

Sixth Sunday of Easter

..... *A Word from Victoria*

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 Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
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 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 10 Monday**
 Communion Service: 9am
 Heads of Ministries Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa
- 11 Tuesday**
 Mass: 9am - Church
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 12 Wednesday**
 Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 13 Thursday**
 Mass: 9am - Church
 RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
 Choir: 7pm - Church
- 14 Friday**
 Mass: 9am - Church
- 15 Saturday**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
 AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 16 Feast of the Ascension**
 Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
 Plant Sale Pick-Up: 10:00am
 Mass: 10:30
 Whole Community Gathering: 11:30 - Victoria Hall
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

I had intended to write a "housekeeping" column—that is, a column covering a number of issues needing updating, but when I read the gospel for today, I had to say a few words about it. There will be some room for the housekeeping matters as well.

There is one line in today's gospel to which I return often in prayer: "Whoever loves me will keep my word and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them" (John 14:23). I love the image of God and Jesus making their home with me/us. I imagine this coming into my heart as Jesus taking up residence within me. This is what happens when we receive communion. I try to keep this image in mind at all times. Everything in me is transformed by the presence of God; all that flows from me is informed by God dwelling within—my very being, my presence, my words, my deeds. This is the gift that is offered to all who love Jesus. May we open our heart to receive the One who seeks to make his home with us.

Now for the housekeeping:

I received the report from the pastoral review conducted by the Archdiocese. There are pages of reports from the meeting with parish leadership, interviews with staff, the random sampling survey, and the Archdiocesan liturgy review. I will try to do my best to summarize the results. On the whole, it was very positive. People appreciate the way Father Tony and I work together and appreciate all that we do. Many are happy with the growth of the parish, the relationship between the parish and the school, and the facilities improvements that have been made. The review of our Sunday Liturgy by the Archdiocesan Office of Worship and Sacraments also was very positive. There continues to be great concern about a transition in leadership.

I did offer to stay longer at St. Catherine. There are many variables: the appointment of a new archbishop, the ordinary 12 year term for priest pastors, the continuing shortage of priests, our debt on the new hall, our stability, diocesan needs. As in all things, we can pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I am aware of four young men from our parish, all graduates of St. Catherine School, who are serving in the military at this time: Ricky Wisecarver, Sean Wicks, Chris Hammerly, and Tyler Trudnowski. Please keep them in your prayers and offer their families support.

Please join us for the Whole Community Gathering on May 16 after the 10:30 mass. Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ, is again our presenter. He is an excellent speaker, very inspired and very inspiring. He has great insight into the spiritual life and gently invites us to live with deeper faith. He will again speak on Jesus, this time focusing on the new life offered in Jesus' resurrection. See the following announcement for more details.

Readings for May 16th
Feast of the Ascension

Acts 1:1-11
 Ephesians 1:17-23
 Luke 24:46-53

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| <i>PRAYERS</i> | Bob Barone | James McNamara |
| | Luis Batayola | Mary Roberts |
| | Kay De Ambrosio | Effie Rohner |
| | Evan Dubicki | Sylvia Sheehan |
| | Martha Harris | Julia Simon |
| | Frank Martin | Chris Young |

PRAYERS

Victoria

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 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.

Blessing of Marriages

At all the masses on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, May 29-30, there will be a blessing of all marriages.

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.

Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Plant Sale. The plants will be delivered to campus and ready for pick-up May 16th @ 10AM. If you have any questions please contact Katie Fleming 206-526-8082.

Parish Stewardship

May 2, 2010

Regular Collection: \$9,978.00

Annual Catholic Appeal
Pledged Amount: \$34,532.00

Parish Softball Team

The St. Catherine Parish softball team's roster is a bit short this year so we are looking to recruit a few new players, in particular, women! Please contact Bill Topalian if you have Sunday afternoons free to play some ball! Cell#206-310-6025 or b.topalian@comcast.net The first game is Sunday May 16th 4:00PM at View Ridge. It's fun and a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

Ministries Fair and Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for our Ministries Fair and Pancake Breakfast (Sunday)/hors d'oeuvres (Saturday) after all the masses on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 5-6. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate as community—we are the Body of Christ, the Church, in our world—and for us to see what ministries we provide and in which we feel called to participate.

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 or to register, call the Palisades Retreat Center at 1-800-330-7622 or visit 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@ccsww.org.