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Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, coffee hour following
First Eucharist Class: 9:15am - Benincasa
Faith Formation: 9:30 - Benincasa
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

8 Monday

Communion Service: 9am

9 Tuesday

Mass: 9am
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
Lent Scripture Class: 7pm - Benincasa

10 Wednesday

Communion Service: 9am

11 Thursday

Mass: 9am
RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
Choir: 7pm - Church

12 Friday

Mass: 9am
Stations of the Cross: 2:15 - Church

13 Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
Mass: 5pm
Irish Pub Night: 6pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement

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*Readings for March 14th
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Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

PRAYERS

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

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

PRAYERS

..... *A Word from Victoria*

When we hear the word hospitality, we most likely think first of food. When someone visits us in our homes, we serve something to eat and drink. Parishes and schools have hospitality committees that provide food and beverages for meetings. We all know the importance of food, not merely as sustenance, but as communion. Gathering around food is not merely a response of hunger, but a desire for relationship. Food feeds us and draws us together.

When we gather for Eucharist, we are seeking communion. We hope to be fed, and we hope to connect with others and with God. There is much that feeds us—the Word of God, the body and blood of Jesus, the welcome of the community.

We know how difficult it is to eat in a hostile environment. When there is a family argument at dinner or when members arrive angry at the table, it is difficult to eat and communion is impossible. When we are in a group and do not know anyone, we may eat, but not be fed.

This is true even in church communities. If we visit a new community, but are not welcomed, we will be fed by the Word of God and the eucharist, but we may find ourselves eating alone without connection to the others gathered.

I think we would describe ourselves as a welcoming and hospitable community. And we are. We have greeters at most of the doors of the church, we welcome people, we have worship aids to help visitors find their way through the liturgy, we have coffee and donuts, we get along with each other.

Henri Nouwen wrote a very influential book entitled *Reaching Out*. He structures his book around the three movements of the spiritual life—reaching out to ourselves, to others, and to God. He describes the movement of reaching out to others as a movement from hostility to hospitality. I am beginning to think that Nouwen’s concept of reaching out would deepen our hospitality. We would be moved to an active way of welcoming. We would actively reach out to others.

I am not thinking we would form groups to stand on street corners or go door to door to spread the faith. Rather, that we could be more intentional about reaching out to others. When we gather at mass or at meetings, reaching out would mean making the effort to greet someone you don’t know, exchanging names and parts of our stories, offering to show them around, accompanying them to coffee hour or introducing them to others.

Reaching out would also include inviting others to join us in community and faith. We live in the most unchurched part of the country. There are many people who do not have a faith community. We could reach out and invite friends, family, or co-workers to join us at mass. Jesus often reached out and invited others to join him in the journey of faith. We could do the same.

Lenten disciplines are not only about giving up. Perhaps our Lenten discipline as a community could be about reaching out. And we wouldn’t have to stop reaching out after Lent. Reaching out could become our way of enhancing our hospitality throughout the year.

Victoria

Announcements

Thanks from the New Orleans Service trip group!

Thank you so much to all of you who so generously supported our Service trip to New Orleans at the Mardi Gras fundraiser. Your generosity and presence were a great gift and we made \$1200 to take with us down to the St. Bernard Project. These funds along with your prayers of support will help us build a bond between our community and theirs as we join the rebuilding effort. We will come back with many pictures and stories to let you know what we were able to accomplish with your help! If you didn't get the chance to donate you can still do so at any time before we go, May 1-8. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray to get involved.

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. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details. 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 the does justice.

Sr. High Youth

Youth Group is happening and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish web site.

Hunger Banquet and Speaker - Sun, March 7, 4-6PM

Baptism of Infants

The next baptism of infants will be at the 10:30 mass on April 25. Other dates and masses are available. Please contact Victoria soon if you would like to have your child baptized in the next few months. A meeting with Victoria and attendance at the preparation class is required.

Help Needed Making Lunches

Can you help make lunches for the Mt Carmel drop-in day shelter for the homeless and hungry? This would be just once a month, often in the morning, but times are flexible. A group of women from the Altar Society has been doing this, but needs help. This could become an outreach project for a group of families or individuals, even alternating months. Call or email Victoria soon if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Help Wanted

There is a tree that needs to be cut down at the Siena Center. *Can you help?* The garbage disposal is not working. *Can you check it out and/or replace it?* Call or email Victoria if you can help with these projects.

Nanny Available

Former parishioner Catherine Fernandes is looking for a full or part-time Nanny position. Call 206.784.3134.

Parish Stewardship

February 28, 2010

Collection Total: \$7,039.00

Rice Bowl: \$441.00

Black and Indian Mission: \$240.00

Peace Day for Women

"Friends and Strangers along the Way": led by Susan Dewitt, CSJP. Wednesday, March 17th, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue. Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. To register or for more information contact Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org.

CYO Track and Field Registration

Track season is upon us and it is open for 4th-8th graders. Please fill out the registration form and return it to the office by March 15, 2010. Track practices are held at the Nathan Hale Track on Tues and Fri, 5:30-7p and Sat 10:30-12. The first practice will be on Friday, March 5. We combine our school with Assumption St. Bridget, St. Matthews, and Our Lady of the Lake. We are also looking for parents who can help out with practices and coaching. If you would like to help out with the track and field team please indicate this on the registration form. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Wong at wongohana@q.com or 206-362-5011.

Bulletin Help Needed

Our new bulletin editor, Kristin Adams Litke, is soon to go on maternity leave. We will need a sub for a period of time. If you can step in and help, please contact Kristin at 206-418-6135 or kristin@adamslitkedesign.com.

Hospitality

New to St. Catherine? Looking for an overview of the community? Wondering how to get involved? There are parishioners who will visit with you, show you around, and help you get connected. Call the parish office and we will match you with a parishioner to welcome and orient you. Interested in reaching out to visitors or new members? Call John McDermott at 789-4295 or Loida Olivias at 255-3754.

Notre Dame Glee Club Concert

Recognized as one of the finest all male collegiate choral groups in the country, the University of Notre Dame Glee Club is coming to Seattle on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Location: Eastside Catholic School Chapel. Tickets: \$16.50 adults; \$6 children <12. Advance purchase is recommended: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=199250>.