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## **THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS**

### **PRE-LENTE MISSION, "GROWTH IN PRAYER" Welcome Father Mullady**

At the Masses this weekend Father has introduced you to our pre-Lenten Mission and Monday-Thursday, Feb. 16-19 following the 8:30am Mass and in the evening, Fr. Brian Thomas Becket Mullady, will help us to begin preparing for Lent.

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Remember Mon., Feb. 16, 1:00-6:00pm in the hall and schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Remember your photo ID.

### **SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK**

At 11:30am on Wed. Feb. 18, in the Fireside Room all those 50+ (widows, widowers, divorced & not married) are welcome to gather socially for a potluck lunch. Fr. Mullady, as well as some parish staff, will attend this luncheon. Remember to bring your pennies for Pokino and any ideas you may have for another activity. Questions or need a ride call Jean, 835-3601.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

This week we'll all be attending the parish pre-Lenten Mission.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

It's time to consider receiving the special graces of this sacrament! Class meets every Wednesday for approximately 9 weeks, 7:30-9:00pm in Room 17 with those not been confirmed. Contact Drew at 834-1301 ext 212.

### **RCIA**

We are drawing near to Lent and finally to our Easter Vigil when as a Church we will be welcoming new members. You can become a part of the ceremony by volunteering some time to get to know one of our catechumens or candidates and take on the role as sponsor. Currently we need 2 men and 1 woman. Contact Drew, ext. 212 to find out more information.

### **ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The St. Thomas Aquinas 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat will be held Friday evening through Sunday, Feb. 20-22, at the Anderson Lodge retreat center in Ariel, Washington. The regular parishioner registration rate is \$100. Non-parishioners can register after Feb. 8 at a cost of \$125. Please don't hesitate to forward questions to our Retreat Contact, Karen Normandeau at 835-7307 or [gknorman-deau@aol.com](mailto:gknorman-deau@aol.com). Registration forms are in the vestibule and parish office.

### **ADORATION CHANGE**

Beginning on the first Friday of Lent adoration will be continuously in the chapel and will remain in the chapel at all times. This change will make simplify Stations of the Cross and wedding rehearsals. Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Mondays, 2:00-3:00am, & 3:00-4:00am, Fridays, 7:00pm & Saturdays 1:00pm-2:00pm & 3:00-4:00pm we need some people to take an hour with our Lord and we have several times when just one person is signed up, if you can commit to an hour you will be welcomed. Call the office if you can fill a position, 834-2126 ext. 0. Copies of the adoration schedule are available in the chapel on the bulletin board and in the vestibule.

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please remember to bring your books!

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Important Dates for both Parents & Communicants:**

Mar. 20 & 27, 7:00pm, Eucharist Talk with Fr. Gillette

Apr. 18, 9:00-noon: Retreat

May 1, 7:00pm: Practice

May 2, 5:00pm: First Holy Communion Mass; pictures before Mass

**Parish Note:** First Holy Communion will be celebrated at only one Mass this year. With 50 children preparing for this holy sacrament, the 5:00pm will be quite full. Please be prepared for overflowing attendance at this Mass on May 2.

### **RCIC**

We will meet this Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm in the Old Rectory Dining Room.

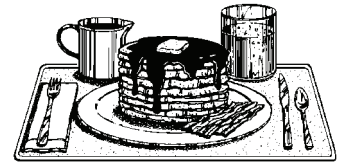
## **SHROVE TUESDAY, MARDI GRAS!**

### **PANCAKE DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 24, 5:00-7:00PM**

**\$5 PERSON-\$25 PER FAMILY**

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## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**



## **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

**Parent-Candidate Meeting**

**Thu., Feb. 12, 7:00pm**

**Hall**

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm
- **DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY (DTS)** Wednesday 7:45-9:00pm
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** Sunday 1:30-3:00pm

**A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."**

**Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."**

Most of us haven't been healed as dramatically as the leper in today's Gospel. Yet like the leper we should joyfully acknowledge the good things God has done for us – so many things.

## **NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS**

### **BOOK SALE**

Pacific Crest Academy invites St. Thomas parishioners to their Usborne Book Fair being held in the PCA Library Feb 23-27, 8:00-3:15pm daily. Stop by and shop for innumerable educational children's titles, with 50% of proceeds benefiting the PCA Library.

### **BIRTHRIGHT**

She'd been so scared and thought abortion was the only solution until her Birthright volunteer helped her calm down and begin to think through her options. Be part of this life giving ministry. Call BIRTHRIGHT at 694-8156 or speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622.

### **JOHN PAUL II CENTER FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

- Feb. 17: 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club  
8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- Feb. 19: 6:30pm Servants of Christ's Love  
7:30pm Theology of the Body Study group
- Feb. 24: 9:30am Mad Hatters  
1:00-3:00pm Free Blood Pressure Screening  
8:00pm AA Meeting
- Feb. 26: 6:30pm Servants of Christ's Love
- We are continuing our warm clothing drive.  
Our Adult Daycare service is also still available to anyone interested.

### **WILL BABY PICTURES AND SOCKS CHANGE THE PRO-ABORTION HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC??**

A member of Clark County Right to Life thinks they might and needs your help before she visits DC in the spring. She wants to collect baby pictures taken since 1973....3,300 of them....the same number of surgical abortions performed every day in America....And 3,300 pairs of baby socks. And bring them to the offices of our legislators. Send by March 1st to Babies Are Precious, 8002 NE Hwy 99 #116, Vancouver, WA 98665 Please write on back of each picture: "Precious Gift". Pictures/socks will NOT be returned. For more information you may call Gerry Parmantier, Secretary, CCRTL, at 360-695-6343 (home) or email [4life@clarkrtl.org](mailto:4life@clarkrtl.org)

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

If you are a woman or man suffering from an abortion in your life, experience God's forgiveness and compassion on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat Mar. 6-8 in Medford or Apr. 24-26 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. For more information contact: Lori Eckstine, Project Rachel Coordinator at 800 249-8074 or E-mail: [E2Lori@aol.com](mailto:E2Lori@aol.com). The cost is \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY—THE BEGINNING OF LENT 2/25**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 12:00 (noon) and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

For Lent the Stations of the Cross begin on Fri., Feb. 27, 6:00pm. This is a traditional practice and if parishioners are unable to come on Fridays, they are encouraged to make the Stations on their own. The side door of the church by the breezeway is left open for access to private devotion. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

For parents who would like their child (under age 7) or newborn baptized and for those invited to be a witness at a Baptism a preparation session will be offered on Sun., Mar. 1. Contact the parish office to register for these classes, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome.



### **MEN'S RETREAT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Men's Retreat will be Friday evening, Sunday, Apr. 24- 26 at Mount Angel Abbey in Mt. Angel Oregon. The theme for the retreat is "Man of God", with four main talks: "Jesus as the Model for the Man of God"; "The Man of God at Work and in Business"; "The Man of God in the Family"; and "The Man of God in Parish Life". The style of the retreat is "mixed"--there will be ample time for silence and prayer, as long as fellowship and conversation. Registration form, will be coming soon! Contact Justin, 907-9648 or [nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com).

### **ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED**

Catholic Community Services is looking for prospective parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea. For information about this and other adoption programs please call 206 328-5921 or check [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org).

### **ADAPTED MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**

Please join us at Holy Redeemer Parish, 705 SE Parkcrest, Ste. A-100, on Sat., Feb. 21, 10:30am, to celebrate an adapted liturgy with Fr. Richard Berg, c.s.c. presiding.. For further information, please contact Mary Sutter 892-0951, email: [sutt4@aol.com](mailto:sutt4@aol.com)

#### **OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY**

WE REPORT THIS ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM 7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

Actual Collection through 2/2	\$11,375
Budget through 2/2	\$14,891
Cumulative Collection 31 weeks	\$414,077
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 31 weeks	-\$39,441 -8.7%

# This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

## February 14 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Larry Elner (Killman)  
6:00pm Marriage Celebration, Hall

## February 15 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Coffee Hour is sponsored by the CDA**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 2**  
**Old Testament: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**  
**New Testament: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**  
**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

8:00am Mass for the soul Dorothy Canning (Wilmott)  
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room  
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11  
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma Schmid (Simms)  
1:30pm High School Faith Formation

## February 16 MONDAY (Staff Day off) Pre-Lenten Mission

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the Ornellas Family (DeGroats)  
Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
9:10am Rosary  
1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Hall  
5:30pm Prayer Group Leaders Potluck, Fireside Room  
6:00pm Scouts, Hall  
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
7:00pm Rosary, Mission presentation followed by Confessions

## February 17 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Brandon Hendrick (Simms)  
Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group at Mission  
7:00pm Rosary, Mission presentation followed by Confessions

## February 18 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Gary Tipton (Heacock)  
Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
9:10am Rosary  
11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room  
6:00pm Rosary, Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
Faith Formation, Church  
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
7:30pm DTS, Youth Room  
7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17  
7:30pm 4th Degree KC's, Fireside Room  
7:30pm Executive Board, Old Rectory

## February 19 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul Mildred Ornellas (Sheppard)  
Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
9:10am Rosary  
9:15am Bible Study, Fireside Room  
11:30 Highland Terrace Mass for Harley & Linda Powell (DeBoever)  
3:15pm Vox Clara, Room 16  
7:00pm Rosary, Mission presentation followed by Confessions  
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room  
7:00pm Choir practice, Room 16  
7:00pm RCIC, Old Rectory

## February 20 FRIDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Familia, Fireside Room  
9:00am Church cleaners at work  
12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Kristin Yoshimura (Baenen)

## February 21 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Mary Rose Cole (Eledge)  
9:40am Rosary  
10:00am Confessions  
3:30pm Confessions  
5:00pm Fr. Belinsky Vigil Mass  
6:30pm Craft Night, Fireside Room

## February 22 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Circle of Love Prayer Group**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 3**  
**Old Testament: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25**  
**New Testament: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22**  
**Gospel: Mark 2:1-12**

8:00am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass  
9:30am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass  
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room  
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11  
11:30am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass  
1:30pm High School Faith Formation

## CALENDAR OF EVENT

- Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday, Masses 8:30am, noon & 7:00pm
- Feb. 27 Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
- Mar. 1 Baptism Preparation
- Mar. 28 & 29 Rev. Victor P. Warkulwiz, M.S.S.
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- Apr. 25 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 17 Confirmation Mass

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Catholics and others will be praying for 40 Days at Planned Parenthood in Vancouver, 5500 NE 109th Ct., Suite A, off of Gher Rd., throughout this Lenten season. We will be praying from 8:00-5:00pm each day beginning Feb. 26 and ending March 8. Please bring warm (or cold) beverages for your own comfort, dress warm and bring yourself a chair if you so chose. Our goal is to save a few lives for Jesus this Lenten season. Can you help us pray? Bring positive signs and banners of your own making. "Christ loves you and your baby." "Your baby is beautiful."

Schedule:

Group/Contact;	Day of the week;	Dates;
Clark County Right to Life-Joan Oser 360-573-7459	Mon. 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & 4/6.	
Still Open-Call Jerry Ross 360-673-2376 or Cell 360-957-0526	Tue. 3/7, 14, 21, 28 & 4/7.	
St. John's KC's-Mike Calderon 360-892-5702	Wed. 3/4, 11, 18, 25 & 4/1, 8.	
Carol Wiese(AM 360-885-0023), Peggy Girard(PM 360-696-2949)	Thu. 2/26, 3/5, 12, 19, 26 & 4/2.	
Human Life of Cowlitz County-Norma Peters 360-636-4553	Fri. 2/27, 3/6, 13, 20, 27, & 4/3	

To car pool with others from St. Thomas, please call Jerry Ross at 360 673-2376 (Kelso).

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