

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee Hour following
 Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
 Young Families Gathering: 11:30 - Victoria Hall
 Youth Group: TBA
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 26 Monday**
 Communion Service: 9am
 Liturgy Committee: 7pm - Benincasa
- 27 Tuesday**
 Mass: 9am
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
- 28 Wednesday**
 Children's (4th-8th) Choir: 7:45am - Music Room
 Communion Service: 9am
 Head of Ministries Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa
- 29 Thursday**
 Mass: 9am
 RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
 Choir: 7pm - Church
- 30 Friday**
 Mass: 9am
- 31 Saturday**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm - Church
 Mass: 5pm
 AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement
- 1 All Saints Day**
 Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, Coffee Hour following
 Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
 First Reconciliation Class: 9:30am - Benincasa
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

Readings for November 1st
All Saints Day
 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12a

PRAYERS

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| Ray Barnes | Frank Martin |
| Luis Batayola | James McNamara |
| Joe Byrne | Effie Rohner |
| Kay De Ambrosio | Evelyn Stetz |
| Evan Dubicki | Don Sullivan |
| Bob Flakus | Chris Young |

PRAYERS

..... *A Word from Victoria*

I read an interesting article in the Progress last week about handwriting. At St. Mary Magdalene School in Everett, all students practice handwriting every day. Their principal believes that it helps the student be organized and be neat in other areas as well. She also knows that it is important for job applications, and wishes parents would practice better handwriting when they communicate with the school.

The article got me thinking about my own handwriting—which is terrible and often illegible even to me! And to think that I won a statue of Jesus in second grade for the best handwriting! It has been downhill ever since. I think that my terrible handwriting results from my failure to take more time to write carefully.

I would like to think that if I took more time to write my handwriting would be better. Now I wonder if I have waited too long to make the change, too long to practice better handwriting. Is it even possible for me to write better now?

I think that this is perhaps the dilemma many of us face—and not primarily about handwriting. There are many things that we think we ought to be doing, but we do not seem to have the time. Or we do not seem to make the time. We may struggle to find time to exercise, time to eat better, time to pray, time to spend more time with our loved ones, time to read, time to learn a new language, time to attend mass. We are all very busy and have many obligations. The problem is that we can wait too long to take time for any one or more of these things. And then it may be too late to make the change.

This is the season of stewardship. We are invited to consider how we use our time, talent and treasure. Today, the focus is on time. Are we being good stewards of our time? Are we spending our time doing what we think is most important, doing the things that we want to do but struggle to find the time to do?

Perhaps this is a good time to think about how we use our time. It used to be said that we could look at our checkbook to see how we use our money. Perhaps we can look at our calendars and see how we use our time.

Is there something for which you would like to find time? Will you be able to find the time before it is too late? Is there something to which you give too much time. Can you make a change? Now is the time.

Victoria

Announcements

First Reconciliation Preparation

There will be a meeting on **Monday, October 26th** at 7pm in the Benincasa Center for parents of children wishing to have their First Reconciliation in December. First Reconciliation is typically for children in the 2nd grade or older. Contact Crystal Koory with questions.

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. There will be a presentation that includes tours of the school and time to meet the Kindergarten teacher. We are now accepting applications for the Kindergarten class of 2010-2011. Applications are available on our website www.stcatherineschool.net or in the school office. Please call (206)525-0581 if you have any questions.

Faure "Requiem" Concert

The combined choirs of St. Catherine, Our Lady of the Lake, St. Benedict, St. Anne, and Assumption will present Faure's magnificent "Requiem" (with orchestra) on Sunday afternoon, **November 1st** at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Our Lady of the Lake, 8900 35th Ave. NE in Seattle. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

Monday, October 26, 2009 from 7-9 pm at St. Joseph Parish Center, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle. Learn some of the key elements of Ignatian Spirituality, experience Ignatian Prayer, and find out about some of the local opportunities available including SEEL, CLC, MAGIS and ISC's programs.

Parish Stewardship

October 18, 2009

Collection Total: \$6,426.00

Parents with Young Children

We would like to invite all parents with young children to a gathering in Victoria Hall on **Sunday, October 25th** after the 10:30 Mass. We'll provide a light lunch of soup and bread and will discuss what programs you may be interested in within the parish - Parenting for Peace, Monthly Potlucks, etc. We know a similar meeting was held about 2 years ago, and we now have some new energy committed to making this group a reality! Contact Shannon Fleming Bray or Crystal Koory with questions.

Social Justice

We had a very inspired meeting last week and focused especially on ways to invite the parish to the service opportunities that you all showed great interest in on the parish survey last spring. If you are interested in Social Justice please join the Social Justice Committee every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Our next meeting is **November 15th after the 10:30 mass**. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

Mission Trips

Are you interested in participating in a life changing service immersion experience this coming summer? We are building a Mission Program and this meeting is an opportunity to come and share your own ideas and to hear about the possibilities already available. Please join us **Sunday, November 1st** in the school Cafeteria at 9:30am.

Youth Ministry

Sr. High Youth

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 website. Upcoming events:
FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 10/25 - visit a Haunted House, details TBA
YOUTH CONVENTION: 11/7-8 - a weekend long event gathering thousands of teens from around the diocese for workshops, worship and fun.
JUSTICE EVENT: Sunday, 11/15, 4-5:30 in Victoria Hall. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.