolan Burghart, Samuel Wright, Ben Rosbach, Kevin Limbach, Andrea Kelsh, Kristina Cirillo, Aine Laoi Dillon and Garrett Jab-bora who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday. The First Holy Communion Class has been asked to wear their First Communion finery this weekend at Masses, so please join the parish in congratulating these young people and their families.

Thank you to the many hands who prepared our First Communion children—the parents, the catechists (Mrs. Salomon, Mrs. Baranek, and Miss Russell). Thank you to Fr. Qui-Thac and Deacon Larry. Also, thank you to our first graders (who will be beginning this process next year) and their families who assisted Mrs. Mallahan at the reception. What a wonderful day!

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, at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Assumption. Bishop Elizondo will be presiding.

Assumption School News

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

Chess Club: Our K-3 team placed 17th overall in State out of 46 teams! Assumption had 21 students participating with a total attendance of over 1200 players! Congratulations!

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Church School. High School and college-aged students are needed as tribal leaders, and parents, grandparents and other adults are needed to help in the kitchen, as craft assistants, and with set-up. Please complete a volunteer form (available in the back of the church or on the website) or call Jennifer Rick at 647-2374 to get more information. Thanks in advance for serving this program and God's children!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 11th Fong Yu Gwui Zhi (+)
Thursday, May 13th Katherine Flaherty (+)

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report May 1 & May 2



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (178)	\$ 9,350.80
Visitors	\$ 400.12
	\$ 9,750.92

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 480.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 175.00