

Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time
January 17, 2010

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WELCOME TO
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH!

Dear Parishioners:

In the Gospel, Jesus outlined what was necessary to be His disciple. We often think of those early disciples as that special group of those who followed Jesus, beyond the twelve apostles. Disciple means follower. Anyone who wishes to call themselves Christian must be a disciple, a follower, of Jesus. Discipleship begins with faith in the one God who is: the Father who created, the Son who redeems, and the Holy Spirit who dwells within to make us holy. This faith recognizes that everything we can possess in the world, every good thing about ourselves, is a gift from God. This calls for gratitude; gratitude calls for fruitful use of these gifts to glorify God and do His will. Faithful and grateful use of God's gifts is stewardship.

Holy Redeemer and other parishes throughout the archdiocese (and the nation) have been introduced to a new tool to discover and appreciate how God has gifted us in individual and personal ways. The Gallup polling organization has developed a construct that identifies 34 fundamental strengths that people possess in various degrees (i.e. *responsibility, belief, connectedness*, etc). They have also developed a preferential test to identify, in order, one's strengths, with special attention to the top five. Learning one's own strengths as well as those of others deepens awareness of unique, personal giftedness by God. One learns that people may look at a situation and how to respond from a perspective of their particular strengths. When people with different strengths work together, the path to a solution is enriched.

The discovery and appreciation of personal strengths is a great tool of stewardship and discipleship. It directs people to act by focusing on their strengths (rather than weaknesses) and it helps them appreciate the value of partnering with people whose strengths differ from theirs. Knowing one's strengths helps direct one to tasks for which they are better suited and will find greater satisfaction. This in turn allows the person to become more fully engaged in the work of the Church and the community. This engagement further enhances personal spiritual development and the building up of a community.

In Christ,

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Monday—Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 am—7:00 pm

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| SUNDAY, 01/17/10 | MONDAY, 01/18/10 | TUESDAY, 01/19/10 | WEDNESDAY, 01/20/10 |
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| 7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — <i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> <i>Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:4-11</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i> 6:30 pm—AHG Ceremony No refreshments after Mass today | 7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>1 Samuel 15:16-23</i> <i>Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23</i> <i>Mark 2:18-22</i> <i>Intention: Elisa Hernandez+</i> 7:00 pm—BSA Troop 462 Parish offices closed | 7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i> <i>Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 27-28</i> <i>Mark 2:23-28</i> <i>Intention: Anna Marie Crain</i> 5:45 pm—K4J Captains 6:45 pm—MS Youth Group 7:00 pm—KC Social 7:00 pm—Strengths Committee Meeting | 7:30 a.m. Mass — <i>1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51</i> <i>Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10</i> <i>Mark 3:1-6</i> <i>Intention: Lola Dixon</i> 8:00 am—Adoration 9:30 am—Women's Study 6:00 pm—Serra Meeting 6:45 pm—HS Youth Night 7:00 pm—Adult Confirmation Class at Seton High 7:15 pm—Hospitality Meeting |

- ◆ The next **Hospitality meeting** is January 20, 2010 at 7:15 pm in the parish center. This is the last meeting prior to the Birthright wine and cheese event and the Lenten soup suppers. Contact Allyn Rapcinski at 896-6728 or by email at nyllabob@peoplepc.com for more information.
- ◆ Letters substantiating **2009 contributions** to Holy Redeemer Parish have been mailed out to those parishioners who have requested them. If you need a letter, please contact the parish office by phone (885-7780) or by email (parish@holyredeemervanc.org).
- ◆ Holy Redeemer Parish is proud to present Leonardo Defilippis in **Vianney**, a new live production on St. John Vianney. Mark your calendar for Friday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m. Suggested donations are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The program is 90 minutes long (no intermission) and is appropriate for ages 9 and up.
- ◆ Jim and Joanne Rogers, volunteers with Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, the Catholic **child sponsorship program** will be available after Masses on the weekend of January 23rd/24th. They will have information regarding easy and affordable ways to help a needy child or senior in a developing country while supporting the work of Catholic missionaries.
- ◆ Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive **earthquake in Haiti**. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to CRS/Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. (On the memo line, please write: Haiti Earthquake.)
- ◆ *Dear Parishioners of Holy Redeemer: The gifts that your parish provided for the residents of the Cascade Park Care center again this year were outstanding. **Thank you** for the generosity and the love and caring expressed in the gifts. You bring joy and happiness into the lives of many who are lonely and sometimes forgotten. Very truly yours, Bill & Helen Musgrave*

Other Catholic Happenings

- ◆ Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a **lunch for seniors** on Tuesday, January 19th at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 per person. For more information, please call 695-1366.
- ◆ Join your neighbors for a **peaceful demonstration** on the steps of the Clark County Courthouse in downtown Vancouver on Friday, January 22 from 1:00—2:00 p.m. to remember the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. For more information, go to www.clarkrtl.org or call Clark County Right to Life at 573-7459.
- ◆ St. Joseph School is updating its **substitute teacher** list. If you hold a teaching credential and are looking for part-time work, please contact the school office at 696-2586.

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| THURSDAY, 01/21/10 | FRIDAY, 01/22/10 | SATURDAY, 01/23/10 | SUNDAY, 01/24/10 |
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| 7:30 a.m. Mass — 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mark 3:7-12 Int: Jim & Gladys Hamill+ 7:00 pm—RCIA 7:00 pm—Music Practice | 7:30 a.m. Mass —1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalm 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11 Mark 3:13-19 Intention: Michele Maitland 9:00 am—Homeschool Co-op 1:30 pm—Living Your Strengths Class 6:30 pm—Living Your Strengths Class | 8:30 a.m. Mass — 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7 Mark 3:20-21 Intention: Mechelle Griffin 4:00 pm—Confessions 4:00 pm—Music Practice 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass 7:00 pm—Birthright Wine and Cheese | 7:30, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses — Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 10:15 am—Catechism Classes 4:00 pm—Catechism Classes 6:00 pm—HS Catechism Refreshments after Mass |

PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

. these members and friends of Holy Redeemer Parish in your prayers:

Dorick Beaudoin, Mary Anne Benson, Shannon Brasher, Margaret Brien, Joan Bounds, Jenny Bulder, Leonard Cebula, Patti Cline, Michelle Coles, Joanne Condon, Ruth Cook, Cuddy DeMarco, Lola Dixon, Mert Eling, Donna Gaines, Nicole Garcia, George Gebhardt, Brian & Lisa Gonsalves, Gustafson Family, Myrtha Hammer, Eloy Heniff, Christine Jensen, Claire Lackner, Arlone Lang, Suzette Madsen, Kris Miles, John Mulligan, Mike Palmer, Greg Patton, Gerry Pinzone, Harold Potts, Craig Ranft, Ginny Rayniak, Mina Reis, Sheree Robert, Pat Scott, Joseph Tardio, Jane Urh, Peggy Uribe, John Wagner, William & Corinne Wagner, Betty Wassick, and Jane Woodman.

(Phone 885-7780 to add a name to the prayer list. Let us know if a name should continue for more than 4 weeks.)

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Baptisms: Please arrange for pre-baptism preparation by contacting Fr. Mitchell at 885-7780. Arrangements should be made well in advance of child's birth. For adult baptisms, see RCIA;
Weddings and Funerals: Please call Father Mitchell at 885-7780. Archdiocesan policy requires six months for wedding preparation; **RCIA and Learning About The Catholic Faith:** Everyone is invited to learn more about the faith or seek to become a Catholic. New classes have begun. Please contact Jessica Gustafson, Pastoral Assistant for Sacramental Life at 885-7780;
Annulments: Confidential information is available through Father Mitchell at 885-7780; **Pastoral Care:** Requests for ministry to the sick, homebound, disabled, incarcerated, or indigent are received through the parish office; **Catholic Cemeteries:** Clark County has several Catholic cemeteries: Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, downtown Vancouver; St. John Parish, Vancouver; Holy Cross Cemetery, Washougal (operated by St. Thomas in Camas); and St. Mary of Guadalupe, Ridgefield. Details are available through the parish

STEWARDSHIP!

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Offertory for January 9/10—\$13,855.60 Children's Envelopes—\$24.96