

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Pentecost

When a person receives, another is giving. When a person benefits, another is sacrificing. When a person lives, another has died. We celebrate Pentecost this weekend. When the giver of all good things gives Himself, will there ever be a limit to those graces? When we give, we give on behalf of the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, we also give with the same disposition a limitless gift.

Can we ever imagine that the Holy Spirit as a spirit that takes? We who are called to live in the Holy Spirit are called to give. How much do I give and how much do I take? Is my life preoccupied with taking or giving? It's OK to take, but remember, when we receive, someone is giving; when we receive, someone is sacrificing.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

P.S. I will be with the Newman students this weekend on their last retreat and hope to be back in time to celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please welcome Fr. Michael Vuky from the Archdiocese of Portland. He is a classmate from the seminary we attended and is currently studying canon law in Washington, DC and is a former professor of moral theology at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon.

Potpourri of Art Brainstorming Meeting Monday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Sacred Heart Pastoral Council invites you to attend this meeting to discuss the future of the Potpourri of Art fundraising and community building event. Your input is vital to our recommendation to the pastor, so bring your ideas and suggestions, talent and energy.

Retreat for Returning Catholics. Maybe you have been away from the church for awhile. Maybe you're not sure if you want to return, but you are willing to at least take a second look. Come on a retreat for returning Catholics on the weekend of May 28-30, with Paulist priest from Oregon, Fr. Michael Everndon. It will be a faith sharing retreat with group presentations and communal prayer. To register, call the Palisades Retreat Center at 1-800-330-7622 or visit www.seattlearch.org/palisades.

Rose Garden. Do you remember the history of the memorial Rose Garden located on the side of the rectory stairs? Please call Ruth at the Parish Office, 734-2850, if you can provide this historical information.

Operation Rice Bowl. The collection from our faith community to the Operation Rice Bowl this year totaled \$1,665.79.

Annual Catholic Appeal. We have the first report from the Archdiocese and it covers pledges received during the first two weeks of May. At that point, 10% of registered households had responded and \$16,480 was pledged

Food Bank Milk Money Program. Donations received so far \$430. Our goal is to raise \$750 during May for this worthwhile program. Thank You!

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 the upcoming New Server training session at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. Alternate times are available if these dates or times don't work for your family. Call Bridget or Zachary Adams for more information or with questions, 360-647-9579 or e-mail timbridget@gmail.com.

Marriage Encounter. Did you know it takes so little to bring joy and excitement into a marriage? Learn new ways to enhance your relationship on the next Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information about the next weekend on June 11-13, in Seattle, call Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

Project Rachel. If the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion have been sapping faith, virtue and joy from your life, come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find healing and peace for your soul. The next retreat is June 25-27. Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673.)



As this nation continues to tolerate the dehumanizing evil of abortion, what will history think of this era? Many history experts agree that abortion clinics will be noted in history with the same significance as Nazi concentration camps. A prediction worthy of reflection.

May 22 and May 23

Sunday May 23rd

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

Monday May 24th

7:00 p.m. P.O.A. Discussion Hall

Tuesday May 25th

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

Wednesday May 26th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 6:30 p.m. Altar Server Training Church
 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Committee Mtg. St. Nicholas
 7:00 p.m. 8:30 Choir Practice Church
 7:30 p.m. Catholic Men's Group St. Augustine

Thursday May 27th

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

Friday May 28th

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Saturday May 29th

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

Sunday May 30th

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 25 Georgena Moran (+)
Wednesday, May 26 Mary Lou Jones (+)
Thursday, May 27 Mary Lou Jones (+)
Friday, May 28 Marie Papetti (Healing)

Weekly Readings

Pentecost

May 23 Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;
 Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23
 May 24 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
 May 25 1 Peter 1: 10:16; Mk 10:28-31
 May 26 1 Peter 1: 18:25; Mk 10:32-45
 May 27 1 Peter 2: 2-5,9-12; Mk 10:46-52
 May 28 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26
 May 29 Jude 17,20b-25; Ps 63:2-6;
 Mk 11:27-33

Most Holy Trinity

May 30 Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5;
 Jn 16:12-15

Faith Formation and Liturgy

Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents of children under 6 years of age will be held, Sunday, June 13th from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Please contact Twi McDonnell at 734-2850 x 6 to sign up.

A big thank you to Christine Gubbins for leading the Mystagogia classes for our Neophytes. Through her, our newest members (and their sponsors!) have been able to reflect upon the grace of the sacraments received as well as to see how and in what ways God is calling them to live out the sacraments!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is drawing to a close for the 2009-2010 year. Parents and Religious Ed Children are invited to participate in the FINAL CELEBRATION ON Sunday, May 30th between the Masses from 10:00-10:45. Games, prizes and even a friendly (but competitive!) tug of war game. Bring your smiles, bring your sunglasses (we hope it is sunny!) and your favorite ALLELUIA! We'll see you there.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart students, parishioners, and Newman students who were confirmed this past week. "When the Holy Spirit comes, we shall be His witnesses!"

Assumption School News

360-733-6133

Eighth Grade Legacy Project. For many years, the graduating class has carefully considered and produced a legacy gift to the school. It is a "thank you" to the school and church community for the years the graduating students have thrived here at Assumption Catholic School. Most years the students are involved in designing, planning and building the project. Each of the legacy gifts has been a thing of beauty.

This year the legacy gift is the grotto for a statue of Mary. We are building it outside of the school entryway. Parents and eighth graders have been working hard to plan and build the beautiful grotto to house the statue. Each graduating eighth grader has painted a tile which will form a mural for the inside of the grotto walls. A big thank you to the expertise of Guy Bellefeuille and Bill Chambers.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report

May 15 & May 16

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (139)	\$ 5,574.00
Visitors	\$ 369.00
	\$ 5,943.00

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

Holy Day	\$ 484.42
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 190.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 37.00
Assumption School	\$ 15.00

