

*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky?
The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia.*

A message from our pastor

My major in college was political science, but politics as such does not command much of my attention. What does is the mission of being a priest. I do not belong, nor have I ever belonged to a political party. When it comes to voting, I consider the candidate's stance, especially in regards to the social justice teachings of our faith. Living our faith accordingly can be challenging at times, but then if the Christ had to suffer, his followers can expect to do the same as they endeavor to make the good news known to others. Catholic social teaching is a catalyst to make the good news relevant in our world today for the Church cares about the life and dignity of every human person.

With his ascension, Jesus was no longer physically present to his disciples, but they carried on his mission, exemplified in part by the social teachings of our faith, which in due time convinced us that living the Catholic faith is the way for us to best follow Jesus. I am excited that several parishioners, who see the importance of social justice in the mission of the Church, have come together to study the subject of social justice and wish to awaken others to its beauty and to realize that it isn't about politics. The fair they are hosting this weekend is a brief introduction to the different elements of social justice. Beginning Monday, they will be hosting a series of seminars until the last Monday in June. I urge you to join us on these Monday evenings so that you can deepen your awareness of how the Church challenges us to fully live our faith by doing what we can to render justice to others by what we say and do.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: *Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal is greatly appreciated!* Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington through the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. One person or parish could not possibly accomplish all that needs to be done for over 60 ministries and services of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift, no matter the amount, CAN, WILL and IS making a difference! It is not too late to return your pledge envelope. If you haven't done so already—please do so today. *Thank you!*

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR THIS WEEKEND! Please stop at the parish Peace and Social Justice Fair—*"In the Footsteps of Jesus"* THIS WEEKEND after all Masses in Read Hall. An introduction to the Church teachings followed by "Peace" starts the detailed conversation on Monday, May 17th at 7PM for prayer, learning and shared reflection on the meaning of "Peace in Today's World," facilitated by Laurie Julian and David Scherer. We promise that our sessions will be thoughtful and respectful and encourage a diversity of viewpoints. All are welcome!



IN APPRECIATION: Many thanks to all the parishioners that have sent get well cards, Mass cards and who called Paul during his illness. We also want to thank all the people that have been driving us to the doctors, hospital and shopping since both of us can not drive at this time. It was great for Fr. Rick and Deacon Larry to visit us! *In appreciation, Margaret & Paul D'Avanzo*



BAZAAR MEETING: Save May 20th at 1PM in Read Hall for our craft meeting. Come and enjoy easy work and lots of good conversation. Any questions, please phone Jean Duffy at 321-0752.

PARISH PICNIC: Our parish picnic will be held on Sun., July 18th from 12-4Pm at Maxwelton Beach. We need lots of help and ideas to pull this parish event together. Anyone interested in helping please call Kellie Fischer at 579-2450.

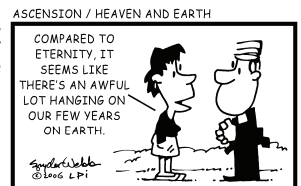
"KEEPING" CATHOLICS HOME: Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13th at 4PM for our second Catholic Q & A event followed by a potluck in Read Hall. Fr. Rick is looking forward to answering your questions about our Catholic faith. Please start thinking about your questions that you want to bring to this event!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: During Spring and Summer we will study the Gospel of John. This week our *Lectio Divina* will continue on the part of the Gospel about the 7 signs— the feeding of the 5000 and walking on water. We will then examine some of the distinctive features of this Gospel or we'll listen to an audio by Fr. Raymond Brown, the renowned Catholic Bible scholar.



KNIGHTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP: Applications forms to apply for the Knights of Columbus scholarship are available on the table in the narthex. Questions can be directed to any Knight or call Larry at 579-3614.

MASS INTENTIONS: May 18 at 8:15 for Jim Goodmanson RIP; Thurs., May 20 at 8:15 for Dustin Varney; Fri., May 21 at 8:15 for Patricia Steinmetz.





FAITH FORMATION AND MORE...



FAMILY MINISTRY: All families are invited to join us for a Family Mass and Potluck on Sunday, June 6th at 5:00PM to celebrate our teachers, students and graduating seniors.




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are still looking for volunteers to help in all capacities with our summer vacation bible school July 12-16. If you love the sound of a child's laughter and if you love sharing your faith while having fun, then we are looking for you! Please call Patty at the Faith Formation Office for more information. Thank you!

***Information and registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on the bulletin board in Read Hall. Please consider making VBS part of your child's summer experience. **VBS will be July 12-15.**

▶▶▶**RE:** Next Sunday, May 23 is the last RE class. Our goal is 100% attendance.

YOUTH MINISTRY: If you will be entering grades 11 or 12 this next school year and are interested in being confirmed, please call the Faith Formation Office. You may register by calling 221-7744 or emailing Patty at pkmaddux@yahoo.com.

The youth campout will be on June 25, 26, & 27. All youth 6th to 12th grades are invited to join us. You can find information and permission slips on the bulletin board in Read Hall or check your email for more info. There will be a youth gathering this weekend, May 16th from 6-8PM. Please bring a camp chair! 



Next weekend, May 23rd is our end of the year youth celebration at Maxwelton Beach from 5-8PM. Parents and 5th grade students are welcome to join us for this youth gathering. Please bring a snack to share: hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

PRAYER CORNER: Jeanne Babik, Paul & Joan Biondi, Jane Brennan, Dick Bruya, Marie Celebre, Socorro Corbin, Paul D'Avanzo, Scott DenAdell, Vincent DiPersia, Barb Eckert, Frank Fuda, Lanny Gilmore, Ann Gnozzo, Lois Gorg, Norma Hall, Marcia & Pat Halligan, Emmie Holm, Dottie Jones, Gail Kidd, Fran LaFond, Arvella Maxwell, Marshall & Elena McCann, Jackie & Dale Merrel, Denise Miller, Jerry Moffat, Peg Moore, Menodora Newbauer, Don Nowak, Irene Redman, Jay Richards, Pat Rodden, Vickie Scott, Joe Stenson, Larry Taylor, Fen Tinker, Tyler Tran, Jim Weber, Dick Wilkin-

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth-to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.



Ordinary Collection

May 9, 2010
\$6,056.47
Total for this month
\$12,284.22

Debt Reduction Fund

May 9, 2010
\$753.42
Total still needed for this month
\$1,644.58

Building debt amount still owed as of April 16: \$66,225.07

MASS SCHEDULE



Saturday, May 22 @ 5:00 PM

Lector: Kate Maggert
EM: Jim & Christine Roshak, Iris Morrow
Greeters: Lora & Mike Babik
Altar S.: Christine & Bob Schoeler, Clare Lyons

Sunday, May 23 @ 8:00 AM

Lector: Jody LaBissoniere
EM: Mary Lukinich, Margaret Todd, Deacon Larry
Greeters: Pat O'Neill, Stefano Carosi
Altar S.: Jeanine Jesmer, Sandy & Sarah Poolman

Sunday, May 23 @ 10:30 AM

Lector: Marye Kieling
EM: John Goddard, Renee Bilyeu, Deacon Bob
Greeter: Wm. Trudeau, Hillary Malu
Altar S.: Joan Smith, Maralie Johnson, Ryan Russell

Events Calendar

May 17-May 23

Mass: 8:15 AM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,
COMMUNION SERVICE: 10:30 Wed.
Devotions: 8:00 AM Sat.

Monday 7:00PM Peace & Social Justice, Read Hall

Tuesday 2:00 PM Intercessory prayer, church
7:00 PM Prayer meeting, church

Wednesday.... 9:00 AM ACA mailing, Kaufman room
1:00 PM & 7PM Knitting, room 7
7:00 PM Bible Study, Kaufman room

Thursday 9:30 Bible Study, Kaufman room
1:00 PM Craft meeting, Read Hall
7:00 PM Choir

Saturday..... 4:00 PM Reconciliation

Sunday 9:15 AM RE classes
9:00 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM Youth Gathering