

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2010



SUNDAY READINGS

When Jesus spoke in the synagogue, he was met with great resistance by those who knew Him. Often times we are resistant in hearing God's Word as it is proclaimed in our midst. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray that our hearts will be open to the transforming Word of God.

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Next Week:

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

8:30 a.m. Mass Intentions

MON † **Joseph Burke**
TUE † **Bob Ketelsen**
WED † **Bob German**
THU † **Hal King**
FRI † **Bob German**
SAT † **George Harvey**

Please note: We will pray *Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer* whenever a priest is not available to offer morning Mass. Father will offer the scheduled Mass intention privately.

Addition to our daily Parish Rosary

The *St. Michael Prayer*, located on the back of the Rosary Guide, will be recited following each Rosary prior to all Masses.

HAITI RELIEF

Many Thanks for your Donations & Prayers

Queen of Angels School 5th grade students & parents host Coffee Hour this weekend



Next week: .St. Martin Guild hosts Coffee Hour

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Celebrating Quality Education

JAN. 31— FEB. 6, 2010



Fiscal Year
July 1 — June 30

Sunday & Holy Day Collections

December 2008	\$ 54,302
December 2009	\$ 51,030
<i>Difference in Donations</i>	\$ (3,272)
08/09 Year To Date Collection	\$ 262,417
09/10 Year To Date Collection	\$ 261,578
<i>Difference in Donations</i>	\$ (839)

Thank you for your generous support

HEALING THROUGH THE DIVINE WORD

February 19, 20 and 21, 2010
St. Joseph's 19th Annual Healing Retreat
Fort Worden State Conference Center, Port Townsend
Father Jim Lee Retreat Master

Great time to worship and praise the Lord and receive His healing touch. Opportunities for reconciliation Friday evening, and Healing Prayer Team Ministry Friday evening and twice on Saturday, Mass on Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning with special Guadalupe procession and candle light reflection Saturday. Dormitory rooms available with meal plan for \$165/person (\$45 deposit), also duplex family housing with advance registration (\$160 deposit). Registration: call 360-683-2312 or artieh@olympus.net.

PROJECT RACHEL: POST ABORTION HEALING February 19-21, 2010

At least 70% of women having abortions say they believe it is immoral. It is because so many women who abort are acting against their consciences and maternal instincts – out of fear, pressure or misinformation – that the psychological impact of abortion can be so profound. We can help. Begin the New Year with a peace that surpasses all understanding. We can help. The next retreat will be held February 19-21.

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) *You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

ITALIAN DINNER PRESALE



The Italian Dinner pre-sale was a great success and we are grateful for your support. Orders will be available for pick up at the Parish kitchen on Tuesday February 2 from 8:00-8:30am and again from 1-3 PM. This does not include orders that are on the waiting list. We will try to fill those orders after the Italian dinner on February 13th. If you have any questions please call Theresa White at 452-3484 or Mary DeFilippo at 425-290-2255 or 683-2451.

CAN YOU HELP THE HOMELESS ?



St. Vincent de Paul Society continues efforts to provide for the needy of our community.

Please bring donations of new socks and backpacks to the parish



CATHOLIC WOMEN

Catholic Women will meet on Tuesday, February 2nd in the St. Anne Room from 1-3 PM.

All women in the parish are encouraged to attend.

Infant Massage Classes for Mother & Child ~ Tuesdays in February

9:30 — 11:00 A.M. in the Mary Room with Licensed Massage Therapist, Annie Tamburro

This free class offers simple techniques to parent and caregiver, empowering them to incorporate infant massage into daily routine to benefit child and adult to promote infant development, relaxation, immune system, circulation and a message of love and caring. Register early for this limited space class. Contact Annie at 452-8729





Dear Care Net Friends,

Please be advised that urgent prayer and mindful action is needed for pending legislation in our Washington State chambers (House Bill 2837 Senate Bill 6452). On **January 27th from 8:00-10:00AM** this legislation will be reviewed and if subsequently passed will severely impact pregnancy resource centers like Care Net.

The reality is that if this bill is enacted many centers could be in danger of being sued and/or permanently closed. At the heart of the legislation is this:

“Some limited service pregnancy centers have misled people about the nature of their services, have provided medically inaccurate information about reproductive health, and have withheld health care records, including the results of pregnancy tests, from individuals seeking services.”

Further, the state wants to mandate that clients understand: (a) That the center does not provide abortion or comprehensive birth control services; (b) That the center does not provide referrals to individuals or organizations that provide abortion or comprehensive birth control services; and (c) That the center does not provide medical care for pregnant women.

Our centers already disclose the fact that we do not provide or refer for abortions. All information given to our clients has been reviewed and approved by our Medical Director, Dr. Joel Finman. All clients are informed of the results of their pregnancy test. We offer free pregnancy testing and limited first trimester ultra sounds. They can easily obtain a copy of their file. This bill is full of misrepresentations and outright lies about our services and is nothing but an effort by Planned Parenthood and NARAL to close our centers. New regulations will severely impact all pregnancy resource centers.

Both the **Sequim and the Port Angeles centers will be open on the 27th from 8:00 -10:00 AM** so that we can spend this time in prayer for the center, legal, and medical representatives who will be attending and testifying at the committee hearing. We are asking prayer warriors to join us at the centers during this time. If you cannot be with us, please be in prayer wherever you are.

If God so moves, we are encouraging people to attend the hearing if possible. We need to be a loud voice in the ears of our legislators.

Ps. 34:17 says, “The righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Please join us in crying out to the Lord on the 27th!

In His Grip,

The Staff of Care Net of Clallam County
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Pastor's Column

31 January, 2010

God is a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. The reality of communion is woven into everything that exists. As people we come from two biological parents, a communion; and are raised by others, a communion; and attend school with others, a communion; work with others, a communion; have a family with others, a communion; and the end of this life is a communion with angels and saints or demons and fallen souls. In short we can never completely live without others. Yet that doesn't mean that we are always in a relationship with people even when we are in their presence.

Society is fragmenting and has been for quite some time. The dawn of the industrial age meant that the majority of the human race moved from farms to cities. A kind of communion was lost with nature and to an extent with our extended families. As recently as the year 1900, the average American spent their whole life living within 20 miles of the place of their birth. My own father used to reminisce about his childhood spending summers playing with his cousins on their family farms, then bemoaning why his own kids didn't spend more time with their cousins. The answer was; he moved us 300 miles away. Today that same kind of distance is happening not just within extended families, but within nuclear families as well. The culprit for this new distance, or fracturing really, is not physical distance, it's the electronic media.

As reported by Leanne Italie in the Associated Press, and published in the Peninsula Daily News, a group called the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation has been tracking technologies' grip on youth for years now. "A new study that shows children ages 8-18 devote an average of seven hours and 38 minutes a day consuming some form of media for fun." And it's getting worse. "That's an hour and 17 minutes more than they did five years ago." In my childhood I had access to TV, radio and/or tape player, VHS, and Atari. Today you can add to that the internet, laptops, Xbox, HDTV, iPhones, video chat, iPods, GPSes, DirectTV and DVR, Kindles, digital cameras, and much more. People are spending more of their free time in virtual reality than in actual reality – with someone. Relational skills are stunted. People begin to lose the ability to live in reality, in communion with others. What was taken for granted for all of human history about marriage, family, and God is breaking down into a kind of radical isolationism. Take these further statistics from the The Atlantic magazine (www.theatlantic.com/2010map) that in the past 25 years there has been a 33% drop in family dinners; a 45% drop in how often people invite friends to their homes; and a 72% decline in the number of Americans who are participating in group and civic activities. What we have is not only the breakdown of the American family and American society, but the breakdown of the Church too. People's relationship with God is withering away. This has been chronicled by the Pew Foundation's most recent polls that show that almost all religious belief and practice is declining for almost every religion in America, including the Catholic faith.

As I try my hardest to keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts, circumstances beyond my control are wrestling more and more of you away from a relationship with the Church and God. It is important that we not go silently or flickering into the night. It might be that in order for the Catholic faith, and indeed civilization, to survive we have to go back to living like our recent ancestors lived before electronic media came to rule our lives; perhaps like the Amish? In the meantime, please create time each day free of electronic media for family and God. All the saints are in agreement that silence and stillness are necessary ingredients for a relationship with God. If we entertain and preoccupy ourselves 24/7 in this life, we may never get to know an even greater happiness – the love of God and the Communion of Saints in heaven.

To Jesus through Mary,



Fr. Thomas Nathe