

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.


A few weeks back, I went through the process of reviewing the parishioner's review of my ministry as Pastor. It gave me some great insights about the well-being of the parish and my own continued discernment of what God wishes from me. There were many flattering comments (some grossly exaggerated) and others that were less than flattering, and a few that were outright offensive. Besides being a great exercise in self-control, it was spiritually good in the end. I would like to share that a few of the comments essentially say that in my homilies, I focus too much on the nature of sin. Let me explain why I'm called to talk about sin.

Recently, I finished the book, *Finding Happiness*, by Abbot Christopher Jamison, OSB. He is probably the most well-known monk in Britain because he and his monks of Worth Abbey decided to host the reality show, *The Monastery*. The show followed five men, with little religious background, into the rhythm and life of the monastery. The book is a reflection of this experience. Abbot Jamison believes that the monks and the tradition of the desert fathers and mothers, and of St. Benedict, have much to give to this world. He proposes that the monks and people alike are in search of happiness. Just as it is necessary that gold miners must distinguish between pure gold and fool's gold in order to be truly successful, a person who wishes to find happiness must distinguish it from fool's happiness in order to be truly successful. The approach is to find happiness by defeating the causes of unhappiness. Abbot Jamison goes on to expound on eight thoughts of Cassian, a fourth century monk who bridged the gap between the desert fathers and St. Benedict. Two hundred years later, St. Gregory the Great reduced it to seven (seven deadly sins). He omitted *acedia*. Abbot Jamison sees this omitted thought as essential for the whole conversation on happiness. You see, *acedia* is a carelessness concerning spiritual matters and leads one to fill this void with distractions (gluttony, lust, greed, anger, sadness, vanity, pride.) One who suffers from *acedia* would downplay and dismiss the other seven thoughts altogether and therefore never take seriously the spiritual life. Why do we take seriously defeating these eight thoughts? Because they primarily make up a fool's happiness.

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

There is no Mass Wednesday, June 16th. The Parish Office is closed.

Thank You Volunteers for a wonderful Celebration on Tuesday. A wonderful time was had by all at this gathering. After celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving where we recalled that Jesus is the author and the center of all Gifts and filled with the joy that only comes from the Eucharist, we continued our banquet with a cruise-themed celebration in the Hall. Great music, a fun game played by all, some good old fashioned fried chicken and just enjoying each other's company filled out the evening. May God continue to develop and cultivate this spirit and these gifts! *The Parish Staff*

 **Annual Catholic Appeal.** 39% of our registered parishioners have pledged a total of \$67,395 to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. The potential rebate to Sacred Heart: \$18,745.

Peter's Pence. Next weekend Sacred Heart will give 10% of our regular Sunday gifts of treasure toward the national collection for Peter's Pence. Our giving will help the Holy Father continue to cast the love of Christ upon the world, and to support victims of disaster, war, oppression, and those who are the most disadvantaged and in need of emergency assistance. Please consider this as you contribute to the Sunday collection next weekend.

Milk Money Program. The total of your generous donations to the Bellingham Food Bank for the "Milk Money Program" was \$1,344.48, far surpassing the goal of \$750. Thank you!!

Stewardship of Talent. Thank you to all who have answered the call to stewardship of your talent. You can expect to receive a call sometime during the summer from the heads of ministry for the areas in which you have expressed an interest. The stewardship cards will remain on the table at the entrance of the church for a few more weeks for those of you who are discerning where God is calling you to serve.

Church Linen Substitute Needed. If you are willing to help, please call Maria Vigh for info and training, 733-6500.

JustFaith. At the end of Mass each week we are sent forth to love and serve God. If you are interested in exploring this further, consider taking part in a new formation process called JustFaith. JustFaith will be offered at our parish this fall. For more information, contact the Parish Office, 734-2850, Ext. 6.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. During the month of June, the Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sheila Siebert, 2009 McKenzie Ave., Bellingham.



"Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creating a human being. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. Only a human mother is."
Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

June 12 and June 13

Sunday June 13th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	Hall
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
12:30 p.m. Baptismal Preparation	St. Augustine

Monday June 14th

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul	St. Nicholas
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Tuesday June 15th

12:10 p.m. Adoration	Church
1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sheila Siebert's Home
5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
6:00 p.m. Mass	Church
7:30 p.m. SHALOM Mom's Group	St Nicholas
7:00 p.m. Young Catholics	Parish Center

Office Closed

Wednesday June 16th

12:10 p.m. No Mass	
1:00 p.m. Prayer for the Catholic Church	Church

Thursday June 17th

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Church
12:10 p.m. Mass	Church

Friday June 18th

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

Saturday June 19th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:00 a.m. SVDP Orientation Meeting	Hall
1:00 p.m. Wedding	Church
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation	Church
5:00 p.m. Mass	Church

Sunday June 20th

8:30 a.m. Mass	Church
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour	
11:00 a.m. Mass	Church
1:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass	Church
3:00 p.m. Agape	Parish Center

Mass Intentions

June 15	Robert Stonich (+)
June 17	Lynn Mariotto (+)

Weekly Readings

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13	2 Sm 12:7-10,13; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24
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June 14	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
June 15	1 Kgs 21:17-29:16; Mt 5:43-48
June 16	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:16-18
June 17	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
June 18	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
June 19	2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20	Zech 12:10-11,13:1; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24
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Faith Formation and Liturgy

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! This weekend we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our College, High School, 8th Grade and Kindergarten graduates with a special blessing at all Masses.

CAST PROGRAM During the summer, Sacred Heart has long stewarded the Monday Night sandwich making outreach activities that our Newman Catholic Campus Ministry Students run throughout the year. Thank you Betty Chapin for helping out with the sign-ups for making and serving sandwiches to the homeless. Details and sign-ups are in the back of church, or give the office a call — 734-2850, Ext.6.

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?

Have questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process to become Catholic? Then call Twi McDonell at 734-2850, Ext. 6 to set up a meeting. The process is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We will begin our Inquiry sessions on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning September 7th, in the Parish Library. Please feel free to join us!

Please keep all Parents and Godparents preparing for their children's baptism in your prayers.

Please keep Ryan Oleson and Michelle Pacheco in your prayers. They will be celebrating the sacrament of Marriage on June 19, 2010.

Assumption School News

360-733-6133

Congratulations to all of our 2010 Graduates!

Ally Bagley, Colby Bellefeuille, Regan Bervar, Kathryn Calderon, Meg Casey, Sam Chambers, Milkayla Chang, Hunter Dunn, Brian Dunphy, Hunter Grunhurd, Evan Jeffrey, Jessica King, Meghan Lowry, Conor McClurg, Diego RivasBach, Kate Ronson, Reece Schrock, Julia Tronson, Sarah Truong, Nicolas Willis, Siobhan Younger, Andi Barber, Kaitlyn Braunberger, Sean Chambers, Chantelle Chen, Amanda Ford, Bob Iverson, Nathan Kamkogg, Aurora Leeson, Elle Lussier, Natalie Maeda, Simon McGuire, Phillip Nguyen, Jane Paz, Matt Prestlien, Dan Russell, Luke Schneider, Ashley Spink, Danielle Strasser, Riley Wendling, Michael Wootan, Anna Yeend, Drew Zender.

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report

June 5 & June 6



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (183)	\$ 10,510.91
Visitors	\$ 386.75
	\$ 10,897.66

Weekly budget needed: \$8,232.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 509.30
Building & Grounds	\$ 115.00
Assumption School Fund	\$ 26.00