

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

21 MONDAY

Communion Service: 9am - Church
Finance Council: 7pm - Benincasa Center

22 TUESDAY

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

23 WEDNESDAY

Children's Choir 4th-8th grade: 7:45-8:15am - Church
Communion Service: 9am - Church

24 THURSDAY

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

25 FRIDAY

Mass: 9am - Church

26 SATURDAY

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm - Church
Mass: 5pm - Church
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement
Liturgy Committee: 6:30pm
Youth Group Service Event

27 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Readings for September 27, 2009

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Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection Total

September 13, 2009

\$7,199.50

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 am always amazed when the scriptures written 2000-3000 years ago so accurately address our current situation. I find that when I read the psalms, for example, I am amazed at the experiences, feelings and reactions of the writer—so much like my own so many years later.

Today's readings are amazingly current and applicable to our world today. They address our relationships in community. The gospel continues last week's teaching of Jesus on the way to his death. The disciples are no more eager to hear his words in this passage than they were in last week's. Again, they understand that his words about his own life must guide their own lives. And they are initially no more willing to embrace his way than they were in last week's passage.

Not dissimilar from the situation in our own day, they argue among themselves about who is the greatest. Jesus is about to give his all, to die, and they are worried about who is the greatest among them. This is a constant struggle for us as human persons. We are concerned about our place in the community.

In the second reading, James speaks directly of the same issue: "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." Clearly this desire to be the greatest is an age-old human temptation. It is the source of discord and trouble in every community. It is behind community discord on every local level as well as our international conflicts.

All three readings today not only make clear our human struggle in community, but show the way to peace and righteousness. Interestingly, even the "godless" in the first reading expect God to help the righteous one. In the face of our human struggle to come together, God will be with us. That is good news. In addition, Jesus gives his disciples very concrete advice on how to overcome human inclination to desire dominance at the expense of others. He puts a child in their midst and tells them whoever welcomes such a child welcome him and the One who sent him. Rather than a stance of dominance, he proposes a stance of welcome of even the least.

Confidence in God's presence and care and welcome of the least among us are the way to discipleship—and the way to community.

May this be our way—the way of Jesus.

Victoria

PS I think that our new plaza and hall have already begun to help us on the way to community unity. They are both beautiful and function spectacularly, but, even more, they pull us together. They help us to a unified community.

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 and will last about an hour-and-a-half. **For those attending the Mass, and for those who would like to come early to eat, there will be a potluck dinner from 6:00 to 6:45. (Bring a dish to share.) There will also be a cookie reception after the concert.**

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 does justice. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

You are invited to join Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, in a lively conversation about what our role is as people of faith in these difficult economic times on **Saturday September 26, 4:30 pm** at the Washington Convention Center. What should we do? What should we say? What is our responsibility? How can we stand up for those losing their homes, jobs and medical insurance? Can we be silent during these difficult times. For more information contact Leno Rose-Avila at leno@socialjusticefund.org.

High School Youth News

Youth Group is beginning this month 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. **Service Event - September 26**, Walk for Evan, "Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk", 7pm Greenlake. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

Salmon Chanted Evening

Yes, it's the time of year for St. Catherine's Annual Salmon Dinner, scheduled for **October 17, 2009** in Victoria Hall. Tickets are \$12.50, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. Look in next week's school envelope for an order form, or purchase tickets after any of the Masses this weekend. This is a fun get-together for the School and Parish Community. Grilled salmon and vegetables with Victoria's corn bread, macaroni and cheese and other delicious fare will be prepared and served up by members of the Community (maybe even you). Seating will be limited so save the date and plan to get your tickets as soon as possible. The Salmon Dinner is a great volunteer opportunity! Help is needed with food preparation, cooking, serving, bar and clean up (which by the way is a pleasure in Victoria Hall). Renew old friendships and develop new ones by offering to be on the inside of this great event. Interested? Call Laurie Pinard (Mother of Kira St. C's Class of '09) @ 206-789-8248 or laurieandroman@comcast.net

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 interested, call Victoria at the parish center.

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.

Bachtoberfest II

October 9 - 7:30pm - \$15
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
3307 West Dravus Street
Seattle, WA 98199

Our Lady of Fatima Parish welcomes Dr. Quinton Morris, violin soloist, to the 2009-2010 "BACHTOBERFEST" celebration! He is currently the Director of Chamber and Instrumental Music and Assistant Professor at Seattle University. Dr. Morris will be performing unaccompanied violin works by J.S. Bach as well as solo works for violin by other members of the Bach Family. For more information contact www.olfatima.org/music.