Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Unknown, Parable of Dives and Lazarus, c. 1420
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 29, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Sept 30 Catherine O’Connell - Angrisani +
Oct 1 CJ Therese Adams +
Oct 5 John Byrnes +

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for September 2019

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

Sacred Heart’s Stewardship of Treasure Report

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You Have Been Saved by Grace

Polycarp and the Elders with him, to the Church of God sojourning in Philippi: all mercy and peace to you, from God Almighty and Jesus Christ our Savior.

When you welcomed those copies of the True Love and took the opportunity of setting them forward on their road, I rejoiced with you in Jesus Christ. The chains that bound them were the badges of saints, the diadems of men truly chosen by our Lord and God. I rejoiced too that your firmly rooted faith, so well-known since the earliest times, still flourishes and bears fruit for our Lord Jesus Christ. He bore the burden of our sins even as far as suffering death, and God raised him up, releasing him from the pains of the underworld; you did not see him but still you believed in him, in unspeakably glorious joy. Many desire to come into this joy, knowing that you are saved by grace, not by works,—not by your actions but by the will of God through Jesus Christ.

So gird up your loins and serve God in fear and sincerity. Leave aside empty vanities and vulgar error, believing in him who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and gave him glory and a throne on his right hand, to whom are subject all things in heaven and earth, whom everything that has breath serves, who is coming as the judge of the living and of the dead: God will require vengeance for his blood from any who disobey him.

Now he who raised him from the dead will also raise us up if we do his will and walk according to his commandments and love the things which he loved, if we refrain from all unrighteousness, covetousness, love of money, evil speaking, and false witness, if we do not render evil with evil, abuse for abuse, blow for blow, or curse for curse, but if we remember what the Lord taught when he said, Do not judge, that you may not be judged; forgive and you will be forgiven; be merciful and you will receive mercy. For whatever you measure out to other people will be measured out to you also… Blessed are the poor, and they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

—From a Letter of St. Polycarp to the Philippians, (+155)
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.shbham.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

CCS Refugee Resettlement program is in need of a queen-size box spring for one of their clients. If you have one to donate, please contact Andrea at 360-671-3529, ext. 1009.

Bellingham Catholic Moms is a group of Catholic moms from several local parishes who meet for fellowship and support. The first meeting of the school year will be on Tues., Oct. 1, and thereafter on the 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Tuesdays from 10-noon at the parish hall. While the moms meet, Lila Ruiz, PA for Faith Formation, will teach the 3-6 year olds CGS in the Atrium! Please join us and bring a friend; come with or without kids. Contact Bridget Adams with any questions; timbridget@gmail.com.

Landscape Maintenance: Would you have 3-4 hours to help weed the parish grounds? We’re planning a clean-up day on Sat., Oct. 5. We will meet in the parish parking lot around 9:45 am. Bring your garden tools and help us clean up! If you have a gas weed eater, we would be most grateful. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office at 360-734-2850 and someone will get back to you.

PREPARES MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP: The Prepares crib will be in the entryway of the church from October 5-29. We have clothing for newborns and babies, and are in great need of warm clothing items for boys and girls in sizes 2-5T. We could use coats, sweatshirts and pants, long-sleeved shirts, hats, gloves, and rain boots. Also needed are long-sleeved onesies in sizes 12 mo. and larger. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. For questions please call Kathy Kelso, 360-671-1722 or Michelle Byrnes, 360-319-6366.

Young Adult Men’s Bible Study: Starting October 6th, we will be having a weekly bible study for young adult men in their 20s and 30s. We will meet at 7 pm at the Woods Coffee in Bankley Square. Our first meeting will be an introductory gathering to get a feel for how the Bible study will run, and then the following 5-6 meetings will follow a specific series of Scripture verses centered on the kerygma/Gospel message. Join us as we grow in Christian fellowship and dive deeper into the Word of God together! Contact Jordan Bennett for more information. bennettjlip27@gmail.com.

Interfaith Coalition’s annual winter warmth drive provides warm outerwear for everyone from babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats to the entryway of the church this weekend. For many of our neighbors, this program means they won’t need to spend limited income on a winter coat or do without.

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy is a live production that we are excited to host at the church on Thurs., Oct. 24 at 7 pm. Admission will be $10 per ticket, $25 for families of 3 or more, and $5 for students. Tickets are available during the week at the parish office. This show is suitable for ages 13 and older and is approximately 90 minutes long. Contact the office, melissa.johnson@shbham.org or 360-734-2850 for more information. Website: www.faustinadrama.com.

St. Vincent de Paul partners with Hillcrest Chapel and other area churches to provide a food bank for those in need. The donation barrel is at the entry of the church this weekend so that you may contribute to this important ministry.

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 
LTCDR Casey Oswald, USN 
TSGT John Coder, USAG 
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 
LT COL Andrew Hoffman, USAF 
PFC John Vincent, USMC 
SGT Matthew Mashburn, USMC 
A1C Jacob Bean, USAF 
1 LT Nikolas Karaffa, US Army 
SGT Nelson Fitzsimmons, US Army 
E4 Jacob Townsend, US Navy

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


Memorial candle burns for:
Avelino and Eufemia Nasol
9/30-10/5

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin. Their advertising allows us to print the cover page free of charge.
ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Rachel's Vineyard—Hope and Healing after Abortion:
It doesn't matter how fragile you might feel when it comes to your relationship with God. Everything is possible. God took my life, which was torn to pieces, and re-created me with the fire of his love.
—Retreat testimonial
Have you felt like your life has been torn to pieces? Join other women and men for a weekend of healing and forgiveness, Nov. 8-10. Call us for a compassionate, confidential conversation in English: 206-920-6413 or Español: 206-450-7814. Visit online at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel.

Cornerstone Catholic Conference is coming up fast! It will happen Oct. 18-19 at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center. Registration rates will rise after Sept. 30 (currently $65 for students and $100 for adults 30 and older). Scholarships are available by need—please request one, email WSCCC@WACatholic.org. This year's conference will include keynote talks from the Catholic Bishops of Washington state, including Seattle's newly-appointed Archbishop Paul Etienne, Sr. Norma Pimentel, who has worked with migrants and refugees at the southern border, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, who was raised in Washington and received her vocation while a collegiate student-athlete, and Bishop Frank Caggiano (Bridgeport, CT), who is known for his focus on youth and young adult Catholics.

ASSUMPTION EVENTS

The Blessing of the Animals will be Fri., Oct. 4 at 8 am in the school parking lot to honor the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Holy Hoops is coming the week of October 22-25. This is our annual 4-on-4 basketball tournament for students and alumni coaches of Assumption. If you are a graduate of Assumption and would like to coach, please contact the office. Holy Hoops is also looking for donors to underwrite the cost of the event. Your support is welcome! If you'd like to be a sponsor of the event, please call the school at 360-733-6133 or theoffice@school.assumption.org.

ASSUMPTION EVENTS

Protecting God's Children: This in-class, 3-hour training is designed to teach new volunteers how to keep our programs safe. It is a requirement for all new employees and volunteers. The next class date is Thurs., Oct. 3, at 6:30 pm in the teachers' lounge. Register online by visiting www.virtusonline.org.

In some states with legal assisted suicide, health insurance may offer to pay for assisted suicide, but not medical treatment. There are real dangers to those who are elderly, disabled, or poor when such laws are passed. Read more about it at respectlife program.org/reasons-against-assisted-suicide.

Social Justice Corner

This week sees a transition from the season of respect for creation to the season of respect for life. I hope no one sees this as a dichotomy! Without clean air, clean water, and non-poisonous soil our human life would be extinguished. Without respect and protection for the dignity and life of each person, our cultural degradation of ethics and morality could also lead to human extinction.

In the very first paragraph of the encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis cites St. Francis who reminds us that "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life, and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

How often we pray for mothers in distress seeking abortion, that their hearts would be changed to open their arms wide to hold and nourish the baby within.

Our Blessed Mother once walked on earth and held the Creator in her open arms. How she must ache to see creation fighting for survival against the irresponsible abuse of its "home wreckers." How that ache must be magnified as she sees abortion, violence, hatred, and war engulf her son's brothers and sisters.

In his book, An Astonishing Secret, Daniel O'Leary writes, "Laudato Si reminds us of our sinful assertion that we are the masters now, embracing the values of a throwaway society. 'This attitude,' the Pope warns us, 'then extends to fragile humanity itself. The old, the disabled, the unborn are too often seen as inconvenient, and their intrinsic worth is ignored.'" Mother Mary, pray for us. Pray that your beloved son will save us from our ignorance and ill-will against our common home and our common family.—Dot Courits