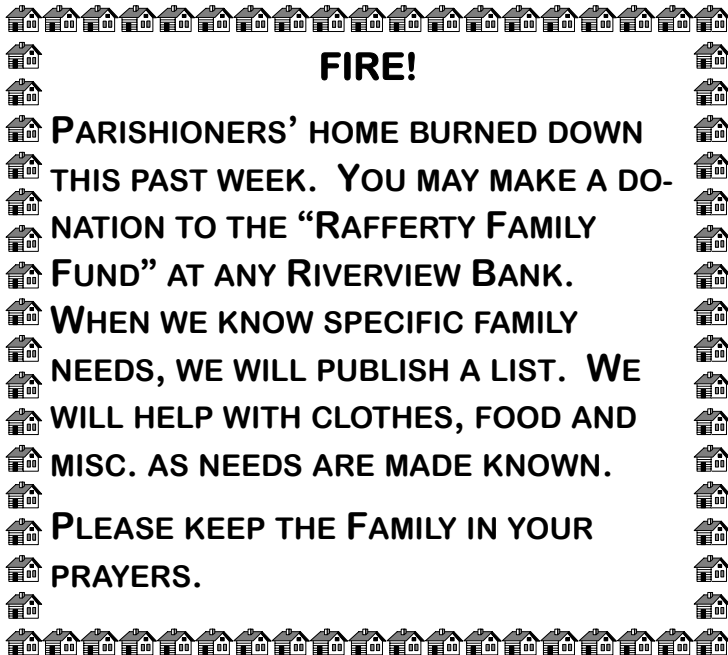


REMEMBER TO SUPPORT AND THANK OUR SPONSORS
THOSE WHO ADVERTISE ON THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN MAKE THIS
PUBLICATION POSSIBLE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK THEM.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Classes are on Sunday mornings before and during 9:30am Mass.
This is a faith formation class designed for children who need a non-
traditional classroom setting. Contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393. or pathwaystolearning@live.com.



FIRE!

**PARISHIONERS' HOME BURNED DOWN
THIS PAST WEEK. YOU MAY MAKE A DO-
NATION TO THE "RAFFERTY FAMILY
FUND" AT ANY RIVERVIEW BANK.
WHEN WE KNOW SPECIFIC FAMILY
NEEDS, WE WILL PUBLISH A LIST. WE
WILL HELP WITH CLOTHES, FOOD AND
MISC. AS NEEDS ARE MADE KNOWN.
PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILY IN YOUR
PRAYERS.**

WEDDING RING FOUND

Please claim at the parish office. Items left at Summer Camp are now
in The Belisle Library along with other Lost and Found items.

DISHES!

Please remember to claim your dishes in the hall kitchen that have
been left here. Unclaimed dishes go to the Rummage Sale.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We now have the following openings, so your help is needed:

Monday, 2:00-3:00am

Tuesday, 4:00-5:00am

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am & 2:00-3:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am & 4:00-5:00am

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm & 10:00-11:00pm



Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour or be
added to the substitute list 834-2126 ext. 0 or [jeanne@st-
thomascamas.org](mailto:jeanne@st-thomascamas.org) Schedules are in the adoration chapel.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

**WANTED: METAL LIDS FROM JUICE,
LEMONADE CANS OR ROLL CANS!
NEEDED BY AUG. 1 FOR VBS PROJECTS.**



VBS 2010

Aug. 2-6 from 10:00am to noon for children 4
years thru grade 5. Registration forms are avail-
able in the church vestibule and parish office.

Please return the registration form, with the \$5
per child fee to the parish office by **July 23**. **BE SURE** to check which
day you can help!

All Middle School (grades 6, 7 & 8) teen or High School teen willing to
help, one day or more, please contact Kim Steinke at 834-2126, ext. 207
or kim@st-thomascamas.org

FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES

Certificates, pictures and other items are ready for pickup in the parish
office! Pick up your child's this week.

HELP NEEDED!

The Good Shepherd Program is looking for a wood worker to make dio-
ramas and storage boxes, small to medium sized bibles in foreign lan-
guages, small (3"x 3") to Medium (6"x 6") sized plain boxes (like jewelry
come in), rectangle or square, 1/2"-3" thick, Michael's and Joann's craft
coupons. Please leave items in basket in the office or coupons in the
pouch on door to room 11. Please don't forget the fundraiser at Sweet
Tomatoes, Wednesday July 14, see flyer in bulletin for details!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Beginning next Mon., July 19 through Wed., July 21, 8:30am until noon will
be training is for all active altar servers and all boys who have received their
First Communion who would like to be altar servers.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BACK YARD MINISTRIES

St. Joseph parish is hosting Backyard Ministries, a week-long service re-
treat from July 18-24. All high school teens and young adults (college
aged) are invited to participate and experience being the "Hands and Feet"
of God. Our theme for the week is "We Are Many Parts". Not only is this a
great opportunity for teens to earn 30 service hours, it is a wonderful week
of faith, fellowship and fun! To register online go to
www.backyardministries.org

***"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but
set an example for those who believe, in speech,
conduct, love, faith, and purity." —1 Timothy 4:12***

STEWARDSHIP

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

IT IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT IS CONVINCING..

"YOU HAVE A GIFT. YOU HAVE A TALENT. FIND YOUR GIFT...
FIND YOUR TALENT...AND USE IT. YOU CAN MAKE LIFE BETTER IN
THIS WORLD JUST BY LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE
AND BY DOING YOUR PART."

Sr. Thea Bowman

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

THANK YOU!

Saint Vincent de Paul along with Community Pregnancy Clinic would like to thank everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Drive. A total of \$1347.60 was collected for the clinic. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

"It was one of the best decisions we ever made." "Our only regret is that we put off going for so long." These are comments made by couples just like you, who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Contact John and Martha Ryland at 253 859-9174, jmryland@comcast.net or Rory and Dawn Myers, 206 772-2344, seattlewme@yahoo.com.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of July 23-25 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by July 19 is recommended.)

The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for two nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Margi Harp, 503 390-7971 or margi8280@comcast.net. Additional information may be found at www.beginningexperience.org.

SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Seton Catholic High School recently concluded its first year of classes – ever. We enjoyed an extremely successful year. Thank you for your support!

Updates include: We are a college preparatory school that fosters the academic, spiritual, moral and physical development of our students. 42 students attended Seton Catholic in our first year and we expect to grow to over 85 students this fall.

Freshman orientation begins Aug. 30 and the first full day of classes will be Sep. 1.

We continue to accept applications. Please visit our website or call Andy Nichols at the school for more information.

Save the Date! Our Annual Dinner with the Archbishop is set for Sun., Nov. 7 at 5:00pm at The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver. For more information visit our website at www.Seton High.org or call us at 258-1932. We are located at 811 NE 112th Avenue, #200, Vancouver, WA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

PROTECTING THE YOUNG AND VULNERABLE

We will be hosting the Called to Protect for Ministries training class Mon., July 19 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Fireside Room. You can register for the class at the following website: <http://seattle.setanet.org/classes.php> All Clergy, employees and applicable volunteers in parishes and schools must complete the Called to Protect for Ministries training. Applicable volunteers include those with ongoing unsupervised contact with children and vulnerable adults.

CAMAS DAYS

RESPECT LIFE BOOTH

Volunteers are always needed to assist at the Knights of Columbus booth at Camas Days to distribute materials to help others understand our Catholic teachings on the value of human life. This year Camas Days are July 23-24, and if you can volunteer for an hour, please call Al Schmid, 835-5346 ASAP!

VBS 2010

Vacation Bible School will be held Aug. 2-6 from 10:00am to noon for children 4 years thru grade 5. Volunteers are needed! Call Kim, ext. 207 to see how you might help. Registration forms are in the vestibule and parish office.

HOLY HOUR ON THE EVE OF FIRST FRIDAY

In an effort to increase the importance of a devotion to His Most Sacred Heart, a Holy Hour will be offered this Thu., Aug. 5, beginning at 6:30pm in the Church. There will be Exposition and Benediction. Please join us for this beautiful spiritual exercise. As an example of holiness toward this special devotion, we can look to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690).

PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar so that you don't forget to attend our potluck picnic on Sun., Aug. 15 at Hathaway Park in Washougal.

We're looking for pictures from past picnics; please email Jeanne@st-thomascamas.org your favorites.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendar, Sep. 10 & 11 will be our annual sale. Donations will be needed, so please keep your treasures until September.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2010 THROUGH 6/30/2011

Actual Collection 7/4	\$18,372
Planned Collection 7/4	\$16,500
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) week one of new fiscal year	+\$1,872
It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give you donations to the church electronically.	Contact the office for more information 834-2126 ext 208



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

MONDAY, JULY 12

Conflict may be unavoidable

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Yet he himself rejects the idea that his teachings will lead to a Pollyanna world of shiny, happy people. Christianity is not a “nice” religion for “nice” folks. It’s a hefty and challenging commission to make God’s justice tangible on the planet—as the prayer says, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” That task requires the surrender of power and resources from the grip of the mighty into the hands of those who are meek. Are you ready to surrender that superior position without a contest?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1*
“I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

TUESDAY, JULY 13

FEAST OF HENRY

When church met state

The feast of Saint Henry (d. 1024) gives us a chance to face the church as a political reality. We are far removed from Henry and the first millennium, yet some of his long-ago actions still affect the church today. For example, Henry strongly supported enforced clerical celibacy, not for a spiritual purpose but in order that public land and offices that he had granted to the church might not be passed on to any clerical descendants. That in turn ensured that the bishops to whom he granted these benefits would remain loyal to him, the last of the Holy Roman Emperors. Indeed, he was a man of his times, but perhaps Henry should be invoked as the patron saint of (and a most excellent reason for) the *separation* of church and state.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24*
“If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all.”

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

The not-so-invisible God

If there’s one thing Christians believe above all else, it’s that Jesus Christ is the Son of God—the Incarnation, God made “visible.” Though the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that “faith is the . . . conviction of things not seen” (11:1), we hear from another New Testament letter, to the Colossians, how Christ “is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation” (1:15). Another way to say all this is that Jesus is the *revelation* of God: If you want to “see” the invisible God, if you want to know who God is, then look to Jesus. Believe in him and hear his message of loving God and neighbor with everything you have.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27*
“No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

THURSDAY, JULY 15

FEAST OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Faith seeking understanding

The play *The Million Dollar Saint*, written in the mid-1950s, portrays Saint Francis of Assisi returning to earth at a Jesuit university and recommending that they “throw away all books” because intellectual pursuits were proud and led to all kinds of evil. Unfortunately the playwright misunderstood the saint who actually welcomed eminent theologians to his humble fraternity. Saint Bonaventure, a near contemporary of Francis, studied at the University of Paris, was a distinguished thinker, a contemporary of Thomas Aquinas, and became the head of the whole Franciscan Order. But Bonaventure’s sharp mind never dissuaded him from the primacy of love. Clear thinking and holiness are not enemies. In an age of *Religion for Dummies*, it’s good to be

wary of simplistic approaches to profoundly complex human questions. We didn’t learn all there is to know about faith in kindergarten, and the more we know, the more we may love.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30*
“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.”

FRIDAY, JULY 16

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Everyday holiness

Mount Carmel is located in the Holy Land. A chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary was built there in the 12th century. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel centers on the scapular, which was originally a broad piece of cloth worn over the shoulders symbolizing the “yoke of Christ.” She promised: “Whosoever dies wearing [the scapular] shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and pledge of peace.” By sanctifying almost every aspect of human life, *sacramentals*, like the “Brown Scapular” as it is now known—along with holy water and cards, medals and rosaries—bring us closer to Jesus. And *that* is what our faith is all about.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8*
“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.”

SATURDAY, JULY 17

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

How do you see Mary?

A fair amount of confusion exists around the subject of Marian apparitions. Do Catholics believe in them? Perhaps the best answer would be: “Some do and some don’t.” In rare cases the Catholic Church may judge an apparition to be worthy of belief, but that belief is never required of Catholics. According to the Marianum Pontifical Institute in Rome, of the 295 reported apparitions studied by the Holy See through the centuries, only 12 have been approved as worthy of belief. Such an apparition is believed to offer evidence of Mary’s continuing presence in the life of the church. Whether we choose to believe an apparition or not, we can see that Mary offers a timeless witness of the full response to God’s plan for our lives: “Thy will be done.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21*
“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen.”

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please stop fussing and sit for a minute

As essentially Christian and counter-intuitive as “love your enemies may be,” Jesus’ defending Mary’s “laziness” over her hard-working sister Martha seems even more outrageous and unfair! If Americans love and believe in anything, it is hard work. It’s what gives us identity. I’m a farmer, an attorney, a physicist, a salesperson. So how can Jesus tell poor Martha, who just burned her fingers taking the soufflé out of the oven and could use a little help in the kitchen, that her sister has chosen the “better part”? It’s a matter of priority. We can imagine Jesus saying, “Martha, can’t we just get take-out? I came to visit you, not your cuisine. I know you show love by your hard work, but *you* mean so much more to me than what you do. Come sit here with me.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42*
“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

July 10 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the souls of Raphael & Dorothy Straughan (Smith)

July 11 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Squires
Liturgy of the Hours for week 3

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Veronica Beda (Baja)

9:30am Mass for the soul of Elenita Carroll (Sellers)

11:30am *Pro Populo*

6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room

7:00pm Squires, Hall

July 12 MONDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Emilia Jurca (Baja)

7:00pm Pinochle, Fireside Room

July 13 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Joe Carey (Lounsbury)

9:10am Rosary

7:00pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

July 14 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Fr. Derek Lappe (Leick)

9:10am Rosary

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

July 15 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mind Mass for the soul Ted Anderson (Simms) followed by "coffee" in the old rectory

11:30am Communion Service, Highland Terrace Nursing Home

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

July 16 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

12:00pm Mass for the Petrucci family, living and dead (Petrucci)

July 17 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the souls of Raphael & Dorothy Straughan (Smith)

9:45am Rosary

10:00am Confession

12:00pm Baptisms, Church

3:30pm Confession

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Helen Dietzman (Weidinger)

July 18 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Liturgy of the Hours for week 4

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Ivy Fioretti (Lounsbury)

9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Mass for the soul of John Carroll (Hosman, Cole, Eledge)

July 19 MONDAY

8:30am Mass for the Petrucci family, living and dead (Petrucci)

8:30am Altar Server Training, Church

6:00pm Safe Environment, Fireside Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19-21 Altar Server Training

July 20 Taize Prayer Service

July 22 Outreach meeting

Aug. 2-6 Vacation Bible School

Aug. 5 Holy Hour on the Eve of First Friday

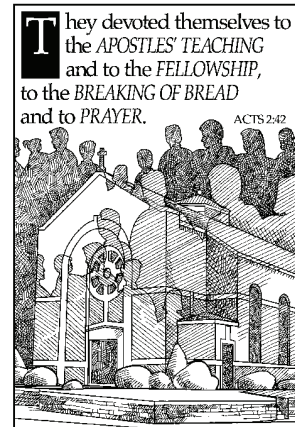
Aug. 15 Parish Picnic

Sep. 15 Faith Formation begins

"MUSIC NOTES"

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas choir! We love to welcome new members. We are looking for soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices as well as those who play orchestra instruments. Call or email --

kristinyoshimura@gmail.com, 834-1495.



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAITH

This is your chance to ask questions and get answers, short though they maybe. Questions can be submitted to knowthefait@gmail.com or the parish office, we'll pass them on to a researcher, Father will check over the answer before we publish it.

HOW DO WE FOLLOW THE WORD OF GOD?

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. As we learn in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Doing that which Jesus tells us to do is following the Word of God.

HOW DO I FIND MASS SCHEDULES FOR WHEN I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN?

You can go to www.masstimes.org. It's easy to use. Maps and the particular Church's web-site are often available as links.

Advertiser of the Week

Dr. Peter Phillips

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