THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020

Cima da Conegliano, Baptism of Christ, 1492

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### Sacred Heart Parish, Bellingham ~ January 12, 2020

**Sunday, Jan. 12, The Baptism of the Lord**
- 8:30 am **Mass**
- 9:45 am Coffee Hour—Balcony Moms
- 9:45 am **RE Classes**
- 11:00 am **Mass**
- 12:15 pm **RCIA**
- 4:00 pm **EDGE, Life Teen, and Parent Mtg. Assumption School**
- 5:30 pm Newman Center Confession
- 6:30 pm **Newman Center Mass**

**Monday, Jan. 13, St. Hilary**
- 9:00 am **Mass**
- 12:00 pm **Angelus and Rosary**

**Tuesday, Jan. 14,**
- 9:00 am **Mass**
- 10:00 am Book Group—Virgin Time
- 12:00 pm **Angelus and Rosary**
- 1:00 pm **Prayer Shawl Group**

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**
- 10:00 am Faith Formation—Happy Hall
- 12:00 pm **Angelus and Rosary**

**Thursday, Jan. 16**
- 8:00 am Adoration, Confession
- 9:00 am **Mass**
- 12:00 pm **Angelus and Rosary**

**Friday, Jan. 17, St. Anthony**
- 9:00 am **Mass**
- 9:45 am Adoration until 8:50 am Saturday

**Saturday, Jan. 18, Bl. Virgin Mary**
- 8:30 am Rosary
- 8:50 am Benediction
- 9:00 am **Mass**
- 9:30 am St. Michael Chaplet
- 3:30 pm Confession
- 5:00 pm **Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, Jan. 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8:30 am **Mass**—Nash Baptism
- 9:45 am Coffee Hour—St. Vincent de Paul
- 9:45 am *No RE Classes*
- 11:00 am **Mass**
- 12:15 pm *No RCIA*
- 4:00 pm *No EDGE or Life Teen*
- 5:30 pm Newman Center Confession
- 6:30 pm **Newman Center Mass**

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**Important**

Please note that there will be no daily Mass next Mon., Jan. 20, and parish office will be closed in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

**Mass Intentions**

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**Sacred Heart’s Stewardship of Treasure Report**

| Envelopes (101) | $15,193.70 |
| Loose | $1,134.79 |
| **Total** | $16,328.49 |

- **Holy Day**
  - Newman Center Mass $1,925.39
  - Assumption School $150.00
  - St. Vincent de Paul $350.00

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**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for January 2020**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother’s womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, “and for you,” for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. —St. Gregory Nazianzen
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

Please Be Aware! Father Ross will never contact you via email or text and ask you to purchase anything for him or solicit you in any way. There have been scams lately where people claim to be Fr. Ross and have asked for gift cards or other spurious things and we want to assure you that this is not legitimate and to please ignore and block these people. If you need any help discerning a message, you are welcome to call the parish office at 360-734-2850 and we will be happy to help you.

Sacred Heart is looking for some happy folks who like to serve! Beginning in Lent, we will need some people on Friday evenings to help out in the kitchen after Stations of the Cross. Interested? Talk to Melissa after Mass or at the parish office, 360-734-2850. If you’re looking for a Lenten practice, have I got a deal for you!

Young Adult Talent Show: Be sure to sign up for our Talent Show/Coffee House event at Broadway Hall in Bellingham on Feb. 16 from 7-9 pm. Submit your act or talent idea at aprill@assumption.org until February 2!

Marian Conference: On Sat., Jan. 18, there is an all-day retreat in British Columbia. It features international speakers and inspiring music to enrich and edify your faith. It will be held at Canadian Martyrs Parish, 5771 Granville Avenue in Richmond, BC. For more information, call or text Ethelyn at 604-889-3842. Register online for $5 at Eventbrite.com by searching for “Marian Conference,” or pay $60 at the door. There is a group leaving from Sacred Heart, so if you’d like to join them, call Kim in the parish office, 360-734-2850.

Family Promise Week is January 19-26 at Sacred Heart. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please email familypromises@sacredheartbham@gmail.com.

Will You Be a Witness for Life? Please plan to attend the March for Life on Tues., Jan. 21 in Olympia! A bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will depart at 6 am (returning at 5 pm) from Assumption’s parking lot. We will attend Mass at Sacred Heart in Lacey with one of our Bishops, and afterward we will travel to the State Capitol to listen to state representatives and religious leaders. Please reserve a seat early by contacting Kathleen, 360-752-0130 or Kim in the parish office, 360-734-2850. A donation of $25 is requested, but if you’re student or have a hardship, let them know.

Directory Update: We appreciate your patience! Although we’ve had some delays, the new directory is uploaded and at the printers. Now we wait for the printers to do their part, and when that’s done we will distribute them to you.

Children’s Mass bulletins and books are now available in the entryway of the church next to the coat rack in a small bookshelf. You are most welcome to use them during Mass, and please return them to the bookshelf after Mass.

The Knights of Columbus would like to send a care package to your loved one who is currently deployed overseas in the US military. If you have a loved one you’d like us to send a care package to, please send us their name, deployed mailing address, and any special instructions or suggestions. Also, give us your contact information so we can get in touch with you if we have any questions. If any parishioners would like to donate materials for the care packages, or otherwise help with this service project, we welcome your participation! Please contact Jack King at jack@king-works.com.

Pray for those in the Military:

HM1 Benjamin Chapin, USN
LT COL Gregory DeMarco
MAJ Tyler Ripley, USAF
CMC Paul McCfadden, USN
MT6 David Varner
SGT Luke Bradshaw, US Army
CAPT Jason Taylor
LTC DR 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
MCPN Anthony Edward Vega
SGT Chelsea Torvik, 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 Massburn, USMC
A1C Jacob Bean, USAF
1 LT Nikola 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:
Ben Sokolowski
1/12-1/18
ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Marian Eucharistic Conference: All day Sat., Feb. 1, at Immaculate Conception Church, 820 18th Ave., Seattle. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis. To register by January 25, or for more information, please email Teresa at flameoflove2020@gmail.com or call 206-530-0037. A voluntary freewill offering will be collected to help cover the costs of the conference and dinner.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sign up today to attend one of the next Marriage Encounter weekends at the Best Western Wesley Inn and Suites in Gig Harbor on February 7-9, or at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue, April 24-26. Apply at wwe.org. For more information about Gig Harbor, leave a message at 253-582-0239 or for the Bellevue retreat, call 206-772-2344. Sign up today!

Palisades Retreat Center: "Hamlet" or "Acting Nobler" Shakespeare Retreat led by Fr. Stephen Rowan, Feb. 14-16. Shakespeare lays out keen observations on the human condition. In this retreat, we will ponder what he says and what he prompts us to think about when we consider the dilemmas involved in how to act "nobler" and righting wrongs. To register for this or another upcoming retreat, go to palisadesretreatcenter.org.

Considering Separation or Divorce? Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on Feb. 21-23, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat! God reveals deep and hidden things and knows what is in the darkness, for the light dwells with him — Dan 2:22 Have you been hiding your shame and regret in a dark place, hoping no one will ever know? God does know and all he wants is to help you be free of that burden and discover his merciful forgiveness. The next retreats available are March 6-8 or April 24-26. Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation in English: (208) 920-6413 or Español: (208)-450-7814. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel.

Did you know that Value Village will help our 8th graders raise money for their Washington D.C. trip in May? Value Village partners with other non-profits who collect items and turn them into their stores for re-sale. They will buy clothing, small household items, and books by the pound. We will be collecting these types of items in the gym during the week of January 11th through January 18th. Please deliver your donations to the school gym any time this week.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the school’s Open House on Sun., Feb. 9 from 2 to 4 pm!

On Sun., Jan. 12, all parents of middle and high schoolers are invited to join us at Edge and Life Teen from 4-6 pm for a parent meeting. We will be discussing our upcoming curriculum and events as well as our summer mission trips. We will start in the gym with food and fellowship with the teens, break off for a parent meeting, and then spend the last 30 minutes in Adoration together with the teens.

On Sun., Jan. 26, all 6-12th graders are invited to join us for an Edge/LifeTeen field trip! We'll meet at Trampoline Zone in Bellingham (on Meridian) from 3-5 pm. Bring $15 for your entrance fee and $5 for grippy socks if you don't already have a pair. Fill out the safety waiver online AHEAD of time here: http://www.trampolinezone.net/. Please note, this will take the place of our regular Edge/LifeTeen meetings this day. There will be no other youth group meeting this weekend.

Contact April Jordan-Hulsey for more information or to RSVP.

Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women.
— Alice Paul, 1920, Author of the Equal Rights Amendment

Social Justice Corner

In 1973, seven out of nine Supreme Court justices declared that children in the womb are not recognized as persons under the Constitution. They thereby excluded a whole segment of the human family from the protection of the law, and the understanding that all are created equal.

The Washington State March for Life—taking place this year on January 21st in Olympia—is one great annual family reunion for the pro-life movement in our state. We begin the day with a Mass for Life, then we reassemble for the rally on the steps of the State Capitol—where we are encouraged by speeches from pro-life leaders, legislators, and clergy. After the rally, we are encouraged to leave personal notes for our three lawmakers. The whole event is well organized and peaceful.

What does the March actually accomplish?
- It gives voice to the children. Abortion continues unabated, but it does not continue unchallenged. Our presence in Olympia is a prophetic call to the government. When a tragedy goes on and on, the voice of those who defend the victims must only increase, not fall silent.
- It gives encouragement to our friends in government. Those in Olympia who support the right to life need to hear from us. They need to see that we are out there in great numbers, so that they can continue to call for an end to abortion.
- It encourages us. Participants come away from the March invigorated and inspired for another year of work. They see those laboring with them across the state, and know they are part of a great movement.
— Penny Cowan
Thank You!

Now that the Christmas season is coming to a close, it's time to wrap up the initial portion of our Called To Serve as Christ campaign.

A sincere thank you to all the people who have generously given from their hearts to support our retired priests and religious—and a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who gave of their time and talent to help this campaign get underway!

Sacred Heart's goal in the campaign is $606,060. As of this weekend, we have reached a total of $281,137 in pledged funds, putting us at about 46% of our goal and with a potential rebate of $42,171.

Details about the campaign—about the need, the use of the campaign funds, and how they will be distributed—are found on the back of this insert.

As part of the campaign, 15 percent of the funds raised by each parish will be returned for their local needs. Sacred Heart is hopeful to use the funds toward much needed restroom improvements.

If you haven't yet turned in a pledge card, there's still time. Next weekend we will have our final collection in the pews.

You can also donate online at www.calledtoservecaschrist.org, or you can fill out a pew envelope next weekend and give to the ushers.
SUPPORT FOR OUR PRIESTS | $55 MILLION
The Archdiocese of Seattle is blessed to have such dedicated and loving priests. As leaders of our faith family, these men have kept our Archdiocese vibrant and spiritual throughout their years of committed service. Because they have answered a call to serve us, as Christ, it leaves us with a clear moral obligation. We must ensure the most basic needs of our past, present and future priests are met.

We will accomplish this by:
- Improving and bolstering the Priest Pension Plan: $40 million
- Strengthening the Senior Priest Medical Plan: $15 million

SUPPORT FOR OUR WOMEN RELIGIOUS | $24 MILLION
The Archdiocese of Seattle celebrates a rich history supported by women religious in numerous capacities. From schools to hospitals, stretching from Vancouver to the Canadian border, the positive impact and reach of their work is undeniable.

Sisters who have and will serve in the Archdiocese need and deserve an adequate and dignified retirement. With the assistance of women religious leaders serving in our Archdiocese, we have identified a strategy to address their needs through this campaign.

Aiding the sisters’ pension and healthcare needs will allow them to continue their ministries, sharing God’s love and presence with others.

SUPPORT FOR PARISHES | $15 MILLION
Our parishes are the cornerstones and gathering places for our faith community. To follow the example of Jesus, we must support our parishes for them to serve parishioners in their daily lives. We plan to do that by getting directly involved in every community throughout our Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese has initiated a $100 million campaign to provide long-term funding for retirement and medical needs of priests and women religious, as well as support of individual parishes. A successful campaign will allow the Archdiocese to:
- **Establish a stronger position** to provide a consistent, appropriate retirement for priests by moving from a pay-as-you-go system to a fully-funded model for priest pension and medical plans.
- **Increase the ability of women religious orders** to care for their senior members while continuing their ministry to God’s people.
- **Give parishes more resources** for their local ministries, services, works and programs.
- **Lead by example** in prayer, action, and generosity.
- **Reinforce a dynamic faith** for the next generation of Catholics in Western Washington.