



ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT: "As part of the living Body of Christ, Saint Cecilia parish on Bainbridge Island seeks to conform to the will of God through faith, works, teaching and stewardship of God's creation, as guided by the Holy Spirit, by the teachings of Christ, and by the Grace of the Father. We celebrate this mission daily in prayer, liturgy, sacraments and life."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2010

FOUNDATIONS OF FREEDOM: FOURTH OF JULY HOMILY by Fr Emmett Carroll

"We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Thus begins the second sentence of our Declaration of Independence, among the most famous of the world's utterances. In 1776 Thomas Jefferson penned the lengthy expression which enumerated the offenses that the British had committed against the colonists in America. Representatives of the United States of America in the Continental Congress assembled and debated this expression. They changed some phrases here and there, and then solemnly published and declared that the united colonies are states, independent and free.

As in every year, today we renew our agreement with this declaration, and we affirm our allegiance to its principles. We hold that no nation ought to control another nation; no people ought to decide and rule another people. The Declaration of Independence maintains that the power of government derives from those people whom it rules. Individual people give the government authority. Freedom was enshrined in this and in all documents of this country. From that famous Fourth of July has grown individual freedom.

To have absolute right for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, our forefathers had to acknowledge the absolute authority of God. Because we are made in the image and likeness of God, we therefore share in the freedom derived from God.

The Civil War had many causes, but in the years since that conflict slavery has come to dominate discussion. Slavery developed with the plantation system, and this nation denied freedom to 700,000 slaves in the census of 1790. As early as 1688 the Pennsylvania Quakers opposed this lack of freedom on Christian grounds. Slavery, the peculiar institution, ran counter to the Declaration of Independence and to human freedom.

This failure to recognize human freedom ran counter to such Biblical accounts as the enslavement of the Jews in Egypt. With Moses as leader, the chosen people at length left slavery in Egypt, only to find themselves pursued by the Egyptian chariots. At that moment, Moses encouraged his people and told them, **"Fear not! Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the Lord will win for you today"** (Exodus 14:13-14).

The proponents of slavery forgot that in the Old Testament the Israelites escape bondage when they walk through the parted waters of the sea; then the Israelites watch as the water flows back on the pursuing Egyptian army. **"Thus the Lord saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians"** (Exodus 14: 30). This foundational event suggests that God rescues his elect so that they could freely practice their belief in the one God. The Bible puts God on the side of freedom.

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THE SAINTS (MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC LIFE) by Patrick Middleton SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN (MEMORIAL DAY JULY 23RD)

Saint Bridget of Sweden was born in 1303 in Uppsala, Sweden to Birger Persson (a provincial judge) and Ingeborg Bengtsdotter (a woman highly regarded for her piety). It was an age of great danger for the Papacy which had been forced to defend itself militarily against the armies of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II in the preceding century. Even after Frederick II's repentance and death, the Papacy still had to defend itself against various warring factions within Italy. England and France were both great defenders of the Church, but often warred with each other. In 1309, Pope Clement V moved the Papacy to Avignon, which was independent of the King of France, seeking to mediate peace between England and France from that city. Avignon was also much safer than anarchic Rome. The Papacy would not return to Rome for many decades, and St. Bridget of Sweden would play a role in that return.



Bridget received an excellent religious education. By age seven, she began having visions of Jesus Christ, often of His Crucifixion. Bridget's mother died in 1315 and, in 1316, through an arranged marriage, Bridget wed Ulf Gudmarsson, a prince of Nercia. Ulf and Bridget had eight children, one of whom was Saint Catherine of Sweden, but others, sadly, failed to stay with the Church.

As Bridget's reputation for holiness and charity became more widely known, she associated with many learned theologians and priests. In 1335, she became the chief lady-in-waiting to Queen Blanche of Namur and, in that role, provided advice and counsel to both the queen and King Magnus Eriksson II. In the early 1340s, Ulf and Bridget made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in northwestern Spain which contains remains of St. James the Greater, St. John the Apostle's older brother. While returning to Sweden, Ulf fell ill and died in 1344 in a Cistercian monastery.

Bridget, now a widow, began the life of a religious and ascetic. Many in the Swedish royal court harassed her for this decision, and she eventually renounced her princess title. Bridget's visions became more prevalent and clear. She memorialized them in her Revelations, a book that became immensely popular in the Middle Ages. As Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Ratzinger, said during Pope John Paul II's celebration of Saint Bridget in 1991, "Saint Bridget ...has left behind a very significant literary work, which has made her a Teacher of the Faith in the Church. Her 'Revelations' have for centuries shaped, in a very decisive manner, the portrayal of the life and of the human sufferings of Jesus, in one word the image of Christ in the Church." In describing her revelations, Saint Bridget wrote, "Most Sweet God, what you do in me is wonderful: when it pleased you, you let a spiritual slumber come over my body, you make my soul alert to see and hear the things of the Spirit."

Cardinal Ratzinger explained what she meant:

"Saint Bridget describes the condition of [her] 'revelation'...: the senses seem in some way to be asleep.... In this way however, the profound interior of the soul is awakened, thanks to which the soul enters into contact with the Creator. The human being begins to see, to hear, to savor interiorly. * * * From all this it is evident that the word 'revelation' [as Saint Bridget used this term to describe her visions] should not be taken in the sense we normally understand it, when we call the message of the Bible 'revelation'. The term instead means an interior perception, in which the soul feels essentially receptive, in such a way that its understanding takes on the character of a call from the Lord."

In 1346, Saint Bridget founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines) in Vadstena, Sweden. In 1349, she traveled to Rome to obtain confirmation of her order and fulfill her vocation of teaching about Christ's Passion and the moral improvement of society. Pope Urban V eventually confirmed the Rule of her Order in 1370. During this time, Saint Bridget ardently urged Popes Clement VI, Urban V and Gregory XI to return the Papacy to Rome. She also went on several pilgrimages, including to the Holy Land in 1373.

Saint Bridget of Sweden died in Rome on July 23, 1373. Her remains were later buried at the convent she founded in Vadstena. Pope Boniface IX canonized her in 1391. Saint Bridget is the patron saint of Sweden and widows, and Pope John Paul II also declared her a co-patron saint of Europe.

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Parish Office via (206) 842-3594.

SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS AND GUIDELINES

EUCCHARIST / MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morn: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Eve: 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Liturgy Celebration is at 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is offered on all Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:45
p.m. and on the first Saturday of every month after the 9:00
a.m. Mass, generally from 9:30 a.m. until complete.

BENEDICTION & EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is performed at the
end of Mass on Friday. It is followed by Perpetual Adoration
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday with one hour time
slots for each adorer. For those interested, please contact
Virginia Carter via the parish office.

HOUSE CALLS

If parishioner or local Catholic needs to receive the
sacraments at home, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

If you would like your child baptized, please register
for Baptism and Baptism classes by calling the
Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

The engaged couple should meet with the pastor six
months before the wedding date and enroll in
Marriage Preparation class. One party should be a
registered parishioner.

Monday, July 19, 2010	Tuesday, July 20, 2010	Wednesday, July 21, 2010	Thursday, July 22, 2010	Friday, July 23, 2010	Saturday, July 24, 2010	Sunday, July 25, 2010
Moving Day for Parish Offices.	St. Apollinaris	St. Lawrence of Brindisi	St. Mary Magdalene	St. Bridget of Sweden	St. Sharbel Makhluuf	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Service 9:00 AM	Mass 9:00 AM † Kathryn Slater by Sekits Family	Mass 9:00 AM Special Intention Julie Kenkel	Mass 9:00 AM † David Paul by M. Duncan	Mass 9:00 AM † Roger Donahue by Hunter Family	Mass 9:00 AM † Suzanne Ferguson by Winston Family	Early Mass 8:00 AM
Centering Prayer 9:30 AM	Bl Library Program Conger 9:00 AM - Noon			Adoration 9:30 am until Saturday 4pm	Legion of Mary 9:30 – 11:00 AM	Family Mass 10:00 AM
Rosary 5:30 PM	Rosary 5:30 PM	Rosary 5:30 PM	Rosary 5:30 PM		Liturgical Choir Rehearsal 3:30 PM	Meditative Mass 7:00 PM
Liturgical Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	Meditative Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM			Reconciliation 4:00 – 4:45 PM	
					Vigil Mass 5:00 PM	

SUNDAY MASS SERVICE ROSTER

Saturday, July 24, 2010 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass) Celebrant: Rev Emmett H Carroll, SJ Eucharistic Ministers: John Keller (HEM) Laura Van Dyke, Virginia Carter Altar Servers: Aidan Dorsey, Elena Dorsey, Catherine Edwards Ushers: Dick Hassell, Francis Jacobson Lector: Patrick Middleton Music from the Liturgical Choir	Sunday, July 25, 2010 10:00 AM (Family Mass) Celebrant: Rev Emmett H Carroll, SJ Eucharistic Ministers: Neill Raymond (HEM) Dan Brotherton, Liz Chamberlin, Jennifer Dixon Martin Frank, Joe Gildner, Darren Gray Altar Servers: Fritha Francis, Lilia Paul, Nicholas Paul Joe Gildner the Younger Ushers: Margie McDevitt, Jim Olsen Lector: Patty Raymond Music from the Contemporary Choir
Sunday, July 25, 2010 8:00 AM (Early Mass) Celebrant: Rev Emmett H Carroll, SJ Eucharistic Ministers: Verna Sorenson (HEM) Scooty Kellogg, Donna Matthews Altar Servers: Rebecca Gallivan, Jonathan Gallivan Maria Gallivan Ushers: Bob Kuebler, Andy Murphy Lector: Sue Kuebler	Sunday, July 25, 2010 7:00 PM (Meditative Mass) Celebrant: Rev Emmett H Carroll, SJ Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Hassell (HEM) Orysia Earhart, Francis Jacobson Altar Servers: Marcus & Anders Tonsmann Ushers: George Broom, Francis Jacobson Lector: Joe Rochelle Music from the Meditative Choir

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROSTER:

House Call Route 1: Susan Lester House Call Route 2: Mike Lampert House Call Route 3: Dick Hassell (Island Health and Rehabilitation)	House Call Route 4: Marianne Mack House Call Route 5: Marcia Kilbane (Messenger House) House Call Route 6: Matt Keller	Daily Communion Minister: Monday, July 26, 2010 Phillip Shiveley
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DAILY READINGS

Day	Reading	Gospel	Psalms
Mon, Jul 19	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8	Matthew 12:38-42	Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23
Tue, Jul 20	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Matthew 12: 46-50	Psalms 85: 2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Wed, Jul 21	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10	Matthew 13: 1-9	Psalms 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17
Thu, Jul 22	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	John 20:1-2, 11-18	Psalms 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11
Fri, Jul 23	Jeremiah 3:14-17	Matthew 13:18-23	Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Sat, Jul 24	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Matthew 13:24-30	Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11

PARISH BEAT AND BEYOND (NOTICES AND INVITATIONS)

ALL SYSTEMS DOWN: On **JULY 19, 2010** the Parish office will be closed and there will be NO telephone or e-mail access. This is because all phones and computers will be moved to the new faith center. Interrupted service will resume on July 20, 2010. In addition, the **ENTIRE SOUTH PARKING LOT** will be closed **ALL WEEK** beginning July 19th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Catholics have come a long way from the days of immigrant labor in New England. So, of course, have the Knights of Columbus. At the Big Al's Barbecue dinner on July 11th three scholarships were awarded to three 2010 graduating seniors. Emma Van Dyke and Peyton Lunzer, graduates of Bainbridge High School, and Danielle Bohonos, a graduate of Holy Names Academy in Seattle. The barbecue chief was named Al and he was big, and he was a pro.

MARY WANTS YOU TO JOIN HER ARMY: The Legion of Mary meets every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 AM every Saturday morning in the Choir Room. All are welcome to come and pray the Rosary. The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland by Frank Duff in 1921. The Legion was formed for the specific purpose of providing spiritual care for the community. It was credited with having given a dying Irish coastal town a new life. The people were shaken out of their doldrums and took notice of the breathtaking beauty to give the town a rebirth as a place for vacationers. You never know what impact you might be able to have with Mary as your commanding officer. Please contact Verna Sorenson at (206) 842-5115.

ST CECILIA LOOKING FOR A NEW CROP WALK LIAISON: The annual Bainbridge Island CROPWALK event will take place on September 26, 2010, and St. Cecilia is in need of a new CROPWALK liaison for our parish's participation in this Island-wide faith community fundraising event. This is the largest grassroots ecumenical event on Bainbridge Island. Over the past 10 years St. Cecilia walkers have contributed over \$10,000 to help feed the hungry and make a difference in helping those in need. If you are interested in helping St. Cecilia continue to be an important presence in this event, please call either the parish office, 842-3594, or give Joe Rochelle a call at 780-2134. Joe is retiring after being the liaison for St. Cecilia's for the past 7 years. A great opportunity to follow Christ's call to be of service to our brothers and sisters in need!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND HELPLINE HOUSE TEAM UP FOR STUDENTS:

The St. Vincent de Paul conference plans to support the 10th Annual Project Backpack by purchasing gift cards for children returning to school this fall. You can make a donation to support all of the SVdP conference work through the weekly collection. Please mark your envelop St. Vincent de Paul.

The Bainbridge community at large supports this Back to School project through Helpline House. It provides essential school supplies, and financial assistance with education related expenses, for more than 150 Bainbridge Island families. If you would like to purchase and donate school supplies, see the list of requested items (they have enough crayons, bottled glue, and blunt scissors) included on the flyer in last week's bulletin. It is also posted on the Helpline House website:

<http://helplinehouse.org/projectbackpack.shtml>

Like Classic Cars? Visit <http://www.bainbridgeclassicrides.com/> for information about every-Tuesday car shows to benefit Project Backpack.

YOU CAN'T QUARTER SOLDIERS, BUT CAN YOU QUARTER SINGERS? The Hahnheim Men's Chorus of Germany is now touring the West Coast. On Thursday, August 5, 2010 they will be giving a concert here on Bainbridge Island. They are being sponsored by our very own Bainbridge Chorale, and Bainbridge Chorale is looking for housing and meals for just 20 more members of their group. They are individuals and couples ranging in age from 20-80. They just need a bed for two nights (August 4 & 5; they'll depart on the 6th), breakfast on the 5th and 6th, and lunch on the 5th. If you can host 1 or 2 of these choir members, please contact Erika Seidel Thompson skitrio@yahoo.com, or call Bainbridge Chorale's office at 206-780-2467.

KNOW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Charity (cont'd) submitted by Patrick Middleton

1825 Christ died out of love for us, while we were still “enemies.” [Rom 5:10] The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.

The Apostle Paul has given an incomparable depiction of charity: “charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [1 Cor 13:4-7]

1826 “If I...have not charity,” says the Apostle, “I am nothing.” Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, “if I ...have not charity, I gain nothing.” [1 Cor 13:1-4] Charity is superior to all virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: “So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But *the greatest of these is charity.*” [1 Cor 13:13]

1827 The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which “binds everything together in perfect harmony” [Col 3:14]; it is the form of the virtues; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

GOSPEL TRUTH AND BIBLICAL TREATS submitted by Orysia Earhart

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10; Second Reading: Colossian 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

GOSPEL TRUTH: In today’s Gospel we see Jesus journeying to Jerusalem. On the way, he stopped at the home of Mary and Martha, for whom he had special affection. Martha was annoyed with Mary who only wanted to sit at the feet of Jesus and did not help with the preparations. But Jesus said told Martha that Mary has chosen to do the wiser action for which she would not be denied. This does not mean that one should ignore daily work. Bl. Josemaria Escriva says, “Work should be a means and an occasion for a close relationship with our Lord, which is the most important thing in our life.”

BIBLICAL TREAT: *A Catholic Guide to the Bible* states, “The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles have the same purpose, to show that Christ came to save the whole world.” Luke’s Gospel was written in Greek for the Gentile Christians. One of the most beautifully written gospels, it shows Jesus as the Son of Man who is a Savior of all people who is merciful and gentle. Luke emphasized Mary and the Holy Spirit who, in the Acts of the Apostles, opened up the minds and imbued the apostles with the zeal to spread God’s word to all. It is, as Peter Kreeft states, a “never-ending story.”

WELCOME TO ST. CECILIA PARISH!

If you are new to St. Cecilia’s we extend a warm welcome to our Faith Community. Please take a moment to fill out the information below and place in the collection plate or return to the office.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

- _____ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Church.
- _____ I have been away and am considering returning to the Catholic Church.
- _____ I would like to register in the parish.
- _____ I am a Catholic and am interested in adult faith formation programs.

FOUNDATIONS OF FREEDOM CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Slavery denies the Gospel expressions St. Paul proclaimed when he wrote that there was no “Jew or Greek, no male or female, no slave or freeman, but all were one in Jesus Christ” (Galatians 3:28). Yet, led by a desire for commercial profit, Christians in the cotton growing regions of America found reasons, including Biblical expressions, to subordinate human freedom.

Christ’s work redeems us and frees us from the grip of evil and sin (Luke 2:38; 21:28; Romans 3:24). In Jesus Christ “we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace....” (Ephesians 1:7-8). “When Christ came as High Priest...He entered once and for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption” (Hebrews 9:11-12). By the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross, you and I realize the cleansing of our consciences from dead works so that we might worship the living God (Hebrews 9:14). Christ has effected our freedom from Satan’s domination.

How has Christ redeemed us and obtained freedom for us? In the first place, Christ has overcome the power of sin and evil; “death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But...God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:54-57).

THE SERVICE MINISTRIES OF ST. CECILIA’S PARISH

Late last week, a parishioner requested the resurrection of the Parish Ministry Directory. She remarked that she sometimes needs to find out who is in charge of what and goes to the website. In addition, she has friends interested in returning to the Catholic Church and would love to be able to show them what a lively and committed group we are.

By co-incidence, I had planned to start a series of pieces looking at some of the various ministries here. First, of course, are those on the “service roster.” These are the ones that everyone who comes to Mass witnesses in action: the ushers, the lector, the altar servers and the Eucharistic ministers. There are also the members of the three different choirs, led by either Nancy Dorsey or Carolyn Yund.

While most of us are involved in the parish on a Sunday by Sunday basis, it would be easy to overlook the other activities that occur on a weekly basis. This includes things like Eucharistic adoration, centering prayer, Bible study and Rosary recitation.

Secondly, Christ has obtained freedom for us by His priestly cleansing us from defilement. “[Jesus] had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested” (Hebrews 2:17-18).

Finally, Christ has obtained freedom for us by bringing us to love God and one another. God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ; God did not count the trespasses against Himself. Paul implores us, “on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor. 5:18-20). Our reconciliation frees us to have commerce with God.

As surely as this day we celebrate freedom from bondage to other humans, so also we regularly celebrate freedom from bondage to sin and evil. Christ justifies us before God, and Christ leads us to be God’s adopted sons and daughters. As brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, we share in a spiritual life; God draws us to Himself, but the Lord does not compel us. We participate in the divine and free life of God.

In addition, there is faith formation and education consisting of the after-school catechists, but also the evening Baptism, Confirmation and RCIA classes. Even lifelong Catholics should think about attending an RCIA class from September to April because you never know what you might learn. The education and faith formation also manifests itself in the Spiritual Enrichment Events (SEE).

Finally, since we are called to “love our neighbor as ourselves,” there are plenty of outreach ministries. These include things unique to the Island like Crop Walk, the Interfaith Caregivers and Super Suppers, There are those oriented toward Seattle like the Matt Talbot and Sacred Heart shelters. Combining local needs with a universal Catholicism are the Legion of Mary and St. Vincent de Paul. Both organizations were founded in Europe, and both have spread around the world. The Knights of Columbus is a national Catholic organization that has spread throughout the Americas and even the Philippines. In conclusion, the life of a Catholic parish has many opportunities to serve and many opportunities to strengthen the faith.

By Francis Jacobson