

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa Center
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Youth Group: 4pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

5 MONDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church
Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa Center
St. Vincent de Paul: 7pm - Benincasa Center

6 TUESDAY

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

7 WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir 4th-8th grade: 7:45-8:15am - Church
Communion Service: 9am - Church
School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa Center

8 THURSDAY

Mass: 9am - Church
Children's Choir 1-3rd grade: 3-3:30pm - Church
RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa Center
Choir: 7pm - Church

9 FRIDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

10 SATURDAY

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

11 TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Youth Group Service Project: 10-2pm
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Readings for October 11, 2009

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Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-14
Mark 10:17-30

Prayers



Ray Barnes	Frank Martin
Luis Batayola	James McNamara
Joe Byrne	Effie Rohner
Kay De Ambrosio	Evelyn Stetz
Evan Dubicki	Don Sullivan
Bob Flakus	Chris Young
Frank Martin	

A Word From Victoria

In last week's column I wrote about StrengthFinders. It is a tool developed by the Gallup, Inc. after much research to identify a person's innate God-given talents. This week I would like to focus on Engaged Church.

Everyone hopes for an engaged church—a community in which people feel welcomed; are invited to use their gifts in the community and generously give of their time, talent, and treasure; and invite others to join with them.

I think that it is fair to say that these are our goals as a faith community. The first two goals are clearly articulated in the goals developed by the Pastoral Council. We recognize that though we are a welcoming community, and people often tell us they appreciate the welcoming spirit of our community, there is much we can do to grow in this strength. We are hoping to build on this strength by being more intentional about welcoming new people. This includes expanding our greeter ministry, providing orientation for new members, possibly developing a buddy system, and more. If this is a ministry in which you would like to participate, please contact me or a Pastoral Council member.

Another goal articulated by the council is that of creating a community where everyone "gets to do what they do best." Our hope in using the StrengthFinders tool is to help us know what we do best. The specific goal is that of Stewardship. Stewardship is multifaceted. It includes stewardship of time, talent and treasure. The StrengthFinders tool helps us in discovering our talents so that we can then be good stewards of our talent. Knowing our strengths, we can use them in service in our community and beyond. This leads to a more engaged community.

Another sign of an engaged community is inviting others to join us. This is more commonly called evangelization. Catholics typically shy away from evangelization. We don't go door to door, and we don't proselytize. Even so, if there is an activity or a group or any affiliation that we really enjoy, we will naturally invite others to join us. However, we often draw the line on inviting others to church with us. The word evangelization means good news. Our faith is good news; it begs to be shared. It is possible to share good news without being coercive or obnoxious. We can begin with a simple comment to someone about what we value about our faith or our community. This leads easily to an invitation to join us for worship or other events.

I think that we are an engaged community—so many give so much of time, talent and treasure. Strength leads to strength—there are ways we can strengthen our strengths. Join in the effort to bring the good news.

Victoria

Announcements

Altar Society

On **Tuesday, October 6 at 12:30pm** the Altar Society will meet in the church basement.

Fall Work Party

Join us on **Saturday, October 17 from 10-2** as we weed the new plantings, hang racks, organize storage, and more. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your own tools. And don't forget the Salmon Dinner that night at 6pm.

A Fishy Reminder...

Abalone sandwich? Chicken of the sea? No, it's St. Catherine's Annual Salmon Dinner Saturday, **October 17 at 6pm** in Victoria Hall. Ticket forms were provided in last week's Wednesday school envelopes and church bulletins. You can return your completed ticket order forms and payments in this week's Wednesday envelopes, to the school office, or after Mass this weekend. You don't want to miss this event – but if you have to, at least order a shirt with a 2-color Northwest Coast Salmon design on it! Many thanks to all who have already volunteered to help. Need volunteer hours? This is a fun way to get them. Call Laurie Pinard at 206-789-8248 or email at laurieandroman@comcast.net to sign up!

Children's Faith Formation Classes

Classes have started and meet in the Benincasa Center, **Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20**. It's not too late to join. For registration or questions contact Crystal Koory at cbkoory@comcast.net.

First Reconciliation Preparation

There will be a meeting on Monday, **October 26 at 7pm** in Benincasa Center living room for parents of children wishing to have their First Reconciliation in December. First Reconciliation is typically for children in the 2nd Grade. Contact Crystal Koory at cbkoory@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Bulletin Editor

Are you interested in doing the bulletin layout each week? In the past, the bulletin was done by parishioners; Kathleen has been doing it for the past few years. Due to Kathleen's workload, we are looking for someone to take on the job again. It is a 2 hour job per week; the bulletin must be sent by Wednesday at noon. Contact Victoria if you are interested.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection Total

September 27, 2009

\$5,544.00

Learn More About the Catholic Church

Thinking about learning more about the Catholic Faith? Want to be baptized? Join us on **Thursday nights at 7pm** in the Benincasa Center. If your child is also interested in joining the church or in being baptized, call Victoria at the parish center.

Social Justice

Our Social Justice Committee meets every 3rd Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is **October 18 after the 10:30 mass**. Please join us. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

Education and Formation Series: If you interested in exploring the social justice tradition of your faith consider taking part in a new education and justice formation series called "Just Matters." In the Just Matters program, participants spend 8 weekly sessions focusing on a particular social justice topic. We have chosen a program entitled *Living Solidarity: Government, the Federal Budget and the Common Good*. The goal of this popular education curriculum is to engage the question: "What kind of society do we wish to become?" It is vital that all of us engage this question by bringing our *values* - not our opinions - to the many conversations about the economy and the federal budget. \$25 cost per person includes books. We will meet on **Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm for eight weeks - October 21 through December 16**. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

High School Youth News

Youth Group has begun and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish website.

Upcoming events:

Youth Group: This Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 18 from 4-6pm in Victoria Hall.

Service: Habitat Restoration at Magnuson Park, Next **Sunday, October 11 from 10-2 pm** (please RSVP to Shannon by 10/5). Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.