

## Calendar

..... *A Word from Victoria* .....

- 8 19th Sunday**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Used Uniform Sale: 9:30 - Church Basement  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
Used Uniform Sale: 11:30 - Church Basement  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 9 Monday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 10 Tuesday**  
Mass: 9am - Church  
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 11 Wednesday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church  
High School Youth Group Open Gym: 8pm-10pm -  
Victoria Hall
- 12 Thursday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 13 Friday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 14 Saturday**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm  
Mass: 5pm  
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 15 Feast of the Assumption**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 16 Monday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church  
Finance Council: 7pm - Benincasa
- 17 Tuesday**  
Mass: 9am - Church  
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 18 Wednesday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church  
StrengthsFinder Presentation: 7pm - Benincasa
- 19 Thursday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 20 Friday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 21 Saturday**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm  
Mass: 5pm  
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 22 21st Sunday**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

When I was in high school I dated a boy who had 9 nine sisters. All of his sisters were named Mary "Something." This was amazing in itself, but more so, because I grew up in a family with 5 daughters, and we are also all named Mary "Something."

We asked my mother why she named us all Mary, and she said after Mary, the mother of Jesus. We suspected she named us after herself—Mary. We thought she wanted clones.

Which is not a bad image for her reason for our names—not that we would be clones of her, but that we would be like Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Joking aside, I do appreciate being named Mary, and would not have minded being called Mary. Mary is our primary model of faith. From the beginning, she believed God's word to her and she accepted her call. She brought forth the Word of God into our world; she is the mother of God. She stood by her son throughout his entire life of faithfulness to God, even as he went to his death on the cross. With the other disciples, she received the gift of the Spirit at that first Pentecost, and brought the good news to others. Her life was one of faithfulness in every moment and situation.

Over time, the Church has celebrated Mary in many ways, but most dramatically in the doctrines of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. In the first, we express our belief that Mary was conceived without sin—she received a special gift from God that enabled her to respond whole-heartedly to God's call and to live that call throughout her life. In the latter, we celebrate a special gift given to Mary at the end of her life—that of being assumed bodily into heaven after her death.

Mary's gifts are very important for our own lives. Her path is our path. Karl Rahner, a famous and very influential Catholic theologian, wrote that God did for Mary what God also intends for us—to gift us in ways that enable us to live our calls and to bless us with lasting life in the power of Jesus' resurrection. Mary's gifts were given to conform her to Jesus. The gifts we receive from God have the same purpose—to make us more like Christ. It is our hope that, after we have lived a life of faith, we too will receive a share in Jesus' resurrection.

I often pray the Scripture passages that tell us of Mary's journey of faith. Mary helps me to live my own journey with deeper faith. This year, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday, August 15. We are all invited to share in Mary's gifts. We can all be strengthened in the hope that living a life of faith will bring us, with Mary, to a sharing in Jesus' new life. May it be so! Amen!

*Victoria*

*Parish Stewardship*

*July 25, 2010*  
\$5,922.00

*PRAYERS*

Luis Batayola	Frank Martin
Kay De Ambrosio	James McNamara
Bridget Dobson	Mary Roberts
Ken Dobson	Effie Rohner
Evan Dubicki	Julia Simon
Martha Harris	Chris Young

*PRAYERS*

*Readings for August 15th*  
*Feast of the Assumption*

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26  
Luke 1:39-56

*Readings for August 22nd*  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

*Announcements*

*Used School Uniform Sale*

Sunday August 8th after both masses in the church basement. Please contact Tarrie Eckhart @ 491-2680 with any questions.

*Baptism of Infants*

Our next dates for baptism of infants will be August 29. Parents must meet with Victoria and attend a class prior to the baptism. If you are interested in having your child baptized, contact Victoria at the parish office.

*Safe Environment Training*

Anyone who volunteers with children or vulnerable adults must take the Safe Environment Training. There will be a training session on Wednesday, August 25 at 7pm in Victoria Hall.

*Sr. High Open Gym*

Victoria Hall Gym will be open from 8-10pm on Wednesday, August 11th. Invite your friends and come play basketball, volleyball, or anything else. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

*Interested in Learning More About or In Joining the Catholic Church?*

The series for adults will begin mid-September. Call or email Victoria for more information and to register for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

*Gardening Help Needed*

If you can help weed the parish grounds, please feel free to come at any time and give a hand. The area on the south side of the church is in greatest need, but the north side and plaza area need some attention as well. Contact Victoria with questions or to volunteer.

*Save the Date!!*

Mark your calendars for our Annual All Parish Back to School BBQ on Thursday, September 2nd at 5pm in Victoria Hall and Plaza.

*Babysitting During Mass*

Some parents have asked about the possibility of having babysitting for children 1-3 during mass. If you are interested in babysitting for your child, please contact Victoria at the parish office or by email.

*Website*

Do you have pictures of recent St. Catherine Parish events (First Eucharist, pancake breakfast, baptisms, etc.)? Please send them to Victoria at the parish office and she will forward them to our new website editor.

*Welcome Home Series*

Blessed Sacrament Church invites everyone who has fallen away from the practice of their Catholic faith to our Welcome Home conversations. This is a structured series which will consider the individual reasons why participants have left the Church. Topics will include God and the Church, Life and Family Issues, Forming a Catholic Conscience, the Sacraments, and any other topic people wish to discuss in a welcoming, non-threatening and conversational format, with Fr. Daniel Syverstad OP and our Pastoral Staff. Please invite those you know who may wish to attend! Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, August 11 - September 15, Blessed Sacrament Priory, 5041 9th Ave NE, Seattle. Contact Marilyn Thornton at 206-355-6540 or [mthornton@bspwa.org](mailto:mthornton@bspwa.org).