

*Calendar*

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

- 27 13th Sunday**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 28 Monday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church  
Finance Council: 7pm - Benincasa
- 29 Tuesday**  
Mass: 9am - Church  
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 30 Wednesday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church  
StrenghtsFinder Introduction: 7pm - Benincasa
- 1 Thursday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 2 Friday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 3 Saturday**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm  
Mass: 5pm  
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 4 14th Sunday**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 5 Monday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 6 Tuesday**  
Mass: 9am - Church  
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- 7 Wednesday**  
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 8 Thursday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 9 Friday**  
Mass: 9am - Church
- 10 Saturday**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30pm  
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- 11 15th Sunday**  
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

I often wonder how I would have responded to Jesus had I lived in his day. Would I have been able to follow immediately or would I have needed time to consider the invitation?

Today's readings give varying responses to God's call. Elisha immediately begins to follow Elijah--though he does take time to kiss his parents. In the gospel, the people called to follow offer reasonable excuses for delay: burying a parent, saying farewell to those at home. Jesus seems to be expecting immediate response.

I suppose the better question is not how might I/we have responded to Jesus 2000 years ago, but how do I/we respond now. We are busy. We do have many responsibilities. We think we can get to it later. We procrastinate.

And maybe that is the point of Jesus' rather sharp responses to those who fail to follow immediately. His call is very important. We may miss the opportunity if we fail to respond "in a timely fashion."

Perhaps we read these stories too literally. Can we really leave behind all our responsibilities and obligations, our families and friends? Maybe we are not being asked to walk away from it all, but to respond to the inviting presence of the Lord as he comes to us throughout the day.

Of course, we have to be aware enough to recognize the invitation and open enough to respond. Prayer is both invitation and response. Taking even a few moments in prayer every day and throughout the day will train us to recognize the presence of the Lord with us. Taking time to pray is like taking time to get to know someone. Being with them is both opportunity and response. So it is with Jesus. If we take time to pray, even a few moments, we will learn to see his presence with us throughout the day. We will come to know his desire for us. We will find ourselves willing to respond to his call.

How are we to pray? I suppose it would be easier to know how to respond to Jesus if we had lived when he lived. We may still have been challenged to respond fully and quickly, but it may have been easier to know how to respond to his invitation.

A good way to begin to pray is to give thanks. Taking time each morning and/or evening to give thanks for all our blessings draws us closer to the One who gives all that we are and have. Bringing our concerns to Jesus makes it clear to us that we know our need and his ability to respond to us. Spending time listening for God's word reminds us that we are in a relationship not a one-way monologue.

So, what is our answer to following Jesus today?

*Victoria*

### *Parish Stewardship*

*June 13, 2010*  
\$6,756.00

*June 20, 2010*  
\$6,207.00

### *Readings for July 4th* *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Galatians 6:14-18  
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### *Readings for July 11th* *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 10:25-37

PRAYERS

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

PRAYERS

### *Announcements*

#### *Altar Server Training*

Altar serving is open to students 5th through 8th grade. Anyone who would like to serve next year must attend a training session this summer. The next sessions are Monday, June 28 10am-12 noon; Wednesday, July 21 1-3pm; Monday, July 26 10am-12noon; and Thursday, August 19 1-3pm. Call or email Victoria to register for the classes. If you cannot make any of the above times, please contact Victoria for another time.

#### *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.

#### *Annual Catholic Appeal Results*

Thank you for your generosity and your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. We surpassed our goal of \$47,768 by a bit more than \$20,000 and had a participation rate of 50%. I am very grateful for your support of the Archdiocese and our parish. Half of our rebate will be used to balance our parish budget for the July 2010-June 2011 fiscal year. The other half will be used to begin repairing/replacing the church doors. We will focus on the north and south doors. The Facilities Committee is reviewing options and costs.

#### *School Fundraising*

Please keep in mind that the primary fundraiser for St. Catherine School next school year is going to be a magazine sale starting September 15th! If you have any magazines coming up for renewal, we are hoping you can wait until fall so the school can get the credit...and 50% of the profit! Call Amorette Gent if you have questions 361-9964.

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *Jr. High Summer Service - Adult Male Chaperones/ Drivers Needed*

The Jr. High students are heading down to Hoquium, Wa for a week of service immersion this summer. We will need help on Wednesday, July 21st and Thursday the 22nd overnight. We are looking for adult male chaperones willing to spend sometime with the group that week. Please contact at (206) 324-8800 ex. 110 or [ShannonFleming@stcatherineparish.net](mailto:ShannonFleming@stcatherineparish.net).

#### *Vacation Bible School - HELP!*

We are looking for nautical items of all sorts to use as props for the VBS. A ships wheel, ships bell, ropes, sail, a dingy, compass, telescope, etc. Please let us know if you are able to loan us any of these items. Also, We are looking for creative minds to help us visualize (and perhaps create) the props for our "high seas adventure". We will be having a brainstorming meeting soon. Your talents and vision are much needed. Please contact [ShannonFleming@stcatherineparish.net](mailto:ShannonFleming@stcatherineparish.net) or (206) 324-8800 ex. 110