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Upcoming Events:

- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch September 13th 1pm
- Youth Groups Begin September 16th and 17th 7pm
- Marriage Enrichment Night September 20th 6:30pm (RSVP w/ Megan)
- RE and Catechumenate Classes Begin 21st and 23rd
- Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers to talk September 24th 6:45pm

FAMILY UPDATES

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Parent Preview Night?

What is Parent Preview Night all about?

It's a chance for you to meet the catechists, get your children's books, folders, journals, prayer lists, etc. It's a way facilitate communication between catechist, parent, and youth.

My kids are in Middle School or High School, should I still come?

Yes. If you don't, your

teens will be welcome to stay home until you do.

We don't believe parenting

for our children's faith development no matter what their age.



Welcome Back!

I just can't make it, what should I do?

Call your child's catechist and talk with them over the phone. They will let you know what you need to do.

stops after fifth grade, and neither does faith formation. We are responsible

Journals? What are they? Why does my child have one?

Grades K through 8th grade have journals that they are asked to complete throughout the year. These journals provide both them and their parents a chance to see how they are growing in their understanding of the faith. Please use them. I will try to provide sample answers for the upcoming weeks in each Catechist Up-

date so you have a handle on what types of answers to expect. These can be found on the parish website.

Remember: This is not a right/wrong, full answer/partial answer process. It is a chance for kids to show where they are on a given day about a given idea/

concept. If they don't know, they should put, "I don't know" Then, maybe you could prompt them to ask Fr. Mitchell or others to find out. You should be aware of concepts students are having difficulty with each week, if not, ask your child's catechist.

Prayers



Did you know the Rosary was

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On the first night of class, your child will receive a list of prayers given to us by the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Archbishop has requested that students work on memorizing prayers throughout their elementary and middle school years.

Throughout the year,

Chris Martin, our prayer coordinator, will be coming by to listen to kids in grades K through 5 recite their memorized prayers.

What if my child has trouble memorizing?

We are asking that you and your children do your best. Work with your children, perhaps adding

the prayers into your nightly prayer routine.

It's not a pass/fail type of program—just a tool to help your family grow in faith. Memorized prayers are something many of us fall back on in times of stress and anxiety.

Adult Faith Formation—

A Witness to a Lifetime of Faith Development

Scripture Study—The Gospel of Luke

A new adult scripture study will begin at Holy Redeemer this September. We will study the Gospel of Luke using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible Series. We will be ordering books, so please register by September 1, 2008. This will allow us to get our books on time. Cost for the books will be \$10. Based on interest, we will either meet Sun evenings from 6pm-7:30pm, Tue evenings from 6:30-8:00, or Thurs evenings from 7pm-8:30pm. We may be able to have multiple groups going if there is enough interest.

Foundations of Faith Series

The Archdiocese of Seattle has organized a great series of classes to help adults further their understanding of the Catholic Church and her teachings, grow in faith, and build a community of Christians that can evangelize the world with their lives. This year's topics include: Continuing the Faith Journey; Prayer, Mary and the Saints; Catholic Social Teaching; The Letters of Paul; The Trinity; History of the Church in the USA; An Afternoon of Reflection; and The Creed. You can sign up for all, pick and choose, or just attend one. All classes are covered by the parish for those seeking catechetical certification.

Made in the Image of God Series

The series begins with a return visit from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on Sept 24th, from 6:45pm-8:15pm. His talk, *Made in His Image and Likeness: Exploring Our Life in God*, will:

- Explore the intimate relationship between men and women as a reflection of the intimacy between the Church and the Eucharist.
- Show why our relationship with God must be Christ-centered and Trinitarian at its very core, and how this is fostered and nurtured by growth in holiness.
- Examine the differences between authentic male and female spirituality.
- Explore the relationship between love, truth, and freedom, and their intrinsic connection to covenant life in Christ.
- Examine how the theology of the body helps us recognize that we are temples of the Holy Spirit.
- Outline the key elements to raising holy, faith-filled children in a culture of death.

The Role of the Christian Family In the Modern World:

A Short Teaching

Each week I will be sending out a short message to families from the Pope John Paul II Apostolic Exhortation, The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World. This encyclical, also known as *Familiaris Consortio*, is a beautiful testament to the family. The Church, in her wisdom, and Pope John Paul II, in his foresight, saw the need for such a dynamic reiteration of how we are all called to be Holy Families.

Article 3

Illuminated by the faith that gives her an understanding of all the truth concerning the great value of marriage and the family and their deepest meaning, the Church once again feels the pressing need to proclaim the Gospel, that is the "good news," to all people without exception, in particular to all those who are called to marriage and are preparing for it, to all married cou-

ples and parents in the world.

The Church is deeply convinced that only by the acceptance of the Gospel are the hopes that man legitimately places in marriage and in the family capable of being fulfilled.

Willed by God in the very act of creation,(3) marriage and the family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ(4) and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin (5) and restored to their "beginning,"(6) that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God's plan.

At a moment of history in which the **family is the object of numerous forces that seek**

to destroy it or in some way to deform it, and aware that the well-being of society and her own good are intimately tied to the good of the family,(7) the

Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family, ensuring their full vitality and human and Christian development, and thus contributing to the renewal of society and of the People of God.



We are all called to have Holy Families.

Questions On Which to Reflect:

- What hopes do you put in marriage?
- What hopes do you put in family?
- What forces do you see at work in your life that might be trying to destroy your family?
- How can you overcome them?

...as an educating community, the family must help man to discern his own vocation and to accept responsibility in the search for greater justice, educating him from the beginning in interpersonal relationships, rich in justice and in love.

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Maternity Leave

I will begin my maternity leave as soon as Brayden arrives. I am due Oct 19th, but have a history of being induced early. My guess is that I will be induced



sometime between Oct 5th and Oct 12th.

I will be on maternity leave through November 30th.

Jessica and Megan will be filling in for me and can answer any questions you may have during that time.



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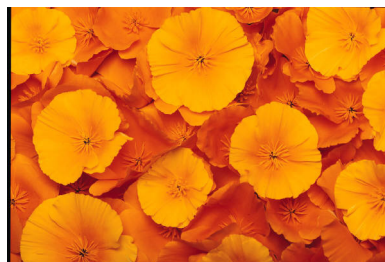
This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

www.holyredeemervanc.org

September 14: Exaltation of the Cross

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