The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Francis Danby, Scene from the Apocalypse, c. 1829
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Then all the trees of the forest will exult before the face of the Lord, for he has come, he has come to judge the earth. He has come the first time, and he will come again. At his first coming, his own voice declared in the gospel:

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Previously he came through his preachers, and he filled the whole world. Let us not resist his first coming, so that we may not dread the second.

What then should the Christian do? He ought to use the world, not become its slave. And what does this mean? It means having as though not having. So says the Apostle: ... *For the form of this world is passing away. But I wish you to be without anxiety. He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love is it to fear his coming?*... 

**Brothers,** do we not have to hate our sins and love him who will judge the world with equity and the peoples in his truth. What are equity and truth? He will gather together his chosen ones, but the others he will set apart; for he will place some on his right, others on his left. What is more equitable, what more true than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy to others? What is imputed to those placed on his left side? That they showed no mercy. And where will they go? What is the evil report? Does he not say: *Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds.*

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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 8 am to 4 pm. Our parish staff can help you connect with the parish community in many ways, including St. Vincent de Paul, social justice, homebound ministry, and more.

PARISH LIFE

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are available in the parish office this year. They are $3 apiece, which helps us to offset the cost of the publication. Come during the week during office hours, 8-4 Monday through Friday to pick one up. Please bring exact change as we don't keep money in the office. Call if you have any questions, 360-734-2850.

Children's Mass bulletins and books will be in the entryway in a new location. Look for a small bookshelf under the coat rack with these materials that will enrich your child's experience of the Holy Mass.

It's that time of year again! The Pastoral Council is putting together a cleaning team to tidy up the sanctuary and parish hall before Advent season starts! We're looking for a few good people who can put in a couple of hours on Thurs., Nov. 21 from 2-4 pm and again on Sat., Nov. 23 from 12-3 pm. We'll be dusting and cleaning in preparation for the new liturgical year. Please join us!

Sacred Heart is sponsoring a Giving Tree for local children in need. Parishioners are invited to do the following:

- Pick up a Giving Tree tag in the church or parish hall.
- Purchase a $20 gift card at Walmart, Fred Meyer, or Target.
- Put the gift card(s) in the collection basket by Dec. 1.

Your generosity allows parents to choose the right gift for their child, and saves Catholic Community Services staff from tracking gifts, allowing them more time to counsel children. Questions? Cheryl McCarthy at cherylsmccarthy@gmail.com, 630-887-6634, or Kathy Denney at 360-676-0197.

Francis Place provides permanent supportive housing to adults that have experienced chronic homelessness. Every Thanksgiving we serve our clients a hot family-style meal. We are seeking donations of pre-cooked dishes to be dropped off at Francis Place on Thanksgiving morning. Pies and desserts can be dropped off the day prior. Drop off address: 1122 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham.

Parish-Wide Advent Wreath Making will be held on December 1st in the parish hall at 9:45 am during coffee hour. Anyone who already has an Advent wreath form is invited to bring it to decorate, or there will be forms and candles provided for you. There will also be greenery available, but you are welcome to bring more of your favorite greenery to decorate with and maybe to share with others. We will also have cookies for the kids to decorate!

Advent Study Groups during December! On Saturdays at 6 pm on the 7th, 14th, and 21st and Mondays at 10 am on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd in the parish library. Join us for family sessions with decorations and treats! Contact Lila Ruiz, PA for Faith Formation, if you'd like more information: lila.ruiz@shbham.org.

Called to Serve As Christ Campaign: Thank you for your generosity in caring for your retired priests and women religious in the Archdiocese of Seattle! Remember this is a three-year goal, and we are happy to report an increase this week!

Campaign Goal: $606,060
Pledge total: $205,711
Gifts: 67
Participation: 11.7%

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, USAF
AT1 Jon Silver, USN
CAPT Jonathan Brent
SGT Davis Glass, USMC
Jared Santos
James Robinson
MAJ Kiel Gilliland, USAFR
MAJ Sharon Gilliland, USAF
LT Andrew Remien, USN
MCPO Anthony Edward Vega
SGT Chelsea Torvik, US Army
E1 Dylan Bailey, USN
CAPT Joe Knutson, USAF
1LT Bridgell 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:
Richard Vetter
11/17-11/23

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THANK YOU SACRED HEART!
A special thank you to all those who joined us on November 2nd, at the Spirit of Newman. It was an amazing evening!

Spirit of Newman Income:
$71,133.99

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME!

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Sacred Heart’s Stewardship of Treasure Report

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Other

Newman Center $135.31

St. Vincent de Paul $310.00

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS


Palisades Retreat Center has two silent retreats during the same dates. Dec. 20-22. The first is an Ignatian retreat for women offered by the priests of Miles Christi, with talks, Adoration, and daily Mass. Contact Christine Timmerman for information at (858) 263-5113 or washington@spiritualexercises.net.

The second retreat is for both men and women with Father Caleb Insko. As Christmas approaches, this retreat will focus on the singular graces given to the Blessed Virgin Mary, so the conference and readings will be Marian in nature. It will provide ample opportunity for prayer and fostering a greater devotion to the God-Bearer who introduced the Son of God, Emmanuel, to the world. Come for rest, reflection, and spiritual reading.

Mark your calendar for Grandparents/Grandfriends Day on Fri., Nov. 22. We’ll start at 9 am in the gym. Mass will follow at 10:45 am in the Church of the Assumption, led by the Kindergarten class.

Assumption School will host a Preschool and Kindergarten Open House on Sun., Nov. 24 from 11 am to 1:30 pm, but all are invited. Student ambassadors will be available for tours, and parents can meet the Preschool and Kindergarten teachers to learn more about these programs.

EDGE: Middle and High School Youth News

Save the Date for our Summer Mission Trips!

Agape, June 21-26, 2020 for all incoming 6-9 graders.

Tijuana, Mexico, August 15-22, 2020 must be at least 14 years before the trip to attend.

There is limited space on both trips. There will be more information coming soon about cost, fundraisers, and how to register. Adult chaperones needed for both.

Priority for both trips will go to those that have been involved with youth ministry throughout the year.

ASSUMPTION EVENT

Catholic Daughters and The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Memorial Mass for deceased Catholic Daughters on Tues., Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm. Please come to the monthly meeting for Catholic Daughters on Thurs., Nov. 21 at 1 pm. We have a special guest speaker from the Newman Center and will discuss plans for the bake sale and our Christmas outreach for PREPARES families.

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 Byrnes for more information, 360-319-6366.

Social Justice Corner

At this year’s Cornerstone Conference, our bishops were direct and to the point about the issues facing Catholics—and the whole world—in these troubled times. Archbishop Etienne, Auxiliary Bishops Elizondo and Mueggenborg, and Bishop Daly (Spokane Diocese) and Bishop Tyson (Yakima Diocese) all spoke in eloquent terms about human rights, the right to life, and conscience rights. Bishop Mueggenborg especially spoke about conscience rights—the rights of Catholics to live their faith according to Catholic teaching and not be compelled to make moral or ethical choices that would abrogate that teaching. Bishop Tyson spoke about the human dignity inherent in all people, and that we should be mindful of the unborn regardless of their citizenship. Bishop Daly spoke about the necessity of a forthright and fearlessly-lived Catholicism, courageous in the face of all worldly opposition. And Bishop Elizondo strikingly reminded all of us that laws often can be immoral (citing the legality of abortion, for example), and that we have a duty as Catholics to treat our brothers and sisters with decency and regard for their inherent humanity.

This was my first trip to Cornerstone and I was both amazed and fortified by the sight of so many Catholics together, as well as the quality of the programming and the issues discussed. If you haven’t been, I suggest checking it out next year! We can feel isolated out here in the Pacific Northwest, and an event like this brings together all Catholics from across the state (and from across the ideological spectrum) to showcase our faith and our passionate resolve to minister to our fellow men—and ultimately serve Christ in our sisters and brothers.

—Melissa Johnson

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