

This Week at St. James

Sunday:

The Catholic School parents will be serving coffee and donuts after Mass this morning. Come to the lower hall and enjoy.

Religious Education, grades K-12 — noon, Hall

Vietnamese classes — 1:30 PM, Upper Hall

Wednesday: RCIA — 7 PM, Upper Hall

Friday: Church Cleaning — 8 AM, Church

Saturday: Reconciliation — 3:30 PM, Church

St. James Update

Blood Drive

Monday, February 6th, from 1:30—6:30 pm, here at St. James.

Give from your heart the gift of life. To schedule your ap-

pointment or for more information, contact our parishioner, Deb Elliott, at 360-695-9295. You can also schedule online at www.givelife.org, code stjamesvancouver.



73rd Annual Shrove Tuesday Supper, Raffle & Bingo

Save the date — Tuesday, February 21, from 5 to 7 pm. This celebration goes back several centuries as a celebration before Lent begins. At this traditional supper, ham and pancakes are served. Prices for supper (pay at the door): adults \$5, children \$2.⁵⁰, immediate family \$13.

Bingo will begin at 6 pm and end with the door prize drawing at 7:30 pm. First prize is \$300. In addition to being fun, this event raises funds to support the purchase of flowers and other items for the upkeep of our beautiful altars and sanctuary. This event is sponsored by the Altar Society and prepared by the St. James Men's Group.

Eucharist to the Homebound

This ministry is to serve those who are confined to home for a length of time (rather than those who are unable to come to Mass on one particular Sunday). If you are in need of this ministry or know of a parishioner who is in need, please call the church office and arrangements will be made.

Your Boxed Envelopes

For those of you who use boxed envelopes, this is the last weekend they will be available in the back of the church. Please feel free to pick them up in the office thereafter.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Free Top Soil

There is a great deal of dirt/top soil available at the Mother Joseph Cemetery that is "free for the hauling." If you are interested please contact Fred, Cemetery Custodian, at 360-608-5493. He is available there from 7am—2pm.

Family & Friends of Alcoholic and Addicts Retreat

Fri., Feb. 17, 7:30-9pm & Sat., Feb. 18, 9:30am-5:30pm, Grotto Conference Center, NE 85th & Sandy Blvd., Portland

"Some Experience, Strength and Hope" retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, SJ. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and worn out by alcoholism and addiction in one that we love. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on the wisdom of the 12 Steps and the support of those who have been there. All are welcome. \$60 per person, includes Saturday lunch.

Dynamic Marriage course

Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, Feb 21-April 17, St Joseph's—Vanc.

Give your spouse a Valentine's present that will last - a renewed marriage! Registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 13. Open to all married couples. Engaged couples welcome if wedding date is set. Contact Diane Boggs at 360-696-4407, or email her at dianeb@stjoevan.org.

40 Days for Life

Feb. 22 begins the 40 days of prayer, fasting, peaceful witness and offering pro-life alternatives at a local abortion clinic. Contact Jerry Ross at 673-2376 or knittedinthewomb@hotmail.com. For additional information visit www.40daysforlife.com.



May She Rest In Peace

Jeanette Schwarz

May God grant comfort to the family



MASS INTENTIONS

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Offerings of Treasure from Last Weekend

Regular Offering _____	\$5,525. ²⁷
St. Vincent de Paul _____	\$95. ⁰⁰
Capital Campaign _____	\$5,750. ⁰⁰

Thank you for your generosity!

Celebrate
**WORLD DAY FOR
 CONSECRATED LIFE**
 Sunday, February 5, 2012



Top 10 Things to Promote Vocations For all Catholics:

1. **Pray** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Jesus says "to beg the master of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard" -Mt. 9:38.
2. **Teach** young people how to pray. Pope Benedict XVI said that unless we teach our youth how to pray, they will never hear God calling them into a deeper relationship with Him and into the discipleship of the Church.
3. **Invite** active young adults and teens to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. A simple, sincere comment should not be underestimated. An easy way to do this can be remembered by four letters: ICNU. "John, I see in you (ICNU) the qualities that would make a good priest, and I want to encourage you to pray about it." It is a non-invasive way to encourage openness to a religious vocation.
4. **Make it attractive.** Show the priesthood for what it truly is—a call to be a spiritual father to the whole family of faith. Similarly, the consecrated life for a young woman is a call to be united to Christ in a unique way, and to be a spiritual mother to those she encounters in her life and service.
5. **Talk about it.** Vocations must be talked about regularly if a "vocation culture" is to take root in parishes and homes. This means, first and foremost, the people need to hear about vocations through homilies, prayers of the faithful, and classroom discussions. Vocations kept out of sight are out of mind.

For those considering a vocation:

6. **Practice the faith.** We all need to be reminded that the whole point of our lives is to grow in a deep, intimate and loving relationship with God. This is the first step for any young person desiring to discern any call in life.
7. **Enter into the Silence.** Silence is key to sanity and wholeness. We can only "hear" the voice of God if we are quiet. Young people should try to spend 15 minutes of quiet prayer each day – this is where you can begin to receive clear direction in your lives.
8. **Be a good disciple.** Some bishops say, "We do not have a vocation crisis; we have a discipleship crisis." Young people can become true followers of Jesus Christ by serving those around them. By discovering your call to discipleship, you also discover your particular call within the Church.
9. **Ask God.** Ask God what He wants for your life and know He only wants what is good for you. If, in fact, you are called to the priesthood or consecrated life, it will be the path to great joy and contentment.
10. **"Just do it!"** If you feel that God is inviting you to "try it out," apply to the seminary or religious order. Remember, the seminary or convent is a place of discernment. You will not be ordained or asked to profess vows for many years, providing ample opportunity to explore the possibility of a call to priesthood or religious life. *From foryourvocation.org*

Adult Faith Formation ***Euthanasia 'must always be prohibited', rules Council of Europe***

A decision by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to pass a resolution that calls for the prohibition of euthanasia, is being hailed as a major step in the defense of life.

The European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ) reported that the resolution passed, setting the principle: "Euthanasia, in the sense of the intentional killing by act or omission of a dependent human being for his or her alleged benefit, must always be prohibited." This is the first time in recent decades that euthanasia has been so clearly rejected by a European political institution, the council explained.

The purpose of the resolution, is to define the principles that should govern the practice of "living wills" or "advance directives" in Europe.

The "living wills" or "advance directives" are aimed at enabling patients to express in advance their wishes regarding medical intervention or treatments, in case they are not able to express their preferences at the time of the intervention. The directives may apply, for example, when there is doubt about whether to resuscitate a patient or to continue to use extraordinary means to maintain someone alive.

Because these "living wills" or "advance directives" are open to many abuses, and can be a backdoor for introducing euthanasia or assisted suicide into legislation, the PACE has made a list of principles on how to govern this practice in the 47 states of the Council of Europe.

According to the ECLJ the list is based on principles elaborated in three documents previously adopted in the Council of Europe, including the convention on human rights and biomedicine (Oviedo Convention), which legally binds the majority of member states. Because of growing concerns about euthanasia, the Assembly judged it is necessary to state explicitly the basic principle that intentional killing must always be prohibited.

"This resolution is a clear indication that the growing majority of Europeans is opposed to euthanasia," said Puppink. Even if this resolution is not legally binding on member states, it has a real influence on the legislative process and on the judicial process, especially on the case-law of the European



Court of Human Rights, the ECLJ communiqué stated.

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 zenit.org*