

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

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 Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following  
 First Eucharist Class: 9:15am - Benincasa basement  
 Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa  
 Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following  
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 3 Monday**  
 Communion Service: 9am  
 Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa  
 St. Vincent de Paul: 7pm - Benincasa
- 4 Tuesday**  
 Mass: 9am - Church  
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 5 Wednesday**  
 Communion Service: 9am - Church  
 School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa
- 6 Thursday**  
 Mass: 9am - Church  
 RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa  
 Choir: 7pm - Church
- 7 Friday**  
 Mass: 9am - Church
- 8 Saturday**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm  
 Mass with First Eucharist: 5pm  
 Auction: 5:30pm - Victoria Hall  
 AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
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The theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal is "A Future Full of Hope." Our participation is both an act of hope and a means of creating that future full of hope.

We are all aware of the difficult economic times, and some of us are struggling with job loss. We are also aware that there is more demand than ever for financial support.

The archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal supports 60 ministries and programs of the Archdiocese—ranging from CYO sports and camps to hospital ministry to Catholic Community Services to support of retired priests and sisters and much more. Our parish benefits in many ways from the work of the Archdiocese. I regularly call the Office of Property and Construction, the Tribunal, the Catholic Schools Office, the Vicar for Clergy Office, the Missions Office. Other staff members seek assistance from other archdiocesan office.

Our parish goal is \$47,768 toward the archdiocesan goal of \$10 million. I am hoping that everyone will participate in this appeal. The archdiocese suggests that we consider giving a dollar a day, \$365 per year. If you are able to do this, please do so. If you are able to give more, please do not limit your donation to this amount. If you find that you cannot give even a small amount, then please pledge prayer.

I am very grateful for you continuing generosity to so many causes and needs. I hope that you will take the time to discern your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The archdiocese suggests that we decide what portion of our income we will give (a traditional tithe is 10% of our income), and then give half of that to our community of St. Catherine and half to other charitable requests, including the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Whatever we raise beyond our goal is returned to us for our use. We have usually used our rebate to help to balance the budget. This year, we will use the first \$10,000 to balance the budget for the July 2010-June 2011 fiscal year. Anything that comes in beyond that amount will be used to repair or replace the exterior church doors. Last year we received \$20,000 in rebates and hope to do even better this year.

The exterior doors are in need of repair or replacement. The north and south doors have been very damaged by rain over the years. The west doors are beginning to peel due to sun damage. The costs range from \$1750 per door for the repair of the least damaged doors to over \$4000 to replace with a comparable door. There are ten doors. We are still exploring the best way to proceed. It is likely that we will repair/replace the doors over a couple years as money allows.

I am grateful for your generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal, as I am grateful for your generosity in so many other appeals. I am hopeful that our door repair/replacement project will provide added incentive to donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

*Victoria*

*Readings for May 9th  
 Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
 John 14:23-29

**PRAYERS**

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

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## Announcements

### *Whole Community Gathering*

Our next whole community gathering is on Sunday, May 16 after the 10:30 mass. Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ, will preside and preach at all the masses that weekend. His topic for the adult/teen session of the whole community gathering will be Walking With Jesus in New Life. David Buerge will lead the 5-8 graders, and Kathleen Loftstedt will lead the K-4 graders in a discussion on Jesus. There will be babysitting for the 2-4 year olds. Lunch will be provided immediately after mass, and the presentations will follow. We will end with closing prayer and dessert at 1:30. Email [VictoriaRies@stcatherineparish.net](mailto:VictoriaRies@stcatherineparish.net) to register for lunch. Include names of adults and names and ages of children, and any food allergies.

### *Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick Needed*

There are parishioners who are not able to make it to church at this time, but would like to receive communion. Are you available for this ministry? Contact Victoria as soon as possible with questions and/or interest.

### *Baptism of Infants/Young Children*

If you are interested in having your infant/child baptized, contact Victoria at the parish office as soon as possible. The next date for baptism is June 12-13 at any mass. Other weekends are available. Parents will meet with Victoria and attend a class with other parents.

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

St. Vincent de Paul Food Closet is in need of food. Please help to re-stock our food closet. Please bring healthy, non-perishable food items such as tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, soups and chili. Place in the box in the west vestibule or bring up at the time of the collection.

### *Altar Society*

No Meeting in May. \*\*\*Don't forget potluck in Betty's backyard June 8th @ 12 noon\*\*\*. Please bring salad or dessert, KFC & Beverage provided by Betty.

### *Retreat for Returning Catholics*

Maybe you've been away from the Church for awhile. Maybe you're not sure if you want to return, but you are willing to at least take a second look. Come on a retreat for Returning Catholics on the week-end of May 28 - 30 with Paulist priest Fr. Michael Everndon from Oregon. It will be a faith sharing retreat with group presentations and communal prayer. There will also be time for you to rest, reflect and encounter God. For more information

### *Parish Stewardship*

*April 25, 2010*

Regular Collection: \$5375.00

or to register, call the Palisades Retreat Center at 1-800-330-7622 or visit [www.seattlearch.org/palisades](http://www.seattlearch.org/palisades).

### *Foster Parents Needed*

Catholic Community Services is looking for families who are willing to provide a temporary, or perhaps permanent, home for the many infants and young children coming into the foster care system. Single adults and married couples are encouraged to contact Janelle Weaver at Catholic Community Services at 206-328-5914 or [JanelleW@ccsw.org](mailto:JanelleW@ccsw.org).

### *Forest Ridge Summer Program 2010*

Forest Ridge Summer Camp is currently enrolling K-12th grade boys and girls in our 2010 Summer Program. Academic enrichment, computer technology, video production, drama, arts and crafts, sport camps and much more are all taught by experienced and dynamic instructors. Choose from a variety of one-week sessions and create a course schedule that fits your needs this summer. One-week day camps run Session I: June 21 - 25; Session 2: June 28 - July 2; Session 3: July 12 - 16 and Session 4: July -17. We also have a Study Skills course called "Brain Camp" running August 16 - 19, and New Driver Training run by SWERVE Driving School in July and August - please go to [www.goswerve.com](http://www.goswerve.com) for more information. Children will have fun while learning something new and making new friends! For more information about our summer camps and to request information, please visit our website to see class descriptions and register at [www.forestridge.org](http://www.forestridge.org) or contact Laura Rosemund at 425.201.2425 or [lauraro@forestridge.org](mailto:lauraro@forestridge.org).

### *Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 6*

Mark your calendar for the revival of St. Catherine pancake breakfasts on Sunday June 6 after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses in Victoria Hall. Visit with new and old friends over fresh pancakes or a warm cup of coffee. In an effort to build community at the breakfast you'll have the opportunity to say in writing what you appreciate about our community and why you feel welcome at St. Catherine. Look for more news in future bulletins.