

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

-Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor's Note

No one in our parish should be surprised to learn that I care *a lot* about doing what the Church asks me to do, especially liturgically. However, to my great shame, there is one liturgy that I have known since seminary that I have been doing wrong, and that is the liturgy of Confession. Nothing majorly wrong (all your confessions have been valid!), but the way the responses go is entirely off. Since I have never made the time to teach our parishioners the right way, I continue to hear confessions according to the common knowledge/style.

However, in 2001 Pope St. John Paul II published a document called "[Liturgiam Authenticam](#)" which laid down principles for the translation of Latin texts into the vernacular, and this document has prompted the English-speaking bishops of the world to slowly retranslate all of their liturgical texts. We got a new translation of the Mass in 2011, a new translation of the Rite of Marriage in 2016, and a new translation of the Rite of Baptism of Children in 2020.

So now we have a new Order of Penance, which is allowed to be used as of Ash Wednesday 2023 and is required to be used as of Divine Mercy Sunday 2023. The changes are slight, but it is the appropriate opportunity to begin catechesis on the proper form of confession, including the proper dialogues.

I have scanned and uploaded the entire rite (which is only 3 pages) [here](#). A few initial notes:

1. The penitent says and makes the Sign of the Cross, not the priest. The priest responds with a stock prayer.
2. There is no official "Forgive me Father for I have sinned..." or any requirement to say how long since a previous confession (though I *do* find that information very helpful). The penitent simply starts confessing.
3. There is a dialogue after absolution, in which the penitent responds "For his mercy endures forever."

Regarding some word changes, you'll notice that the default Act of Contrition is completely different. Those of you who have memorized the "old" Act of Contrition will be happy to note that it is still included in the [list of alternate Acts of Contrition](#) (interesting list, check it out!). However, the "softer" 1970s version that I learned and that we still teach our school kids (because it was the official translation for 50 years) has disappeared. You can still use it, but it is no longer printed as a suggestion. Also, the words of absolution have changed slightly (though the words essential for validity are the same).

I'll be honest: I still do not have time to do proper catechesis, here or in the confessional. What we really need is a printed, easy-to-follow script for our confessional. Please let me know if you are willing to make one! Or, heck, just do it.

May the Lord bless you always,

Fr. Moore

P.S. I am on vacation/pilgrimage for the next two week (going to Rome for the first time in my life!). I will pray for you at the shrines. Please show Fr. Albie lots of love. He is *super* generous to the priests up here, and his generosity is the only way we can take vacations like this.

Archdiocesan News

Healing Retreat

Annual St. Joseph Healing Retreat, March 17-19th, Port Townsend WA. Special guest, Fr. James Northrop, assisted by Fr. Paul Brunet and Fr. David Jimenez. Three Masses, Praise and Worship Music, Confession, Adoration, Healing Prayer Teams, and delicious meals in a beautiful setting. Cost: \$375 for 2 nights and 4 meals. Call (360)353-8598 or register at www.stjosephministry.com. This is a wonderful chance for a powerful deepening of your relationship with the Lord and also for personal healing.

Parish News

Prayer intentions for March

Pope's Intention

Pope Francis asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. During March we are asked by our Holy Father to pray for victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

CRS

We help support the good work of Catholic Relief Services during Lent with our contributions to the RICE BOWL. As Catholics, we recognize that prayer is of the utmost importance. In our mission to act with the Church to serve people around the world, we begin with prayer.

CRS Prayer for March

God of all comfort, all our delight is in you.

As a deer yearns for streams of water, so our hearts long for you.

Your blessing restores us. Your love sustains us. Your word guides us.

Even as we fast, you fill us. Even as we pray, you answer. Even as we cry, you comfort.

When we seek, we find. When we knock, you open. When we ask, you bless.

Lord, help us to give as you give, with open hands and hearts.

Teach us to live as you live, with joyful and generous hearts. Amen

Please keep the following your daily prayers

For the Repose of the Soul of Rafal Dylczyk

How to add a name to the prayer sheet

Please email your request to Dr. Kathy Ernst kathye@assumption.org. You will need the permission of the person to be prayed for if you are asking for healing or a Special Intention.

School News

Co-Curricular Activities

Our middle school boy's basketball season ended in February, and we are now in full swing with our Volleyball season and the second season for Archery Club. Please check the school website for dates and times of the games or call the office at 360-733-6133.

We want to thank and acknowledge all the coaches and staff that help our kids grow and learn in different sports. Thank you to Dru Sloan (Basketball), Anna Whelan (Volleyball), and also Dayna Dennis and Chris Eusebio(Archery Club).

Reminder: There is no school on Friday March 10th

Affiliated Organizations

Whatcom Country EMS

Whatcom County EMS is offering a Free STOP THE BLEED® Course. The STOP THE BLEED® campaign was initiated by a federal interagency workgroup. The purpose of the campaign is to build national resilience by better preparing the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies.

Date: March 13, 2023

Location: Garden Room 322 N. Commercial St. Bellingham

Time: 630pm-830pm

Register: <https://bit.ly/3DwmOkF>

Students: 22 maximum

Face Mask: Optional

Contact: Steve Cohen at scohen@co.whatcom.wa.us for information or questions

Did you know? Whatcom County EMS has a free program providing Narcan Kits to At-Risk individuals, an involved bystander, or family that are At-Risk of opioid related overdose. Narcan is a medication that can save lives through reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. Contact scohen@co.whatcom.wa.us for information regarding kits and training.

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, Mar. 4**
 - 9:00 am – Movie “The Letter” (Gym)
 - 4:00 m – Rosary Prayer (Church)
 - 5:00 pm – School Auction (Offsite)
- **Sunday, Mar. 5**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
- **Monday, Mar. 6**
 - 2:00 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (Stafford)
- **Wednesday, Mar. 8**
 - 10:30 am – Women’s Scripture Study (Stafford)
- **Friday, Mar. 10**
 - 1:30 pm - Grief Support (Stafford)
 - 4:00 pm – Reconciliation
 - 6:00 pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross
 - 6:45 pm – Soup Supper (Gym)
- **Sunday, Mar. 12 (Daylight Savings begins)**

- 9:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
- 11:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)

Intentions

- **Saturday March 4**
 - 5:00 pm, Esther Moriel, RIP
- **Sunday, March 5**
 - 8:00 am, Janet St. Hilaire, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Michelle Nguyen, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Pro Populo
- **Tuesday, March 7**
 - 5:30 pm, Bobby Grady, RIP
- **Wednesday, March 8**
 - 7:15 am, Salcido Family, SI
- **Thursday, March 9**
 - 7:15 am, Eladio Tapia Y Dioscelina Tapia, RIP
- **Friday, March 10**
 - 8:15 am, John A St. Hilaire, RIP

In Case You Missed It

Items that have already run in the bulletin previously.

Join the Knights of Columbus! Catholic men 18 and older, find out what being a Knight can mean for your faith, family, and future. For more information contact the membership chairman for Bellingham Council 829, Joe St. Hilaire:

joesthilaire@hotmail.com, or 360-671-4836. You can visit the Knights' website at kofc.org.