

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who are our heroes? Who do we admire as we mature? Up until we are 12, most of us in the U.S. look up to our mother and father as models of goodness. From the age of 12 to 18, many begin to look to sports stars and Hollywood celebrities. After 18, we change to political and national and international icons. You may not fit the mold, but this is the norm. A thread runs through these stages: we pick our heroes from the environment that encompasses us. This modern norm is a drastic change from centuries of Christian norm: we picked our heroes among the saints. You don't believe this? Observe the names of those born anytime before the second half of the 20th century versus the names of those after this period. On one side, many are named after saints; on the other side, many are named after sports stars and celebrities.

Even the meaning of a hero has changed. "Heroic" is an adjective freely lavished by the modern press upon firemen rescuing stray cats from tree branches. Seems silly and sacrilegious that I must apply this title to people like St. Mary, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Benedict, St. Thomas More and many others. When it comes to heroes, we fool ourselves to our own demise if we take the standard of the world or it's environment. So, added to the question, who are our heroes? We must also ask: what makes them a hero to us and how do we get to know them? Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

P.S. Beginning the day before the feast of St. John Vianney, August 3rd until the feast of St. Monica, August 27th, I will spend time at the Monastery of St. Martin in Lacey, getting acquainted with some of my heroes. Please welcome the priests who will minister in my place during this time.

During July and August, our Tuesday Adoration times will move to Friday. We will return to our Tuesday adoration schedule in the fall. If your schedule allows you to join us on Friday, you are welcome.



Total pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$74,535. Our goal was \$48,650, so the potential rebate is \$25,885.

Support the High School Youth by purchasing a Car Wash ticket (useable any time during the next 3 months ... only \$10 per ticket) Proceeds (\$5/for each ticket sold!) help to defray the costs for our Youth participating in the Steubenville Northwest Conference July 30-August 1! Tickets after mass or call Angus McDonell/Youth Minister @ 920-8539.

Rectory Carport Project. Please join us for a family movie night, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption Gym, for a premier viewing of *Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ*. You can help put a roof over our priests' cars by supporting this Eagle Scout project, run by Zachary Adams, Troop 3. Movie tickets for sale after Masses July 24 and 25, \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Donations gladly accepted as well; make checks payable to Sacred Heart and write "carport project" in the memo field. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the project.

Marriage Encounter. Husbands and Wives, just as summer can be an enriching and revitalizing experience, so is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The Weekend is designed for GOOD marriages to make them GREAT marriages. The next Weekend is September 10-12, in Fife. For more information, call Kay and Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

Theater Benefit for Interfaith Coalition. Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County will benefit from Bellingham Theatre Guild's performance Thursday, September 23, of the 1990 off-Broadway musical hit "Forever Plaid." Tickets cost \$25, and price includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 7:00 p.m. Theatre performance at 8:00 p.m., and dessert at intermission. To purchase tickets, call Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 or contact Interfaith board member Mary Brett. Proceeds will support housing for homeless families and medical, dental and behavioral-health care for individuals and families without insurance or the means to pay for care themselves.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. During the month of July, the Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Minnie Pollett, 4595 Lost Creek Lane, Bellingham.

Opportunity School Supply Drive. Opportunity Council has finalized the date for their 2010 School Supply Drive. It will be held on Wednesday, August 4th, but they will be accepting donations all through the week of August 2nd - 6th. Since we are collecting for AGAPE during this time, we ask that you take your donations for the School Supply Drive directly to Opportunity Council, 1111 Cornwall Ave., on the above dates.



Sacred Heart Respect Life

"As far as abortion is concerned, it is part of the fifth, not the sixth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill!" We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human person begins in the mother's womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath. The human person must always be respected as a human person." **Pope Benedict XVI**

July 24 and July 25

Sunday July 25th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 3:00 p.m. AGAPE Parish Center

Monday July 26th

All Day AGAPE Parish Center

Tuesday July 27th

All Day AGAPE Parish Center
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Minnie Pollett's Home
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Wednesday July 28th

All Day AGAPE Parish Center
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Prayer for the Catholic Church Church

Thursday July 29th

All Day AGAPE Parish Center
 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church

Friday July 30th

9:00 a.m. AGAPE Parish Center
 12:10 p.m. Adoration Chapel
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Church
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:55 p.m. Benediction Chapel
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Saturday July 31st

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Wedding Church
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday August 1st

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. No Coffee Hour Hall
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. **Vietnamese Mass** Church
 3:00 p.m. AGAPE Parish Center

Mass Intentions

July 27 Roscoe Hatch(+)
 July 28 Francis Alfred La Fond (+)

Weekly Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25 Gn18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3,6-8;
 Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
 July 26 Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 July 27 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
 July 28 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
 July 29 Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27
 July 30 Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
 July 31 Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34;
 Mt 14:1-12

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 1 Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17;
 Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Liturgy and Faith Formation

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS! Please let the Liturgy scheduler know of the times you cannot be scheduled for the period Sept.-Oct.-Nov.! You can do so by emailing: sacred-heart.liturgyschedule@gmail.com. Deadline is August 1.

New information on the web for:

- Religious Education 2010-2011
- Rite of Christian Initiation 2010-2011
- Social Justice & Respect Life 2010-2011
- Youth Ministry and Confirmation 2010-2011
- Liturgy
- and more...

www.sacredheartbellingham.org

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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!

Travel to Italy! Please join Fr. Khanh Nguyen from St. Joseph in Ferndale as he leads a group trip to Rome, Assisi, Florence, and Venice, traveling October 18-26, 2010. For information, call Proximo Travel at (508) 340-9370 or email Anthony@Proximotravel.com Website www.Proximotravel.com.

Project Rachael

Hope and Healing - After Abortion

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion have been sapping faith, virtue and joy from your life, enter a spiritual process for healing that will change your life. Reach out; we can help. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and find healing and peace for your soul.

The next English retreat is August 6-8, 2010
 Call Valerie: 1800-822-HOPE (4673)

On July 1, the parish begins a new fiscal year. This year our operating expenses is based on a weekly collection of \$8,240. Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report July 17 & July 18



Ordinary Income

Envelopes (126)	\$ 5,823.00
Visitors	<u>\$ 539.13</u>
	\$ 6,362.13

Weekly budgeted need: \$8,240.00

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 115.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 57.00
Assumption School Fund	\$ 25.00