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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—COLLECTION TODAY!

Inspired by Gospel values and the spirit of charity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by Frederic Ozanam in 1833. Under Frederic's vision, the Society provides person-to-person service to the needy and suffering throughout the world. The Society serves all persons regardless of race, creed, color or social status.



St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners have been generous supporters of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. This weekend we will begin a separate collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will be at the doors with baskets. We will ask that you designate every third Sunday of the month as St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday. On these Sundays, we ask that you generously support St. Vincent de Paul as you have in the past.

MARCH FOR LIFE JAN. 17, 2012

Please keep the thousands of people from all over Washington gathering on the steps of the capitol building in Olympia; especially our fellow parishioners taking a bus (or two) to this event. The Mass will be at St. Martin's Pavilion in Lacey at 9:30am.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will additionally be heard on Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm each week. Unlike Saturdays, however, confessions will end promptly at 7:00pm due to parish meetings that Fr. Oakland must attend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Adults will continue THE CATHOLICISM PROJECT Wednesdays at Adult Faith Formation at 6:00pm beginning in the church and then moving into the parish hall.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

Are you missing the week's HOT TOPICS and the morning's hot coffee, tea, fruit, eggs and homemade muffins or sometimes homemade coffee cake? Come to the Thursday morning Mass and the following "coffee hour".

2012 VANCOUVER ROE V. WADE RALLY

This Fri., Jan. 20, 1:00-2:00pm at the Clark County Courthouse (1200 Franklin St. Vancouver, WA) you are invited to attend one hour of peaceful protest and prayer in support of life and in memory of lives lost. Bring your own signs or use one of ours. Sponsored by Clark County Right to Life.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of Dwight Anthony Gange, husband of Beverly, who died on Dec. 27.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

(Contact: Kim Steinke, 834-2126, ext. 207 or kim@st-thomascamas.org)

EVENING FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:15pm, beginning in the church. Please bring your books with you. (*Good Shepherd, meets in Room 11.*)

Parents: Please join your children in praying a decade of the rosary before leaving.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On Wednesdays, 3:45-5:15pm, levels I, II & III meet in Room 11 & the Fireside Room.

SACRAMENTAL PREP. & RCIC

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm, in the Fireside Room. Please bring your books with you. **Parents:** Please join us in the church to pray a decade of the rosary after you bring your child to class.

BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Faith formation classes designed for children with special needs. If you feel your child would benefit from this class please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393.

FIRST GRADERS THROUGH EIGHTH GRADERS!!!!

The deadline for submissions for the Knights of Columbus Poster & Essay Contests is Feb. 1! We will be displaying all the entries! Show us what you've got! Complete contest rules in the latest Summa and at <http://www.stthomascamas.org/>. Questions call Ed or Debbie Wilmott 828-1076 or eydwilmott@yahoo.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Contact: Drew Swanson, 834-2126, ext. 215 or drew@stthomascamas.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm in the Youth Room for prayer, games, food and a great time as we grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with our lord. If you've never been to a class, consider this your personal invitation, it's never too late. If it's been awhile since you've made it consider coming back this week, we've missed you!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

At 1:30-3:00pm Sundays, in the Fireside Room join for prayer, social and great time as we look into the truths of our Faith. This week we will explore the great blessing of the Eucharist.

DTS MEETS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



Please join us from 7:30-9:00pm, on Wednesdays in the Youth Room for food, fun, friends, and prayer. All high school students are welcomed. We are exploring the life of the great St. John Bosco, mystic and founder of the Salesians. We are focusing on his book, The Forty Dreams of St. John Bosco.

STEWARDSHIP

Good stewards can respond with today's psalm:

"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

OLD HYMNALS—UPDATED HYMNALS

If you donated a hymnal when the last edition was purchased in 2004, you are more than welcome to take that hymnal home with you as a keepsake. We will have them alphabetized and available for pick-up in the office

Our updated hymnals with the new translation have arrived! If you would like to donate a hymnal in memory of a loved one, please pick up a special preprinted envelope in the back of the church or in the office, fill it out and return it in the collection basket or to the office. A donation of \$20 will put your name and the name of your loved one on a beautiful bookplate in the front of a hymnal. You can view the bookplate on the parish website. In addition you will be added to a permanent list of names that will be held in the choir loft and our musicians will pray for you weekly! Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE - A RENEWED MARRIAGE!

Sign up for the Dynamic Marriage course offered at St Joseph's parish, 6600 Highland Dr. Vancouver WA, Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, Feb. 21-April 17. Join the more than 55,000 couples nationwide who have taken their relationship to new levels of respect and understanding with this dynamic, interactive course. Sign up today and get ready to fall in love all over again! Registration deadline is Feb. 13. Open to all married couples. Engaged couples welcome if wedding date is set. Contact, Diane Boggs at the St. Joseph parish office to sign up, 696-4407 or diane@stjoevan.org.

LOST AND FOUND

There's a green container in the parish office with coats, hats etc. that have been misplaced or left. Currently it contains a jacket, umbrellas and gloves. Contents of this container are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul regularly, so please be sure to check for missing items in a timely manner.

GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER

If you forget your envelope, don't have envelopes or you are using another envelope please remember to put your giving number either on your check or on the envelope in which you put your money if you want credit on your donation statement. Watch your mail, 2011 donation statements will be mailed soon. Your account number will be on this statement for those who use electronic transfers.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We have the following openings to our schedule; your help is needed!

Sunday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am

Monday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 10:00-11:00pm, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Friday, 3:00-4:00am, 11:00pm-Midnight

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am, Noon-1:00pm

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour or be added to the substitute list contact

jeanne@stthomascamas.org or 834-2126 ext. 0. or Schedules

to take home are in the adoration chapel.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

On Tue., Jan. 24 from 3:00-4:30pm and again 7:00-8:30pm there will be a seminar for adults of all ages with estates of all sizes given by the Archdiocese of Seattle, Planned Giving Office. This is a free, no obligation presentation which will include: 1) Assurance that "putting your affairs in order" is easier than you may think. 2) Information on how to prepare wills. 3) Information on distribution your estate. 4) Information on guardianship issues. 5) Estate gifting techniques and information on tax advantages. 6) Methods of increasing your retirement income and 7) A local, on-site attorney, available to answer your questions. Just contact the office, 834-2126 to leave your name and the time you want to attend as well as if you need child care, giving us the ages of the child(ren) or submit the registration form on last week's flyer to the parish office through the collection.

AQUINAS FEAST DAY, CRAB AND PRIME RIB DINNER



The date has been set for Jan. 28, 2012, for the annual Crab and Prime Rib dinner, and ticket price is only \$29 each. Please join us for a fun evening of 5 star food, music, dancing, the super popular Theme Dinner sign up, auction items, games, and wonderful parish fellowship. All proceeds will go

to Parish Family Programs. Tickets are available; contact Bud Brown, 834-7863 or Laurie Midles, 833-1098 or the parish office.

BAPTISM PREP FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

On Sun., Feb. 12 is the next preparation course for parents and those who plan to be Godparents at this sacrament. It will be at 1:00pm in the parish offices. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATE. If you are pregnant or have a **child under 7 years old** to be Baptized this class is necessary; contact the parish office to register 834-2126 ext. 0.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our annual women's retreat, as we meet at St. Thomas with Mother Mary beginning at 9:00am Mass on Sat., Feb. 11. Our retreat theme is "Angels - our guardians and companions". Cost for the day retreat is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration is required by Feb. 3; forms are located in the office and vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Simms at 834-0523.



OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS AND BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2011 THROUGH 6/30/2012

Actual Collection 1/8/12	\$23,577
Planned Collection 1/8/12	\$11,820.50
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) week 28 of the fiscal year	\$11,596
It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give to the church electronically from our website, just look for this link in the Stewardship file →	Make Your Donations Online



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

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Here I am”

Throughout the Bible when God would call on someone by name, the answer would be: “Here I am.” Many saints throughout the church’s history responded with the same willingness to serve God’s

will for them, whether it be to start a hospital, feed the poor, educate the young, or shelter the elderly. Even when the task seemed overwhelming, they pursued it. Faced with the challenge of founding a community and an academy in the then-wilderness of Indiana, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, wrote: “All appearances are against it.” But establish it she did. Look for opportunities to say an unconditional “yes!” to love and serve others as God loves you.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65)*

“Here I am. You called me.”

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Getting head and heart right

“One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong.” The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation of our consciences—including *informing* our consciences through ongoing education even after formal classroom days are behind us. After all, integrity doesn’t mean simply holding to your principles and actions in tandem with each other. You have to be sure, first of all, that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions! To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311)*

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

Tuesday, January 17 Feast of Anthony, abbot

Turn down the distractions

On the feast of Saint Anthony of the Desert, we recall that there has been, almost from the beginning, a way of following Christ that draws the believer away from busyness, away from noise, away from the sense stimulation that many experts say we are becoming addicted to. We respond reflexively not to what is most important in life but to the latest signal, beep, buzz, or ringtone to impinge upon our consciousness. Few of us have a desert at hand where we can retreat and listen to the still, small voice of God, but perhaps there is a park, a rooftop, a chapel, a parked car with the radio off that can offer a chance for contemplation, for quietly considering the things that really matter.

Today’s readings: *Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312)*

“The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Wednesday, January 18

Fighting Goliath

It’s challenging to face off with the monsters of one’s own making in this world: relationships that are fraying, decisions poorly made, today’s bills that reflect yesterday’s foolish purchases. How can we also be expected to fight the monsters who owe their creation to the forces of history? Take, for example, the sad divisions that make up Christian history. You and I didn’t forge the breach between Rome and today’s

Lutherans, Anglicans, Baptists, and Methodists. Yet as we prepare for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we’re asked to reach out across this scarred battlefield and recall the Christ who invited all to be his friends.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313)*

“You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy.”

Thursday, January 19

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

How to be a real winner

The theme of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, “We shall all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,” asks us to consider the entrenched role of winners and losers in our society and then to move beyond such oppositional thinking. Our prayer this week is to reach toward the level of awareness where opposites like winners and losers are transcended and reconciled through the forces of love and compassion. That is the “victory” of this year’s theme. That is the mindset of Jesus. That kind of change, however, is going to take more than a week. Still, we must begin where we are. What will you do to put this prayer into action?

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314)*

“Hearing what he was doing, a large number of people came to him.”

Friday, January 20

Feast of Fabian, martyr, pope and Sebastian, martyr

Take this call seriously

Saint Sebastian, the patron saint of soldiers, and Saint Fabian, who was chosen as pope by the sign of a dove descending from above, were both men who embraced what God had called them to do and eventually gave their lives for Christ. They accepted the opportunities God offered them and fought through persecution because they believed in the unconditional love of God. The apostles did the same when Jesus summoned them up a mountain. By emulating the apostles and Sebastian and Fabian, we allow ourselves to fully accept our true vocation from Jesus.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315)*

“Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.”

Saturday, January 21 Feast of Agnes, virgin, martyr

The most vulnerable deserve the most protection

The stories of child sex abuse that have come out recently remind us in no uncertain terms that the exploitation of the youngest and most vulnerable among us is an ongoing and serious problem. Today in the church calendar we remember Saint Agnes, who died at the tender age of 13 back in the year 304 A.D. It was said that as punishment for refusing a forced marriage to the son of a Roman official, young Agnes was dragged naked through the streets of Rome to a brothel where she was raped and then executed. A horrific tale of child abuse no doubt, but one that has been repeated in some form or another through the ages. It is time for Christians to speak with one voice worldwide to denounce the abuse of children wherever and whenever it occurs.

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316)*

“Rouse your power, and come to save us.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Jan. 14 SATURDAY

5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

Jan. 15 SUNDAY - St. Vincent de Paul collection

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Liturgy of the Hours for week 2
SUMMA articles due

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass for the soul of Linda Gerhard (Gerhard)

11:30am Mass for the intentions of Kathleen Tibott (Hughes)

1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room

3:15pm Adult Confirmation, Fireside Room

Jan. 16 MONDAY

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Jan. 17 TUESDAY

6:15am March for Life Bus, parking lot

8:30am Mass for the soul Barb Rupp (Meyer)

6:00pm Confessions, Church

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

7:00pm Finance Council, Room 17

Jan. 18 WEDNESDAY

NO 8:30am Mass

11:00am Funeral Mass for the soul of Maria Murphy

3:45pm Good Shepherd program, Room 11 & Fireside Room

6:00pm Faith Formation, all facilities

7:00pm Schola, Church

7:30pm DTS (Dead Theologians Society), Youth Room

Jan. 19 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Phoebe Kempson (Heacock)
followed by "Coffee Hour"

5:30pm Vox Clara, Church

6:30pm Hispanic Bible Study, Room 16

7:00pm R.C.I.A., Fireside Room

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

Jan. 20 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

12:00pm Mass for the soul of Matt Lightner (Parker & Goetz)

2:00pm Funeral Liturgy of the Word Service for Dwight Gange

Jan. 21 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Orr (Sentesy)

10:00am Confessions

3:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

Jan. 22 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Aquinas Guild
Liturgy of the Hours for week 3

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass for the soul of Linda Gerhard (Gerhard)

11:30am Mass for the intentions of Kathleen Tibott (Hughes)

1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room

3:15pm Adult Confirmation, Fireside Room

Jan. 23 MONDAY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 23 Aquinas Senior's Potluck Luncheon

Jan. 24 Wills and Estate Planning Workshops

Jan. 28 Aquinas Feast Day, Crab and Prime Rib Dinner

Feb. 5 Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast

Feb. 11 Women's Retreat

Feb. 12 Baptism Preparation for Parents and Witnesses

Feb. 18 Marriage Appreciation Event

Feb. 20 Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

RESPECT LIFE

Some time ago, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), began allowing the "Morning-After Pill" (MAP) to be sold over-the-counter without a prescription...(a) little problem can be headed-off with a quick trip to the neighborhood drug store. One little pill and the child is cleaned-out ...

In December, HHS Secretary Sebelius, announced that MAP sales would not be permitted to children under seventeen. The next day, Barack Obama leaped on board telling the media that he fully supported her decision. Meanwhile, some pro-life and pro-family groups even joined the chorus characterizing Sebelious' action as a crucial first-step in protecting young girls...

The problem never was that over-the-counter MAP sales allows statutory rape victims to buy these pills anonymously. The problem was that over-the-counter MAP sales allows statutory rape perpetrators to buy them anonymously. And that is still the case.

...the driving force behind the sudden decision to limit MAP sales (is that) It is a no-expense / low-risk way to sand away the rough edges of issues that are irritating a crucial group of voters...and ...this (is) an election year...

For the entire article go to <http://www.markcrutcherblog.com/> All That Glitters

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS

We are now 6 weeks into the new translation, and people are still learning and adjusting, which is expected. They are a great benefit to us and our prayer life. The depth and beauty of the prayers is a great gift from the Church to deepen our own prayer life. As we continue to learn the new prayers and responses, please keep in mind that **the best way to adjust is to have a card in your hands for the entire Mass! The new hymnals have the entire new translation for the whole Mass as well.** The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, from which not only our entire prayer life and all of our works of charity are drawn, but also from which our entire life flows. This new translation draws us deeper into this great mystery and the mystery of Christ's love for us. It is with great joy that we now use it!

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