

September 29, 2013
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable about the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in his way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

September 30	10:30 AM	
Brian Grayford		RIP
October 2	2:00 PM	
Lucille McDaniel		SI
	6:00 PM	
Kathy Kelso		SI
October 3	10:30 AM	
Valentine Simo		SI
October 4	10:30 AM	
Evelyn Rose Wambold		RIP
October 5	5:00 PM	
Tyler & Ashton Green		SI
October 6	8:30 AM	
Lisa Langdon		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Joseph Mladenik		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		
	5:00 PM	
Ted Tolentino		RIP

Daily Worship
Week of September 29, 2013

Monday, September 30	Zechariah 8:1-8 Psalm 102:16-23, 29 Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday, October 1 St. Therese of Lisieux	Zechariah 8:20-23 Psalm 87:1-7 Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels	Nehemiah 2:1-8 Psalm 137:1-6 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Thursday, October 3	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Psalm 19:8-11 Luke 10:1-12
Friday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi	Baruch 1:15-22 Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9 Luke 10:13-16
Saturday, October 5	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Psalm 69:33-37 Luke 10:17-24
Sunday, October 6 Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP PETER SARTAIN
Regarding Pope Francis' interview with America magazine

Pope Francis' interview with *America magazine*, expressed in his unique and conversational manner, has caught the attention of the media and many people around the world. It is important to note that his comments are consistent with the teaching of his predecessors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II, expressed both in talks and in writing. Pope Francis' wonderful interview represents the perspective of a true pastor of souls and is an opportunity for us to encounter the riches of the Catholic Faith with ears and eyes because of his unique gifts to present the truth in his down-to-earth style of communication. I encourage everyone to read the entire interview, which can be found at www.americamagazine.org/pope-interview.

EVENING PRAYER and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday eves.
6:30 -7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM. **We are in need of Adorers at 9:30 AM. If you can help, please call Karen at 671-1544.**

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY
Wednesday after Mass
6:45-8:30 PM

"Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy one of Israel;

I, the Lord your God, teach you what is for your good and lead you on the way you should go.

If you hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river and your vindication like the waves of the sea." Isaiah 48:17-18.

If you have a burden in your life, we invite you to come for prayer, it is quiet and confidential.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
 Fridays 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.



Catechism of the Catholic

Church 2463 How can we not recognize Lazarus, the hungry beggar in the parable (Lk 17:19-31), in the multitude of human beings without bread, a roof or a place to stay?

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

In order to be eligible for any sacraments one must participate in a two-year process which means that the year before the sacramental year your child is / was enrolled in and attending either Assumption Catholic School or in one of the K - 12 Faith Formation Programs of the parish. Year two also requires participation in either Assumption Catholic School or in one of the K - 12 Faith Formation Programs PLUS registration and attendance at special classes to prepare specifically for the sacrament. The deadline for registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is **Saturday, October 12 at 10AM** (the first class for children and parents for the year).

K-5 Faith Formation class begins Sept.29, 11:30 am to 12:20 pm in the school.

PROGRAMAS DE FORMACIÓN DE FE

Para poder ser elegible en cualquiera de los sacramentos hay que participar en un proceso de dos años que significa que el año anterior del año sacramental su hijo/a está / estaba matriculado/a y asistiendo a la Escuela Católica de la Asunción o en uno de los Programas de Formación en la Fe del K-12 de la parroquia. El segundo año también requiere la participación en cualquiera de la Escuela Católica de la Asunción o en uno de los Programas de Formación en la Fe del K-12 mas la inscripción y la asistencia a las clases especiales para preparar específicamente para el sacramento. El plazo de inscripción para la Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía es **Sábado, 12 de octubre a las 10 de la mañana** (que es la primera clase para los niños y padres de familia para el año).

Las clases de Formación de la Fe comienzan el 29 sept., a las 11:30 de la mañana y terminan a las 12:20 del medio día en la escuela.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—the process for those seeking to become a fully-initiated Catholic, meets on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m in the School Library.

If you are a baptized Christian adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or a baptized Catholic adult seeking Confirmation then our RCIA process is also the right place for you.

Please contact Gina DePalma at 733-1380 x22 or ginad@assumption.org with any questions.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

All children 7-17 years old who have not been baptized are welcome to join the process for our Rite of Christian Initiation of Children . Faith instruction sessions begin on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 9:30—10:20 a.m. in the Stafford Room.

Please contact Adriana Estrada at 733-1380 x24 or Adriana@assumption.org with any questions or to register your child/children.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE NIÑOS (RCIC)

Los niños de 7-17 años de edad que no han sido bautizados están invitados a unirse al proceso de nuestro Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Niños.

Las sesiones de instrucción de la Fe comienzan el domingo 29 de septiembre, de 9:30-10:20 de la mañana en el Salón del Stafford.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada al 733-1380 x24 o

Adriana@assumption.org con cualquier pregunta o para registrar a su hijo / hijos.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA), es el proceso para aquellos que buscan convertirse en un católico completamente iniciado, se reúne los jueves de 7:00-9:00 de la tarde en la Biblioteca Escolar.

Si usted es un adulto bautizado y esta interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica o un adulto católico bautizado y esta buscando confirmación entonces nuestro proceso de RICA es también el lugar adecuado para usted.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gina DePalma al 733-1380 x22 o ginad@assumption.org con cualquier pregunta.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip will be sold on the **first & third** Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM mass.

El Scrip ya esta en venta después de la misa en Español. Gracias por su apoyo.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

*Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Mark Bieda
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Maj. Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kyle Frisbie
Kurt DeVries
Garrett A. Burnham*

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The Altar Serving Training will be held on Saturday, October 5 from 10am – 11am in the Church. All interested parishioners grades four and above who have received First Eucharist are invited to attend. We encourage servers of all ages from grade four to adults. This is a wonderful service to the Church and a great way to participate in the Liturgy!

Middle School Youth Group		EDGE Catholic Middle School Ministry	Grupo juvenil preparatoria
[Mondays / 7:00-8:30 PM] [los lunes / 7:00-8:30 PM]			

Grupo juvenil secundaria		High school youth group
[Los domingos/ 6:00-8:00 PM] [Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM]		

**FIRST YOUTH MASS KICKS OFF THE YEAR!
-September 29th at 5:00 pm-**

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Grandparent/Grand-friends Club

Assumption Catholic School needs grandparent and grand-friends to read with and listen to our students read!

We have wee ones to older ones who need grand-folks to dive into books with them!

All volunteers must take the Archdiocese "Called to Protect" class. It is offered at Assumption on October 5, 2013 at 9AM and other various times throughout the Archdiocese.

Call Assumption Catholic School for more information:
360-733-6133

ROSARY SALE

On October 6th and October 20th, we will be selling at coffee hour. On October 13th and October 27th we will be in the gathering space from 8 am until 1 pm. We also do repairs and special orders.

Maryann Knight 360-448-9271.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Our parish will be running the Evenings for the Engaged starting October 6th. If you are a couple planning to be married in the Catholic Church please contact us to help you prepare for this sacrament. For information about marriage preparation classes, please contact Judy Ziels at 360-752-0970. For information about the sacrament of marriage, please contact Kathy Ernst at 360-733-1380.



At Hope House we often struggle with "how much" should people be allowed to take—here is the opposite piece to last week's bulletin. It is a lesson we learn daily at Hope House as we struggle to be good stewards of what is given to us to share.

"As fearful people we are inclined to develop a mind-set that makes us say, "there's not enough food for everyone, so I better be sure I save enough for myself in case of emergency," or "There's not enough love to give to everybody so I'd better keep my friends for myself to prevent others from taking them away from me." This is a scarcity mentality. It involves hoarding whatever we have, fearful that we won't have enough to survive. The tragedy, however, is that what you cling to ends up rotting in your hands."

We are in need of baby formula, all sizes of diapers and all kinds of canned food.

With much love,
Cheri Woolsey
Find us on Facebook!

LIFE CHAIN - OCT. 6

The annual Life Chain will be held Sunday, October 6, 2 - 3:00pm, on Meridian in Bellingham, between Telegraph Road and Bakerview.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR INTERFAITH COALITION'S SEVERE WEATHER SHELTERS

Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 PM at The Leopold Hotel, 1224 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham. The Valley Voices Women's Barbershop Chorus are currently preparing their annual Cabaret fundraiser to support Interfaith Coalition's Severe Weather Shelters, which provide refuge to homeless people on our coldest nights. This fun-packed night of harmony will highlight The An-O-Chords men's barbershop chorus of Anacortes, The Bellingham Youth Jazz Band, and a women's quartet, Elation. Songs for the evening are family-friendly and contain patriotic and gospel music as well. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Village Books or by calling Interfaith Coalition at (360) 734-3983.

CONCERT – BELLA NOTTE!

Mark your calendars: **November 9th, Saturday evening.** The Women's Schola, Matthew Ma, Whitney Wynn's String Quartet, and a cast of many more will bring you an evening to remember. A pre-concert dinner will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. All concert evening proceeds will benefit Assumption's capital campaign and the Knights of Columbus. Concert sponsorships for musicians and program advertising are available. Contact Wendy Donaghy for more information. **Email** Schola.viva@gmail.com

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
Jose Ordoñez
Denise Plaisier
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Richard Wilson
Tashie Zang

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Dan Kamkoff
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

STILLPOINT AT BECKSIDE RETREAT CENTER

October Events at Stillpoint at Becksides Retreat Center

"Christ in the Cosmos Series 'The Christ Project' "

Thursday evenings: Oct. 10, 17, 14, 31 from 7pm to 9pm

"Celebrating Creativity: Called to be Co-creators"

A "prayershop" led by Sr. Alexandra Kovats

Saturday, October 12th, from 9 to 3:30

See posters in the Gathering Space for more details or contact Linda Conroy, lnd.conroy@gmail.com 360 733 9414, stillpointatbeckside.com

PAX CHRISTI

The goal of **Pax Christi**, a Catholic Peace Organization, is to provide a space for prayer, study, and action to help those in the group on their personal mission of following Jesus as a peacemaker and to work for justice in the world. On **Tuesday October 1** at Assumption Parish Center Living Room from 7 -8:30 PM, please join our local group for a discussion - Christianity and War- the history - early Christianity, change with Constantine, the classic and contemporary Catholic just war theory, pacifism, Catholic worker movement, peace groups in other churches, traditional peace churches, and non-denominational peace organizations.

JUSTFAITH

There is still time and a few places left to participate in the 8th group in Belingham to go through this valuable program of transformation and formation for Social Ministry. The first session is **Monday October 7** from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Stafford Room at Assumption parish. If interested, contact Dan Larguier by e-mail (dflarguier@yahoo.com) or phone 360-920-1816 for more information about the program. Also, we are offering a JustFaith module on *Prison Reform: The Church of the Second Chance*- 6 weeks, probably the last week of October through the middle of December.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Find out how to live this out in your marriage; sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend: in Bellevue – Oct 4-6 (www.SeattleWWME.org or call Dawn & Rory Myers at 206-772-2344).



INTERFAITH COALITION'S WINTER COAT DRIVE

Join us for Interfaith Coalition's annual winter coat drive. This successful program brings warm coats to people in need throughout the county.

Please bring clean, gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens to the gathering space. Distribution managed again this year by JustFaith Group #3. Children's and men's large coats are especially needed. Sunday, October 20 is the last Sunday to bring in items. Many people appreciate this program because they don't have to spend their limited income on a coat or go without one through the winter.

Thanks for sharing the warmth!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND OCTOBER 4-6

Suffering from the pain of separation, divorce or widowhood? Join us for *Beginning Experience*, a faith-based weekend October 4-6 in Lacey. You will be able to process your feelings in a safe environment and be given the tools to move forward with your life. Contact Chris Coylar at (253)-223-2645 or email her at nestandtwig@gmail.com. Cost for the retreat is \$200 which includes lodging, food, and materials. Financial assistance is available.

LIFE IS SACRED

"*Life is Sacred*," a conference of ProLife ministries, will be held at St Mary Magdalen parish in Everett, Saturday, October 19, 9am – 4:30pm. Mass with Archbishop Sartain will be followed by our keynote speaker, Dr Tom Curran. In addition, there will be opportunities to hear speakers on various ProLife topics, as well as information and representatives from several local ProLife ministries. Please go to the www.SMMParish.org website for more information and to register on-line (\$30 registration fee). [Registration includes a snack after mass and lunch.] All are invited to attend to learn more about ProLife issues and concerns, and hear the challenge to respond to the call to build a Culture of Life. Please tell your family and friends and anyone who would benefit from this ProLife Conference. For questions, contact Dawn Myers, RnD.Myers@Comcast.net

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Monday, September 30th

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	PCLR
6:30 PM	CC Cabinet Training	Sacred Heart
7:00 PM	EDGE	Gym

Tuesday, October 1st

1:00 PM	Bible Study	Stafford
3:00 PM	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	Room 1
6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
6:30 PM	CC Cabinet Training 2	Gym
7:00 PM	Pax Christi	PCLR
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Stafford
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting	Gym

Wednesday, October 2nd

12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
2:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph Hospital
5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Parish Life and Social	PC 2nd floor
7:00 PM	PTC Executive Meeting	LMC
7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church

Thursday, October 3rd

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:15 AM	Prolife Rosary	Church
1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
5:30 PM	Life Teen Core Team	PC 3rd floor
6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 PM	RCIA Catechumenate	LMC

Friday, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Rosary Prayer Group	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
6:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
6:00 PM	Home Mass & Dinner	Off-site
7:00 PM	Grupo de 'Compartir el Evangelio'	LMC

Saturday, October 5th

Priest Pension Collection

8:30 AM	Called to Protect	LMC
10:00 AM	Altar Server Training	Church
11:00 AM	Spanish Choir Rehearsal	PC 2nd floor
1:00 PM	Art & Environment Comm	PC 2nd floor
2:30 PM	Faith & Light	LMC
3:00 PM	Tagalog Choir	Church
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Dinner Club	Off-site

Sunday, October 6th

Respect Life & Priest Pension Collection

7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:00 AM	Grupo de Oración	Room 1
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Ensayo de Mariachis	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	K-5th Faith Formation	LMC
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
3:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:00 PM	Youth Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Lifeteen	Gym
6:30 PM	Evenings for Engaged	Stafford

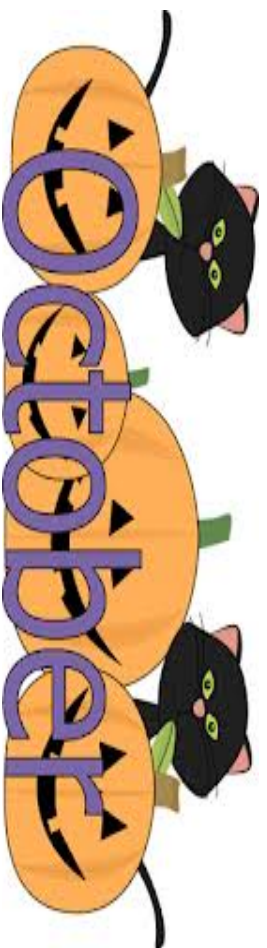


ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY

Please join us on Friday Oct. 4th 8:00 AM for the blessing of the animals.



SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 12 AND 13, 2013

The Dominican Sisters, teachers at Assumption school from 1913 to the 1970s, are celebrating their 125th anniversary since their founding in Pomeroy, Washington. From their motherhouse in Tacoma, they staffed 29 schools in Washington and California from 1890 through the early seventies. During this, their quasiquicentennial, they will visit all the schools where they taught. We will be greeted by the sisters at all the masses on October 12 and 13. After mass on Saturday, a short presentation will be followed by a spaghetti dinner. Again on Sunday, October 13, a reception will be held in the gym between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses. The sisters look forward to their reunion with us.



2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Pax Christi 7PM Capital Campaign Cabinet Training 6:30PM	2 Mass St. Joseph Hosp 2PM Parish Life & Socials 7PM	3	4 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> Blessing of the Animals 8AM 	5 Called To Protect 9AM Altar Server Training 10AM
6 Evenings for Engaged Begins 6:30 PM	7 JustFaith Begins 6PM Confirmation Class 7PM Bldg & Grounds 7PM	8 Called To Protect 6PM Knights of Columbus 7PM	9 PTC General Mtg 7PM Mysteries of the Church 7PM	10 Pastoral Council 7PM	11	12 1st Reconciliation Class 10AM Dominican Sisters Spa- ghetti Dinner 5, 6 or 7PM Seatings
13 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 & 11:30AM 	14	15	16 School Commission 7PM	17 Engaged Church Leadership Mtg 7PM	18 <i>St. Luke</i>	19 Liturgical Minister Training 10AM
20 Rite of Acceptance 8:30AM Tamales School Fund- raiser 9:30AM Confirmation Rite #1 5PM	21 Confirmation Class 7PM	22	23 Mysteries of the Church 7PM Dialogue for Justice @ Sacred Heart 7PM	24 Word & Communion 10:30AM Capital Campaign Rally 7PM Finance Council 8PM	25	26 1st Reconciliation Class 10AM Interfaith Coat Distri- bution 11:30AM
27 Interfaith Coat Distribu- tion 8AM Harp/Ehler Wedding 10:30AM Community Meal 1PM	28 <i>Sts. Simon & Jude</i>	29	30	31	<p><i>Please remove from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of October events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.</i></p>	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(09/22/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,404	\$69,615	\$208,848
Contributions received:	\$16,687	\$67,922	\$197,838
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 717	-\$ 1,694	-\$ 11,010

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

Debt Reduction	Wk(09/22/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$1,058	\$4,232	\$12,696
Contributions received:	\$ 696	\$3,192	\$ 9,382
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 362	-\$1,040	-\$ 3,314

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 215
Priest Pension	\$ 71

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge:

Bill & Chris Attebery and Kathy & Ron Delbecq

We are so grateful to Bill and Chris Attebery and Kathy and Ron Delbecq for their role as campaign directors for our new capital campaign. Even though we have just begun, they have already put in countless hours in preparation. We are looking forward to a great process in this new chapter for the parish and we are so grateful to people like the Delbecqs and Atteberys who are willing to step up to the plate and take responsibility for the betterment of our community. We hope that if you are asked to support them in our efforts that you will respond with generosity.

WORLD HABITAT DAY—SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Monday, October 7th is World Habitat Day. You can help Habitat for Humanity build decent, affordable homes with local families in need by purchasing your daily coffee at a participating vendor on that day. They will donate their proceeds to Habitat for Humanity. You may check out Habitat's website at www.hfhwhatcom.org.

ORGANIST POSITION

Sacred Heart is seeking an experienced Organist primarily for the 8:30 a.m. Mass who can play the organ repertoire, is a highly capable service player, and choral accompanist. If you are interested, please submit letter of interest, resume, and reference list to Dr. Twila McDonell. Questions? Call 360-734-2850 x 304.

A Stewardship Moment

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

El pecado del rico en la parábola de hoy no era que fuera rico, sino que dejo de compartir su riqueza con el mendigo a su puerta. El conocía a Lázaro, tal vez lo pasaba cada vez que entraba o salía, pero no hizo nada por aliviar su sufrimiento. ¿Hay un Lázaro en mi vida? ¿Que estoy haciendo para ayudar?



Lord Jesus,

You came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving.

You told us that those who cling too tightly to what they have, without thought for You or others, end up losing everything.

You gave us new values by which to measure the worth of a person's life.

Help us to realize it is not temporal success or riches or fame that gives life meaning.

Rather it is the service rendered to You and others that brings fulfillment and makes our lives worthwhile.

May all of our activity help to build God's kingdom;

Our obedience to bring true freedom,

Our generosity to increase love,

Our sacrifices to bear generous fruit,

Our deaths to lead to eternal life.

Amen