

All Saints Day

..... *A Word from Victoria*

1 All Saints Day

Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee Hour following
Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
First Reconciliation Class: 9:30am - Benincasa
Mission Trip Meeting: 9:30am - School Cafeteria
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

2 Monday - All Souls Day

Mass: 9am
Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa
School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa
St. Vincent de Paul: 7pm - Benincasa

3 Tuesday

Mass: 9am
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm

4 Wednesday

Children's (4th-8th) Choir: 7:45am - Music Room
Communion Service: 9am
JustMatters: 6:30pm - Benincasa
Kindergarten Open House: 7pm - Classroom

5 Thursday

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

6 Friday

Mass: 9am

7 Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm - Church
Mass: 5pm
Whole Community Gathering: 6pm - Victoria Hall
AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement

8 32nd Sunday

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I have found myself in recent weeks sorting compost and recycle and trash. Rarely do I see a receptacle on our parish and school campus that is not contaminated with the wrong items. I had a very low point last week when it occurred to me that our problems with composting and recycling may not be due to lack of knowledge but to lack of care. That was a very depressing moment.

However, I could not remain there for very long, and have returned to a place of hope.

First, an explanation/confession by way of StrengthFinders: As you know, we are beginning to use the StrengthFinders tool to help us all discover our innate, God-given strengths. My first strength is Connectedness. This strength is one that sees the connections among all people and all of creation. I am always aware of how we are all connected, how our actions affect others and even the world. I take composting and recycling very seriously because I can easily see the mounds of trash we are creating, the effect on our local environment, on the world and especially on the poor.

My hope is that we would become a green parish and school. I can be overwhelmed by the immensity and complexity of environmental issues, but I think that composting and recycling provides a relatively easy way for me and for all of us to live as good stewards of creation.

It does require some education, but our composting/recycling plan is exactly the same as the City of Seattle. More than education, care is required. We have to care—about the environment, about the future of the earth, about next generations.

Last week I wrote about stewardship of time. This week's call is to stewardship of creation. This is the call that is part of the earliest stories of creation. Human persons are entrusted with the stewardship of all of creation. This call embraces our support of all human life from conception through natural death, care for animals, and care for the earth.

To compost and recycle is a small step toward creating a better environment for everyone in the world. If many of us take these small steps, at home and here, there will be benefit to the ends of the earth. Small steps can lead to bigger steps can lead to major improvement in our care for the earth.

Please take time this week to consider how you will be a good steward of the earth. Please take time to be informed about composting and recycling and to support our efforts as a parish and school community to be good stewards.

Together we create a future full of hope—for us and for all God's creation.

Victoria

Readings for November 8th

32nd Sunday

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 2:24-28
Matthew 12:38-44

PRAYERS

Ray Barnes
Luis Batayola
Joe Byrne
Kay De Ambrosio
Evan Dubicki
Bob Flakus

Frank Martin
James McNamara
Effie Rohner
Evelyn Stetz
Don Sullivan
Chris Young

PRAYERS

Announcements

Parish Picture Directory

We are preparing a new parish picture directory. The schedule is as follows: Friday, November 27 (1-8); Saturday, November 28 (9-4); Tuesday-Friday, December 1-4 (1-8); Saturday, December 5 (9-4). Families with children in town over Thanksgiving will be given priority on the first two dates. To sign up, go to the parish website and click on the link for picture directory or contact Elsa Alvarez at 524-8981 or elsaalvarez@hotmail.com. If you can help with telephoning or with welcome on the picture days, contact Elsa at information above.

Daily and Sunday Missal

Living with Christ is a small monthly missal that contains the scripture readings for every day of the week. There is a price break for bulk orders. The cost to receive the missal for a year is \$19 if we order 30 copies. The cost for 1-4 copies is \$28 per year; for 5-9, \$24 per year; for 10-29, \$21.50 per year. The cost is more for large print. If you are interested in ordering, please contact Victoria.

St. Catherine School Kindergarten Open House

Do you have a child that will be ready for Kindergarten next fall? If so, please join us for our Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 4th beginning at 7pm. Please call (206) 525-0581 if you have any questions.

Whole Community Gathering

Next Saturday, November 7 after the 5pm mass, with dinner at 6, presentations at 7, dessert and ending at 8:15. Fr. Peter Byrne, SJ, will lead the adult session on Walking with Jesus in Faith and Discipleship. Kathleen Lofstedt will lead the K-4 graders, and Johnna Reitz will lead the 5-8 graders. Please return the forms (at doors of church) or email/call Victoria to RSVP.

Help Needed

There is a dead tree at the Siena Center that needs to be removed. There are plenty of options for weeding. Call Victoria for details or to volunteer.

**HOLIDAY WREATH and POINSETTIA SALE
(Order forms due this week!)**

The St. Catherine circle of the Association for Catholic Childhood (ACC) will be selling the finest quality Northwest 22" mixed Noble Fir wreaths for \$20 each. And new this year, we also will offer locally grown, stunning, florist quality red poinsettias in two sizes. All profits from this sale go directly to the charitable children's organizations that ACC supports. Wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered to St. Catherine's on Nov. 23rd. Look for order forms on the table at the back of the church and return them to the parish or school office by November 2nd. Call Gayle Kaplan 206.527-5261 or Leslie Bartlett at 517-8040 if you have any questions.

Parish Stewardship
October 25, 2009
Collection Total: \$6,638.00
October EFT/Credit Card Donations: \$4,718.00

Parents with Young Children

We had a small group at last Sunday's meeting and generated some good ideas. We are still very interested in hearing from those families that couldn't make the meeting but that may want to participate in the various opportunities in the future. We are putting together an email with our current ideas and hope to get feedback from the group. Please contact us if you would like to receive this email. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray or Crystal Koory.

..... *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. Our next meeting is November 15 after the 10:30 mass. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

Mission Trips - This Weekend!

Are you interested in participating in a life changing service immersion experience this coming summer? We are building a Mission Program at St. Catherine and I would like to see who is interested and in what type of Mission Immersion. This meeting is an opportunity to come and share your own ideas and to hear about the possibilities already available. Join us Sunday, November 1st in between the masses. Meet in the school Cafeteria at 9:30am. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.

..... *Youth Ministry*

Sr. High Youth

Youth Group has begun and all students in the Youth Group has begun and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish web site. Upcoming events:
YOUTH CONVENTION: 11/7-8 - a weekend long event gathering thousands of teens from around the diocese for workshops, worship and fun. Brochure available on Youth Group website.
JUSTICE EVENT: Sunday, 11/15, 4-5:30 in Victoria Hall Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.