

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus was in the middle of teaching in the synagogue when a man interrupts him, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?..." What does this have anything to do with what Jesus was teaching? Crazy man. Rude and inconsiderate.

Has it happened to you? You are in the middle of telling a great story to a small group of people and all of a sudden, (and for no apparent good reason), someone interrupts you and completely changes the subject? How did you respond? How would you respond?

In trying to come up with a solution, these words of Blessed Teresa came to mind: "People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." Fr. Qui Thac Nguyen

Next Thursday, Feb. 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the **Blessing of Candles** is celebrated at the 12:10 p.m. mass. Families are invited to bring candles with them to Mass that day to have them blessed for personal and family use.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



First Friday Mass, 12:10 p.m., February 3, 2012. It is also the Feast of Saint Blasé. In memory of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will be given today. Luncheon to follow in Parish hall. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Winter Chapel and continues until Benediction on Saturday, February 4, at 8:20 a.m.

CCS Weekend January 29. Thank you to all who have generously made a donation to Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services as they care for the poor and vulnerable on behalf of our local Church. Your gift will be used to help provide safety, stability and supportive connections to the children and families who come to CCS in desperate need. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. For more information, visit the website at www.ccsww.org. Thank you for your care and compassion for our neighbors in need.

Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Party. Big Screen. Big sound. Big Fun. Sunday, February 5, 2012, in the Assumption School Gym, 3:30 p.m. kickoff. \$10/person, \$20/family buys a seat in front of the big screen, dinner and a beer or wine. (Additional beverages available for purchase.) Tickets available from a Knight after Mass.

NW Catholic Men's Conference. February 24-25, 2012, Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton, OR. \$35 for Registration and three meals. Fathers and sons ages 15 and up are welcome. Registration forms and information available at gowestcatholicmen.com or call St. Mary's Parish, 541-276-3615.



**The Memorial Candle will burn for
Tu Hoang from January 30 - February 5**

Mass Intentions

January 31	Josie McDonell (Birthday)
February 1	Lois Lundquist (Sick)
February 2	John Byrnes (+)
February 3	Maria Escebedo (Health)

Please remember in your prayers the men and women serving in the military today, especially:



HM1 Benjamin Chapin U.S.N.
Major Gregory DeMarco
Captain Tyler Ripley
CMC Paul J. McFadden U.S.N.
MT3 David Varner U.S.N.
Sgt. Luke Bradshaw
Captain Jason Taylor
Master Sgt. Bob Potter



"Families with lots of children are no longer considered examples of generosity, but rather irresponsibility. [Our culture says that] children with severe disabilities are not special angels sent to us by God, but drains on the economy; better they were not born. And the elderly are burdens. But if we succeed in pushing away everyone who is dependent, then we're left with ourselves, our ego-centric, sin-rationalizing, defensive, irritable and vain selves. If we never learn to give till it hurts, till the painful reality that we're not the center of the universe sinks in, we will fail at marriage, at parenthood, at citizenship, even at simple neighborliness." ~ William E. May, PhD, March 26, 2010



First Friday, February 3, 2012

12:10 p.m. Mass
with *Blessing of Throats*

1:15 p.m. Potluck Luncheon
Shaughnessy Hall

Everyone is welcome!
Please bring a side dish or dessert to serve 8 or more. The kitchen is open before Mass to drop off your dish.

Sacred Heart will provide the main dish, salad, bread and drinks.

Following First Friday Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in the Chapel until Benediction on Saturday morning. Young children are welcome from 2:00—3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please devote an hour.

First Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:20 a.m. Benediction
8:30 a.m. Mass



FIRST FRIDAY LITURGY falls on the Feast of Saint Blaise. Saint Blaise wanted to care for souls. While serving as Bishop of Sebastea, in Armenia, Saint Blaise was a visible witness of the Gospel, which eventually led to his martyrdom during the persecutions of Diocletian. His feast day is commemorated with a blessing of the throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fishbone.

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THE CATHOLIC NORTHWEST
PROGRESS

THIS IS PROGRESS WEEKEND ...
Check out our Archdiocesan Paper.
Available at the entrances of Church!

Mardi Gras Night

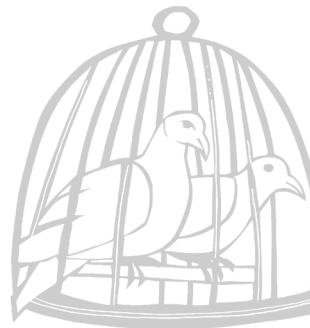
Celebrate:
Dinner and Dance
Saturday, February 18, 2012
6:00 p.m. (following Mass)
Parish Hall



Smell and Taste:
Traditional food of New Orleans (red beans and rice, jambalaya, king cake and more!)

Listen:
Jazz music featuring Angus McDonnell & his quartet

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW.
Suggested donation: \$10 per person.
Is God pulling your heart to help?
Please call Amy Burghart 527-0787 or Ruth Miller



A little more about the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.... [from Sourcebook 2012]

On this day Christ's faithful people, with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognized Christ as "a light to reveal God to the nations."

They should therefore be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 241)

Like most of our liturgies, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord has undergone its share of changes over the centuries. Until 1969, the feast was called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The name was taken from one of the Laws that was fulfilled on that day: namely that 40 days after the birth of a child, a woman was to make an offering in the temple. In so doing she would thus become ritually "clean" — that is, restored to full participation in the life of the community. . Now it takes its name from the other law fulfilled that day, the Presentation of the Lord. This law required that every firstborn son be presented in the temple, and that a monetary offering be made on his behalf.

In the East, this feast is known as the "Encounter" or "Meeting"; that is, the meeting of Jesus with Simeon. In the invitation to the procession with candles, our liturgy echoes this aspect of the feast: "Let us go in peace to meet the Lord."

Families are invited to bring their candles from home on Thursday, February 2nd, for the blessing and procession which begins at the 12:10 liturgy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

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In the Gospel this week, Jesus reassures us that the kingdom of God is already here! At the same time, he exhorts us to repent and believe the good news.

Striving mightily to be both good Catholics and good citizens in the national debate about same-sex “marriage” how do we celebrate the Kingdom already here and meet the challenges that oppose it. Four options come to mind. We might:

- conform our behaviors and preferences to what the world has to offer us;
- try to fit into what the world has to offer and try to fit **that** into what the Church teaches...but this is difficult especially when they seem diametrically opposed,
- become critics, angry denouncers of the world, ready to judge and condemn, or;
- Respond with mind, heart, and spirit: with a conscience that boldly lives the Gospel—in and out of season, steadfast, with conviction, and with compassion., mindful that
- whatever our desires may be, the better part is seeking God’s will.

So how do I hear that still small voice of God?

As always, we invite you to take your discernment to prayer. A wonderful time to do so would be at Friday Adoration. The 6:00 hour on First Friday’s is stewarded by our Social Justice Committee. Please feel welcome to join us.

Electronic Giving

You may have noticed on your stewardship of treasure card this year there is an option offered for donating electronically. In the past, any electronic giving was set up directly with your bank. We are now adding other options: the ability to set up recurring donations with your credit or debit card. Our Sacred Heart website has a button located on the starting page that will take you to the secure donation page, where you will set up a password-protected profile with your specific payment method. You will be able to log in at any time to make additions or changes, or view your giving history.

For more information, go to the Sacred Heart website at sacredheartbellingham.org, or call Ruth Miller at the Parish Office, 734-2850.

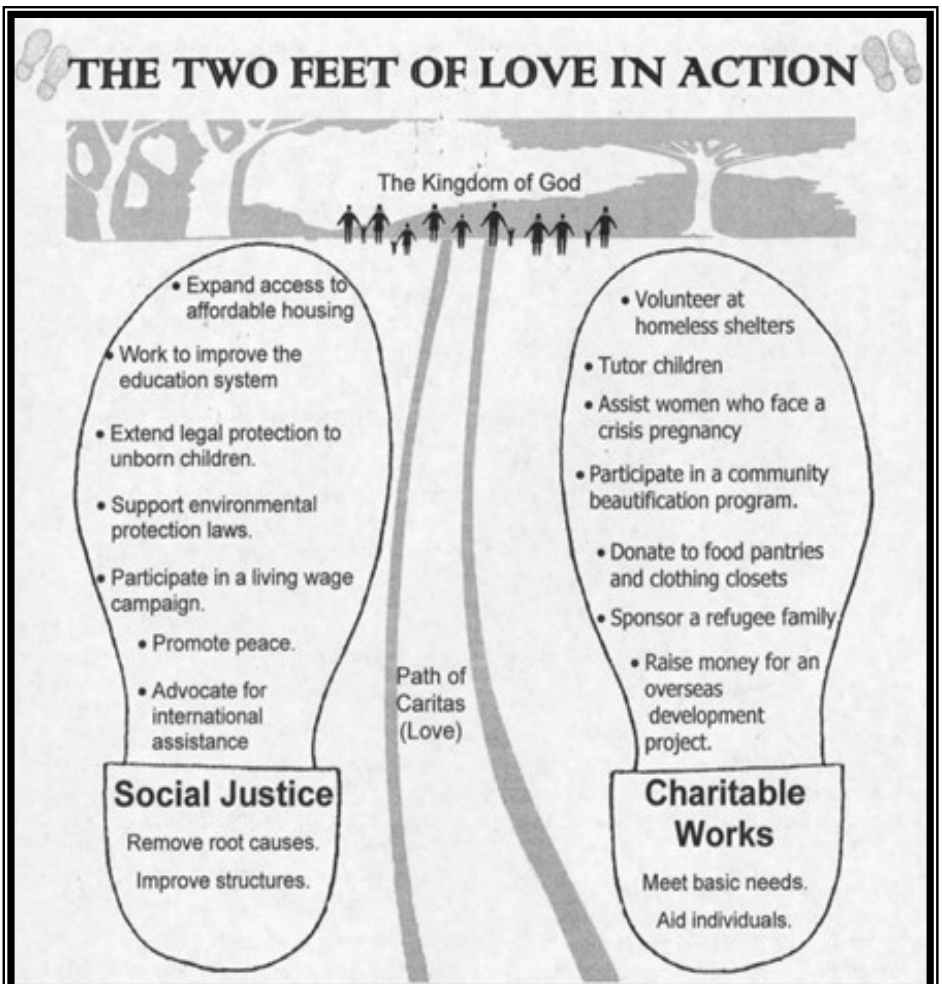


If you have a family member or friend serving in the military that we may honor in our thoughts and prayers please call Martha in the Parish Office at 734-2850 and we’ll add them to the list.

On **Wednesday February 1**, there will be a workshop at 7 PM in the library of the parish center at Sacred Heart called **The Two Feet of Love in Action**. We will use a guide developed by the Bishops to provide a way for parishioners to learn about and to reflect on the two distinct, but complementary, ways of responding in love to the needs of our neighbors.

*Based on Pope Benedict’s encyclical **Deus Caritas Est**, the guide teaches that there are two different, but complimentary, ways that we can act in response to God’s love. We call these the —Two Feet of Love in Action. These two feet, —**Social Justice** and —**Charitable Works**, allow us to walk the path of love, or caritas. This pilgrimage of love is an ongoing, lifelong journey of growth. Just as our faith leads to action, our loving actions lead to new spiritual growth. This action is not taken alone, but together with others. In this way, we work to make God’s kingdom present on earth.*

All are welcome!



January 29, 2011

Sunday January 29th

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

Monday January 30th

12:00 p.m. No Servus

Tuesday January 31st

1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Hall
 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. **Mass** Church
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Library
 7:00 p.m. RCIC St. Nicholas

Wednesday February 1st

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Prayer for the Catholic Church Church

Thursday February 2nd

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

Friday February 3rd

11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
 12:10 p.m. **First Friday Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:30 a.m. Chapel
 1:15 p.m. First Friday Luncheon Hall

Saturday February 4th

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

Sunday February 5th

8:30 a.m. **Mass** Church
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour Hall
 9:45 a.m. RE Parish Center
 9:45 a.m. RE Parents' Meeting St. Thomas Aquinas
 11:00 a.m. **Mass** Church
 1:00 p.m. **Vietnamese Mass** Church

Weekly Readings

Jan.29 Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
 Mk 1:14-20

Jan.30 2 Sm 15:13-14,30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Jan.31 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30, 19:3;
 Mk 5:21-43

Feb.1 2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Feb.2 Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40

Feb.3 Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Feb.4 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Feb.5 Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23
 Mk 1:29-39

Faith Formation—Liturgy—Outreach

Dismissals for our Candidates and Catechumens for the month of January occur at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please keep all of our candidates and catechumens in your prayers.

The **next Baptismal Preparation** class is scheduled for Sunday, February 12 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. If you wish to have your child (ages infant through 6) baptized, please contact Twi McDonell at 734-2850 x 6 for more information. Information is also available online: www.sacredheartbellingham.org / click Faith Formation / Infant Baptism.



Sacred Heart's Stewardship Report January 14 & 15 Ordinary Income

Envelopes (117)	\$ 5,258.00
Loose	\$ 532.59
Initial Offering (3)	<u>\$ 13.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,803.59

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 180.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 42.00
Assumption School	\$ 75.00

January 21 & 22 Ordinary Income

Envelopes (150)	\$ 6,166.00
Loose	\$ 549.07
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Initial Offering (3)	<u>\$ 24.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,740.07

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 95.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 5.00
Assumption School	\$ 8.00

Weekly budgeted goal: \$ 8,240.00

Indeed, it is the Lord God whom we serve. He is the One in authority. He is the One with the Good News. And, so, as His disciples, we must remember that we do not live for ourselves. We do not proclaim the information we think others ought to know. We proclaim the Good News that Christ has come to save all people, and that He wants us to know, love and serve Him, and ultimately to live life forever with Him in eternal glory. Stewardship Reflection

