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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Beginning this 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.



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

#### PROTECTING THE YOUNG AND VULNERABLE

We are hosting the Called to Protect for Ministries training class tomorrow, Mon., July 19, 6:00-9:00pm in the Fireside Room. You will be welcomed if you just show up or you may still 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.

### TAIZE PRAYER

On Tue., July 20, 7:00-8:00pm in the Church come experience the time of Meditative Prayer.

### 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!

### SCHEDULE CHANGE

As usual, the Camas parade is Saturday and streets get closed. This year we will not have a morning Mass or morning confessions. Access is allowed for those coming for adoration from third, please park in the south lot however, to avoid parade floats and people. (Our church restroom is for parishioners; the city has portable restrooms for parade participants and attendees.)

### WEDDING RING FOUND

Please claim ring 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

Thursday, 3:00-4:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am

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-](mailto:jeanne@st-)



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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

### VBS 2010 REGISTRATION FORMS DUE JULY 23!

Aug. 2-6 from 10:00am to noon for children 4 years thru grade 5. Registration forms are available 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!

Contact Kim Steinke at 834-2126, ext. 207 or [kim@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:kim@st-thomascamas.org) with questions



### GOOD SHEPHERD HELP NEEDED!

The Good Shepherd Program is looking for a wood worker to make dioramas and storage boxes, small to medium sized bibles in foreign languages, 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.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Program! Watch here to see how much we made!

### FAITH FORMATION & FIRST SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION FORMS DUE SEPT. 15

The **white** registration form is for grades 1 and 3 thru 6 Wednesday faith formation classes AND the **yellow** registration form is for grade 2 & older children in need of preparation to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of church and Parish Office. Please contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 with questions.

### BLESSED 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 with special needs**. If you feel your child would benefit from this class please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393. or [pathwaystolearning@live.com](mailto:pathwaystolearning@live.com).

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### YOUNG ADULT BEACH RETREAT

Do you want to spend a weekend at the beach with other young adults? Do you want an opportunity to discover how to improve your relationship with those in your life and God? Do you want to know how faith is a foundation to these relationships? Then come to the VAYA beach retreat Aug. 13 - 15!! Registration forms are in the vestibule and Parish Office; space is limited so be sure to register by Aug. 9. Questions? Contact Adam, 921-9232 or [Macadame@me.com](mailto:Macadame@me.com) Find us on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/vancouverarea.youngadults> Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/vancouverareayoungadults>

## STEWARDSHIP

THERE IS A SAYING AMONG THOSE WHO TITHE: "THERE ARE NO FORMER TITHERS." TITHING IS A CHALLENGE THAT CAN BE AN EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE, AS WE KNOW FROM THOSE WHO DO IT. THE U.S. BISHOPS IN THEIR 1992 PASTORAL LETTER ON STEWARDSHIP POINTED OUT THAT STEWARDSHIP IS EXPRESSED "not in a single action, nor in a number of actions over a period of time, but in an entire way of life. It means committing one's very self to the Lord."

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Fr. Gillette was ordained a priest on July 14, 1991. That means he just had an anniversary.

### 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.SetonHigh.org](http://www.SetonHigh.org) or call us at 258-1932. We are located at 811 NE 112th Avenue, #200, Vancouver, WA.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Looking for a practical Catholic man who has some sales experience, an outgoing personality, is trustworthy, competitive, aggressive and is looking for a career serving brother knights and their families. (Must have a good job history.) Position includes group life, medical insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, plus a pension plan and 401K. **Contact:** Kyle Casey (503) 387-5102 or [kyle.casey@kofc.org](mailto:kyle.casey@kofc.org)

### CAMAS QUEEN

Better brush up on your curtsyng -- we have royalty among us at St. Thomas! Bernice Pluchos was crowned Queen of the 2010 Camas Days Royal Court, an honor recognizing local senior citizens for their community involvement. Bernice, a 50 year resident in this area, has been involved in a variety of activities, ranging from helping to establish the Two Rivers Heritage Museum, Two Rivers Historical Society, a reading program at Washougal High School, and more recently being a founding member of Concerned Citizens in Action, a government accountability non-profit group. She has also been dedicated to the preservation of the Parkersville National Historic Site in Washougal. And in addition to all that, Bernice is a very capable Secretary of our Aquinas Guild! All hail our queen!

Fran Hewitt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THE AQUINAS SENIORS POTLUCK

The next lunch will be on Mon., July 26 at noon in the Fireside Room. If you would like to play Pokino, remember to bring a bunch of pennies. As for what to bring for the potluck, everything seems to work out well, so your favorite dish will work fine. We would like to see some new faces join us so if you are new to the parish, we will welcome you (after all, we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.) This is a group of people over 50 years old, if you have out of town visitors, bring them along. If you have questions or need a ride, call Jean, 835-3601.

The Aquinas Seniors met in June on the 4th Monday of the month for their potluck lunch. We had a wonderful time and the food was great. There was about 28 people there and God blessed us with a beautiful day. We had groups of people just visiting with each other, another group played Pinochle and we had a table of Pokino players. (some of the Pokino players were new to the game and had a wonderful time, and I think they are "hooked" on the game.

### 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 and must be submitted to the office this week!

### 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.



**Help needed!** The Parish Picnic is fast approaching. It takes many hands to make light the work. We are in need of teens and adults to help with the games as: fishing booth, potato sack race and water balloons are some of the fun that makes our picnic great. Please call David Ochoa, 977-8338 if you can help.

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget to set aside those usable/no-longer-needed things for our Aquinas Guild Rummage sale in September. You can bring them to the church hall from Sun., Sep. 5 through Wed., Sep. 8. The sale days will be Sep. 9, 10 and 11. Thanks!

### 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 7/11	\$11,533
Planned Collection 7/11	\$11,500
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) week one of new fiscal year	+\$1,905
<b>It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give you donations to the church electronically.</b>	<b>Contact the office for more information 834-2126 ext 208</b>



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

**MONDAY, JULY 19**

**If you do this for me, then . . .**

The scribes and Pharisees were “credentialed” religious leaders, and they took offense with this upstart Jesus. Without a degree or apparent pedigree, he appeared out of nowhere (or so it seemed) and began teaching with authority. They wanted to “see his papers,” to be given some proof, and then they would believe him. The operative phrase here is “and then.” How many times in our own faith journey have we uttered that qualifier? Help me get well, “and then” I will believe; find me a job, “and then” I will have faith; answer my prayers, “and then” I will believe. Isn’t it time we dropped the qualifier, stopped demanding signs, and let the truth of Jesus’ message speak for itself in our hearts?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42*  
*“See, something greater than Solomon is here!”*

**TUESDAY, JULY 20**

**Prayer by any other name**

It’s been said there are five kinds of prayer: praise and adoration, blessing, thanksgiving, petition, and intercession. Some prayers are one or another, but many prayers don’t fall into these neat categories; they combine different ones. Take the Lord’s Prayer, for example. It has “hallowed be thy name” (adoration) and “forgive us your trespasses” (petition). Or the Hail Mary: “The Lord is with thee” is praise, while “Blessed art thou among women” is—obviously—blessing. The five types of prayer are really more ways of praying as much as set forms. When you pray, whether the prayers of the church or your own, be aware of how the different kinds of prayer are at work. It will enrich your prayer.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50*  
*“Who is a God like you? . . . You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.”*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21**

**FEAST OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**The fruitful witness**

Can a politician be saved? Some would say it’s impossible! But we know that for God anything is possible. Take for instance today’s saint, Lawrence of Brindisi. A Capuchin priest, he was also a politician. He was at various times during the 17th century vicar-general of his order, chaplain to the emperor, papal nuncio to Bavaria, and special envoy to the king of Spain. He was in politics up to his ears. Yet his saintly patience, kindness, and goodness witnessed to those with whom he worked. “You will know them by their fruits,” Jesus said. Even politicians can bear good fruit!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9*  
*“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”*

**THURSDAY, JULY 22**

**FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE**

**The heart of a disciple**

Mary Magdalene is one of the bad girls of the Bible, right? Although tradition often depicts her that way, the gospels paint a more accurate picture of who Mary Magdalene is. Mary proclaimed the Good News with Jesus and other disciples throughout the land. At the foot of the cross she risked her own life to stand vigil with Jesus as he was cruci-

fied and died. After Jesus was buried, she channeled her own grief into an act of love by going to the tomb to show reverence. Finally, it was Mary whom the gospels tell us was the first witness to the Resurrection. May we be blessed with the heart and courage of Mary Magdalene.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; John 20:1-2, 11-18*

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ which means Teacher.”*

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**

**FEAST OF BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS**

**Read, think, ponder**

After raising eight children in a happy marriage, Bridget of Sweden was attracted to a life of contemplation. We’re not surprised: Ask any parent of a large family if a little peace and quiet isn’t appealing! The Bridgettine sisters were committed to giving all surplus income to the poor at the end of each year. They also kept their buildings simple. But one thing they didn’t skimp on was books. Each member could have as many as he or she pleased. In an age that gets its information from sound bites, book reading is a vanishing art. Promote “extreme understanding.” Read books!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23*

*“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it.”*

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**

**FEAST OF SHARBEL MAKHLÖF, PRIEST**

**A cedar of Lebanon**

Saint Sharbel (or Charbel), born in northern Lebanon in 1828, was a Maronite Catholic monk and priest. His reputation for holiness and simplicity led to his canonization in 1977. Descended from the ancient church at Antioch, Maronite Catholics spent centuries isolated from other Christian communities and appointed their own patriarch. Unique among Eastern Catholics, however, Maronites have always remained in full communion with the Church of Rome. When Sharbel was canonized, Bishop Francis Zayek, head the U.S. Diocese of St. Maron, noted that Sharbel’s canonization and other Maronite beatifications prove “that the Aramaic Maronite Antiochian Church is indeed a living branch of the Catholic Church.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30*

*“Let both of them grow together until the harvest.”*

**SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Let’s hear it for parents**

In 1994 President Clinton signed a congressional resolution setting aside the fourth Sunday of July as Parents’ Day for “recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children.” Embracing this day is easy for those of us who have or had loving parents, but for those of us who didn’t experience great parenting, we may find it hard to feel uplifted. Surely, however, we can all celebrate the fact that we have a perfect divine parent who has loved us unconditionally and cared for us unceasingly since before we were born.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13*

*“If you then . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## July 17 SATURDAY

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 (Lounsbery)

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

## July 20 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Ted Anderson (DeBoever)

8:30am Altar Server Training, Church

9:10am Rosary

7:00pm Taize Prayer Service, Church

## July 21 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Thomas Hawkins (Wilmott)

8:30am Altar Server Training, Church

9:10am Rosary

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

## July 22 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Ann Samwel followed by "coffee" in the old rectory

11:30am Communion Service, Highland Terrace Nursing Home

7:00pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

## July 23 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Megan Simms (Simms)

## July 24 SATURDAY

NO morning Mass or confessions (Camas Days Parade, streets closed)

NO morning Rosary

3:30pm Confession (Fr. Rigert)

5:00pm Fr. Rigert Vigil Mass for the soul of Dick Hofmann (Wilmott)

## July 25 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Good Shepherd Program  
Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

8:00am Fr. Rigert Mass

9:30am Fr. Rigert Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Fr. Rigert Mass

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 2-6 Vacation Bible School

Aug. 5 Holy Hour on the Eve of First Friday

Aug. 15 Parish Picnic

Aug. 27-29 Father-Son Hike

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](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com), 834-1495.

# LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO MASS?

The Church does have some basic and universal suggestions in response to this question. Modesty is an important virtue to practice. Therefore, shorts and tank tops are inappropriate for Mass. As a general rule, shoulders and knees should be covered. In addition, jeans and T-shirts are not a good choice either.

## DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO MASS? ISN'T HE HAPPY ENOUGH THAT I'M THERE?

Yes, He's happy you're there and He may not care what you are wearing, but you should care! You are coming before the Lord, real and present in the Eucharist. It's analogous to a royal banquet at which the king sits at the head of the table. You would want to make your best impression! Getting dressed appropriately for Mass does require an extra effort, but remember, love is in the details!

*(From the Liturgy Committee.)*

# 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](mailto: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.

## CAN SATAN, OR ANY OF HIS FOLLOWERS, REPENT AND BECOME "GOOD" AGAIN?

No. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 391-393), the devil and the other demons were created naturally good, but became evil by their own doing. This fall consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and his reign. It is the irrevocable character of their choice, not a flaw in the infinite divine mercy...there is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for man after his death.

This is further explained in "Catholicism for Dummies," by Fr. Trigillio & Fr. Brighenti, angels have one irrevocable act of will...so when Lucifer and his colleagues conspired to go against the will of God, they sinned and could never seek forgiveness or redemption due to their essence and nature.

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