

# ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - GIG HARBOR

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, February 8

8:30 AM Mass (Raul La Madrid, Sally Cybrynski, RIP)  
 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Men's Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM RCIA/Inquiry Class

### TUESDAY, February 9

8:30 AM Eucharist Service  
 9:00 AM Contemplative Prayer  
 10:00 AM Spirituality Meeting  
 12:00 to 3:00 PM Called to Protect for Ministries Class  
 7:00 PM Spirituality Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, February 10

8:30 AM Mass (Duane & Audrey DuBoise, RIP)  
 9:30 AM Bible Study/What Catholics Believe  
 4:00 PM RE Classes, Grades 1-5  
 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Landings  
 7:00 PM Bible Study

### THURSDAY, February 11

8:30 AM Mass (Roy & Marie Anderson, RIP )  
 9:15 AM Benediction & Adoration to 6:30 pm  
 9:30 AM Spirituality Group  
 9:45 AM Legion of Mary  
 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Night  
 7:00 PM Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Music Ministry

### FRIDAY, February 12

8:30 AM Mass  
 6:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 6:30 Movie Night (Padre Pio, Part II)

### SATURDAY February 13

4:15 — 5:15 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass

### SUNDAY, February 14

8:30 AM Mass  
 NO 9:45 AM RE Classes, grades K-5  
 NO 11:00 AM RE Class Pre-K  
 11:00 AM CLOWN  
 11:00 AM Mass  
 12:30 PM Cenacle Prayer Group  
 6:30 PM High School Youth Night

**The First Saturday of Each Month...** middle school and high school students from St. Nicholas parish work together to serve a hot breakfast for the homeless community at the Nativity House in Tacoma. Next weekend they will visit Nativity House once again. Please contact Danny in the youth ministry office if you would like to volunteer or can donate breakfast sausage to be served on Saturday.

**15 Decade Rosary For Life...** Please join us in church this Sunday, February 7th, 2010, to pray our monthly 15 Decade Rosary for Life. We begin at 7:00 pm. You will be blessed by this prayer. (For questions, call Linda 851-3624.)



## Parish Finance News

	<u>Weekend of January 31, 2010</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget	\$14,400.00	Needed \$ 446,400.00
Contributions	15,352.00	Actual 451,588.00
Difference		Plus 5,188.00
SNCEF	\$58,138.68	

### **A Year For Priests...**



The moment a priest appeared on the camp grounds by himself or with a fellow priest, he would be joined by passing prisoners. The moment it became known in a new brigade or new barracks or a new camp that a man was a priest, he would be sought out. He didn't have to make friends; they came to him instead. It was a very humbling experience, because you quickly came to appreciate that it was God's grace at work and had little to do with your own efforts. People came to you because you were a priest, not because of what you were personally. They didn't always come, either, expecting wise counsel or spiritual wisdom or an answer to their every difficulty; they came expecting absolution from their sins, the power of the sacrament. To realize this was a matter of joy and of humility. You realized that they came to you as a man of God, a representative of God, a man chosen from among men and ordained for men in the things that are of God; you realized, too, that this imposed upon you an obligation of service, of ministry, with no thought of personal inconvenience, no matter how tired you might be physically or what risks you might be running in the face of official threats. For my part, I could not help but see in every encounter with every prisoner the will of God for me, now, at this time and in this place, and the hand of providence that had brought me here by strange and torturous paths...The things that are of God are all the joys and works and sufferings of each day, however burdensome and boring, routine and insignificant they may seem. It is the priest's function to offer these things back to God for his fellow men and to serve as an example, a witness, a martyr, a testimony before the men around him of God's providence and purpose. *Father Walter Ciszek, S.J.*

*(Father Ciszek, an American priest, was sent to Poland as a missionary in 1938, and was caught between the Nazi invasion coming from the West and the Communist invasion from the East. He spent 23 years in Russian prison camps).*

**St. Nicholas Middle School Students...** have written essays and made icons of the "Year For Priests" patron saint, St. John Vianney, as a way to honor the priesthood. Half of the icons and essays are on display this weekend in the vestibule of the church; by the following weekend the remaining essays and icons will be displayed. Take time to read what they have written about this great saint. We are grateful for our students and the contribution they have made to this celebration of priesthood.

**Thank You...** for your most generous response to our appeal. This enables us to continue the ministry of helping those in need in our parish community. Thank you and God bless you all.  
 St. Vincent de Paul.

**H1N1 Flu Shots...** Thanks to the work at Franciscan Health, we will be having a second flu shot clinic. We will be administering the H1N1 vaccination, free of charge. This clinic will take place on Sunday February 21 in the parish center. Call Mary for more information. 253-853-5435, and don't forget to wear short sleeves!

**Friday Night at the Movies**

For all of you who have faithfully checked the bulletin each week for the movie schedule and found that it had been changed, I offer my sincere apologies. By far, the Padre Pio movie has generated the most interest, and because so many parishioners have asked that it be shown, the "Friday Night at the Movies" is **continuing through Friday, February 12th**, so that the two parts of the Padre Pio movie may be shown. Part I (Padre Pio) will be shown, Friday, February 5 at 6:30 pm and the conclusion on Friday, February 12 at 6:30 pm. All who attended the January 29, John XXIII (Part II) showing have received notice of the addition of the Padre Pio movie to our schedule. Take note that supper is **NOT** being served prior to the showing of the film on the February (Padre Pio) Friday nights. Thanks to all who so generously made and served supper each of the Friday Night Movies in January. Friday, February 19, 5:00 to 6:30 pm is the first evening of the Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross (at 7:00 pm). We hope to see you all there. Norrie Hart.

**Lenten Soup Nights...** Please call the parish office 851-8850 if you or your ministry would like to sign up to make the soup for one of the Friday night Soup & Bread Lenten Meals.

- **Friday, February 19th**
- **Friday, February 26th**
- **Friday, March 5th**
- **Friday, March 12th**
- **Friday, March 19th**
- **Friday, March 26th**
- **Friday, April 2nd**



Please know what non-meat variety your soup will be when you call to sign up so it can be published in this space. The Lenten Soup nights are coordinated by the St. Nicholas Parish Youth program.

**CATHOLIC QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BASICS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH (ANSWERS OFTEN IN PARAPHRASE.)** \*\*ccc# refers to Catechism of the Catholic Church. \*\*USCCFA refers to US Catholic Catechism for Adults.

- (1) **Can you name the 8 Corporal Works of Mercy that help the bodily needs of our neighbors?** USCCFA, P. 508
  - (2) **Can you name the 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy that help the spiritual needs of our neighbors?** USCCFA, P. 529
- (1) The Corporal Works are feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead, and give alms to the poor.
  - (2) The Spiritual Works are counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead.

**Children's Faith Formation...** Do you love God's Word as revealed to us in Sacred Scripture? Are you someone who enjoys the spirituality of children? If so, call me (Cheryl Jones, 851-9040) so that we can explore two ministries that combine these interest (Children's Liturgy of the Word — CLOWN — or Break Open the Word (BOTW). This would be a once-a-month commitment to help children better listen to God and understand His calling in their lives. Training and flexible scheduling is available. God is Calling You!

**Please mark your calendars: There will be no Faith Formation Classes (pre-k through 5) on February 15th (mid-winter break/Ash Wednesday). Classes will resume the 22nd & 24th.**

If you are working with children or other vulnerable populations and have not yet completed the 3 hour "Called to Protect for Ministries Class" one will be scheduled for Tuesday February 9th, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Please go online to <http://seattle.setanet.org/> and click the link to "register for classes." If you do not have computer access, call Cheryl Jones at 851-9040. Thank you.

**Youth Ministry...** Contact Danny Bailey at the Youth Office, 851-5035, [dannybailey@centurytel.net](mailto:dannybailey@centurytel.net) if you have ideas or would like to assist in this ministry.

**Middle School CROWD** is this Thursday, February 11, the CROWD will be cooking for Haiti, preparing baked goods to sell and benefit earthquake relief in Haiti.

**CROWD Retreat March 5-7** this weekend retreat is an excellent opportunity for middle school students to reflect and build community during the season of lent. Cost is \$89 and permission slips are available now.

**High School Youth: NO MEETING February 7.** See you February 14th.

**Confirmation** students have been on retreat this weekend. Our next class is February 21st after 11:00 Mass.

**Young Neighbors in Action—Yakima July 18-24, 2010:** Application forms are available for high school students who are interested in participating in this week of service.

**Cambodia Mission Team 2010...** has returned home safe and sound. We are honored to bring good tidings from St. Nicholas's aid and support to our villagers in Cambodia. We thank you for all of your prayer and support. The cross-culture visits were heartwarming, spirit touching, and faith affirming. We plan to have a mission "show & tell" in March, which will include stories, pictures and beautiful items to share. We cannot wait to raise our mission spirit and Fund at that coming occasion. God's people in the villages send a thousand thanks to all of us.

**St. Nicholas Parishioners...** you are all invited to help make the 2010 St. Nicholas Catholic School Auction a big success! Come and support us on March 27th at the Gig Harbor Boys and Girls Club. It will be a fun filled night of fundraising with lots of exciting opportunities to help us reach our goal. Do you have a favorite restaurant or store? Consider donating a gift certificate. Do you love Easter? Consider a themed basket with Easter décor. Maybe you have some Scrip you'd like to donate. There is still time and your generosity will help the school in many ways. Thank you to those of you who have already made donations. Please contact Lisa Ward with any questions or donations. Parish Procurement 253-514-6301 [pward5@comcast.net](mailto:pward5@comcast.net)