

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

10 MONDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church

11 TUESDAY

Mass: 9am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 7pm - Church

12 WEDNESDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church

13 THURSDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

14 FRIDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

15 SATURDAY FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

Mass: 9am - Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm - Church
Mass: 5pm - Church
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

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23 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Readings for August 16, 2009

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Readings for August 23, 2009

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 4:32-5:2, 21-32
John 6:53, 60-69

A Word From Victoria

My sabbatical has been great. It has been everything I had hoped—time to read, to rest, and to be renewed. I have read many books, visited my children, made my annual retreat. It has been great to take time to look back and to look forward. We all know that in the rush of life, we often do not have much time for reflection on the ordinary events of daily life or to think about the future. This time offers me an opportunity to look back over the past ten years here (and over the past thirty years of ministry in the church in our archdiocese), to be grateful for and to learn from all that has been. This time also gives me opportunity to look ahead and to plan for our next years together.

Next week (August 10-14), I will be attending a workshop offered by the archdiocese on engaged church. The workshop focuses on strengths—calling for the strengths/gifts of parish members and creating a community of people engaged in the work and works of faith. Staff members and some parishioners will be attending some days of the workshop. Monday is the general introduction, Tuesday and Wednesday focus on strengths training, and Thursday and Friday on creating an engaged church. **If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me immediately at my email.**

One of the side benefits of this sabbatical time is that I have been able to attend other parishes for Sunday mass. It is always very interesting to participate in the life of another community, to see how they worship together, and to learn from them. And I have learned a few things that I can bring back to our worship.

I love the Eucharist, and participating anywhere is always a gift. However, I miss celebrating with you. It is somewhat like attending a family dinner—with someone else's family. And, of course, I am always comparing—nowhere are the readers so expressive and clear, the greeters and ushers so welcoming, the servers and ministers so reverent, the music so well-chosen, well-directed and well-sung, and the participation so full. Thanks to all of you who make it so.

An amazing discovery of the sabbatical is WEEK-ENDS! I have not had weekends off in thirty years. I must say that it is nice to have two days off in a row. It is relaxing, and I find that I can get projects done more quickly rather than fitting them in around other things in a piecemeal fashion. I obviously cannot take weekends off and work in the church, but a learning for me is to be more faithful to my day off (Tuesdays).

All in all, this has been a great time. I will be around for some meetings with our new principal, for the All Parish Back to School Picnic and for the start of school. I will be back full-time the day after Labor Day—rested and full of ideas, energy and hope.

Victoria

Announcements

Feast of the Assumption
Saturday, August 15 Mass at 9am

Faith Formation

Faith formation classes for children ages 4-11 will begin **Sunday, September 27 from 9:25am to 10:20am** in the Benincasa Center. Classes will be held approximately three Sundays per month through Memorial Day. Because our Sunday morning class includes a broad age range, we will be utilizing Godly Play materials/format. Godly Play is an imaginative approach to faith formation. Using this approach we will explore parables, sacred stories, the sacraments, prayer and liturgy and deepen our understanding and love of God. Watch the bulletin in early September for a registration form for your child/ren. Questions? Contact AmyHall@StCatherineParish.net.

A Thank You From Altar Society

Once more the community of St. Catherine Parish has shown us their generosity and compassion. The Altar Society ladies, those who bake when asked or help with coffee hour, show true commitment. The immediate call to host a funeral reception shows once again the true spirit of participation. Thank you St. Catherine community, each of the families that give, and most recently Amy Hall and her Vacation Bible School helpers. God bless us all and keep us in his love and grace.

Benincasa Center Needs a Table

We are looking for a table for the Benincasa Dining room. The old tables were too wide, and the current table is too small. We would like something around 5-6 feet by 9 feet. If you have any leads or can make a table top to sit on the current base, please email Victoria at VictoriaRies@stcatherineparish.net.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection Total

July 26, 2009

\$12,888.00

August 2, 2009

\$8,226.50

Used School Uniform Sale

Sunday, August 23 after both masses

Church basement

Contact Katie Fleming with questions at 526-8082 or kjfleming@comcast.net.

Coffee House Concert: "Slim Pickins"

1920's & 30's Rags, County Blues, Hokum & Cajun

August 28, 2009 – 7:30pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

3218 West Barrett Street, Seattle, WA 98199

Call 206-352-4587 for tickets or www.olfatima.org

Refugee Needs Housing

A parishioner's friend, working with refugees at World Relief, is looking for a semi-permanent place for a single Catholic Iraqi refugee girl to stay until her family eventually joins her. She has about \$200-\$350 a month for rent. If you know anyone who could help with her housing, please contact Dr. Braden at 206-281-2927 or kbraden@spu.edu.

Prayers



Ray Barnes

Luis Batayola

Joe Byrne

Kay De Ambrosio

Evan Dubicki

Bob Flakus

Frank Martin

James McNamara

Effie Rohner

Evelyn Stetz

Don Sullivan

Chris Young

All Parish Back to School Picnic

St. Catherine Plaza

Thursday, August 27 5:30-8pm

PTO will supply the hotdogs, burgers and beverages for all! Families with last names A-M, please bring side dishes; families with last names N-Z, please bring desserts. Volunteers are needed for this PTO sponsored event! Please contact the Bakers at 206-524-3007 or sonyambaker@yahoo.com if you can help.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!