If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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The spring was gushing

Rosary Meditations for Respect Life Month: Joyful

Annunciation: Mary is troubled by the angel's greeting, yet rejoices to do God's will. Let us pray that those who are troubled by their pregnancy may have the grace to trust in God's will.

Visitation: John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

Presentation: The Child belongs to God. Children are not the property of their parents, nor of the government. We belong to God alone.

Finding of Jesus in the Temple: The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of the dignity of life, and understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth.

The child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God, the fountain of wisdom, the Word of the Father on high. Through you, blessed Virgin, this Word will become flesh, so that even though, as he says: I am in the Father and the Father is in me, it is still true for him to say: “I came forth from God and am here.”

In the beginning was the Word. The spring was gushing forth, yet still within himself. Indeed, the Word was with God, truly dwelling in inaccessible light. And the Lord said from the beginning, I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. Yet your thought was locked within you, and whatever you thought, we did not know; for who knew the mind of the Lord, or who was his counsellor?

And so the idea of peace came down to do the work of peace: The Word was made flesh and even now dwells among us. It is by faith that he dwells in our hearts, in our memory, our intellect and penetrates even into our imagination. What concept could man have of God if he did not first fashion an image of him in his heart? By nature incomprehensible and inaccessible, he was invisible and unthinkable, but now he wished to be understood, to be seen and thought of.

But how, you ask, was this done? He lay in a manger and rested on a virgin's breast, preached on a mountain, and spent the night in prayer. He hung on a cross, grew pale in death, and roamed free among the dead and ruled over those in hell. He rose again on the third day, and showed the apostles the wounds of the nails, the signs of victory; and finally in their presence he ascended to the sanctuary of heaven.

How can we not contemplate this story in truth, piety and holiness? Whatever of all this I consider, it is God I am considering; in all this he is my God. I have said it is wise to meditate on these truths, and I have thought it right to recall the abundant sweetness, given by the fruits of this priestly root; and Mary, drawing abundantly from heaven, has caused this sweetness to overflow for us.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux (+ 1153)
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

Life Chain 2019: The annual life chain is this Sun., Oct 6 from 2-3 pm. Join Whatcom County pro-life supporters! Please join in this important rally in support of every human life in the way God sees it—with dignity and immeasurable value.

Children's RE Classes: If you are interested in first Communion or faith formation for K-5, contact Lila Ruiz to get involved at lila.ruiz@shbham.org or 360-734-2850, ext. 304. Oct. 20 is the last day to register!

Thank you to the Northern Deanery Serra Club for putting together a nifty celebration for Priesthood Sunday. We were blessed by Fr. Ritter's presence and his wonderful homily about what the Called To Serve As Christ campaign means to him. Please keep Fr. Ritter and all our holy priests in your prayers!

Young Adult Men's Bible Study: Starting Sun., Oct. 6 at 7 pm at Wood's Coffee in Barkley Square, we will start a weekly bible study for young adult men in their 20s and 30s. 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: bennettjp27@gmail.com.

Public Square Rosary Rally: All parishioners, family members, relatives, and friends are invited to pray the rosary on Sat., Oct. 12 at 12 pm at the outdoor Mary Garden at Sacred Heart. This is an effort to join similar Public Square Rallies throughout America to recite together one of the most powerful prayers to our Blessed Mother. More information at americaneedsfatima.org.

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 parish office during the week. 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 would like to thank you for your generous financial support. Because of this generosity, we have helped 724 adults and 196 children this past year. Did you know we also work with 6 churches in a network to support our communities' needs? We are seeking new volunteers to continue this important work! You can help us with only a few hours of your time per month. We are seeking a secretary and a treasurer, and we need help with the monthly coffee hour and at the clientele meetings. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Carl at 360-734-2722 and he will return your call.

Pray for those in the Military:
HM1 Benjamin Chaplin, 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, 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 Tovrik, US Army
E1 Dylan Bailey, USN
CAPT Joe Knutson, USAF
1LT Bridgett 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
1LT Nicholas 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:
Leeann Rasbach
10/6-10/

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Sacred Heart Parish, Bellingham ~ October 6, 2019

Sacred Heart’s Stewardship of Treasure Report

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- St. Vincent de Paul  $56.00
- Newman Center        $81.00

ARCHDIOCESEAN EVENTS

Rachel’s Vineyard—Hope and Healing after Abortion: I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone...and give you a heart of flesh. —Ez 36:26
Do you feel your heart turned to stone the day you made your abortion decision, or have you come to feel that way over time? God can change that for you. 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. Scholarships are available by request, email WSxCC@WACatholics.org. This year’s conference will include a keynote talk from Seattle’s newly-appointed Archbishop Paul Etienne, as well as Sr. Norma Pimentel Sr. Miriam Heidland.

Come Follow Me Vocation Rally: Are you or someone you know interested in the priesthood? Do you hear the call of Christ? Attend the Come Follow Me vocation rally! Location: St Mary Magdalen Parish Hall, 8517 7th Ave. SE in Everett. Tickets are only $15, and dinner is included. Mass begins at 5 pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, call Debbie, 425-499-6560. Sponsored by the Everett Serra Club.

The Spirit of Newman 2019
November 2nd - 6pm - Event location Sacred Heart Parish
$75 General Ticket — Nov. 6-10

Special Guest
Most Reverend Daniel Mueggenborg

Purchase Tickets
- Online via our website
- At Sacred Heart Parish Office

Questions? Contact Emma Fisher: Emmafisher@wwunewman.com 360.410.0218
Are you unable to come, but would still like to support the ministry? Please visit our donation page! www.wwunewman.com/donate
Thank you in advance for all of the support!

Middle and High School Youth News

Our faith formation programs are up and running and we are blown away by the participation and excitement we’ve received! If you missed our first few meetings, it’s not too late to join in on the fun. If you want to join the Confirmation classes, it is required that you come to THIS Sunday’s class at 4 pm at Assumption if you want to get Confirmed this year! For teens or faith formation for 6-12th grade, contact April Jordan-Hulse. Registration for all programs closes October 20th, so please don’t delay!

Social Justice Corner

PREPARES is an organization started by Bishop Joseph Tyson and all the Bishops of Washington State.

We are “walking the journey,” with low income families by supporting moms, dads, and children from conception to age 5. Some of these parents may be in crisis pregnancies, perhaps considering abortion, others may be raising children alone or without a healthy support network.

We are an umbrella for programs and services to support these pregnant and parenting families. Our services may include matching them with mentoring companions or providing for more immediate needs, like diapers and clothing.

We have been in Whatcom county since 2015 and have served 20 local families on a regular basis. We are starting to help refugee families brought here by the Archdiocese to Whatcom county. These families are in great need and extremely grateful for everything they receive. In the past, we have provided such items as: A dining room table, beds, highchairs, baby baths, bus passes, emergency gas, baby food, formula, and clothing.

We need volunteers to make gift bags and others to deliver them. If you want to join a rewarding ministry, please join us!

The Traveling Crib will be in our parish during the month of October. Besides baby items we especially need coats and warm clothing for boys and girls in sizes 2-5T.

Cash donations can be made out by check to Assumption Church, just mark on the bottom of your check PREPARES/Sacred Heart Parish.

For questions, contact: Kathy Kelso 360-671-1722

Assumption Catholic School is a one-to-one device school for grades 5-8, and many parents would like to understand how to better support their children with technology. The Parent Teacher Club will be hosting their first general meeting of the school year to support parents with an education night. The focus of this gathering will be family technology agreements, parental controls, and online safety. If you are a parent of a current 5-8th grade student and you would like to hear more about this, join us in the gym at 7 pm on Wed., Oct. 9. All parents are welcome—whether or not you have a child attending our school.

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