

Dear friends in Christ,

Today, as I write this, it is the Feast of St. Augustine, great preacher and teacher of the faith. His conversion reminds us of the importance of praying for those who have not yet come to faith and for those growing in the faith. As I mentioned last week, now is the time to register children and youth for our sacramental preparation programs. Now is the time to encourage adults who would like to become Catholic to enquire about our Becoming Catholic programs. Now is the time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to stir up the faith in future generations.

Next weekend Sept 6 and 7 we have several wonderful events happening in our parish family:

**AT HOLY INNOCENTS IN DUVALL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6 IS OUR ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 IS OUR PARISH PICNIC**

Saturday night September 6th, on the eve the picnic, join us for our annual bingo night from 6-8PM. There is food, fun, and prizes, and always a great time had by all!

Sunday September 10th from 11:30-2:30PM. As we come back from Summer this is a great time to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones. We have had many new families join the parish over this past year and this is such a great way to come together and strengthen the bonds of faith and fellowship among us. It's a community pot-luck so bring something to share. The Knights of Columbus will be providing their famous BBQ including hamburgers and hotdogs. Come and enjoy a really fun afternoon.

**AT ST. JUDE IN REDMOND, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 AT 10:30 AM WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF MARY, OUR LADY OF VELANKANNI AND ALL THE WAYS BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HAS MANIFESTED HERSELF ACROSS THE WORLD AS THE MOTHER OF GOD AND OUR MOTHER.**

Our Lady of Velankanni is also known as Our Lady of Good Health. In approving devotion to Our Lady of Velankanni, the Vatican wrote: "There are beautiful traditions ascribed to the encounters that the Virgin had with poor and sick boys at this place of worship. Thus, the tenderness and closeness of Mary, whom Jesus desired to bequeath us as Mother of all, is manifested.

Through her intercession, Jesus Christ often pours out his strength and restores health to the sick. For this reason, in 2002, Saint John Paul II chose that place for the celebration of the World Day of the Sick. Thus the same Virgin Mary who manifested herself at Lourdes also manifested herself in India as the Mother of Health.

It is not merely a matter of bodily health, but also one that touches the soul. Contemplating the image of Mary we can all recognize the love of Jesus Christ that can heal our sadness, our anguish and our fears. If we pause before Mary, even in a brief moment of faith and love, her maternal gaze restores peace to us.

The first account, which is ancient, is filled with rich symbolism because the boy to whom Mary showed herself offered her the milk he had brought with him for the Child she was carrying in her arms. This was an expression of the generosity of those who are willing to give something to others, in their own poverty. You do not need to have much in order to be generous. May this call to share, to assist, to be close to those who need us always resonate in this place. Mary loves the generosity of her children, who put into action the words of Jesus: "What you did to one of the least of my brothers, you did to me" (Mt 25, 40)."

The celebrations will begin on **Sunday at 10:30AM** in the lower parking lot with a procession and rosary. All will be invited to process, singing and following the statue into the Church. The procession will include images of Mary from around the world from the various different cultures represented in at St. Jude. It will be a celebration of the universality of our Catholic faith and love of the Blessed Mother. Then the rosary will be led in different languages. At 11AM the Mass will begin and it will be followed by a meal downstairs in the Parish Hall. Please join us in asking the Blessed Mother's protection and healing upon our families and our parish.

Many thanks to all who are working so hard to prepare these celebrations. Come and pitch in, too! Many hands make light work. So, I urge us all to rest awhile in the Lord this weekend. Let us pray together, get to know one another, and celebrate our shared Catholic faith.

**Blessings on your week!**  
**Fr Johnson**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**PLEASE NOTE: No Daily Mass on 09/04/25**

**Monday, September 1**

**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

**No Daily Mass & Parish Office Closed**

10:00 AM Women of Faith\*

**Tuesday, September 2**

No Daily Mass

**Wednesday, September 3**

8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Gospel, for 11AM)

7:00 PM House of Prayer

**Thursday, September 4**

**No Daily Mass**

12:15 PM Steps to Freedom

1:00 PM Rosary Cenacle

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, for 9AM)

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus—  
General Meeting

**Friday, September 5**

7:00 AM Brothers in Christ

9:00 AM Daily Mass

9:30 AM Benediction then Adoration until 9PM

10:00 AM Guardians & Angels

7:00 PM Holy Hour

**Saturday, September 6**

2:30PM G & P Wedding

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

**Sunday, September 7**

**Our Lady of Velankanni Feast**

9:00 AM Sunday Mass

10:30 AM Procession then Rosary

11:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM Our Lady of Velankanni  
Luncheon Reception

\*Please check with ministry leaders about any holiday schedule changes.

## PARISH FAMILY NEWS



Our sister parish, Holy Innocents,  
invites you to:

### **Annual Parish BINGO and Picnic Weekend**

Holy Innocents, Duvall

#### **BINGO: Sat Sep 6th 6 - 8pm**

- \$1 per game (we play 10 games)
- Complimentary Popcorn and Water
- Hotdogs, Pizza, pop, candy available for a small fee
- Beer and Wine available for donation

#### **Church Picnic: Sun Sep 7th 11:30am—2:30pm**

- Community Potluck
- Knights of Columbus BBQ
- Cake Walk
- Children's Bouncy House
- Yard Games
- Raffle for baskets and parking spots

Visit [www.holyinn.org/picnic](http://www.holyinn.org/picnic)  
for more info or to RSVP!

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

### **Safe Environment Class**

September 13th 9AM in the Parish Hall

If you are a NEW volunteer for Faith Formation, Usher or Homebound Communion, and have not yet taken the Protecting God's Children class, we will be having a class on Saturday September 13 at 9AM in the Parish Hall.

You can register for the class, after setting up your account at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). For questions, please email Krista at [kristas@stjude-redmond.org](mailto:kristas@stjude-redmond.org)

