

Church of the Assumption



He is Risen, Alleluia!

Easter Bulletin

April 09, 2023

Pastor's Note / Nota del Pastor

English

"What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? ... No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

If Christ has conquered death (and he certainly has!) then what remains for us to fear? God is victorious and He is on our side. If we run to Him and open ourselves up to His presence and His power, then the one who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us, also; from death, certainly, but also from sin and whatever else plagues us. No matter what we face in life, the Resurrection of Jesus gives us the proof of this great hope that we can be saved. The Lord is risen, alleluia!

Español

"¿Qué cosa podrá apartarnos del amor con que nos ama Cristo? ¿Las tribulaciones? ¿Las angustias? ¿La persecución? ¿El hambre? ¿La desnudez? ¿El peligro? ¿La espada? Ciertamente de todo esto salimos más que victoriosos, gracias a aquel que nos ha amado; pues estoy convencido de que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los ángeles ni los demonios, ni el presente ni el futuro, ni los poderes de este mundo, ni lo alto ni lo bajo, ni creatura alguna podrá apartarnos del amor que nos ha manifestado Dios en Cristo Jesús." (Romanos 8:35, 37-39)

Si Cristo ha vencido a la muerte (¡y ciertamente lo ha hecho!), entonces, ¿qué nos queda por temer? Dios es victorioso y está de nuestro lado. Si corremos hacia Él y nos abrimos a Su presencia ya Su poder, entonces el que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos nos resucitará también a nosotros; de la muerte, ciertamente, pero también del pecado y de todo lo que nos aqueja. No importa lo que enfrentemos en la vida, la Resurrección de Jesús nos da la prueba de esta gran esperanza de que podemos ser salvos. ¡El Señor ha resucitado, aleluya!

May the Lord bless you and your families / Que el Señor los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias,

J. Moore

Whom to Contact

Our parish staff is here to help with whatever you need to grow closer to Jesus.

The office is open Tue.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (360) 733-1380

- Fr. Moore (frmoore@assumption.org) – confession, spiritual advice, sick and dying calls
- Deacon Larry Kheriaty (larryk@assumption.org) – spiritual care, pastoral care of families
- Dr. Kathy Ernst (kathye@assumption.org) – weddings, funerals, pastoral care
- Dr. Frederick Mabalot (drmabalot@assumption.org) – music, liturgical ministries
- Claudia Maeda (claudia@assumption.org) – registration for: baptism, first communion, confirmation, faith formation
- Gina DePalma (ginad@assumption.org) – becoming Catholic, faith formation
- Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org) – youth ministry (6th-12th grades)
- Karen Zuther (karenz@assumption.org) – financial and business-related questions
- Parish Office (parishoffice@assumption.org) – everything else

Liturgical Offerings

Daily Masses

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:15 a.m.

Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.*

Sunday (Español): 12:30 p.m.

*(Coffee & Donuts offered after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses)

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

– Thursday, 7:00 a.m. (every week)

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

First Fridays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Assumption Catholic School

Assumption Catholic School (360-733-6133) is a ministry of the parish in service to the Gospel, serving grades pre-K to 8th. We form our students in the Catholic faith, helping Catholics and non-Catholics alike understand the message of Jesus and how to live a virtuous life. More information can be found at our website <https://assumption.school> or by e-mailing theoffice@assumption.school.

Archdiocesan News

Partners in the Gospel

Partners in the Gospel is a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. Functionally, it is a process to join neighboring parishes together so that, with combined financial, physical, and human resources, our parishes can become stronger than ever.

To learn more about Partners in the Gospel, please visit <https://archseattle.org/Partners>.

Faith Formation Opportunities

Youth Ministry

Youth group for all middle and high schoolers (6-12th grade) meets on Friday evenings from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall (1110 14th St). This is a fun time to share in fellowship with other Catholic teens and dive deeper into conversations about the faith and how to implement the Catholic faith in your everyday life. **Contact:** Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org)

Upcoming Opportunities (e-mail Daniel for more information):

- Registration for Confirmation (Spring 2024) is now open to any upcoming 7th-12th grader.
- Steubenville Northwest (July 14 – 16, 2023) is a high-energy youth conference open to all youth going into high school (just finished 8th grade) through Graduating Seniors.

Whole Family Catechesis

Faith formation program for elementary-aged children, with regular parent involvement. Meets most Sundays after the 10:00am Mass. **Contact:** Gina DePalma (ginad@assumption.org)

Great Catholic Podcasts

Ascension Press and Fr. Mike Schmitz offer both “Bible in a Year” and “Catechism in a Year” podcasts for those who want to read the Bible and the Catechism but can never find time to sit down and read. Search for them in your favorite podcast apps.

Women’s Scripture Study

This study group offers women of the parish an opportunity to study scripture and share their lives with others. It meets on Wednesdays, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Stafford Room.

Adult Scripture Study

Every few months, begins studying a new book of the Bible. In-person and Zoom options available.

Contact: [In-Person] Christine Heuser (360-671-9712) or [Zoom] Lynn Ann Bouker (lab1945@live.com).

The next series focuses on “Gratitude” and begins on April 18th.

Mothers and Children Group

A new group for mothers that meets in the Stafford Room on the first and third Friday each month at 9:00am, immediately after the 8:15 school Mass. Moms are welcome to join for a casual time of support and fellowship, visiting and sharing their experience of raising children in the faith. If you have little ones not yet in school, bring them along. **Contact:** Dcn. Larry Kheriaty

(larryk@assumption.org)

Volunteer Opportunities

Parish Life and Socials

Organizes and hosts parish events, like the annual picnic.

Contacts: Sue Rogers (serogers47@gmail.com); Marie Gonzalez (marielgonzalez@comcast.net)

Coffee Hour

Worship happens in community, and one of our primary community building opportunities is Coffee and Donuts after certain Sunday Masses. We would love assistance in setting up and taking down.

Contact: Holly Zech (hkzech@gmail.com)

Hope House

Hope House is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides clothing and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families in Whatcom County. They are always looking for volunteers to help with sorting donations and greeting clients on a weekly basis. **Contact:** apriljh@ccsww.org

Community Meal

The Bellingham Community Meal typically happens on the last Saturday of the month in the Assumption Gym (January-October) and is open to anyone in the community, but particularly serves the poor and marginalized.

Contact: volunteerbcmp@gmail.com or <https://bellinghamcommunitymeal.square.site/>

Interest & Service Groups

Knights of Columbus

The [Knights of Columbus](#) is a fraternal organization that provides support for the Church, the parish, our bishops and priests, families, youth, seminarians, and the community. Catholic gentlemen 18 and over are invited to join. **Contact:** Joe St. Hilaire (joesthilaire@hotmail.com or 360-671-4836)

Feel free to join them this Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. for a Rosary in the church.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) works to help women develop their spirituality by providing opportunities to share their faith with other Catholic women (spirituality), then live that out by helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ (service). CDA is open to Catholic women 18 and older. **Contact:** Michele King (michele@kingspace.us)

Assumption Care for Creation Team

The Assumption Creation Care Ministry promotes the joyful stewardship of our earth for the benefit of all life now and for generations to come; encourages parishioners to explore the spiritual foundation of ecological actions through educational opportunities throughout the year; and works with parish leaders to encourage the development of a long-term environmental action plan for each ministry in the parish. **Contact:** Kathy Delbecq (rkdelbecq@comcast.net)

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Once a month an hour of silent and vocal prayer to end abortion is held on the third Sunday, 2 to 3 pm, in front of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic.

Contact: Kathy St. Hilaire (kathysthilaire@hotmail.com)

Rosary Makers

A group that meets to share faith and make Rosaries together, every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room (NW corner of the gym). **Contact:** Marilee Wilcox (marileewmail@yahoo.com)

Español

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico (MFCC)

El Movimiento es una agrupación de familias Católicas que unen sus esfuerzos para promover los valores humanos y cristianos de la familia, para que esta sea en la comunidad: formadora de personas, educadora en la fe, consciente de su misión evangelizadora y comprometida en el desarrollo integral de la comunidad y de la iglesia doméstica.

Contacto: Santos y Elia Cruz (santosacruz.sc8@gmail.com)

Únase a ellos para su kermés el 23 de abril de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Clases de Biblia

Cada domingo de la semana, uno de nuestros catequistas ofrece clases sobre la Biblia a cualquier persona interesada. Cualquiera es bienvenido a venir y aprender más acerca de la Palabra de Dios.

Contacto: Martha Mendoza (mendozamarta419@gmail.com)

Grupo de intercambio de fe

Una reunión semanal para compartir sobre nuestra vida de fe, generalmente guiada por las escrituras dominicales.

Contacto: Doris Torres (hdmaria7@yahoo.com)

Vietnamese

Prayer Group / *nhóm cầu nguyện*

A prayer group in Vietnamese that meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Stafford Room. / *Một nhóm cầu nguyện bằng tiếng Việt họp vào Thứ Bảy đầu tiên của mỗi tháng lúc 6:30 chiều tại Phòng Stafford.*

Contact: Thanh Nguyen (frankuv@yahoo.com)

Vietnamese Mass / *thánh lễ việt nam*

On June 18th, Fr. Khanh Nguyen will be hearing confessions at 2:00 pm and saying Mass in Vietnamese at 2:30 pm. / *Vào ngày 18 tháng 6, Fr. Khánh Nguyễn sẽ giải tội lúc 2:00 chiều và cử hành thánh lễ bằng tiếng Việt lúc 2:30 chiều.*

Consider Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Church is the community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to worship and follow the Lord in fidelity to the teachings of Jesus' Apostles and their successors. We believe that, despite our human failings which often obscure the truth, our Church is the Church that Jesus intentionally established before Ascending into Heaven. If you are considering becoming Catholic, please contact Gina DePalma (ginad@assumption.org) to join our Inquiry / RCIA classes. Anyone is welcome to attend classes as long as they would like with no commitment.

Need Help?

For Those Considering Separation or Divorce

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on April 14-16, 2023, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Pregnancy

The Christian-supported pregnancy clinic in the area is the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. <https://www.whatcomclinic.com/>. Our Prepares Program is also ready to help expectant and new mothers with necessary items. **Contact:** Kathy Jenkis (kjenkis@hotmail.com)

Healing After Abortion

Project Rachel ministers to those who have experienced the difficulty and trauma of abortion. <https://ccsww.org/get-help/specialized-services/project-rachel/> or (206) 920-6413

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Housing

All housing needs in Bellingham are addressed through the Opportunity Council. <https://www.oppco.org/basic-needs/housing/> or (360) 734-5121