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To the church at Magnesia, blessed with the grace of God the Father in Christ Jesus, in whom I salute you. I send you every good wish in God the Father and in Jesus Christ.

I was delighted to hear of your love of God, so well-ordered and devout, and so I decided to address you in the faith of Jesus Christ. Honored as I am with a name of the greatest splendor, though I am still in chains I sing with the praises of the churches, and pray that they be united with the flesh and the spirit of Jesus Christ, who is our eternal life; a union in faith and love, to which nothing must be preferred; and above all a union with Jesus and the Father, for if in him we endure all the power of the prince of this world, and escape unharmed, we shall make our way to God.

I have had the honor of seeing you in the person of Damas your bishop, a man of God, and in the persons of your worthy presbyters, Bassus and Apollonius, and my fellow servant, the deacon Zotion; may I continue to take delight in him for he is obedient to the bishop as to the grace of God, and to the presbyters as to the law of Jesus Christ.

Now it hardly becomes you to presume on your bishop's youth, but rather, having regard to the power of God the Father, to show him every mark of respect. This, I understand, is what your holy presbyters do, not taking advantage of his youthful condition but deferring to him with the prudence which comes from God, or rather not to him but to the Father of Jesus Christ, to the bishop of all. So then, for the honor of him who loves us, it is proper to obey without hypocrisy; for a man does not so much deceive the bishop he can see as try to deceive the bishop he cannot see. In such a case he has to reckon not with a man, but with God who knows the secrets of the heart.

We should then really live as Christians and not merely have the name; for many invoke the bishop's name but do everything apart from him. Such men, I think, do not have a good conscience, for they do not assemble lawfully as commanded.

All things have an end, and two things, life and death, are side by side set before us, and each man will go to his own place. Just as there are two coinages, one of God and the other of the world, each with its own image, so unbelievers bear the image of this world, and those who have faith with love bear the image of God the Father through Jesus Christ. Unless we are ready through his power to die in the likeness of his passion, his life is not in us.

—St. Ignatius of Antioch (+ c. 108)
Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish
If you are just visiting, welcome! If you’d like to register at our parish, you can stop in at the parish office across the street, or go to www.shhham.org to get a registration form. You can come in and get a cup of coffee in the office Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Our parish staff can help you connect with the parish community in many ways, including social justice, homebound ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, and more.

PARISH LIFE

Called to Serve as Christ: Sacred Heart is participating in the Called to Serve as Christ campaign. This landmark campaign is the product of years of study and hard work by clergy, lay leaders, Archbishop Sartain, and archdiocesan staff. All 170 parishes and missions in our Archdiocese will take part in this historic campaign. The focus of the campaign is to strengthen our priest retirement and medical plans, support our women religious and assist our parishes. Detailed information about the campaign goals will be sent to every parish household in the months ahead. Our parish is participating in this campaign beginning in September. We need many volunteers to assist our parish for this campaign to be successful. If you are interested in volunteering and helping our parish in this landmark effort, please contact Father Ross or our campaign co-chairs, Mike Yeend and Phil Gubbins at CTSCS.SacredHeart@shhham.org, and we can provide you additional details.

Join the Mariners at T-Mobile Park as they host Faith & Family Day on Sat., July 27 at 1:10 pm versus the Detroit Tigers. With special ticket pricing, limited-edition Mariners T-shirts, a postgame concert, and player Q&A, this is one event not to be missed. Go to www.mariners.com/faith and enter the code FAITH to get the discounted price! Plus, the first 10,000 fans to enter T-Mobile Park will receive a Mariners beach towel.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS: All young adults in their 20’s and 30’s are invited to join us on Mon., Aug. 5 for our next gathering. We’ll meet at Jalapeños restaurant in Fairhaven for dinner at 6 pm, followed by a walk to Boulevard park, a short Bible study, then watch the sunset together. You can RSVP to this event and stay in the loop about future events by joining our Facebook group: Catholic Young Adults de Bellingham, or join our email list by contacting April Waldrop at april.waldrop@shhham.org.

SACRED HEART ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: Sun., Aug. 11, from 12-3 pm (following the 11 am Mass) at Fairhaven Park Pavilion. This year you can either call the parish to RSVP or go online at www.signupgenius.com and use the search bar with melissa.johnson@shhham.org to find our sign up sheet. There you can offer be a clean up volunteer and bring either a side dish, salad, or dessert. The parish will provide soft drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. Bring your sports equipment as well! Let’s celebrate another great summer at Sacred Heart!

Daily Mass Schedule Change List: If you would like to be notified by email if there is a change in our daily Mass schedule, please contact Kim in our office at kim.walker@shhham.org or 360-734-2850. If you don’t use email and would like to be notified, let Kim know and she’ll put you on the call list.

The Agape Service Project: You can drop donations for the migrant workers in the entryway of the church or at the parish office, such as:

- Diapers (Sizes 5 or 6) and wipes
- canned fruit & veggies
- baby/kids/men’s/
- snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks)
- juice (non-refrigerated)
- women’s clothing.
- hygiene and household products (soap, razors, pads, laundry, dish soap)

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Pray for those in the Military:

- HM1 Benjamin Chapin, USN
- LT COL Gregory DeMarco
- MAJ Tyler Ripley, USAF
- CMC Paul McFadden, USN
- MT6 David Varner
- SGT Luke Bradshaw, US Army
- CAPT Jason Taylor
- LTC/CDR Casey Oswald, USN
- TSGT John Coder, USAF
- AT1 Jon Silver, USN
- CAPT Jonathan Brent
- SGT Davis Glass, USMC
- Jared Santos
- James Robinson
- MAJ Kiel Gilliland, USAFR
- MAJ Sharon Gilliland, USAG
- LT Andrew Remien, USN
- MCPO Anthony Edward Vega
- SGT Chelsea Torvik, US Army
- E1 Dylan Bailey, USN
- 1LT Joe Knutson, USAF
- E3 Cole H. Trolinder, US Army
- LT CDR Scott Higbee, USCG
- SFC Casey Gursley, US Army
- LTCPL Andrew Hoffman USAF
- PFC John Vincent, USMC
- SGT Matthew Mashburn, USMC
- A1C Jacob Bean USAF
- 1LT Nikola Karaffa, US Army

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, especially:

- Dale Boudreau, Moya Guinn
- Ginny McEvoy, Betty Chapin
- Phyllis Weiland, Kitty Dolan
- Margaret Maiefski, Barb Haddad
- Bill Maris, Guy Loiselle
- Gerald Gribble, Ben Sokolowski
- Betty Kujles, Mami Stamm
- Sylvester Moran, Patrick Imhof
- Laurie Capello, Kathy Wood
- Rico Barnett, Ray Manning
- Richard Vetter, Manuel Lascano
- Marylee Lecocq, & Rosemary Stock.

Memorial candle burns for:

- Patrick Moran
- 7/22-7/28
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ASSUMPTION EVENTS

Grief Support Group every Friday, 1:30-3:30 pm in the Stafford Room. We invite you to join our group as we share our faith in God and fellowship with each other on our healing journey. Contact Michelle for more information, 360-319-6366.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

has an upcoming silent retreat for women called Toward a Holy Family Spirituality. It will be the weekend of Aug. 23-25 and you can register online at www.PalisadesRetreatCenter.Org. Each day of the weekend is devoted to a sacred theme. Saturday’s theme is Our Lady, from the Angelus in the morning to Salve Regina at night. There will be meditations on holy marriage, family life, charitable action, and so much more! It will be led by Fr. Michael Joseph Cerrone III, who will make Confession available, and will celebrate Holy Mass Saturday and Sunday.

Cornerstone Catholic Conference will be at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center October 18-19. General registration is now open! Cornerstone will inspire you—you’ll meet other Catholics who are united in living their faith, and you’ll meet the new Archbishop and hear his vision. You’ll hear about the latest issues impacting us today, including: respecting human life, immigration, racism, care for the environment, mental illness, and more! Find the website at WACatholic.org/Cornerstone. Clock hours will be available for educators.

Marriage Encounter: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Let Jesus speak to you at the next Marriage Encounter weekend August 9-11 at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue. Apply at www.wwme.org. For more information, leave a message at 206-772-2344.

Rachel’s Vineyard—Hope and Healing after Abortion:

No matter how dark it gets, when you light a candle, the darkness can never overpower the light of Christ. We need to be a people of hope and recognize that God’s love in that light overpowers our darkness.

—Fr. Larry Richards

Is it hard to imagine what it would be like to escape the darkness you have known since your abortion decision? Invite God in and allow him to light your way. Join us at a Rachel’s Vineyard Healing Retreat. We are ready to welcome and walk with you.

Fall Retreat Schedule:

August 16-18, Stanwood (English)
October 25-27, Stanwood (Espanol)
November 8-9, Seabeck (English)

Registering for retreats now! You may call us for a compassionate, confidential conversation in English: 206-920-6413 or Español: 206-460-7814. Email us at projectrachel@ccsww.org or visit us online at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel.

Youth Ministry Summer Schedule is out and available for you to pick one up in the entryway of the church or in the parish office. Be sure to join us for the summer fun!

CHANGES TO CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
The Archdiocese of Seattle is lowering the age for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation for this sacrament for this coming school year will be available to 8-12th graders. The information/registration meeting will take place on Sun., Sept. 15, at 4 pm in the Assumption Gym. Please contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or 360-733-1380 x 4222 with any questions.

In addition, both Edge and Life Teen will meet on Sundays from 4-6 pm at Assumption. Please contact April Waldrop at april.waldrop@shbham.org or 360-734-2860 x 305 with any questions about youth ministry programs. Thank you!

Nine Days of Prayer for Purity and Chastity: The battle for chastity is a battle for virtue. It is a struggle against three powerful enemies: the world, the flesh, and the devil. In this struggle, all available weapons must be utilized, and chief among them is prayer. To help strengthen the virtue of chastity, go to learn.covenanteyes.com/tenaver-prayer to begin a novena.

Social Justice Corner

July 14 was the memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint of North America. She is a patroness of the environment, environmentalism, and ecology, as well as other causes including orphans, those exiled, those ridiculed for their piety, and for World Youth Day. Learning about human involvement in climate change seems a fitting way to honor her feast day.

Laudato Si’—Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment and human ecology—teaches that “rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise” (no. 12); that “human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature” (no. 68); and that “all of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents” (no. 14)."

We know carbon dioxide present in the atmosphere helps keep our planet warm enough for life. Like an extra blanket on the bed, it traps heat. In the last 100 years we have seen an unprecedented rate of increase in CO2 levels, even though we know they, and subsequently our earth’s temperatures, have fluctuated over time. We know the excess is from burning fossil fuels like gas, oil and coal which all emit CO2 when they are burned. Both the earth’s air and oceans are warming. In some areas more intense rain storms cause flooding, while in others there is drought. The amount of CO2 generated by each person is what is meant by “carbon footprint.” A follow up Corner article will address ways we can make our carbon footprint smaller.

—Elaine Brent

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