

Calendar

- 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mass: 8:30am – Church, coffee hour following
Children’s Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
Mass: 10:30am - Church, coffee hour following
Babysitting during 10:30 mass
CLOW during 10:30 Mass - Benincasa
Indonesian Mass: 1pm, reception following
- 6 Monday**
Communion Service: 9am – Church
Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa
- 7 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am – Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
- 8 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am – Church
Study of Gospel of Luke: 9:30am - Benincasa
School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa
- 9 Thursday**
Mass: 9am – Church
RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
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Choir: 7pm - Church
- 10 Friday**
Mass: 9am – Church
- 11 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
Mass: 5pm - Church
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Readings for February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

PRAYERS

Don DeVera	Frank Martin
Ken Dobson	Joan McGuire
Evan Dubicki	Bert Naiman
Eileen Hinnebusch	Effie Rohner

PRAYERS

..... A Word from Victoria

Last week’s celebration of Catholic Schools Week got off to a great start with the weekend liturgies. It was great to see so many people at all the masses. We had student readers and servers at every mass. At the 10:30 mass, we also had the children’s choir and student greeters and ushers. I was very impressed with the participation of all the students in the various ministries. I find great hope for the future in their willingness to take on a ministerial role.

Years ago, when I knew that I was going to be moved from St. Patrick Parish, I asked the Archbishop to send me to a parish with a school. I have never regretted that request. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in shaping our children in faith and in their participation in the mass. I am so proud of them when they proclaim the Scriptures, lead the prayers, serve, sing, welcome people, and assist in any way at mass.

As much as I delight in their success in assuming a liturgical role, it is more than pride that I feel. It is hope. I am hopeful that their involvement now will be just the beginning of a lifelong participation in the community of faith. We are planting seeds with the hope that they will flourish in lasting and deepening faith.

More and more I am convinced of the truth of the African saying that it takes a village to raise a child. It certainly takes a community to raise a child in faith. It is a rare person who comes to faith alone. It is not easy to sustain faith on our own. When children come to church, they are supported by the whole community—by example, by presence, and by care. And not only children, but also all of us are supported in ways that we cannot accomplish on our own.

It is very important to me to have companions in faith. I can pray at home, and I do, but I need the faith of the community to sustain my faith. Coming together week after week builds my faith. It is not that I always “feel” something wonderful. I find strength in being with people who are striving to do the same thing I am—live a life in faithfulness to God.

Just as it is easier to exercise regularly if we do it with someone else, so it is easier to practice our faith with others. Knowing that someone else is depending upon me will get me to the pool and to church.

What began in childhood for many of us is what we still need now—the gift of a community of faith. It is what we hope to provide for our own children and the children of our community. May we all seek and rejoice in the gift of shared faith.

Victoria

Announcements

Marriage Preparation

If you are planning to get married in the next year or so, please contact Victoria at the parish office. We offer a 5 week series for marriage preparation. The dates for the class have not yet been set.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

If you are interested in having your child (in second grade or higher) celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist this spring, please plan to attend our First Eucharist parent meeting on Monday February 13th at 7pm in the basement room of the Benincasa Center. This meeting is only for adults. Preparation classes for children will begin Mar 4th. Please contact Jeanne Hall at jeannehal@stcatherineparish.net if you have any questions.

Palms for Ashes

Hard to believe that we are already thinking about Lent. Every year, we burn last year's palms for this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have old palms, please bring them to church by the weekend of February 19 so that they can be used on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

CYO Volleyball Registration

Registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 5th through 8th. If you are interested please fill out the volleyball registration form and turn it into the school office, with the registration fee, by February 3, 2012. The volleyball form can be found at the doors of the church or at the following link <http://cyo.stcatherineschool.net/forms>.

CYO BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is open to all boys in grades 5th through 8th. If you are interested please fill out the baseball registration form and turn it into the school office, with the registration fee, by February 15, 2012. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Wong at wongohana@q.com or 206-362-5011. The registration form can be found at the following link <http://cyo.stcatherineschool.net/forms>.

Nanny Needed

Parish couple looking for full or part-time nanny for three-month old child. Please contact Victoria at the parish office if you are interested in this position.

St. Vincent de Paul Information Meeting

Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm in the Benincasa Center. Come learn more about the work of St. Vincent de Paul in meeting the needs of people in our area through food donations, rent support, help with medical bills, and more. St. Vincent de Paul works through home visits to those making requests. Our chapter also delivers food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter; and provides gifts to people through the Giving Tree. Find out how you can be involved in this important work.

Parish Stewardship

January 29, 2011 - \$7,189

Bridging to the Future Campaign

January - \$22,028

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

"Out with the old, in with the new" Doing some New Year's cleaning? Please bring your unused clothing, furniture and household items for the St. Vincent de Paul donation truck the weekend of Feb. 4 & 5 an hour before and after each mass. The truck will be located in the parking lot.

Praying the Gospel of John: An Ignatian Approach to Contemplative Prayer

Beginning February 6, this exciting 14-week series, created by Patrick O'Leary, S.J. and Celia Chappell, S.P., both former directors of the ISC, offers you a chance to delve into the Gospel of John through an Ignatian lens. Participants will share the fruits of their prayer and their personal reflections on this Gospel in small groups, while they experience and deepen various forms of Ignatian prayer, especially learning to keep hearts centered on God while living in the midst of life's joys and challenges. For more information or to register, visit www.ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824.

Archbishop Murphy H.S. Spring Musical

Archbishop Murphy High School presents its Spring Musical "Annie Get Your Gun": Friday, February 24 - February 26 and March 2 - March 3. Ticket Prices: Adults: \$13; Seniors 62+, Students, Children under 10: \$11. For more information and to order tickets, visit the school website www.am-hs.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Today's gospel tells us that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray; He took the time to refresh his spirit. When was the last time you took time to get away as a couple and renew your relationship? Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, Feb 24-26 in Bellevue or April 20-22 in Centralia. For more information, visit our website: www.SeattleWWME.org.

Peace Days for Women

Join us for "Called to Forgive" led by Sheila Lemieux, CSJP on Wednesday, February 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center, Bellevue. Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. We encourage you to please carpool. To register or for more information e-mail clittle@csjp-olp.org or call Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-635-3600.