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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### PRIEST DAYS

Fr. Gillette will be attending meetings with the Archbishop and all of the priests of the Archdiocese this week. Therefore, we will not have Mass celebrated Monday through Thursday June 21-24. St Joseph's in Vancouver (400 S Andresen) will be having an 8:00am morning Mass. If there is an emergency, please contact the parish office and staff will assist you.

### WOOD CUT

Volunteers are needed to assist the Knights of Columbus on Sat., June 26, 9:00am up at the Steele Bridge slough to assist with cutting wood for low income families. Youth are welcome to help as there should be much wood to load up. Bring chain saws, gloves and dress for the weather. Question? Contact Al Schmid, 835-5346.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

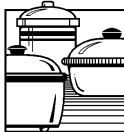


Monday, 2:00-3:00am  
 Tuesday, 4:00-5:00am  
 Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am  
 Friday, 2:00-3:00am  
 Saturday, noon—1:00pm

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.

### DISHES!

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



### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul in partnership with Community Pregnancy Clinic of Camas & Washougal, are sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive. Please pick up a bottle from the bassinet located in the vestibule, fill it with spare change, and return it to the bassinet Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers will be collecting the bottles during the month of June and delivering them to the Community Pregnancy Clinic.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### VBS 2010

Vacation Bible School is a GO!! It will be held 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!

Any 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](mailto:kim@st-thomascamas.org)

### FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES

Certificates, pictures and other items are ready for pickup in the parish office! Get your child's this week. Photos from "Red Door Studios" have arrived and are ready for pickup in the parish office!!

### 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](mailto:pathwaystolearning@live.com).

### CARDINAL FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Region 7—Clark County are now registering boys and girls for Football (Grades K-8) and cheerleading (Grades 3-8). To register [www.Region7Cardinals.org](http://www.Region7Cardinals.org) or call CYO at 503 231-9484.

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



### YOUTH ROOM MAKEOVER

All teens are welcome to come help paint and organize the Youth Room June 22-24 starting at 11:00am. Wear appropriate clothing and bring brushes, rags, etc.

### QUO VADIS DAYS VOCATIONS CAMP

Attention all Catholic young men ages 13-18! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you. You are invited to attend QVD camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call while having a great time. Archbishop Brunett will join us on Monday to celebrate Mass. QVD will be held June 27-30 at Camp Don Bosco near Carnation WA. The cost will be covered by the Serra Club and KC's. Flyers are in the vestibule. To register: [www.qvdays.org](http://www.qvdays.org) Questions? Fr. Lappe, [frlappe@starofthesea.net](mailto:frlappe@starofthesea.net)

### YOUNG ADULTS

All Vancouver area young adults are invited to join for a hike through the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, next Sun., June 27. Meet for 10:30am Mass at St. John's (8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver, WA) and carpool from there! We look forward to seeing everyone! There will also be a July 4th BBQ at the home of Mike Casteel. For more information please contact [vancareaya@hotmail.com](mailto:vancareaya@hotmail.com)

## 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PLEASE HELP US REACH 100% PARTICIPATION.  
YOUR PLEDGE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

JOINING WITH ALL THE PARISHES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE WE  
WILL ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH  
ALONE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND PLEDGE TODAY.

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

There is a sign-up calendar to bring flowers in the closet next to the left side of Father's confessional; glass and plastic vases along with anyone's personal vases are also there. Mary's statue and in front of the ambo are appropriate places for flowers. I will be out of town about two weeks a month through October, so I'm looking for volunteers to help care for the flowers once a week. Thank you, Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470.



### LOST AND FOUND

There's a green container in the northeast corner of The Belisle Library with coats, hats etc. that have been misplaced or left. Small possibly valuable items: the watch found after the parish picnic, a couple of rings (one is a wedding ring) and a SanDisk are kept in the parish office to be claimed.

### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience that starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you build, expand and deepen that relationship. For the Sept. 17-19 in Centralia, contact John and Martha Ryland at 253 859-9174, jmryland@comcast.net. For the Oct. 8-10 Weekend in the Seattle area contact Rory and Dawn Myers, 206-772-2344, seattlewwme@yahoo.com.

### 4TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS & WINE

A fundraising event for the Mount Angel Abbey Monastery, Library and Retreat House Sat., June 26, 1:00-5:00pm at Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, OR. General admission \$50/person includes silent and oral auction, jazz music on the lawn and classical in the Library, displays, discounted wine and beer sales, hors d'oeuvres and wine and beer (two microbreweries) tasting or Wine Wall—\$25 tickets—select a hidden bottle of wine—guaranteed to be worth a minimum of \$25. Average value \$35 or more. Tickets may at [www.mountangelabbey.org/festival-arts-wine.htm](http://www.mountangelabbey.org/festival-arts-wine.htm)

### PRAYER CHAIN

Have you found a beloved friend or family member who weighed heavily on your heart, so much so that you worried for them and found yourself praying for him or her; then began to wish you had something more powerful than just your own prayers? Well, how about multiplying your prayers by others praying with you! Your confidentiality is a major consideration of the prayer group when you call, simply give the name of the person you wish the group to pray for and what you're asking the Lord to do for this person. Contact the prayer chain coordinator Vie, 335-1644 or [vie@fvross.com](mailto:vie@fvross.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AQUINAS SENIOR CITIZENS

The Retired and Senior Singles of St Thomas groups are incorporating, and our first joint potluck will be on Mon., June 28 at 12:00pm (noon) in the Fireside Room. Bring a hot or cold dish and prepare yourself for a great afternoon. Hot and cold drinks will be furnished. I have heard it said that the best cooks in Camas/Washougal are at St. Thomas. The room is ours all afternoon, and if you want a game of Pokino (a little gambling), Pinochle, Bridge, or a group to just chat, there will be someone else to enjoy the activity with. All newcomers are welcome! We had such a good time in May, if you missed it, you should come and see what we have to offer. From now on, we will meet on the fourth Monday of each month. Questions? Call Jean C. 835-3601.

### HOLY HOUR ON THE EVE OF FIRST FRIDAY

In an effort to increase the importance of a devotion to His Most Sacred Heart, we will be offering a Holy Hour on Thu., July 1, beginning at 6:30pm. 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).

From early childhood Margaret showed intense love for the Blessed Sacrament. Margaret Mary was inspired by Christ to establish a Holy Hour and to pray on the eve of the first Friday of each month and to receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month as well. In the first great revelation to her, Christ made known to her His ardent desire to be loved by men and His design of manifesting His heart with all Its treasures of love and mercy, of sanctification and salvation. The love of the Sacred Heart was the fire which consumed her, and devotion to the Sacred Heart is the refrain of all her writings.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Mark your calendars, July 19-21, 8:30am until noon.

### 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.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)  
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 6/13	\$9,787
Planned Collection 6/13	\$12,900
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) 7/1/2009 thru 6/13/2010	-\$22,022 -3.5%
<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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; FATHER'S DAY

### Heirs of the kingdom

Wouldn't it be great to be sitting on a really nice inheritance? You could certainly relax a little. Today we honor our fathers, but did they set us up for the rest of our lives? For most of us, no. Saint Paul, though, says we are "heirs according to the promise." While we can't *earn* God's kingdom, we are the children of God destined to *inherit* it. That should certainly take some of the desperate worry out of life. Now we can get about the business of taking care of others as we have been taken care of.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24*

*"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."*

MONDAY, JUNE 21

FEAST OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

### Keep good counsel

How does a young man born to privilege and prestige decide to give it all up and join a religious order? Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-1591) decided to do just that. He renounced his right to the title of marquis and the vast wealth that came with it to enter the Society of Jesus. What motivated his decision? Two clues: Gonzaga had received his First Communion from Saint Charles Borromeo, and his spiritual director was Saint Robert Bellarmine. Perhaps these two spiritual giants had something to do with Gonzaga's life-changing decision. Seek good counsel on the direction your own life is taking. God can speak to us through others; pick good spokespersons.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5*

*"The measure you give will be the measure you get."*

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

FEAST OF PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

### From having to giving

A Roman aristocrat in the fourth and fifth centuries, Saint Paulinus had wealth, a fine classical education, a legal and political career, and was known throughout the Roman world. After his marriage, though, he and his Spanish wife Theresia suffered the loss of their infant child and from then on turned toward lives of service. They gradually liquidated their wealth and gave it to the poor. The people of Barcelona demanded Paulinus be ordained a priest, and he and Theresia opened what we might call an early version of a Catholic Worker house, living on the top floor and providing hospitality to the indigent downstairs. Losses can be forced upon us or they can be embraced. Whichever—or both—you experience, find ways to turn them into opportunities for generosity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14*

*"The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life."*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

### Bear good fruit

It is no accident that figs are mentioned at several different points in the gospels. The humble fig may well represent the first known example of agriculture—plants intentionally cultivated by humans for food; fossils have been found in the Jordan Valley that date from 9,400-9,200 B.C. So by the time Jesus came on the scene, figs were a well-established staple, and in a sometimes harsh desert climate they offered life-saving nourishment for the body—a bit like what Jesus offers for the soul. Next time you bite into a fig bar, take a moment to recall its long heritage and give thanks to the source of all of life's nourishment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20*

*"You will know them by their fruits."*

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Small wonder

Some Bible scholars believe Jesus had been a disciple of John the Baptizer during his youth before he began his public ministry. But once Jesus comes on the scene, John fades into the background. So today's a good day to remember the importance of people who are seldom in the spotlight, whether others or ourselves. Recognize that even small actions and choices are significant; they either build up the community of faith or they do not. The power of a kind word, an act of honest forgiveness, coming to the defense or help of someone—such concrete actions, often unnoticed, can be the "loosening of the sandal strap" that may seem unimportant to everyone—except of course to the person whose feet are hurting.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80*

*"One is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."*

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

### Wholly healing

We all know the stories of Jesus healing people with leprosy. Just another example of Jesus curing people and revealing his divinity, right? Well, yes, but that's not the whole picture. Because leprosy was an infectious disease, people with it were often outcasts, forced to live on the fringes of society. They were cut off from their community, loved ones, and all that was "home" to them. In a culture where community and family ties were so important, this isolation was devastating. When Jesus heals a leper, he is not only curing the individual, he is healing an entire community, making it whole. Who are the ones on the fringes of our faith community and society? What can we do to bring healing to them and everyone?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4*

*"Be made clean!"*

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Healing your inner Hamlet

Shakespeare's most famous decider, Hamlet, is also a bit of a drama queen. "Words, words, words!" he sighs, conveying his weariness with the emptiness of most promises. He also wonders if life is worth living: "To be or not to be—that is the question!" Compare Hamlet to the centurion in the gospel story, who values both life *and* the power of words to do what they express. The centurion seeks healing for his servant through a word from Jesus. His faith proves irresistible to Jesus, who learned from his mother that trusting in God's promises could lead to great things.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17*

*"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed."*

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### A good reason to give up

With today's economy many of us have become well acquainted with sacrifices. We've made small ones like canceling cable TV, and some of us have made significant ones like giving up houses or schooling just so we can make ends meet. While not easy, there is grace to be had by not only making but truly owning the decision to let go of something. It may be the grace of simplifying life, of focusing on what matters. Such grace doesn't mean God wants us to suffer hard times; rather it means that God knows it's tough and is right there beside us, walking with us and encouraging us in even the roughest of times. What grace do you experience in sacrifice?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62*

*"For freedom Christ has set us free."*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**June 19 SATURDAY** Summer Camp  
 3:30pm Fr. Rigert Confession  
 5:00pm Fr. Rigert Vigil Mass for Father's Day intentions

**June 20 SUNDAY** Summer Camp "Father's Day"  
**Coffee Hour sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Liturgy of the Hours for week 4**  
 8:00am Fr. Rigert Mass for Father's Day intentions  
 9:30am Fr. Rigert Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Fr. Rigert Mass for Father's Day intentions

**June 21 MONDAY**  
 No Mass  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**June 22 TUESDAY**  
 No Mass  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:00am Makeover, Youth Room  
 7:00pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

**June 23 WEDNESDAY**  
 No Mass  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:00am Makeover, Youth Room  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

**June 24 THURSDAY**  
 8:10am Rosary  
 No Mass & no "coffee"  
 11:00am Makeover, Youth Room  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

**June 25 FRIDAY**  
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church  
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Carl Burkard (Guard)

**June 26 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Mass for the intentions of Joan Varsek (Varsek)  
 9:00am KC's Wood Cut, Steele Bridge slough  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confession  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for souls of John & Edna Damm (St. Clare)

**June 27 SUNDAY**  
**Coffee Hour sponsored by the Boys' Club**  
**Liturgy of the Hours for week 1**  
**Reading I: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21**  
**Reading II: Galatians 5:1, 13-18**  
**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**  
 8:00am Fr. Allison Mass  
 9:30am Fr. Allison Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Fr. Allison Mass

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 28 Aquinas Seniors Luncheon

July 1 Holy Hour on the Eve of First Friday

Aug. 2-6 Vacation Bible School

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

# QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAITH

This is your chance to ask questions and get answers, short though they maybe. We'll accept questions at the parish office, we we'll past them on to a researcher, Father will check over the answer before we publish it.

# WHAT IS A SIGNAL GRACE?

Signal graces are signs, given by God, to show you that you are on the right track, or that a decision is the right one. Our Holy Mother Mary promised signal graces for those who devoutly recite the Rosary.

# SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON VOLUNTEERISM

If you are 40 years of age or older, the Catholic Network Service wants to hear from you. CNVS is a national membership organization of Christian volunteer and mission programs that fosters and promotes full-time national and international service opportunities. Participate in a brief online survey, and you can help volunteers like yourself find more opportunities that match their interests. Parishes across the country are participating. CNVS will treat the parish with the most survey participants to a day of complimentary coffee and refreshments following Sunday Masses. Take the survey today at [www.cnvs.org/survey](http://www.cnvs.org/survey).

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