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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### PENTECOST NOVENA

After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14) They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit. The novena that is said before each Mass concludes on May 22 and is found on p.128 of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Book of Prayers.

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2010

Gather at 6:50pm for the third session 7:00-8:30pm on Tue., May 11 in the Fireside Room with **Pamela Nelson** speaking on Receiving God's Gift .



### SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK

On Wed., May 19, 11:30am come to the Fireside Room to share a great meal, play pokino and hear about the plans others have for this summer. Just bring a dish to share and your pennies. Questions, contact Jean Carpenter, 835-3601.

### MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

The first-ever St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Pacific Crest Academy Father Daughter Dance will take place Sat., May 22, 6:30-8:30pm in the Hall. Spend an evening with your princess(es) as you dance, enjoy dessert, refreshments, take pictures, and listen to music. There is no age limit. Tickets are on sale at the office now and after some Masses.

## 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Your gift is still needed. Know that every gift, no matter the amount, CAN and WILL make a difference.** This month we have been conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign and still have not heard from some of you. This is not just another collection, but rather an annual commitment from all parishes in Western Washington to provide a Future Full of Hope for years to come. If you have not already done so, please consider making your annual commitment today to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you cannot make a financial commitment at this time, please fill out an envelope and pledge to offer a prayer (write it in the pledge amount box). Follow up letters will be sent this week. Thank you.

## FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for a couple of tables about 1 ½' by 1 ½' to put under the statues of Mary and St. Thomas. Glass vases for in the church or plastic vases for outside are available on the left side closet next to Fr. Gillette's confessional. Anyone who leaves a personal vase of flowers will find your vase in the left closet by Father's confessional. If you have flowers or a table to donate, please call Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470.

## FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Cards are now available by the doorways for you to have your father, living or dead, remembered at the Masses on Father's Day weekend.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### FAITH FORMATION TEXTBOOKS

Please return the textbooks either to the vestibule (back) of church or to the parish office. Faith Formation resumes Sep. 15.

### VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Aug. 2-6, 10:00am to noon

We are in need of many adults to help with this fun-filled week. Please contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 for more information.

### 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).

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### CONFIRMATION 5:30PM, TODAY!

### WALK FOR LIFE!

Support the Community Pregnancy Clinic of Camas/Washougal Saturday May 22. Starting at Louis Bloch Park at 9:00 AM, the walk is approximately 2 Miles through Camas, with games prizes, hot dogs and live music afterward.

### 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, [frdlappe@starofthesea.net](mailto:frdlappe@starofthesea.net)

### CDA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering two \$625 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from our parish and/or Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stevenson. Application packets are available in the parish office, or from the scholarship counselor at Washougal High School or Camas High School. Applications due May 17.

### GOING DEEPER

The blog that answers teen questions for deeper Catholic understanding. At [goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com](http://goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com)

## 2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

WE ARE AIMING AT 100% PARTICIPATION. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM EVERY FAMILY IN OUR PARISH. SO FAR 153 FAMILIES (25.7% OF OUR PARISH FAMILIES) HAVE PLEDGED A TOTAL OF \$46,607 (52.9% OF OUR GOAL). SOME CAN ONLY PLEDGE PRAYERS AND WE APPRECIATE THAT PLEDGE OF SUPPORT. THOSE WHO PLEDGED DOLLARS HAVE PLEDGED AN AVERAGE OF \$333.

*PLEASE PLEDGE TODAY!*

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### 3RD ANNUAL REAL CATHOLIC MEN CONFERENCE

We don't have a Men's retreat this year but, if we together and register early, we can get a group discount and organize carpooling; contact Thad, ext. 215 and plan to attend Sat., June 19 at St. Joseph Parish; featured speakers include: Evangelists Richard Lane and Hector Molina, Jr.; as well as Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The morning session includes Confession, and Mass concludes the day. A continental breakfast and deli lunch are part of the ticket price. For more information or to register: 503 640-3456 or [www.RealCatholicMen.com](http://www.RealCatholicMen.com). (One drawback: this is the same weekend as our St. Thomas Summer Camp.)

### ST. THOMAS MOMS GROUP

Looking for fellowship with other catholic mothers in this parish? We would love to meet you, catch up with you, or welcome you to our parish community. Moms group is rooted in love for the Church and the desire to deepen in love for our Lord through our roles as mothers. If interested in socials, talks, or fellowship & encouragement, please contact Sia, 907-2487 or Kalin, 901-4936 or email: [siaeliza@gmail.com](mailto:siaeliza@gmail.com)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Third Annual Mike Redd Spaghetti Dinner for Families in Need will be held on Sat., June 5, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Seatings will be at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Cost is \$30/family; \$10/person; \$5 under 10 years. Takeout orders available. Contact Don Mattes, 694-8762 for tickets.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The 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 your relationship! For more information or to reserve your place on the June 2-4 weekend in Tacoma, contact John & Martha Ryland at 253 859-9174 or visit [www.mrwme.org](http://www.mrwme.org)

### JOBS AVAILABLE

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Vancouver, is seeking candidates to fill a position in our Extended Care Program. This is a part-time position, approximately 15 hours per week, caring for students before and after school. The ideal candidates should have experience working with children, an ability to foster social and academic growth, caring and concern for students, enthusiasm for learning, and the ability to collaborate with other teachers, staff and parents. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to: Brian Anderson, OLL School, 4701 NW Franklin St. Vancouver 98663 696-2301 [principal@lourdesvan.org](mailto:principal@lourdesvan.org) St. John the Evangelist in Vancouver, seeks a self-motivated and directed Children's Faith Formation Coordinator. This position is a 15 hour a week position, evening and weekend work will be required. Qualifications: active member of a Catholic parish faith community, excellent organizational and computer skills. Salary DOE. Contact Candy Phillips, 373-3325 or [candy@stjohnvancouver.org](mailto:candy@stjohnvancouver.org). Contact the parish office to obtain an application. Closing Date: 5-31-10.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DEO GRATIAS AWARD

The Pastoral Council will be voting for two exceptional volunteers at the May 24 meeting. Your nomination should tell of the many outstanding qualities of the volunteer, the good works they do for the parish and our community, and be signed by you (just in case there are questions). Drop it in the collection or send it to [jeanne@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:jeanne@st-thomascamas.org).

### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This year's procession will be on Sun., June 6, 1:30pm in our St. Thomas parish neighborhood. The procession will begin at the Church parking lot and go through the surrounding neighborhood to six designated stations. These will be in the front yards of homes and businesses belonging to local parish families where altars will be set up for benediction. The procession route will be just over a mile long and should take approximately one hour and a half. It will conclude back at the Church with a final blessing at the seventh altar. It will be a wonderful day of prayer and celebration in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### A SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CULTURE OF GHANA JUNE 6, 2010

Volunteers needed: As part of our annual Corpus Christi procession, the Parish is pleased to announce a special tribute to the Ghanaian heritage of our priest, Father Gillette. At the conclusion of the procession we will meet back at the Parish for a special Ghanaian menu (in addition to traditional barbecue fare, courtesy of the Knights) and we will be treated to a dance and drum performance by the HOMOWO African Arts and Culture group, whose repertoire features the yesterday, today and tomorrow of Ghanaian cultural arts. It will be an event not to be missed! If you would like to volunteer to assist with the menu, food preparation, decorations, or have ideas of your own please contact Shawn MacPherson, 834-4611, 921-651.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

Monday, 2:00-3:00am

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am



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.

### FOOD IS IN NEED!

**Food is in Need!** East County Family Resource Center is in need of non-perishable breakfast foods. **Items most in need at this time are cereal, breakfast bars, and jelly.** Please drop off your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul barrel at the back of the church, and our volunteers will deliver them to ECFRC. Thank you in advance for your compassion

### 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 5/9	\$13,872
Planned Collection 5/9	\$14,500
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) 7/1/2009 thru 5/9/2010	-\$13,721 -2.4%
<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, MAY 16, 2010**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**The sky's the limit**

The old logo of the paint manufacturers Sherwin-Williams shows the planet being colored by their product and the words: "We cover the earth." The image is apt as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The angels in the story chide the disciples for their "verticality": Stop standing around gazing up into the sky. Close your gaping mouths and get to work. The effect of the Paschal Mystery is to breathe into us the very Spirit of God, which impels us to get "horizontal." That is where we are sent to continue Christ's Easter work of healing, forgiving, and taking the part of the broken and excluded. May the angels catch us not staring into the sky but into the eyes of our sisters and brothers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53*

*"Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?"*

**MONDAY, MAY 17**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Believe it or not**

The disciples confidently assured Jesus they believed in him, suggesting an unshakeable faith. Jesus knew better; he knew they would flee at the first sign of the trouble that was coming his way. When we are most sure of ourselves and most persuaded by our own arguments, we most need to be careful. When it comes to faith, Jesus knows we can talk a good talk, but can we walk the walk—especially when it leads us to risk or hardship? The Easter season is a good time to bring to mind both our own limitations and God's limitless power to help our unbelief. Pray for an extra dose of humility mixed with a little courage.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33*

*"You will be scattered . . . and you will leave me alone."*

**TUESDAY, MAY 18**

**FEAST OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR**

**The spirit of sacrifice**

You might think that martyrdoms always mean dying violently for faith. Some deaths, however, are slow—but they are martyrdoms nonetheless. Take Pope Saint John I's death, for example. In the sixth century he got caught up in the rivalry between two emperors. As a result he was put in prison, where he died slowly of starvation. Whatever form it takes, martyrdom involves the willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for what you believe and to remain faithful to what you hold to be important. Let some of that spirit into your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a*

*"I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course . . . to testify to the good news of God's grace."*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**The way of the world**

In the Marian prayer *Salve Regina* we call the world "this vale of tears," an image not so different from Saint Paul's when he warns us of "savage wolves" who will not spare believers. In John's gospel Jesus, too, refers to the world as a place where believers will find the rejection that he experienced. It's easy to become cynical, to see salivating wolves lurking everywhere. But it is precisely this valley of tears that God so loved as to give us his Son. Jesus never promised, "Let me take you away from all this," like some cornball movie hero. He

promised to be with us so that we could continue the good fight. As a matter of fact, he prays to his Father, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world"—into the fray, not as victims but as lovers.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19*

*"We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

**THURSDAY, MAY 20**

**FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**

**Finding strength in weakness**

Bernardine had the makings of a saint from an early age. In 1400 at the age of 20 he voluntarily nursed the sick and dying during a devastating plague. Later he cared for an ill aunt. Eventually Bernardine joined the Franciscans, an order of missionary preachers—a seemingly odd choice for a poor speaker! Nevertheless, after years of prayer and meditation he went to Milan where he astounded the crowd with his eloquence. He spent the rest of his life traveling around Italy spreading the word of God through his inspired preaching. Bernardine reminds us that God makes use of our weaknesses as well as our strengths. Can I accept my limitations today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26*

*"That night the Lord stood near him and said, 'Keep up your courage!'"*

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**

**Breakfast is served**

The gospel contains a lovely story we can take with us from this Easter season, which ends this Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost. Peter and the other disciples were at a loss as to what to do with themselves after Jesus' death, so they did the only thing they knew how to do: They went fishing. After a fruitless night on the sea, they returned to shore to find the risen Christ cooking breakfast for them over a charcoal fire. Jesus serves the hungry fishermen and they share a meal. Wouldn't you love to have been there? The fact is, we have a standing invitation. The kitchen is open, the cook is available. Have a seat at the table.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19*

*"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**

**FEAST OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS**

**The patience of a saint**

When Saint Paul went to Rome a prisoner, he lived under a lengthy house arrest, awaiting word of his fate but also receiving all who visited him and sharing the Good News with them. Life also called Saint Rita (1381-1457) to patient endurance. First was her marriage to an abusive husband. Then, after becoming a widow, several refusals on the part of religious communities who didn't want her. When she finally did become a nun, she suffered the daily pain and indignity of a forehead wound that did not heal. But, like Saint Paul, she remained patient and generous. When she died, a local official wrote of her as "having spent 40 years as nun . . . desiring to show all the faithful a model of life." Try to meet your own difficulties with the same spirit of serenity and service.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25*

*"He lived there two whole years . . . and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God."*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**May 15** SATURDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
 6:00pm Boys'/Young Men's Vocation Dinner, Hall

**May 16** ASCENSION OF THE LORD—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 (Novena Prayer)

Coffee Hour hosted by CDA  
 Liturgy of the Hours for week 3

8:00am Mass  
 9:30am Mass for the intentions of Caleb Putney (Bauer)  
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room



**May 17** MONDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ioan Santa (Baja)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**May 18** TUESDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Dirk Stean (Lounsbery)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 Study & Prayer Small Group attending Life in the Spirit Seminar  
 7:00pm Life in the Spirit Seminar, Fireside Room

**May 19** WEDNESDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 7:00am Finance Council, Room 17  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Dave & Carolyn Simms (Simms)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room  
 6:00pm CDA Officers, Hall  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:30am KC's 4th degree, Fireside Room

**May 20** THURSDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 8:10am Rosary  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Bob Hewitt (Heacock) followed by "coffee hour"  
 11:30am Communion Service, Highland Terrace  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

**May 21** FRIDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church  
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Bob Hewitt (Sentesy)

**May 22** SATURDAY (Novena Prayer)  
 9:00am Mass for the Mr & Mrs Petrucci (Petrucci)  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 12:00pm Infant Baptism, Church  
 3:30pm Confession  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
 6:00pm Father Daughter Dance, Hall

**May 23** PENTECOST SUNDAY  
 No Coffee Hour—Reception to follow 11:30am Mass for Confirmandi  
 Liturgy of the Hours for week 4  
 Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
 Reading II: Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:3-17  
 Gospel: John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

8:00am Mass  
 9:30am Mass for the soul of Virginia Martinsen (Johnson)  
 11:30am Bishop Eusebio Elizondo Confirmation  
 Mass *Pro Populo*  
 5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room



During the Easter Season it is customary to sing or say the *Regina Caeli* (hymnal #506 & St. Thomas Book of Prayers, p. 25) instead of the *Angelus* at the noon bell.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 6 Corpus Christi Procession
- June 10 Calendaring for July 2010– June 2011
- June 12 Volunteer Appreciation
- June 12&13 Deo Gratias Award winner announced
- Jun.18-20 Summer Camp
- Aug. 2-6 Vacation Bible School (if volunteers step forward)
- Aug. 15 Parish Picnic

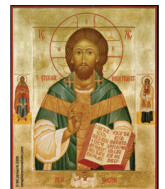


**"MUSIC NOTES"**

I would like to take this opportunity to send out a very big thank you to the people who make our music department what it is. This faithful and generous group of musicians makes a beautiful difference in our parish and liturgy. These people are Terese Dayton, Matt Henry, Scott Powell, Annie Myers, Catherine Stone, Fely Smith, Greg Smith, Jodie Gilmore, Dave Kirchner, Mary Stone, Elizabeth Stone, Mary Firth, John Lasher, Naomi Gilmore, Judith Alexander, Emily Dayton, Monica James, Dick Kutch, Alan Boehlke, Ed Wilmott, Tamar Parker, Megan Simms, Paulina Bielewicz, Shannon Larsen, Patrick Carpenter, Ashley Cole, Evie Yoshimura, Brianna Cloutier, May Alexander, Isabella Rollins, Grace Safranski and Tara Larsen. I would like to extend my gratitude to their families as well, who support us with their time and travel. God bless you all for sharing your gifts with us!

## CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010

There are only two months left to celebrate in the official Year of the Priest. This month please visit [www.encouragepriests.org](http://www.encouragepriests.org). Men who are living a priestly vocation deserve as much support and encouragement as we can give them. Please be generous in virtue and prayer!



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