

Calendar

..... A Word from Victoria

- 25 17th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 26 Monday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 27 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 28 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
High School Youth Group Open Gym: 8pm-10pm -
Victoria Hall
- 29 Thursday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 30 Friday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 31 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 1 18th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 2 Monday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
Vacation Bible School: 9am
- 3 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Vacation Bible School: 9am
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 4 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
Vacation Bible School: 9am
- 5 Thursday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Vacation Bible School: 9am
- 6 Friday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Vacation Bible School: 9 am
- 7 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 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

Last week's gospel on Martha and Mary made me think of StrengthsFinder. Martha and Mary had different strengths. They each welcomed Jesus in their own way—in the way of their strength. Martha welcomed Jesus into her home. She worked to make him comfortable and to feed him. Mary welcomed him by listening to his word. Both are important ways of relating to Jesus.

StrengthsFinder is an assessment tool developed by Gallup after 30 years of research with over 2 million people. The Archdiocese is encouraging the use of StrengthsFinder to help all of us recognize our God-given talents and to be good stewards of the strengths we have been given.

Last summer I attended a weeklong workshop on Stewardship of Talent and Engaged Church, sponsored by the Archdiocese. We were all introduced to StrengthsFinder as a means of developing greater stewardship of talent and of building up our parishes. In the research, one sign of an engaged community is that members can say that they often get to do what they do best. The first step is being able to identify what we do best and then to offer that to the community. That sharing of our God-given talents builds up our church communities.

When I took the assessment last year, I was not surprised by my top five strengths. Knowing them did help me understand how and why I am able to do what I do. Being aware of those strengths has been a help this past year. The assessment has given me greater self-understanding and has helped me in my relationships in our community and at home.

I thought of StrengthsFinder when contemplating the story of Martha and Mary because I realized that my top strengths mirrored the tension in the gospel. My first strength is Connectedness, formerly called Spirituality. My greatest desire in life is to be connected to God and to God's people. I sit at the feet of Jesus everyday to be connected as Jesus was to God and to others. My fifth strength is Achiever. This is my Martha strength. I get things done. Of course, at times there is tension between the two. My challenge is to balance the desire to sit at the feet of the Lord and my desire to take care of things.

It is a challenge we all face. Perhaps StrengthsFinder will be a help to you in living your faith, your relationships, and your work. Perhaps it will be a help in living the call to both sit at the feet of Jesus and to provide care and welcome for God's people.

Join us on Wednesdays, August 18 and September 1 from 7-8:30 to learn more about your strengths and how you can use them to deepen your faith and to put your faith into action. May we celebrate our own strengths and rejoice in the strengths of others. May our community be one in which we all get to do what we do best—all to the glory of God and for the good of God's people.

Victoria

Parish Stewardship

July 11, 2010
\$7,277.00

July 18, 2010
\$5,827.00

Readings for August 1st
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Readings for August 8th
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6--9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

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

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.

Strengths Finder

Are you interested in learning more about your God-given talents/strengths and how to use them in your relationships, work, and our community? The introductory meeting will be on Wednesday, August 18 and the follow-up/discussion of results meeting will be on Wednesday, September 1, both from 7-8:30pm. The cost of the book for the assessment is \$15. Call or email Victoria to register for the evenings.

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 - Wednesday Nights

Victoria Hall Gym will be open from 8-10pm on Wednesday evenings this summer. Invite your friends and come play basketball, volleyball, or anything else. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions. NO OPEN GYM ON AUGUST 4TH DUE TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

Educational Aide Needed

A local family is looking for an educational aide to assist student who has cerebral palsy while she attends kindergarten at a north Seattle Catholic elementary school for the 2010-2011 school year. This job is perfect for someone looking for experience prior to graduate school in education, PT, OT, speech therapy or special education or someone with experience looking for a job during school hours. Please contact Stacy & Ken Pretti at 206.297.1772 or spretti@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart?

Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help!
Details: www.helpourmarriage.com
Next Program begins: Sept 24th-26th, 2010
Call: 206-706-2608