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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2010



Gather at 6:50pm for the third session 7:00-8:30pm on Tue., May 25 in the Fireside Room with Fr. Peter Smith, from the University of Portland, speaking on Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

RETIRED POTLUCK

On Wed., May 26, 11:30am come to the Fireside Room to share a great meal made up of all the various donations brought by those who attend and hear about the plans others have for this summer. Questions, contact Jean Carpenter, 835-3601.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA

On Fri., May 28, 11:30am in preparation for our Corpus Christi Procession we as a parish will pray the Novena Honoring the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) before our Masses. If you are not here each day you may say this prayer at home using your St. Thomas Prayer Book as it is found on pages 128 & 129.

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

There is a calendar sign-up to bring flowers in the closet next to the left side of Father's confessional. The places flowers are needed, by Mary's statue & in front of the ambo. Glass and plastic vases along with anyone's personal vases are put there also. I will be out of town about two weeks a month through October. I am looking for volunteers to help one day a week caring for the flowers. Thank you, 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.

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. (One drawback: this is the same weekend as our St. Thomas Summer Camp.)

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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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 Questions? Fr. Lappe, frdlappe@starofthesea.net

"I CHOSE YOU"

SPRING CHALLENGE COURSE RETREAT

On June 4-5 all teens are welcome to come to the end of the year Challenge Course Retreat. Registration forms are being mailed home and are also available in the office. Cost is \$20.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

*Kelsey Brock, James Connell,
Mary Connell, John Doyle,
Nicolas Dutton, Noah Encke,
Kayla Garrett, Derek Hood,
Mary Hyder, Joseph Kashas,
Chris Marinnan, Peter Morton,
Vanessa Serrano, Evan Simms,
Megan Simms, Lucas Sonderer,
John Steinke, Elizabeth Stone,
Gregory Wandro*



Confirmation

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

WE ARE AIMING AT 100% PARTICIPATION. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE OUR PLEAS! WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM EVERY FAMILY IN OUR PARISH. SO FAR 196 FAMILIES (33% OF OUR PARISH FAMILIES) HAVE PLEDGED A TOTAL OF \$60,444 (69% OF OUR GOAL). SOME CAN ONLY PLEDGE PRAYERS—BUT THEY HAVE MADE A PLEDGE! THOSE WHO HAVE PLEDGED DOLLARS HAVE PLEDGED, ON AVERAGE \$340. WE MISSED OUR GOAL LAST YEAR AND WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE IT THIS YEAR.

PLEASE, PLEDGE TODAY!

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

JOB 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

A BENEFIT CONCERT TO SUPPORT QUO VADIS DAYS

A benefit concert to support vocation to the Priesthood sponsored by the Columbia River Serra Club will be held on June 6th at St. Joes. All proceeds will go to support Quo Vadis Days, a three-day annual retreat for young men to learn about the Priesthood. A seminarian, a first year priest and a retired priest will talk about their calling to the vocation of priesthood. The St. Joseph's choir under the direction of Dr. Maria Manzo will perform "The Year of The Priest". The date is Sunday June 6th at 2:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church located at 400 S. Andresen Rd. in Vancouver. All children are free with a parent. Tickets (\$12 donation) will be sold at the door the day of the concert. If you would like to buy a ticket in advance or make a donation, please contact Denise Myers at 335-8735 or Greg Dayton at 835-5373. Tickets will also be available at the church office.

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

PROJECT RACHEL

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion have been sapping faith, virtue and joy from your life, enter the spiritual process for healing that will change your life. June 25-27 or Aug. 6-8. Call Valerie, 1-899-822-HOPE (4673). All info is confidential.

RETRouvaille

"A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages," <<http://www.retrouvaille.org>> or call 1-800-470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Volunteers needed for our July 6 celebration: 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Parents, or soon-to-be parents, possible witnesses are invited on June 14 to our preparation class. Call the parish office for details.

SUMMER CAMP, JUNE 18-20

Information & reservation forms are available by the church doorways and in the parish office, be sure to pick up one so you don't miss out.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We now have the following openings, so your help is needed:
 Sunday, 8:00-9:00pm 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 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.

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 5/16	\$8,899
Planned Collection 5/16	\$9,400
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) 7/1/2009 thru 5/16/2010	-\$14,221 -2.4%
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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Get in the Spirit

The first time an English speaker hears Mass in Spanish can be striking, particularly when familiar responses are presented in a new light. For example “And also with you” becomes “*Y con tu Espiritu*” (“And with your Spirit”). That opens things up—not only about how to understand this part of the liturgy but also how to understand our brothers and sisters. How amazing it is to consider that indeed the Holy Spirit is with each one of us. And not only at Mass or when we are doing “religious” things or with people we like. What would the world be like if we truly recognized the Spirit within ourselves and within one another?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26*
“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

MONDAY, MAY 24

Stuff, stuff, and more stuff

“Coat Hanger Syndrome” refers to the way coat hangers seem to multiply all by themselves in an unused closet. The same thing happens in a garage when stuff multiplies to the point where the car no longer fits. Desk drawers have the same problem. In fact life itself can become so burdened with stuff, things we own and accumulate over time, that we become dulled to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit within that leads us to fulfillment and true joy. Our stuff is supposed to make our lives better, but it doesn't. The Spirit is our best bet.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27*
“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor.”

TUESDAY, MAY 25

FEAST OF GREGORY VII, POPE

Let God be the highest bidder

There was a time when those with enough wealth could legally buy all sorts of important positions in the hierarchy of the church. The practice, known as *simony*, is named for *Simon Magnus*, who appears in the Book of Acts and offers to pay the apostles in exchange for special spiritual powers. They reject him outright, but the custom nonetheless was common in the early church and led to widespread corruption. Gregory VII, pope from 1073 until his death in 1085, was instrumental in putting a stop to it. As Jesus said, we can't serve two masters—God and money. Let's make sure our priorities are in order.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31*
“Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

FEAST OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Patron of mirth

Some vocations come out of the blue, the result of divine intervention in an otherwise ungovernable life. So the church welcomes demon-plagued Mary Magdalene, self-involved Augustine, and strong-willed Dorothy Day into its ranks. But others are more like Philip Neri, such a terrific kid they called him “Philip the good” from the start. The patron saint of everything from rheumatism to earthquakes, Philip was best known for his hilarious sense of humor. That is cause enough for sainthood: choosing to lift the spirits of others. And couldn't the church use more people who can make us laugh?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45*

“The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

THURSDAY, MAY 27

FEAST OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Good news comes ashore

In 596 Pope Gregory the Great tabbed Saint Augustine of Canterbury and 30 other monks to bring the gospel to the Anglo-Saxons. When the missionaries landed in southern England, they were met by the Anglo-Saxon King Ethelbert. In his speech to Ethelbert, Augustine said: “Do not see us as coming to force upon an unknown people against their will. Be assured that only a great love constrains us to do this.” We bring you, Augustine said, “news of never-ending joy.” Ethelbert was so impressed he gave Augustine freedom to do his work and even a base of operations at Canterbury. Isn't that the heart of sharing your faith with others: not compulsion but persuasion—delivering news so good that another can't resist it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52*

“Long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Difficult, Godlike—and necessary

Mark's gospel does not include Jesus teaching the Lord's Prayer, as he does in the other gospels. Like Matthew and Luke, however, Mark does show Jesus linking our own forgiveness to our willingness to forgive others. The Lord's Prayer asks that God forgive us as we forgive others; those who seek forgiveness must be “forgivers” themselves. In Mark, Jesus says: “Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.” Jesus characterizes his own mission as handing himself over “so that sins may be forgiven.” We need forgiveness! How much we desire it! But at the same time we must be its vehicle to others, especially those who have hurt us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26*

“Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Faith large and small

When you think about it, Jesus asks both a lot and only a little of his disciples. A lot: that they give themselves completely to following him and his way. But also a little: doing a few basic things like having faith and trusting him and the Father who sent him; loving as you are loved by God; forgiving because you are forgiven; and showing mercy, for you have received mercy. Though it asks much—everything, really—of people, being a Christian is actually pretty simple: Love God with your whole self, and share that love with others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33*

“Build yourselves up on your most holy faith . . . keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



- May 22 SATURDAY**
 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
 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
- May 24 MONDAY**
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joe Carey (Yoshimura)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
 7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17
- May 25 TUESDAY**
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Vita Caracci (St. Germain)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm Life in the Spirit Seminar, Fireside Room
- May 26 WEDNESDAY**
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joe Carey (Mooney)
 9:10am Rosary
 12:00pm Retired Potluck, Fireside Room
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
- May 27 THURSDAY**
 8:10am Rosary
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Ed Estrada (Wilmott) followed by "coffee hour"
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
- May 28 FRIDAY (Novena prayer)**
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Thomas Orr (Sentesy)
- May 29 SATURDAY (Novena prayer)**
 9:00am Mass for the soul of Ray DeBoever (DeBoever)
 9:45am Rosary
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confession
 5:00pm Vigil Mass
- May 30 SUNDAY The Most Holy Trinity (Novena prayer)**
Coffee Hour sponsored by PCA Parents
Liturgy of the Hours for week 1
 Reading I: Book of Proverbs 8:22-31
 Reading II: Romans 5:1-5
 Gospel: John 16:12-15
- 8:00am Fr. Rigert Mass
 9:30am Fr. Rigert Mass
 11:30am Fr. Rigert Mass *Pro Populo*
 5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room
- May 31 MONDAY Visitation Memorial Day (Novena prayer)**
 (Staff Day off)

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
- June 14 Baptism Preparation
- Jun.18-20 Summer Camp
- Aug. 2-6 Vacation Bible School (if volunteers step forward)
- Aug. 15 Parish Picnic
- Sep. 15 Faith Formation begins

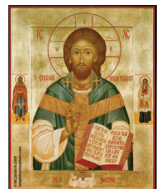
"MUSIC NOTES"

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!

If you are interested in joining the choir or schola, we have a space for you. Please give me a call at 834-1495 or send me an email at kris-tinyoshimura@gmail.com. We would like to make you part of our music family!

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010

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