



Parish Community of

Sacred Heart, Battle Ground
St. Mary of Guadalupe, Ridgefield
St. Joseph the Worker, Yacolt

Sacred Heart

1603 North Parkway Avenue
 Battle Ground, WA 98604
 Office Phone: 360-687-4515

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday Masses	8:30 am
	11:00 am
	5:00 pm
Rosary Daily	8:30 am
Mass Wednesday & Friday	9:00 am
Saturday Reconciliation	4:00 pm

St. Mary of Guadalupe

1520 N. 65th Avenue
 Ridgefield, WA 98642
 Hall Phone: 360-887-8194

Sunday Mass	10:30 am
Thursday	
Rosary	11:30 am
Reconciliation	11:30 am
Mass	Noon

St. Joseph the Worker

200 West Jones
 Yacolt, WA 98675
 Hall Phone: 360-686-8088

Sunday Mass	8:30 am
Thursday	
Rosary	7:00 pm

Tri-Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Matthew O'Leary
Deacons	Dcn. Carl Anderson Dcn. Jack Roscoe
Parish Secretary	Debbie Wilson
Business & Pastoral Administrator	Carrie Moschetti
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Pastoral Care & First Sacraments	Sister Theresa Nguyen
Facility Supervisor	Brian Schnelle

Tri-Church Parish Office

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Website: www.sacredheartbg.org

Local Catholic Resource:

St Vincent dePaul Helpline (360) 576-0122

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE: Please call the Parish Office to begin preparations.
 Six months notice required for Marriage. Three months notice required for Baptism.

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010



Thoughts from North Parkway

Priesthood, Pastorate, and Gratitude

*What shall we return to the Lord
for all that he has given to us?
Let us take the chalice of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.*

Ps 116:12-13

I love the beautiful words of the Psalm 116—they reflect gratitude to God. As I reflect on my five and a half years with you as pastor of Sacred Heart, St. Mary of Guadalupe, and St. Joseph the Worker, **I am full of gratitude to God and to you!**

Through you and my ministry here **I have experienced over and over the love of God, light of Christ, and power of the Holy Spirit.** It all hit me powerfully last Saturday the 2nd, which has stood out for me as the most profound day of my priesthood and pastorate here.

Last Saturday morning I led the funeral for a young man, who died suddenly and without warning at Christmas. Husband, father of four young children, active parishioner, member of the marriage support and preparation team, a police officer—the profound sense of loss translated into the grief that weighed on many hearts, including my own. I baptized his two youngest children, and gave First Communion to his eldest son. I did not have the power to hide the tears of my own sorrow.

That same afternoon, I led the wedding celebration of two of our young adults, who grew up in our parish. They represent the finest of Catholic and American youth. Here's every pastor's dream—wholesome, faithful, church-going right through their teens into young adulthood—they did it right. The groom's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was among the first things I officiated at here in 2004. I did not even try to restrain the tears of my joy.

What a day—leading prayer with a young family shattered by a parent's death, and later witnessing the beginnings of a new family in the sacrament of marriage. That's among the most profound stuff of the priestly ministry—being present at people's most precious times of joy and sorrow, celebrating new life and saying goodbye to loved ones, leading people to breakthroughs in faith and helping people hold on to the faith they've got.

Last Saturday encapsulated the entirety of the pastor's life—my life—these past five and a half years. This has been a rich and rewarding time for me, leading our community's prayer and celebration at Mass; preaching the life-giving Word of God; and teaching the faith of the Apostles; introducing people to Jesus and the Kingdom of God; celebrating baptisms of infants, children, and adults; witnessing marriages of young people as well as more seasoned adults; helping experience the superabundant love and mercy of God; extending a helping hand and soothing a suffering soul; encouraging our community's efforts to do our part in building the Kingdom of God locally and universally; contributing to Jesus' call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the afflicted, demand justice for the

vulnerable and neglected.

At the heart of my priestly life and ministry here has been our celebration of Mass. The Eucharistic thanksgiving and feast is the center of my prayer life and the heart of my priestly life. No one does it better than you—I have never experienced the wonderful participation in song and prayer like I find it here at Sacred heart, St. Mary, and St. Joseph. Visitors and visiting priests have said the same thing to me. Thank you for praying with me Sunday after Sunday.

I am grateful for you—our parishioners, pastoral staff, and deacons—you who attend our liturgies, plan our celebrations, clean altar linens, prepare our environment, set up for Mass, greet our people, assist me at liturgies, lead our music, proclaim the Word, help distribute Holy Communion, tidy up afterward, offer hospitality at coffee hours and receptions, plan our social gatherings, maintain our sanctuaries and facilities, count our offerings, consult in pastoral planning, oversee our use of precious resources, teach the faith, visit the sick, minister to the imprisoned, plan and oversee our outreach, gather food, work the shelters, distribute clothing, minister through St. Vincent de Paul and our Knights of Columbus, witness for life, all of you who stick out your neck to tell us uncomfortable truths...my list goes on and on.

I have said before and will say again, **I am deeply grateful to God for having been assigned to this tri-church parish for my first pastorate.** I have come to love you and our communities during these years that we have prayed and walked together in faith. What a wonderful place to build up the Kingdom of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle!

For five and a half years, your lives have touched me and helped me grow as a priest, a pastor, and most of all, a disciple of Jesus. And you have been so kind, encouraging, and supportive of me as pastor here—no priest, no pastor, could be as blessed as my time with you. I love the Good News: I love to preach the Gospel, and love to celebrate it, and you have been so good to me and my efforts! I love what I do, and could not imagine not being a priest. What love I have felt, and love is at the heart of the Good News:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16

In Deepest Gratitude,
Yours faithfully in Christ,
Fr. Matthew O'Leary
Pastor



This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, January 10

St. Mary	Elementary Faith Formation	9:00 AM
Sacred Heart	Service Sunday	NOON

Thursday, January 14

St. Mary	Reconciliation	11:30 AM
St. Joseph	Rosary	7:00 PM

Monday, January 11

Friday, January 15

Sacred Heart Confirmation Retreat

Tuesday, January 12

Saturday, January 16

	Bulletin Deadline	1:00 PM
Sacred Heart	Elementary Faith Formation	6:00 PM
Sacred Heart	Middle School Youth	7:15 PM

Sacred Heart Reconciliation 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 13

Sunday, January 17

Sacred Heart RCIA 7:00 PM

Battle Ground Comm Ctr	Open House for Fr. Matthew	2—4 PM
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Welcome Debbie Wilson – New Parish Secretary

We are pleased to welcome Debbie Wilson as our new parish secretary. Debbie joined the staff just before Christmas, and comes to us from St. James, Vancouver, where she is an established parishioner, and was a part-time secretary. We are blessed to have Debbie's skills, experience, and knowledge of Archdiocesan policies and procedures with us!

Mass Intentions January 11—17

Monday	Sacred Heart	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	Sacred Heart	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Sacred Heart	9:00 AM	Ridgefield Teenagers, RIP
Thursday	St. Mary	NOON	Sr. Theresa Nguyen, Sp Int
Friday	Sacred Heart	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory, RIP
Saturday	Sacred Heart	5:00 PM	Dennis Zeik, RIP
Sunday	Sacred Heart	8:30 AM	Cal Ourkerk, Sp Int
	St. Joseph	8:30 AM	For the People
	St. Mary	10:30 AM	For the People
	Sacred Heart	11:00 AM	Adam Brilz, RIP
	Sacred Heart	5:00 PM	For the People

WELCOME

Are you new to our Tri-Church Parish? Registration has its benefits! To Register: *Contact the parish office or visit the website at www.sacredheartbg.org*

Readings for January 11—17

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 Jn 2:1-11

Stewardship of Treasure

We give thanks for blessings received Our Baptism calls each one of us to share in the work of Jesus. Sharing our gifts is part of our baptismal call.

OFFERING

Sacred Heart	12/27	\$5,860
	1/3	\$5,928
Year to date budget		\$182,250
Year to date actual		\$184,567
Year to date difference		\$2,317

St. Mary of Guadalupe	12/27	\$3,730
	1/3	\$3,291
Year to date budget		\$74,925
Year to date actual		\$81,580
Year to date difference		\$6,655

St. Joseph the Worker	12/27	\$857
	1/3	\$657
Year to date budget		\$26,838
Year to date actual		\$29,178
Year to date difference		\$1,346

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Sacred Heart	Christmas Solemnity	\$10,251 \$961
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St. Mary of Guadalupe	Christmas Solemnity	\$2,453 \$115
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St. Joseph the Worker	Christmas Solemnity Annual Appeal	\$655 \$30 \$153
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Tax Letters will be sent out before the end of January.

SERVICE SUNDAY ~ this Sunday following the 11:00 Mass. Please come help us assist a parishioner with some much needed yard work. We gather at NOON at Sacred Heart.

A parent and families "Called to Protect Class" will be held Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 1:00 pm, St. Rose in Longview. To register: <http://www.seattlearch.org/sep/index.html>.

Knights of Columbus Crab Feed

Saturday, January 23
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:30PM
\$17.50 per person for crab or steak
Quilt Raffle Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5
Tickets available after all Sacred Heart Masses
For further information contact
Jim Olson @ 573-2916

THANK YOU TO TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY

Thanks to all who made donations of all types to help bring love, hope and joy to the poor and homeless.

Special thanks to Estela Zwolinski, Pat Waite, Carol Wood and grandkids, Dot Loren and Keith Loren's parents, and Nick at Value Giant (for providing hats and gloves at a discount).

May we continue our mission of helping the poor. Thank you again for all you do for the poor. Blessings, Judy E

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In the past few weeks, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for several people who are preparing for Baptism at Easter Vigil: Janice Boespflug at St. Mary's; and Scott, Erika and Michelle Bolliger at Sacred Heart. These individuals are signs to us of new life in our community! Let us support them with our prayers and hospitality as they continue their journey to be one with us.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

The Tri-Parish Community of Sacred Heart, St. Mary and St. Joseph is seeking an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist 10 to 12 hours per week. We are a 980 family community serving urban and rural communities. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational and communication skills; at least three years demonstrated successful secretarial/office experience. Must have demonstrated skills in Microsoft Office programs i.e. Word, Excel, Publisher and Outlook. Experience with Logos Church Management Software a plus. Knowledge and commitment to the mission of the parish and Catholic Church in Western Washington. Salary based on experience. Contact the parish office at 360-687-4515 or info@sacredheartbg.org for more information and an application package. Closing date: Friday January 15th, 2010.

Remember those Preparing for Confirmation

During the week, our young people who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation will be reflecting on the meaning of being anointed and set aside for God's service in today's world. Join them by reflecting on your own anointing in Baptism and Confirmation and examining your response to being set apart by that anointing.

Please offer up a special prayer for our Confirmation candidates who are on retreat this weekend. Take a look at their display in the foyer.

The 2008-09 Annual Tri-Church Parish Report

will not be mailed to registered households this year. The report is available online at www.sacredheartbg.org or by contacting the parish office to have the report emailed or mailed to you.

OTHER CATHOLIC RESOURCES

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

Project Helping Hands

Sacred Heart Parish donates funds that allow Project Helping Hands, a non-profit organization, to purchase medicines, provide transportation and give aid to the inhabitants of Bolivia the poorest country in South America.

PHH is also involved in doing similar work in western Kenya, Liberia, and south Sudan providing free care and medications. Sacred Heart's donations have been vital in enabling this organization to continue.

I am a retired emergency physician who became associated in 2008 with Project Helping Hands, volunteering for a trip to Bolivia to provide humanitarian medical care. I again volunteered in 2009 for a second trip to that country. These trips are totally humanitarian and not associated with any specific religious organization or political group. We just provide humanitarian medical care to the Bolivians.

If you have any questions or want to know more about PHH, you can contact me at (360) 604-7144 or go to Project-helping-hands.org (be sure to use the hyphens) web site. We are looking for new volunteers to help staff these trips. You need not have any medical training to be a part of these trips. Fluency in the language of any country we travel too is very helpful but not necessary.

Thanks again. Tan Pinney M.D

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Monday, January 18th, Martin Luther King Jr.

Day of Service you are invited to serve by volunteering at The ReGifting Store, 7635 SE MacArthur Blvd, (take Mill plain West and turn left on Lieser rd) at anytime from 9 am to 6 pm to assist with sorting, pricing, displaying donations, assisting customers, unloading donations from vehicles, cleaning shelves, etc. or come to the Ozanam Food Room, 11607 NE 87th Ave, (turn west on 119th to St John's Catholic Church, turn left at light) to clean, sort, and stock the food shelves from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Monday, January 18th, SVdP Meeting at 7 pm at Carrie's House, call 921-5730 for directions, snacks provided beginning at 6:30. Children welcome.

You are invited to help sponsor a student at Sacred Heart Seminary, Mubende, Uganda! Your Sponsorship is a Tax deductible donation. Father Achilles, the Rector, who is visiting our area from Uganda. To learn more check out the bulletin board at Sacred Heart Parish or visit <http://sahesemu.com>. The specific purpose of this seminary "Is to help boys who seem to show the initial signs to recognize this vocation and to respond to it".

Ministry & Events

OUR TRI-CHURCH COMMUNITY OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT. WHY NOT TRY...

“Mom’s at Heart” - Mom’s Group

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month— 9:30—11:00 AM—Sacred Heart Parish Hall
A group to provide support, fellowship and spiritual growth for those involved in the vocation of raising children. Come and meet other moms for a morning of coffee, treats and fellowship.

Parish Library (All Parishes)

Stocked with spiritual books, tapes and movies which can be borrowed. Available for self check out.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at Sacred Heart

Celebrated during 8:30 & 11:00 Mass. While you partake of the Liturgy of the Word, your children will have their own celebration of God’s Word. Children will return to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with parents.

Outreach & Social Justice

This ministry coordinates our Tri-Church efforts to help those in need. Provides ongoing opportunities for community involvement with social justice issues

Service Sunday at Sacred Heart

Occurs every 2nd Sunday at noon. Group gathers at Sacred Heart and is dispatched to service sites. A variety of opportunities to serve those in need. Projects vary. Groups return to Sacred Heart for pizza and fellowship.

Inquiry

Sacred Heart—Contact the Parish Office

St. Mary—Contact Jim Roth at 887-0420 or Deacon Carl Anderson 573-1370

Pray the Rosary

Sacred Heart Monday-Friday 8:30 am

St. Joseph —Thursday 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Open to all parishes:

Sacred Heart 1st Wednesday 9:30 to 10:30 am

Local Catholic Resources:

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline—576-0122

St. Vincent de Paul Breakfast at Sacred Heart

Occurs every 3rd Sunday of the Month between Masses. A hearty breakfast is enjoyed by all. Donations benefit our local neighbors in need.

Knights of Columbus—For information, contact Don Chaffee 666-9034

Catholic Schools grades Preschool thru 8th

St. Joseph 696-2586, Our Lady of Lourdes 696-2301 Pacific Crest Academy 834-9913

Seton High School - Now accepting registrations—254-1800x331

Catholic Radio—KBVM 88.3 FM



FAITH FORMATION
 Preschool through Adult
 Life-Long Learning



**PRESCHOOL/
 KINDERGARTEN**

Let Teri know if you'd like to minister to our children as a teacher or an aide.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place during the 8:30 and 11:00 masses at Sacred Heart for children 1st-5th grade.

**SACRAMENTAL
 PREPARATION**

Infant Baptism—Contact the parish office to schedule. Allow three months for preparation.

Email:

srtheresa@sacredheartbg.org

Marriage Preparation—Contact the parish office to schedule. Allow six months for preparation.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

TUESDAY EVENING ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION begins at 6:00 PM -7:15pm at Sacred Heart. This class is open to K-5th graders. Please register using a form or online at www.sacredheartbg.org

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAYS FROM 9:00 UNTIL 10:15 AM.

If you would like to make sure you are on Teri's email distribution list, email her at teri@sacredheartbg.org. This will insure that you receive updates and invitations for events.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

THIS WEEK: Join us at 7:15 for "Winning & Losing".

NEXT WEEK: "Salvation History"

SENIOR HIGH

THIS WEEK: SERVICE SUNDAY after 11:00 mass at Sacred Heart. We will also have our 2nd Sunday Movie Night. We'll be watching a movie called "Entertaining Angels" about the life of Dorothy Day.

NEXT WEEK: Join us for our regular Sunday night gathering at 6:00 pm

CONFIRMATION

Our next gathering is January 24th at 3:00 pm.

Our Saints

January 13—HILARY OF POITIERS (315-367) was born into a noble family in Roman Gaul. He converted to Christianity from paganism after reading the Scriptures, especially the Prologue of John's Gospel. Hilary became a gifted interpreter of the Psalms and the Gospel of Matthew, and he was a defender of the faith against Arianism (denial of the Divinity of Christ). Hilary was thirty-five, married, and had a daughter at the time he was elected Bishop of Poitiers in 350. Hilary was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you have a family member, friend, or acquaintance who has expressed interest in the Catholic faith?

We can help! The Tri-Church Parish Community of Sacred Heart, St. Mary of Guadalupe and St. Joseph the Worker extends a warm invitation to adults to join in the enriching process of inquiry into the Catholic faith through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

The RCIA meets on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart.

Inquiry meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:45 AM.

For more information, please call Debbie Adams at 360-687-4515.

Contact the parish office for information concerning our parish cemeteries: Sacred Heart Cemetery and St. Mary of Guadalupe Cemetery

Please register for ALL faith formation Preschool-High school, including Sacramental Preparation by either going online to

www.sacredheartbg.org or by filling out the golden form found in the foyer.

Teri McMahon's & Sister Theresa's Email:

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