

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

14 MONDAY

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

15 TUESDAY

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

16 WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir 4th-8th grade: 7:45-8:15am - Church
Communion Service: 9am - Church
Back to School Night: 7pm - Victoria Hall

17 THURSDAY

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

18 FRIDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

19 SATURDAY

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

20 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass: 8:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Mass: 10:30am - Coffee Hour Following
Social Justice: 11:30am - Benincasa Library
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Readings for September 20, 2009 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Collection Total
September 6, 2009
\$8,844.00

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

A Word From Victoria

I love the first days of school. I love to learn, and remember fondly the excitement of the return to school after summer break. As I have gotten older, I am also aware of a bit of melancholy as the summer comes to an end. The warm days are soon to be over, the long days grow shorter, the pace of daily life picks up.

This year's end of summer and return to school also signal the end of my sabbatical. It has been a great summer—the first I have had off since I was a kid. Though I did work, especially at the beginning of the summer wrapping up the building project, through the summer doing the same, and the last couple weeks gearing up for the start of school, I had plenty of time to do the work of the sabbatical.

My sabbatical proposal included a reading project around the issue of evangelization—helping all, adults and children, grow in faith in Jesus and in knowledge of the tradition. I read many books on the topic of growth in faith, many books on Jesus, and a few on spirituality. Of course, there were many books on my list that still remain to be read. I am hoping to use Tuesdays (my day off) to make headway on those books and others. The other part of my sabbatical proposal was to visit my adult children who live in other cities on weekends, when they are free and I am usually not. We visited our son in Madison, Wisconsin and our daughter in San Francisco. A benefit of having a sabbatical this summer was that we were able to spend time with my husband's family in Denver after his mother died.

As part of the sabbatical, I also attended a workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese on Engaged Church. The way to grow an engaged community is by inviting people to use their talents. Part of the training was on StrengthFinders. This is a tool that helps people recognize and develop their innate, God-given talents, and to use those talents in the community. Loida Olivas, a member of the Pastoral Council, and Shannon Fleming Bray, our youth and social justice minister, attended much of the week as well. We hope to be able to use StrengthFinders in our community to increase engagement. Watch for more information.

Finally, I had time to tend to projects at home that I had been neglecting. My most satisfying accomplishment was to clean my daughter's room. (You might reasonably ask why I was doing the cleaning.) She had dropped boxes around her room after college, but never seemed to have the time to sort through them. I did some preliminary work, she continued, and I finished up. Her room looks great. Since she now lives in San Francisco, I now use "her" room every morning for prayer.

All in all, it was a great sabbatical, and I am delighted to be back. At the communion service this morning, someone greeted me with "Welcome Home!" It is good to be home. I look forward to our new year together and sharing the work of my sabbatical.

Victoria

Announcements

Victoria Hall Concert

An all-parish inaugural concert will be held in Victoria Hall on **Saturday, October 3, starting at 7pm**. The program will feature musical presentations by our own St. Catherine musicians and last about an hour-and-a-half. Hosted by MJ McDermott, you'll hear vocal performances by the Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, Fr. Tony, and others. Instrumental pieces will include Kevin Krentz (cello), Steve Kauffman (clarinet), Melissa Walsh (harp), Jessica Stevens (piano), and a variety of other instruments. A special performance you won't want to miss will be Jessica Stevens and Mark Adrian playing a two-piano version of Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2." You're gonna love it! The concert is free. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Save the Date

Salmon Dinner - Saturday October 17, 2009 If you would like to help, please contact Laurie Pinard at laurieandroman@comcast.net or 206-789-8248.

Table

We are looking for a larger table for the Benincasa meeting/dining room. We are hoping for a table 5' by 8-9'. Do you have one, know where we can find one, or can you make one or make a top for the current base? Call Victoria at the parish office if you can help.

Social Justice

If you are interested in Social Justice or learning more about it please join the Social Justice Committee for the first meeting of the year on **September 20 after the 10:30 mass**. We will talk about new ideas for this year and how we might be better able to educate and advocate around issues of peace and justice in our society. There is no commitment necessary, only a desire to explore a faith that seeks justice. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

High School Youth News

Youth Group is beginning this month and we already have tons of fun events and activities planned. All students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! Everyone should have received a schedule of events and a registration form in the mail. If you didn't get one you can find the schedule on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish web site. Check it out! We will be meeting 3-4 times a month on Sunday for faith, fun and fellowship events. Friends are welcome. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

Light the Night Walk for Evan Dubicki

Our team is walking and raising funds in honor of St. Catherine's member Evan Dubicki. Evan, three years old, was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia in the Summer of 2008. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk is a nationwide evening walk that celebrates and commemorates lives touched by blood cancer, raising money for cancer research and patient/family support. Please join us as we walk around Greenlake the **night of September 26**. You can join our team and/or donate at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/wa/SeattleL09/TheLittleEngineThatCould>. If you have questions or would like to order a team t-shirt, contact Amanda Peterson at 206-790-5527. Thanks for your support.

Cabrini Ministry Training

Our goal is to provide parishes and local institutions with capable, confident, faith-filled lay ministers who have grown in their self-awareness, and who possess effective pastoral listening skills by inviting lay people called by reason of their baptism, to recognize and use their gifts in service to the Church. We offer quality training that includes 5 months of weekly sessions with emphasis on pastoral skills, along with ethics, self-awareness, and more. Plan to attend an Information Meeting on **September 14, 7-8:30pm** at St. James Cathedral Place. For more information or RSVP call Tom Curran at 206-760-0583, or email tomcurran@cabriniministry.org.

Spirituality on Tap

Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults 21-35
of the Ignatian Spirituality Center

Being Green:

the underlying spiritual wisdom of the
Green Movement

September 17, 7-9pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

732 18th Ave E, Seattle, 98112

Facilitator: Jeanie Robinson, M.A. in Theology

Come and take a deeper look, an Ignatian perspective, at why we try to "be green". The evening will include a video meditation, shared reflection, conversation and prayer followed by social gathering at Hopvine Pub, 507 15th Ave E between Mercer & Republican in Capitol Hill. For more info email deb@ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org.