

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you are a person who is not comfortable with easy answers to hard questions or content with a life of effortless self-satisfaction, you will like the approach of Fr. Richard John Neuhaus. In one of his most reflective works, *Death on a Friday Afternoon* (Basic Books, 2001), Fr. Neuhaus reflected the atonement, at-one-ment, of Jesus in bringing us back to the Father. Because of the incredible abyss between humanity and God created by sin, the reconciliation must be equal to if not greater than the separation. Reconciliation must do justice to what went wrong. Our hearts do not allow for us to merely overlook the wrong. Our world should not and cannot continue where wrong is taken lightly, where right and wrong make no difference. Our soul begs us to spare it a gospel of easy love that makes of our lives a thing without consequence. Christ's gospel is not a gospel of easy love. The crucifixion reminds us of this reality.

One of the hardest questions of life is: Why is there divorce in my family? This is a question that cannot be taken lightly nor can it be merely overlooked. Some say, forgive and forget. We strive to live this out. Does it work? We confess our wrong to the beloved and she says, forget it. It's nothing. It doesn't matter. Why do we say this when we know full well that it *is* something and it *does* matter. Fr. Neuhaus reflected, *Love does not say to the beloved that it does not matter, for the beloved matters. Spare me the sentimental love that tells me what I do and what I am does not matter.*

Lets face it. Divorce is something and it does matter because it concerns love and love matters. Let me make this clear. If a person has not received the Sacrament of marriage and lives with another as if married, that person should make every effort to reconcile this wrong before approaching the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Church is here to help us work through this hard matter through the annulment process. After much prayer and training, three parishioners will be commissioned as tribunal advocates this weekend: Sally Majkut, Kevin Majkut, and George Pierce. We thank them and all advocates who have committed themselves to this ministry of healing and reconciliation. Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

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.

Congratulations. Sacred Heart Parish congratulates Sally and Kevin Majkut, and George Pierce on their appointment as Advocates to the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. During the month of August, the Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barb Haddad, 3213 Plymouth Drive, Bellingham.

Please keep our High School Students in your prayers! Youth from Sacred Heart and Assumption parishes are participating in the Steubenville Northwest Conference this weekend in Spokane, Washington!

Save the Date. Saturday, August 7th, 7:00 p.m., at Assumption Gym is Ignatius Night at the Movies! Bring your friends and family for a premier viewing of JOSEPH OF NAZARETH, the Story of the Man Closest to Christ. All proceeds will support the building of a carport for the rectory, an Eagle scout project being coordinated by Zachary Adams, Troop 4003. Movie tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend; donations gladly accepted as well. Thank you to all who have donated or purchased tickets. If you miss buying a ticket after Mass, they will be available at the door.

Opportunity Council School Supply Drive. The date for the Opportunity Council 2010 School Supply Drive is Wednesday, August 4th, but they will accept donations all throughout the week of August 2-6. Donations for the School Supply Drive are being accepted at the Opportunity Council, 1111 Cornwall Ave., on the above dates. For more information, call 734-5121.

Theatre Benefit for Interfaith Coalition. Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County will benefit from Bellingham Theatre Guild performance Thursday, Sept. 23rd of the 1990 off-Broadway musical hit "Forever Plaid." Ticket price is \$25, and includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 7:00 p.m., theatre performance at 8:00 p.m., and dessert during 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.

JustFaith. When was the last time you had an experience that was "soul satisfying"? If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you and how you are to live as a Christian in today's world, then JustFaith may be for you. For 30 weeks you journey with other seekers using books, videos, conversation, and encounters with those who live at the margins of society. For more information, call Carol Gavareski at 676-4428, or Caroline Correa at 647-1232.



Sacred Heart Respect Life

"The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will acclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil.

July 31 and August 1

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

Monday August 2nd

All Day AGAPE Parish Center

Tuesday August 3rd

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

Wednesday August 4th

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 August 5th

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

Friday August 6th

9:00 a.m. AGAPE Parish Center
 12:10 p.m. **First Friday Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Adoration Chapel

Saturday August 7th

8:20 a.m. Benediction Chapel
 8:30 a.m. **First Saturday Mass** Church
 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. **Mass** Church

Sunday August 8th

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

Mass Intentions

August 4, Zachary Adams, Birthday

Weekly Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 1 Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4,5-6,12-3,14,17;
 Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21
 Aug 2 Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
 Aug 3 Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Mt 14:22-36
 Aug 4 Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
 Aug 5 Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
 Aug 6 Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Lk 9:28b-36
 Aug 7 Heb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 8 Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1,12,18-19,20-22;
 Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Liturgy and Faith Formation

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!

It's not too soon to start thinking about Religious Education for your children this coming year. Classes for K-5 are held from 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Check out the website for more information!

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.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart?
 Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help!
 Details: helpourmarriage.com
 Next program begins: September 24th –26th, 2010
 Call: 206-706-2608

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report July 24 & July 25

Ordinary Income

Envelopes (129)	\$ 6,024.28
Visitors	\$ 514.98
	\$ 6,539.26

Weekly budgeted goal: \$8,240.00

2010/2011 Fiscal Year

Goal to Date:	\$ 32,960.00
Received to Date:	\$ 29,681.66



St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 140.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 95.00
Assumption School Fund	\$ 120.00