

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

May 9, 2010



Dear Parish Family,

As we reflect on the beautiful gift God made to humanity; Our Mothers. I want to invite you to ponder on this reflection written by Bobbie Pingaro in 1967 called "The Meanest Mother."

*"I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids' also. But at least, I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.*

*My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less—not one hour and one minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once, but each time we had a mind of our own and did as we pleased. That poor belt was used more on our seats than it was to hold up Daddy's pants. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed? Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.*

*We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. The other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the height of insults because she made our clothes herself, just to save money. Why, oh why, did we have to have a mother who made us feel different from our friends? The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.*

*She always insisted upon us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us- and it nearly did. By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. If I spent the night with a girlfriend, can you imagine she checked on me to see if I were really there? I never had the chance to elope to Mexico. That is if I'd had a boyfriend to elope with. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is, if you dated only to go to a school function! And that was maybe twice a year.*

*Through the years, things didn't improve a bit. We could not lie in bed "sick" like our friends did and miss school. If our friends had a toe ache, a hang nail or serious ailment, they could stay home from school. Our marks in school had to be up to par. Our friends' report cards had beautiful colors on them, black for passing, red for failing. My mother being as different as she was would settle for nothing less than ugly black marks. As the years rolled by, first one and then the other of us was put to shame. We were graduated from high school. With our mother behind us, talking, hitting and demanding respect, none of us was allowed the pleasure of being a drop-out.*

*My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us have ever been arrested, divorced or beaten his mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. And whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, or to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one other things that our friends did. She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.*

*Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world".*

Well, you know, after reading this I think I also have the meanest mother in the world who would always made me pray before meals and before going to bed and who would not allow me to miss Sunday Mass. She taught me to respect God and neighbor and be attentive to the needs of others. I thank God for her; maybe this is why I turned to be the meanest priest in the diocese!

Anyway: although Mother's day is not a liturgical celebration, to me Mother's Day helps us to celebrate not only our earthly mothers, but it helps us to see God as a Mother who gives life, protects it and sustains it with the very gift of himself in Jesus.

This is the reason why in our prayer this weekend let us remember in an especial way our mothers; those who gave or give biological life and those who gave or give spiritual life. Whether living or deceased, they have given and nurtured us with their love; because they have been sacrificially generous, have accepted life and have being faithful to it.

**We know that in the fidelity of our mothers to life and love God makes Himself visible.**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

Rev. Cesar Vega M.  
The Meanest Pastor





*Children's Ministries*  
**PRESCHOOL THRU GRADE 6**  
and  
*Middle School Ministries*  
**GRADES 7 & 8 - Middle School**

Classes are available for 3 year old, 4 year old;  
Kindergarten and grades 1 thru 6.  
Classes also available for grades 7 & 8 (Middle School).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



*Please sign up for Vacation Bible School.*  
*B.E.A.R.S.*  
*Bible Education And Religious Study*

*June 28th—July 2nd*  
*9:00 am to 11:30 am*

*Registration forms in church, Religious Ed*  
*office and Parish office.*

*Must sign up before June 15th so that we*  
*can plan for craft items.*  
*For more information call Rose at 966-0788*



***YOUTH MINISTRY Column***

If you have any questions, give us a call at  
965-3471 or email at:  
loriemard@holyyfamilyyakima.org.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

**Wed May 12th:** Youth Ministers annual re-cap meeting,  
7 pm in the Youth Room.

**Sun May 19th:** Youth Council meeting at **4:00** pm in  
the Youth Room.

**Sun May 30th:** Graduation Mass at 11:15. We  
will be honoring our high school and  
college graduating seniors and award-  
ing the Holy Family Scholarships.



**August 1-6th: Summer Camp!** Registrations  
will be mailed soon! This year's cost  
will remain at \$300 per camper. This  
year's theme: Building our Faith!



Keep watching this column, your email and  
snail mail for upcoming youth activities. The  
Youth Council will be working hard over the  
next few weeks to get the summer rolling to a  
good start.



It's time to think about and sign up to be on  
*the Holy Family Holo Holo Relay For Life*  
team. What does Holo Holo mean? It's Ha-  
waiian for "Walk for Fun". Chris Schaub  
was the founding member of this team when  
he learned of his brain tumor. If you would

like to be part of this amazing team, please contact Tom  
Schaub at 509-945-4258 or email at:  
tjs567@charter.net or Lori Emard at email:  
lori.emard@holyyfamilyyakima.org or call 965-3471.

**Let's Go To Madrid, Spain!**

World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain in August  
2011. We're working on a pilgrimage and need to know  
how many are interested in going. Please contact Lori  
Emard at 509-965-3471 or email lori.  
emard@holyyfamilyyakima.org to get on a mailing list.  
Informational meetings will be planned and we want you  
to attend! Fundraisers will definitely be a part of this pil-  
grimage, so the sooner you indicate your interest, the  
sooner we can raise some money to help defray the  
cost.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT) @**

Bert's Pub-watch the bulletin for dates.  
A night for **ALL Young Adults**  
**(18-39)** who want to learn more about the  
***Catholic Faith!!***

For more information **on locations and times** call Steve  
Martinez at 509-930-2519.

May 13th-Mass and Reconciliation for Young Adults

May 20th-guys night and girls night

May 27th-Bible Study

### **Baptism Preparation Classes**



Infant Baptisms take place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during Mass; and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the chapel at 12:30 p.m. Parents requesting baptism are expected to attend two preparation sessions prior to your child(ren)'s baptism. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. For more information call Ree Kearns at 966-5344.

### **LET'S PRAY**

I'm looking to fill half-hour time frames on Mondays between 6 pm and 9 pm once a month to help bring a positive transformation to Yakima. Prayer references will be provided. This is a great way to start the practice of praying for something specific. Many of us are looking for a reason to "get away from it all" for just a little while. Why not spend it in prayer. A half an hour goes by so fast! Give Lori a call at 965-3471 or email at lori.emard@holyfamiyyakima.org to sign up for a time. Lori

### ***YOUNG TEENS CONFERENCE***

*Reach Tri Cities 7th–12th grade  
May 14th–16th, 2010*

*Holy Spirit Parish Kennewick, WA  
Jonny Doiron (Youth Minister at Christ the King Parish) & REACH Youth Ministry.  
Get Registration at [Reachym.org](http://Reachym.org) or EMAIL registration to [mail@reachym.com](mailto:mail@reachym.com)*

***POSTERS ON BULLETIN BOARDS IN CHURCH***

I would like to extend my thanks to those who attended the newly formed parent gathering that took place on various Wednesdays during the year. I really enjoyed getting to know you. It's one of my next year's goals to continue with these evenings. If you have a topic you'd like presented, please let me know. It seems the more I research and inform, the more I learn! Lori

### ***18th Northwest Eucharistic Marian Conference June 25-26, 2010***

*St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
26900 78th Ave. NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292*

***"Taste and See the Mercy of God"***

This year's speakers are a dynamic group known for their unique spiritual gifts, relevant subject matter and insightful views on the issues facing Catholics today. **Wayne Weible**, Fr. Donald Calloway, Gretchen Harris, Fr. Gary Sumpter, Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen and Alan Ames. Forms in the church foyer and parish office for registration. Call Marie at 360-629-4425 or email [Pearlsofgrace@aol.com](mailto:Pearlsofgrace@aol.com)

### ***Prayer Walk against Abortion***

On **Tuesday afternoons** from 2:00-3:00, we are in front of Planned Parenthood on Tieton Dr. We also pray in front of the Cedar River Abortion Clinic on "E" St. If you will get in touch with me I will put you on our "call" list and let you know the days and times that we will be out there. Usually we ask that you join us for one hour, but whatever time you can be there is appreciated. We must be a voice for those who have none. **Please call the office and leave your name and phone number. Thank you. Rosie**

### ***MOMS — Mothers Offering Mothers Support***



MOMS is designed by Catholic moms to help other mothers of young children in their Ministry of motherhood.

- ◇ ***Come meet and socialize every 1st and 3rd Wednesday with other Catholic Moms.***
- ◇ ***Free childcare and coffee are always provided.***
- ◇ ***We gather to support, laugh, share and brainstorm.***
- ◇ ***Come when you can between 9:30 am & 11:30 am—doors are always open.***
- ◇ ***Newcomers welcome—so are friends.***
- ◇ ***We meet in the Youth Room #14 at the Activity Center on 56th and Chestnut.***

***If you have any questions please call Michelle Martin, she is the contact person @ 307-0244 or Rose Meyer the Director of Religious Education @ 966-0788.***

### **SENIOR LIFE**

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heaven. (Eccl 3:1). We are all growing older, not just as individuals but as members of a faith community. Aging demands the attention of the entire Church. How the faith community relates to its older members—recognizing their presence, encouraging their contributions, responding to their needs, and providing appropriate opportunities for spiritual growth—is a sign of the community's spiritual health and maturity." (Blessings of Age-A Statement of the US Catholic Bishops Issued November 18, 1999).

**You are invited: Senior Life Gathering Meeting for all senior 55+ in Rm 10, May 12th at 9:30 am or May 13th at 7 pm, Rm 10, to see how we want to develop our Senior Life at Holy Family. For further discussion, and how you can be a part of Senior Life, call Deacon Jim Kramper @945-5432 or email: [holyseniors@gmail.com](mailto:holyseniors@gmail.com)**

**Sharing the Light Gift Shop**



*All birthstone rosaries are marked down 10% during the month of May, honoring our Mother Mary.*

(Hours are Saturday 5-7:00 pm and Sundays from 8-12:30 pm.)

**“Holy Grounds” after Mass Fellowship**



Coffee hours will follow the 7:00, 9:00 & 11:15 am Mass. Come and visit and have a latte, coffee or Italian soda.

Coffee and donuts every weekend except the 3rd Sunday of the month-KC breakfast on this Sunday.

**CHURCH MOUSE**



First Communion was a delight. I marched with the little girls in white dresses and the boys dressed in their best Sunday clothes as they brought flowers to the altar. When I climbed a pot to place my flower. I leaned a little too far over the edge and fell head first to the bottom. Lucky for me, there was no water in the pot. But, the bump on my head still smarts. Mouse

**DECEMBER GALA COMMITTEE**

If you are interested in joining Holy Family’s December Gala planning committee, please contact Jamie Canape at 480-8070 or 965-0145. This exciting event will be held the first Saturday in December and all are welcome.



**KC BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, May 19th, 2010**

5502 W. Chestnut

1:30—6:30 pm



To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact Frank at 966-9906.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal! Because of your generosity, the Appeal will be able to provide funding for evangelization, religious education, youth ministry, and other essential services in poor dioceses. You have made a difference for the Church in the United States by strengthening the Church at home. To learn more about how your money is making a difference through Catholic Home Missions, please visit [www.org.nationalcollections](http://www.org.nationalcollections).

**MASS OF ANNOINTING & SENIOR LUNCHEON—Thursday, May 20th**

*All are welcome!*

*Mass of Anointing (Sacrament of Healing) at 11:00 in the Chapel followed by Senior Luncheon at noon in the Fr. Murtagh Gathering Hall.*

Call for reservations by Wednesday, May 19th so there is enough for all!

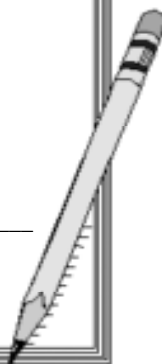
Monthly Collection— 1700 Households  
Average Needed Weekly—\$16,000

May Collection 2010

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Totals

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*St. Joseph’s Mission on the Ahtanum Sunday Mass.*



Sunday Mass at St. Joseph’s Mission is on the 1st Sunday of the Month. Mass on Sunday, June 6th at 9:30 am.

Please call: (509) 966-0865 for information .

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY, May 10, 2010**

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am to 6:00 pm in chapel

**TUESDAY, May 11, 2010**

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 am to 5:45 pm followed by Benediction
- ◇ Sewing group at 9:00 in Brides Room
- ◇ Prayer Walk against Abortion—9:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 3:00.
- ◇ RCIA at 7:00 pm in Rm 12

**WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010**

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ Family Singers rehearsal at 7 pm in chapel
- ◇ Servants of Mary—1:00 pm

**THURSDAY, May 13, 2010**

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am
- ◇ **BIBLE STUDY-9:30 am in Activity Center Room 10**
- ◇ Resurrection Choir practice at 9:00 am and Hosanna choir evening at 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, May 14, 2010**

- ◇ Mass 6:30 AND 8:30 am

**SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention**

(Southern California Renewal Communities)

September 3—5, 2010

Anaheim Convention Center

**“STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH”**

A chance to renew your Catholic faith!

Register online at [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org)

Phone (818 771-1361)

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Want to enhance the lives of those who live in your community? **Catholic Family & Child Service** has an opportunity for you! We are in need of two volunteers to work in a clerical capacity 2-4 hours per day, 2-3 days/week. Duties will include working with a specialized verification system and routine office work. We would love to hear from you and provide you with more information on this wonderful opportunity. Please contact Robert Zink at (509) 965-7100.

**Don't forget to check out our websites!**

<http://holyfamilyyakima.org/reled.htm>—Religious Ed

<http://holyfamilyyakima.org/midsch.html>—Middle School

<http://holyfamilyyakima.org/youth.htm>