



St. Nicholas
CATHOLIC PARISH

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Parish is a community of disciples called to grow in holiness and lead all to the Father through Jesus Christ. United in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and anointed by the Holy Spirit, we reverently celebrate the Liturgy, boldly proclaim the Truth of the Gospel, and courageously lead a life of Christian Love.

PARISH OFFICE

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Web: www.stnicholascc.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Weds. - Friday 9:00 AM

CONFESSION

Thursday 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Emergencies: (253) 549-1954
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THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:00 AM Welcome Sunday - Church Breezeway
8:30 AM SVdP Walk for the Poor - Church Breezeway
8:30 AM Mass - John & Ruby Simek †
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
11:00 AM Mass - Cecelia & Tom Soran †
5:00 PM All Ages Catechesis

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Hearts Afire - Parish Center #2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
8:30 AM NO Prayer & Share Group - Parish Center #3
9:00 AM Communion Service
10:00 AM Spirituality Book Club - Parish Center # 2
6:00 PM Adult Choir - Parish Center #5
7:00 PM Welcoming Committee - Parish Center #3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Rose Dierck †
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Parish Center #2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Mary Ilgen †
10:00 AM Adoration - Church
10:00 AM Parish Bible Study - Parish Center
5:30 PM NO Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 PM Unicycle Club - Basketball Courts
6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Parish Center #5
6:20 PM Benediction - Church
6:45 PM NO Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Joseph Macormack †
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church

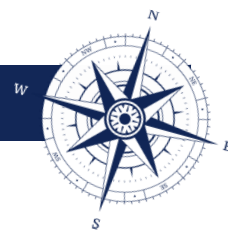
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 PM Mass - Vince Wilk †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:30 AM Mass - Alexander Gary
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
11:00 AM Mass - Rosa Quenga †
5:00 PM All Ages Catechesis

DAILY READINGS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Am 8: 4-7; Ps 113: 1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Lk 16: 1-13

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Ezr 1: 1-6; Ps 126: 1b-6; Lk 8: 16-18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ezr 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122: 1-5; Lk 8: 19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Ezr 9: 5-9; (Ps) Tb 13: 2-4, 7-8; Lk 9: 1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Hg 1: 1-8; Ps 149: 1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9: 7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Hg 2: 1-9; Ps 43: 1-4; Lk 9: 18-22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31: 10-13; Lk 9: 43b-45

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Am 6: 1a, 4-7; Ps 146: 7-10; 1 Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31



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fter today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land. Never will I forget a thing they have done!" Lest we think we are off the hook as long as we are not cheating the poor outright, the Lord condemns just as strongly those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over so they can go back to the more "important" matters of business and the like. Even our thought life is important to the Lord! Perhaps we are not off the hook after all.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should preoccupy our minds.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

We do have to give this man credit for his ingenuity. And, in fact, Jesus does just that saying, "The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

What do we learn from this curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading and give ourselves away as Jesus did as described in our Second Reading? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and to the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

We are called to be forward-thinking, savvy, good stewards of all that our good God has given us. Let's start thinking that way!

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor

Catholic Stewardship, Inc.



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you have questions about Catholicism? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to receive Baptism, Confirmation, or Communion? Just Curious? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process and journey whereby adults and children over the age of seven are welcomed into the Catholic Church. The RCIA consists of a series of weekly sessions devoted to preparing inquirers to be received fully into the Catholic Church at Easter.

For more information, please contact David Charboneau at (253) 649-4240 or david@stnicholascc.org.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Our parish will be hosting an Outreach Priest, Fr. Pascal Kumanda, CICM, on September 28/29, 2019. on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



CHASTITY: A HEALTHY VISION OF HUMAN SEXUALITY The virtue and vocation of chastity is essential to love in all its forms. Chastity means “the successful integration of sexuality within the person,” (CCC, no. 2337) and thus the attainment of self-mastery and genuine freedom in the sexual arena of human action. It is “a virtue that allows us to do what is right, good, and truly loving in the areas of relationship and sexuality” (Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living, 7). Chastity integrates our internal desires for sexual pleasure into our overall pursuit of moral excellence and holiness. Chastity may be “an unpopular word,” but as Pope Francis has indicated, love is chaste (June 21, 2015). “All of us in life have gone through moments in which this virtue has been very difficult, but it is in fact the way of genuine love, of a love that is able to give life, which does not seek to use the other for one’s own pleasure” (Francis, June 21, 2015). —Excerpt from US Catholic Bishops’ Statement, Create in Me a Clean Heart (USCCB, 2015)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs



Sts. Cosmas and Damian (c. † 287) were brothers, possibly twins, who practiced medicine without accepting money for their services. They became known in the east as the *anargyroi*, meaning “moneyless ones” or “moneyless healers.” As vibrant witnesses to the Christian faith, they were arrested during the Diocletian persecutions. When they refused to renounce their faith and engage in idolatrous worship, they were beheaded and cast into the sea. They were patron saints of twins, confectioners, the sightless, and many medical professions (for example, physicians, nurses, and dentists). Their names are included in Eucharistic Prayer I.

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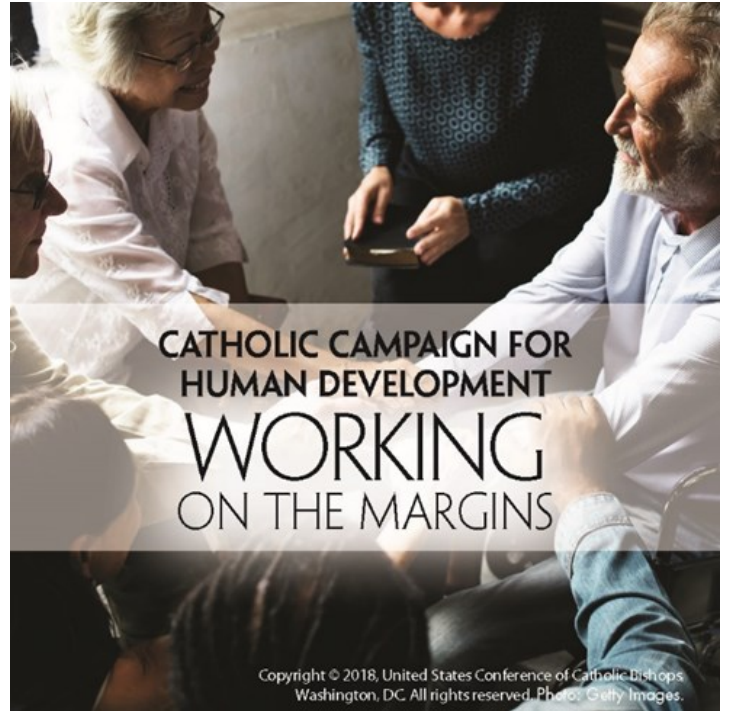
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your generosity as of September 22, 2019

Stewardship	\$	16,323
Online Stewardship	\$	4,252
Children	\$	37
Loose	\$	1,123
<u>Total Weekly</u>	\$	<u>21,736</u>

Total Year to Date Offerings	\$	253,105
Year to Date Budget	\$	256,362
<u>Under Budget</u>	\$	<u>3,257</u>

Holy Days	\$	0
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>3,298</u>
Building Fund	\$	80
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>6,331</u>



ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH AND MINISTRIES EVALUATION

The Archdiocese conducts a standard review our parish and ministries. This review will be in the form of a survey that will be linked to our parish website, stnicholascc.org, from September 14th – October 1st. There will be no hard copy version, but the survey can be done in the parish office if you don't have a computer. Please help us improve our community with your honest and charitable assessment of your experience.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend, we will take up the collection on behalf of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Please be generous.

ARE YOU MOVING?



WE'VE MOVED!

If you recently moved or are planning on moving, please don't forget to update your address here at the parish. We want to make sure that any parish mailings get to you. Please contact the Parish Office to notify us of any changes to your address or contact information.



UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

October 4th: *October movie night* – the Parish Hall. \$10 covers dinner, popcorn and a treat! Children are welcome to come in their pajamas, bring a blanket and a pillow. Movie TBD.

October 18th: *Fall Festival* – Friday from 5-8 pm. Suggested donation of \$5 per individual, \$20 per family. Dinner will be served from 5-6pm, followed by games and activities from 6-8pm.

February 29, 2020 : *Annual D.R.E.A.M. Benefit Dinner and Auction “Anchored in Faith”* at Ocean5 in Gig Harbor. More details, including ticket information, coming soon!

BLESSING CEREMONY

Last Friday, Father Mark prayed a blessing over the statue of our patron saint, St. Nicholas of Tolentino, in the school courtyard. He also prayed blessings of protection and safety over our new covered play area and school bus. Thank you!



THANK YOU, GUARDIAN ANGEL DONORS!

Thank you to the parishioners who gave through the Guardian Angel collection envelopes. Together they raised \$742.00 for tuition assistance for our students!

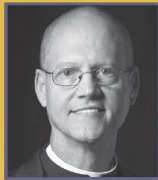
Coming Together

FOR LIFE & JUSTICE



**OCTOBER
18-19
2019**

**GREATER
TACOMA
CONVENTION
CENTER**



WASHINGTON STATE BISHOPS' PANEL

Archbishop Paul Etienne

The panel discussion of all Washington bishops consistently draws high marks from Cornerstone attendees. This year, we are thrilled to welcome Archbishop Paul Etienne (pronounced "AY-chin"), who was just appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle.



KEEPING THE FAITH BY DARING TO BE DIFFERENT

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

Bishop of Bridgeport (CT) who has participated in every World Youth Day since 2008. Last October, he took part in the Synod on Young People at the Vatican.



TRANSFORMATION FROM THE HEART: WHY YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGES THE WORLD

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Former Division I athlete who experienced a radical conversion. She speaks regularly on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing (and sports!).



WHOEVER WELCOMES A CHILD IN MY NAME, WELCOMES ME

Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ

Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. Sr. Norma founded the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, TX and was recently featured on CBS' 60 Minutes.

WACatholics.org/Cornerstone

**Scholarships available according to need.
Email WSCC@WACatholics.org to request a scholarship.**



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



Please join us in Church on Friday evenings at 5:00 PM to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for each other, our parish, and a world in need of God's mercy and salvation. Through St. Faustina, our Blessed Lord promises souls who pray the Chaplet and trust in His unfathomable mercy, endless graces. It's a blessed way to begin your weekend and takes about 20 minutes.

Remember. Christ can never be outdone in His generosity.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Paper copies of the current schedule are available in the Sacristy for anyone who would like one.

If you do not have a computer and need a sub or need to make changes to your schedule or are not comfortable with the scheduler you can call or text Mark McKibben at (253) 514-9275 to make changes.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS



Catholic Printery has now been shifted to LPI and the submission for the bulletin will change a couple days earlier. The new submission day for the Bulletin will now be on Wednesdays 12:00PM for the following weekend. Please be patient as we make this adjustment in the coming future.

HOSPITALITY HOUR



Join fellow parishioners in the Parish Center after Sunday Masses for fellowship and introduce yourself to the parish community. We would like to thank The Valles Family and the DelaHoussaye for hosting this week's Hospitality Hour for the Parish Community.

THE ST. NICHOLAS WW FORWARD CLUB

For those Widows and Widowers who have lost a loved one, the purpose of our group is to offer comfort, companionship, and support in this new season of our lives through sharing and seeking God's will, purpose, and direction.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 28th at 1:00 PM at Heron's Key (on Borgen Blvd). We will meet at the St. Nicholas parking lot at 12:30 PM. Please plan to car pool as parking spaces are limited.

Please call Giorgina Wells at (253) 858-7282 if you plan to attend.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Did you know that abortion has taken the lives of over 60 million Americans since 1973?

Abortion always leaves one dead and one deeply wounded. 40 Days for Life, 40 days of peaceful prayer, fasting and public witness at abortion facilities, has been a divine answer to this crisis.

Since launching in 2007, 40 Days for Life campaign has resulted in:

- Over 1 million volunteers in 6,428 campaigns in 61 nations and 855 cities
- 104 abortion facilities closed with 191 abortion workers leaving the industry
- 16,004 lives are known to have been saved!

Join us for life!

SEPT 25 - NOV 3
8 AM - 4 PM

Cedar River Clinic
1401 MLK Jr Way | Tacoma

To get involved, email
tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

LEARN MORE
www.40daysforlife.com

Please join Kevin Meyer with the Knights of Columbus every Sunday from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. For information, Contact Kevin Meyer (253)820-3396

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

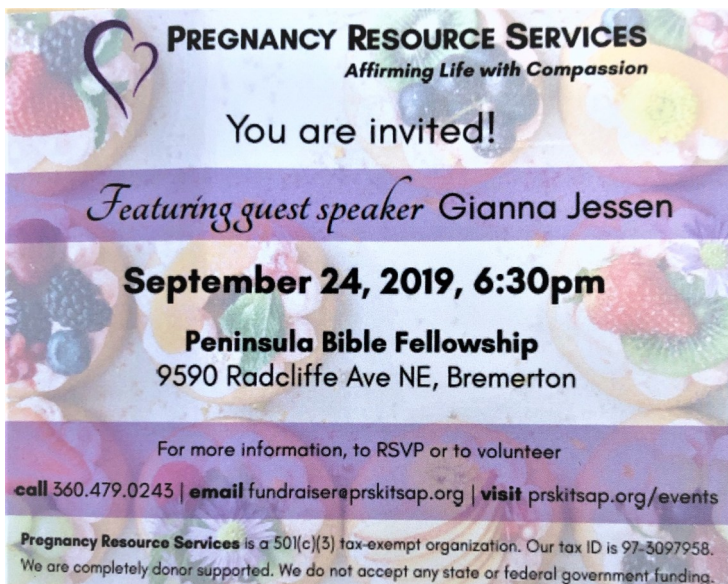
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PARISH DIRECTORIES

We still have a number of Parishioners who still need to pick up their Parish Directory. Parishioners who had their photo taken for the directory receive a copy first. Once all those directories have been distributed, anyone is welcome to add their names to the waitlist on a first come first serve basis until they run out.

Please stop by the Parish Office any time Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM or Sunday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM to receive your copy!

Any questions please contact Christopher Polinsky In the Parish Office at chris@stnicholascc.org or (253) 851-8850.



PREGNANCY RESOURCE SERVICES
Affirming Life with Compassion

You are invited!

Featuring guest speaker **Gianna Jessen**

September 24, 2019, 6:30pm

Peninsula Bible Fellowship
9590 Radcliffe Ave NE, Bremerton

For more information, to RSVP or to volunteer
call 360.479.0243 | email fundraiser@prskitsap.org | visit prskitsap.org/events

Pregnancy Resource Services is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our tax ID is 97-5097958. We are completely donor supported. We do not accept any state or federal government funding.

OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION GUILD



Our Lady of the Visitation Guild

Our Lady of the Visitation Guild welcomes all ladies of St. Nicholas Parish to join in our social events, fundraising events, and outreach projects! While we invite interested women to become a part of our Guild, we recognize not everyone can commit to a monthly meeting. Attending our Guild socials is a great opportunity to meet other

parish women and find out more about the Guild.

Regular meetings of the Guild are on the third Wednesday of the month from September to May, with two socials at Christmas, and the last meeting in June. The Guild members gather at 9:00 AM mass with the meeting and social following in the Parish Hall.

The Guild's largest fundraiser is the Spring Luncheon and Card Party on the fourth Monday in April. This is well-attended for the card players and for those attending only the lunch. This is followed by a raffle of over fifty beautiful baskets and door prizes. The funds raised are distributed to the Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Religious Education Programs for children, St. Nicholas School, and Youth Ministry.

We also host funeral receptions at St. Nicholas, preparing the Parish Hall, welcoming the families and friends, serving the food donated by Parish members, and cleaning of the parish Hall. To learn more about the Guild, contact Angela Lindsay at (253) 853-2007 or (253) 225-7161.

DAILY ROSARY



Every morning, we begin our day at St. Nicholas by honoring our Blessed Mother and mediating on the life of her son in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Join us to ask for her powerful intercession!

Daily Rosary: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM
15 Decade Rosary: First Sunday of the month, 2:45 PM.

JOIN US FOR ADORATION

Did you know that St. Nicholas Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction every Thursday from 10:00 AM - 6:20 PM? We are always looking for parishioners who can help out.



If you can't commit once a week maybe you could be a sub to fill in when someone else can't. If you like to be a substitute or have a permanent time please

contact Christopher Polinsky in the Parish Office at (253) 851-8850 or chris@stnicholascc.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Wireless headset receivers for hearing assistance during mass are available. Please see an Usher or Mass Facilitator for more information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



Natural Family Planning involves no drugs or devices, there are zero health worries and it is immediately reversible when you want to try to conceive a baby. No doctor visits needed, no prescriptions to fill, no unwanted side effects. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 225-8889.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Please patronize the businesses advertised on the back page of this bulletin. Their support allows Catholic Printery to print this bulletin at no cost to the Parish. When you patronize these businesses let them know that you saw their ad in our bulletin. Advertiser of the week is: [Brookdale Senior Living](http://www.brookdale.com).



PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS & FIRST RESPONDERS

Please pray for the men and women, and their families, who devote their lives to the safety of our country.

To add or remove a name from the list, write to: diana@stnicholascc.org

CR Leonardo Bruno Rueda Adaro, USN
 Lance Corporal Thomas S. Arnesen, USMC
 Captain Claire Betterbed, USA
 Captain Elizabeth Betterbed, USA
 Lieutenant Tommy Betterbed, DMD USN
 SSG Dane Betts, USA
 COL Lawrence "Larry" Bielstein, USAF (ret)
 Major Nathan Davis, USA
 Julianna P. Haven, Critical Care Nurse
 Nathan Haven, EMT
 SGT Mitchell Jeffers, USMC, Force Reconnaissance
 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Keenan, USMC
 LCDR Matt Kokkeler, USN
 SFC Ryan Kraeger, USA
 Master Sergeant Justin Patrick Mansfield
 SSgt Dakota K-R Moist, USMC
 Chief Master Sergeant Brion P. Blais
 2nd Lieutenant Aaron J. Black, USA

LCDR Scott Blanchet, D.O > USN
 Airman First Class Liam Morris
 Staff Sergeant Jason Naputi
 Master Sergeant Merideth Naputi
 PFC Tyler Munn
 James R. Olson, Firefighter/Paramedic
 Jason R. Olson, Tacoma Police Officer/Pierce County Search and Rescue
 1st Lieutenant Casey Peloquin, USAF
 PFC Graham Potter
 Glenn Rogers, GHFD Firefighter/EMT
 Lt. Col. Jim Routt, USAF (Ret)
 Cpl. Austin L Rudy, USMC
 MIDN 2/C Will Ryan, USN
 Patrick R. Sam, Gig Harbor Police Officer
 Captain Kimberly Sandberg, USN
 Joe and Linda Siegel
 Eric Waters, Division Chief, Gig Harbor Fire Department