

## This Week at Saint James Parish

*Sunday, January 24*

The Men's Club will be serving breakfast after the 9am & 11am Masses.

Religious Education Classes:

All ages K—12 meet in the Upper Hall after the 11 am Mass

*Wednesday, January 27*

Tai Chi Class — 1 pm, Upper Hall

*Thursday, January 28*

RCIA — 7 pm, Upper Hall

*Friday, January 29*

Church Cleaning — 7:30 am, Church

*Saturday, January 30*

Reconciliation — 3:30 pm, Church

### Upcoming Events... Mark your calendar

- Parish Potluck:  
Sunday, February 7th, 5 pm
- Blood Drive:  
Monday, February 8th, 1:30-6:30 pm
- Confirmation Classes for Adults begin:  
Sunday, February 14, noon
- Vietnamese New Year Celebration Mass  
Sunday, February 14, 2 pm
- Shrove Tuesday—Supper, Raffle & Bingo  
Tuesday, February 16th, 5-7 pm

### ***Blood Drive at St. James***

On Monday, February 8th, from 1:30 to 6:30 pm, you are invited to give blood. For more information contact parishioner, Deb Elliott at 695-9295.

### ***Vietnamese New Year Celebration Mass***

On Sunday, February 14th, the Vietnamese Mass at St. James will be at 2 pm.

### ***Shrove Tuesday Supper, Raffle & Bingo***

Come to the Ham & Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16th, 5 to 7 pm. Start Lent off with your St. James friends. Enjoy a traditional pre-Lenten supper and try your hand at Bingo. The cost is \$5—adults, \$2.50—children and \$13—family.

Remember to send in your raffle tickets. This year the first prize is \$300.

### ***Boxed Offering Envelopes***

Boxes are still available on the tables at the entrance to the church. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. If you would like to receive a box, please call the office or write your name and address on the clipboard by the envelopes. They will be ready the following week.

### ***Tax Statements***

The end of year donor tax statements will be mailed out this week.

## *A Thank You from Anne Eyford*

*Thank you all for the beautiful reception and wonderful well wishes as I retire. It has been a joy and privilege to serve God and the parishioners of St. James as secretary for these past 13 years. I only hope I have been able to make a difference in this small portion of the world.*

*Thank you to my special angels, the wonderful ladies of the Altar Society, the tremendous volunteers in all phases of the parish, the 5 priests and all the staff and parishioners who have helped make a difference in my life for these past years. I know they make a huge difference at St. James too. It takes so many to be a parish and believe me -- St. James has some of the best! It has been wonderful working with you all. I hope to see many of you in the volunteer lines. There is lots yet to do -- and lots of fun to be had.*

*With gratitude and love,  
Anne*

### ***Adult Confirmation Preparation***

Any adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in our set of preparation classes. The classes will begin Sunday, February 14th. They will be held immediately after the 11:00 Mass and last about an hour (12:10—1:10). The Confirmation will take place at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 3rd.

*If you are interested, please contact Joseph Salazar in the Parish Office, 360-693-3052.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**



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### ***Offerings of Treasure for January 17th***

Regular Offering _____	\$6,172.94
Capital Campaign _____	\$913.00
St. Vincent de Paul _____	\$152.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Adult Faith Formation*  
***The Faith of Catholics in Haiti***



***“How much does people’s faith help them through a catastrophe such as this?”***

This question was asked in a recent interview with Cardinal Cordes, the president of *Cor Unum*, the Pontifical Council for Human and Christian Development. Here is his response:

The faith of the people who have suffered in this disaster will play a critical role in not only bringing relief to their physical injuries and losses, but also in addressing the spiritual dimension and meaning to be found in such a catastrophe. In visiting disaster areas before and talking with survivors, many express their gratitude to God for sparing their lives and for the generous outpouring of assistance made available to them by family, friends, neighbors, and Churches worldwide. Because of the large Catholic population (80% of Haitians are Catholics), faith and the concrete presence/witness of the Church will have a very important role in the present tragedy. In the past, we have given much help to Haiti and we shall continue to do so. Of course, our spiritual closeness is of primary importance.

Without faith, this tragedy would turn into a complete disaster. That is why it will be essential for our brothers and sisters to pray together; experience Christians worldwide sharing their burdens as members of God's family; know the compassion of our Holy Father. All these become sources of hope and energy.

In His first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est,” Pope Benedict invites us to recall “St. Augustine who gives us faith's answer to our sufferings: ‘if you understand him, he is not God.’” The Holy Father adds: “Even in their bewilderment and failure to understand the world around them, Christians continue to believe in the ‘goodness and loving kindness of God’ (Titus 3:4)” (Encyclical, n.38).

*From zenit.org*

***Haiti: Special Collection this Weekend***

The Church mourns the terrible suffering of the people of Haiti. The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that ravaged Haiti destroyed countless homes, churches, seminaries, schools, and other buildings and has left millions without the most basic necessities of life. Our faith compels us to pray for and reach out to our brothers and sisters in their time of suffering.

This weekend's special collection is for the humanitarian efforts of the U.S. bishops and Catholic Relief Service (CRS) as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Catholic Church in Haiti.

Catholic Relief Services is already mounting a major emergency response to this severe disaster and has committed an initial \$5 million to fund relief efforts which are likely to go on for some time. Your help is urgently needed.

If your donation is in the form of a check, you can make it out to “CRS”, and please write on the memo line: “Haiti earthquake.”

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

***Birthright: Volunteers Needed***

Bring your compassion for pregnant women in need to Birthright. Caring makes the difference. Don't hesitate. We'll train you and work with your schedule. Shifts can be shared. The need to support the choice for life is great. Call 694-8156 or speak with fellow parishioner, Juli Pirak at 699-1600.

***St. John Vianney—Live Performance***

Friday, January 29th, 7—8:30pm  
Holy Redeemer Parish, 17010 NE 9th St., Vancouver  
*There is no admission fee. Suggested free-will offering: \$10—adults, \$5—children. Suitable for ages 9+.* Information contact: 885-7780.

***Workshop on Justice for Immigrants***

Saturday, January 30th, 9am—Noon,  
St. John the Evangelist, 8701 NE 119th St. Vancouver  
*The Archdiocese of Seattle is offering this half-day workshop. Information and registration contact: Jim Thomas, 206-382-4268.*

***Our Lady of Lourdes School Auction***

Saturday, January 30th, doors open at 5pm  
Vancouver Hilton Hotel Ballroom  
*The ticket cost of \$70 includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, bidding in the silent auction, dinner with wine, dessert, live auction bidding, and dancing afterwards. Information contact: Krista Wuest, 696-2301 or kwuest@lourdesvan.org.*