

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, coffee hour following  
 Faith Formation: 9:30 - Benincasa  
 Marriage Prep: 11:30 - Benincasa  
 Social Justice: 11:30 - Benincasa Basement  
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 25 Monday**  
 Communion Service: 9am  
 Finance Committee: 7pm - Benincasa
- 26 Tuesday**  
 Mass: 9am  
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
- 27 Wednesday**  
 Communion Service: 9am
- 28 Thursday**  
 Mass: 9am  
 RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa  
 Choir: 7pm - Church
- 29 Friday**  
 Mass: 9am
- 30 Saturday**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm  
 Mass: 5pm  
 AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement
- 31 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee hour following  
 Marriage Prep: 11:30 - Benincasa  
 Catholic Schools Open House: 11:30 - School  
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

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

At the beginning of Lent, there will be a local ad campaign for Catholics who have been away from the Church. There will be a series of ads on television highlighting the gifts of the Catholic Church and inviting people to "come home." The ads are intended for Catholics who are not presently attending church and will also appeal to anyone looking for a church home.

If these ads are as effective in our archdiocese as they have been in other parts of the county, new people will come to our community. We have to be prepared. Our biggest task will be to provide hospitality. The Pastoral Council had already articulated this as a goal of the parish, and has been working on ways to increase our efforts to be a welcoming community.

Welcome begins when someone comes through the door—for the first time or the 1000th time. We have a core of greeters who welcome people at mass. We are hoping to add more people to all of the masses. We hope to have people who represent the diversity of the parish. We invite families, singles, couples, young, senior—all to serve in this ministry. You would be scheduled once every month or two, depending upon the number of people who volunteer to greet. If you are interested or currently serving in this ministry, please attend a brief meeting after the 5pm mass on January 30 or after the 8:30 or 10:30 mass on February 7. If you cannot attend any of these meetings, but are interested, please let me know. There will other opportunities for training in the future, but we want to have this initial training before the ads begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

We are also thinking about having welcome partners—people who meet with a new person/family by phone or on site to provide orientation. Another idea is to have a welcome brunch/reception/potluck several times a year to welcome newcomers.

There are other ways to welcome people to our community. If you have some ideas or would like to be a part of any of the above, please contact me.

God welcomes us with outstretched arms. God loves us in all our differences and even in our weakness. It is this same love that we are called to offer to others. Eucharist is the sacrament of welcome. We find our place at the table and invite others to join us in the feast. What a great gift we have been given! What a great gift to share with others!

*Victoria*

*Readings for January 31<sup>st</sup>  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13  
 Luke 4:21-30

PRAYERS

Ray Barnes  
 Luis Batayola  
 Joe Byrne  
 Kay De Ambrosio  
 Evan Dubicki  
 Bob Flakus  
 Martha Harris  
 Frank Martin

James McNamara  
 George Nemeth  
 Mary Roberts  
 Effie Rohner  
 Evelyn Stetz  
 Don Sullivan  
 Chris Young

PRAYERS

## Announcements

### *Whole Community Gathering*

Saturday, February 6 after the 5pm mass. Fr. Peter Bryne, SJ, will speak on Walking with Jesus in his suffering and death. Dinner is provided immediately following mass. Fr. Peter will lead the adult session. There will be separate sessions for grades K-4 (lead by Kathleen Lofstedt) and grades 1-5 (lead by Shannon Fleming Bray). Babysitting available for children age 2-4. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church. Please sign-up early to assist in our planning. Questions, call or email Victoria at the parish office.

### *Catholic Schools Week*

Catholic Schools week begins Sunday January 31st and we would like to invite our Parish Community and guests for coffee and brownies after the 10:30 Mass as a kick off to the school open house. The reception will be in the Church basement. Our older students will be leading school tours from 12:00 to 2:00. Catholic Schools Week is a very exciting and fun filled time for the students and more details about the events planned for the week will be included in the next bulletin.

### *Rebuilding homes in New Orleans*

St. Catherine is sending a group of parishioners down to New Orleans this spring to rebuild homes with the St. Bernard Project May 1-8. Parishioner Sr. Judy is now working with this group in NOLA. This is a program operating in the areas hardest hit by the hurricanes Katrina and Rita. 100% of the homes were rendered uninhabitable and few have been rebuilt. Check out the parish web site for more information including pictures and links to the St. Bernard Project Web site. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

### *Social Justice*

If you are interested in Social Justice or learning more about it please join the Social Justice Committee every 3rd Sunday of the Month. However this month it has been moved to this weekend, Sunday, January 24th after the 10:30 mass. The Social Justice groups works to educate the parish about issues of social justice, as well as advocate for change, and engage in the gospel call towards a faith that does justice.

### *Marriage Encounter*

Take a fresh look at your marriage; come for a weekend encounter. Upcoming weekends on Feb. 12-14 in Centralia or Feb. 26-28 in Seattle. Contact Rory & Dawn Myers at 206-772-2344 or [seattlemw@yahoo.com](mailto:seattlemw@yahoo.com).

### *Priory Spirituality Center Program*

"Stumbling toward God" - Sat, February 6, 9:15 - 3:00. Register by prior Friday. \$50. Bring a sack lunch, paper and pencil for writing. More at [www.stplacid.org](http://www.stplacid.org)

### *Parish Stewardship*

*January 17, 2010*

Collection Total: \$9,322.00

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### *Palms needed*

Please bring last year's palms so that we can burn them for ashes on Ash Wednesday. We need them by February 14 at the latest.

### *Volleyball Sign-Up*

Volleyball sign-up begins now through Feb 20. Forms are at the doors of the church.

### *Catechesis Of Mt. Carmel Scapular*

St. Catherine Lay Carmelites will conduct a presentation on aspects of Carmelite Spirituality, including the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, on Sunday, February 7th at 9:30am in the Benincasa Center. This is an opportunity to learn about one of the Church's most treasured sacramentals, along with an 800 year tradition.

### *Discernment in Daily Life*

Interested in developing a practice of listening for God in your life choices and responding in faith? Looking for an inner compass in confusing times? Join us at St. Joseph's Parish Center (732 18th Ave. East, Seattle) for Five Thursday Evenings: January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, from 6:30 - 9 PM. Learn more: [ignatiancenter.org](http://ignatiancenter.org)

### *A Contemplative Silent Weekend Retreat*

Introductory & Continuing Centering Prayer January 29-31, 2010 at Palisades Retreat Center: <http://www.seattlearch.org/Palisades>. A group retreat with time for practicing Centering Prayer, opportunities to share our experiences and ask questions, and to celebrate the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

### *Help Needed at Angelorum*

Now called Next Step Pregnancy Services, a Ministry of Angelorum, we are actively working on our medical conversion and we have three specific needs: office volunteers, two Medical Personnel, and a Medical Director to oversee the whole operation. The Medical Director must be an MD or a DO and be able to commit to 2 hours of volunteer time per week. If you know anyone that may be interested in any of these positions, please contact Kathy Gipson, Executive Director (425) 329-4569 or [kathy@angelorum.org](mailto:kathy@angelorum.org).