August 26, 2018

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

Founded in 1889/Fundada en 1889

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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Masses/Misas

(Unless otherwise noted in Calendar)

Weekend

Saturday/Sábado 5:00 PM.

Sunday/Domingo **8:00 AM, 9:30 AM**, 12:30 PM Spanish/Español

Weekdays

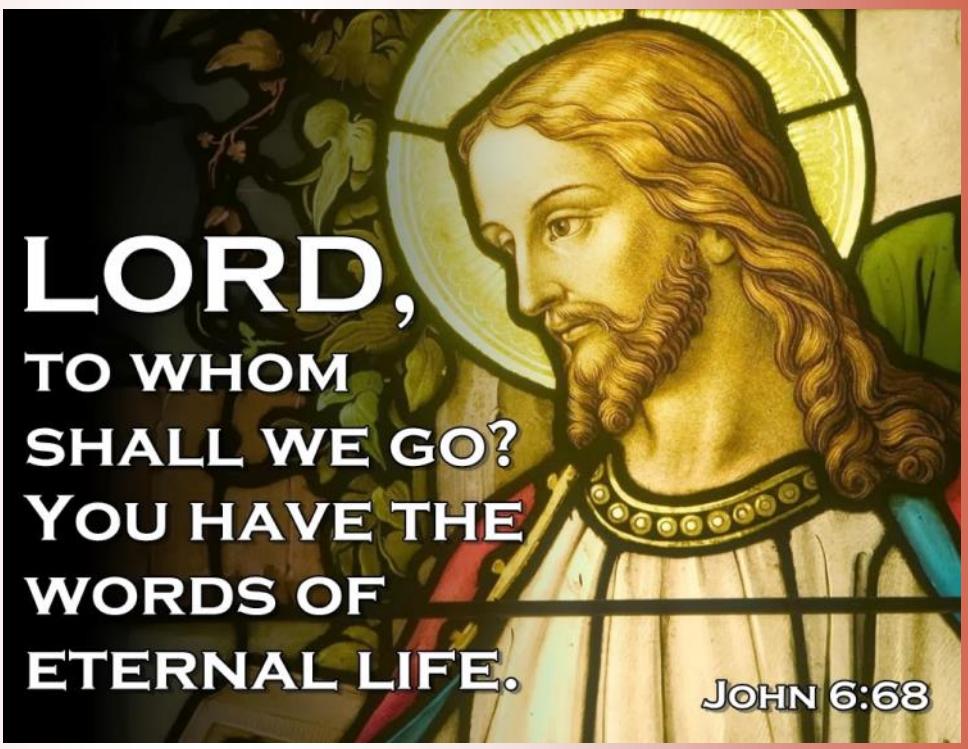
Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 PM

Thursday/Jueves 10:30 AM

Friday/Viernes 10:30 AM

Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado 3:30 PM



Assumption Catholic School

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Mission

Mary's Assumption into Heaven is our hope. We, the Church of the Assumption, are called to follow Jesus according to Mary's example as a beacon of hope and light for all.

Vision

By engaging in formation, sacraments, outreach and stewardship,
we will glorify the Lord with our lives.

Hope House is currently open at the back of the church parking lot in the white-red shed providing limited services.

Hours of Operation:

Monday	9-11 am
Tuesday	9-11 am
Thursday	9-11 am
Friday	9-11 am

Wednesday 9-11 am (financial assistance only)

Outreach

Prayer Line #4240
(prayerline@assumption.org)

August 26, 2018
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the paschal mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave himself up for us all.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

August 29	6:00 PM
Claire Marie Goggins	**RIP**
August 30	10:30 AM
Trinidad Family	**RIP**
August 31	10:30 AM
Dominic Renzi	**RIP**
September 1	5:00 PM
Pro Populo	
September 2	8:00 AM
Sheila Cutler	**RIP**
	9:30 AM
Bob Fuller	**RIP**
	12:30 PM
Camerina Anaya de Quiroga	**RIP**

SI = Special Intention
RIP = Rest in Peace
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of :
Betty Ann Swanson

BAPTISMAL CLASSES
The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, Sept. 8 & 15, at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room.
You must attend both classes.

Assumption Parish Boy Scouts were in good form at Fire Mountain Boy Scout Camp two weeks ago. Many merit badges were earned by our scouts. We are blessed to have our own Assumption troop and it's growing!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, August 27th

10:30 AM	**Word & Communion Service**	**Church**
11:30 AM	Centering Prayer	LMC
2:00 PM	Servants of the Lord Prayer Group	Stafford

Tuesday, August 28th

5:00 PM	Back to School Picnic	Grounds/Gym
6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus First Degree	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	**Adoration**	**Church**
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting	Gym

Wednesday, August 29th

12:00 AM	**Adoration**	**Church**
8:00 AM	First Day of School	School
5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	**Mass**	**Church**
6:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group	St. Cecilia
6:45 PM	Healing Prayer Ministry	Church
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council Discernment Mtg.	LMC

Thursday, August 30th

10:30 AM	**Mass**	**Church**
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Webelos 1	Room 1
7:00 PM	RCIA Session	LMC

Friday, August 31st

10:30 AM	**Mass of the Holy Spirit (w/School)**	**Church**
1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
7:00 PM	Grupo de Oración	LMC

Saturday, September 1st

8:30 AM	MFCC –Curso Basico	Gym
12:00 PM	MFCC 1ra Etapa Temas	Teacher's Lounge
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	LMC
2:00 PM	VonFeldt/Fuller Wedding	Church
3:00 PM	Clase de Bautismo	Stafford
3:00 PM	**Rosary Prayer Group**	**St. Cecilia**
3:30 PM	**Reconciliation**	**Church**
5:00 PM	**Mass**	**Church**

Sunday, September 2nd

8:00 AM	**Mass**	**Church**
9:30 AM	**Mass**	**Church**
11:00 AM	Ensayo de Mariachi	Iglesia
12:30 PM	**Misa**	**Iglesia**
1:30 PM	MFCC Cuarta Etapa	Gym
3:00 PM	Shields/Machado Wedding	Church

INVITATION: HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

Begins Thursday, Sept. 13, from 6:30-8:30 pm, in the St Cecelia Room. This 10-month course will train Prayer Ministers and those who want to become better at praying for others and grow closer to the Lord. Classes include teachings by Judith and Francis MacNutt on DVD, prayer, and practice praying for others.

"The God of all encouragement ... encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction." 2 Corinthians 1:4

For further information, contact Lynn Ann Bouker at lynnann.bouker@gmail.com or go to www.assumption.org for registration and information about the course.

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Archdiocese of Seattle
710 9th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Statement of Archbishop J. Peter Sartain,
August 17, 2018
Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report

With the recent allegations of sexual abuse committed by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, former Archbishop of Washington, D.C., and the release of a Grand Jury Report involving several dioceses in Pennsylvania, the tragedy of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church is once again brought to light. The sexual abuse of a minor is an intrinsic moral evil and a crime. Anyone responsible for such an act or for shielding those who do, including bishops and other Church leaders, must be held accountable for their actions. I join with other bishops from throughout Washington and the United States in expressing our sincere shame and remorse for the incredible harm these crimes have caused the victims and their families.

The Catholic Church in Western Washington continues its focus on providing a safe environment for all minors and vulnerable adults in our care. Special procedures, training and reporting protocols were adopted in 1990. Our policies, training and procedures are reviewed frequently and have been updated several times.

To report any suspicion of abuse by any Church personnel, please contact local law enforcement. In addition, anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

As Catholics, we believe that every life is sacred. Each person is created in the image and likeness of our loving God. Violence and abuse of any kind are unacceptable, and we have a serious responsibility to work towards their end. Together, we must do everything we possibly can to protect children.

[http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-139.cfm]
USCCB Statement, August 16, 2018

Arquidiócesis de Seattle
710 9th Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Declaración del Arzobispo J. Peter Sartain,
17 de Agosto del 2018
Informe del Gran Jurado de Pensilvania

Con los recientes alegatos de abuso sexual cometido por el Arzobispo Theodore McCarrick, ex-arzobispo de Washington D.C., y la divulgación del informe del Gran Jurado, el cual involucra a varias diócesis de Pensilvania, la tragedia del abuso sexual dentro de la Iglesia Católica es una vez más el centro de atención. El abuso sexual de un menor es intrínsecamente un acto de perversión moral y un crimen. Cualquier persona responsable de un acto que proteja a aquellos que lo cometen, incluyendo a obispos y otros líderes de la Iglesia, deben hacerse responsables por sus actos.
Me uno a otros obispos de Washington y de los Estados Unidos para expresar nuestra sincera vergüenza y remordimiento por el inconmensurable daño causado a las víctimas y a sus familias.

La Iglesia Católica del Oeste del Estado de Washington continúa enfocándose en proveer un ambiente seguro para todos los menores y adultos vulnerables bajo su cargo. En el año 1990, se adoptaron procedimientos especiales, capacitación y protocolos de información. Nuestras políticas, capacitación y entrenamiento han sido revisados con frecuencia y han sido actualizados varias veces.

Para reportar cualquier sospecha de abuso por parte de cualquier personal de la Iglesia, por favor contacte las autoridades locales. Además, cualquier persona que tenga conocimiento de abuso sexual o conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de un miembro del clero, un empleado o voluntario de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle debe llamar a la línea directa de la Arquidiócesis al número 1-800-446-7762.

Como católicos, creemos que cada vida es sagrada. Cada persona ha sido creada a imagen y semejanza de nuestro benevolente Dios. La violencia y el abuso de cualquier tipo son inaceptables, y tenemos la seria responsabilidad de lograr que estos actos terminen. Juntos debemos hacer todo lo posible para proteger a los niños.

[http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-139.cfm] Declaración de la USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops / Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos)
16 de Agosto del 2018

UN CALENDARIO PARA LA TEMPORADA DE CREACIÓN: 1 DE SEPTIEMBRE - 4 DE OCTUBRE

Desde la publicación de la encíclica del Papa Francisco, Cuidado de Nuestro Hogar Común, los católicos han acogido la Época de la Creación comenzando con el Día Mundial de Oración por la Creación el 1 de septiembre y cerrando el 4 de octubre, el Día de San Francisco de Asís. El calendario de la temporada de Creación ha sugerido actividades para alentarlo a orar y reflexionar sobre sus esfuerzos actuales para cuidar la creación y considere formas en que puede profundizar su relación con el Creador, los demás y toda la creación.

Laudato Si (233) El universo se desarrolla en Dios, quien lo llena por completo. Por lo tanto, hay un significado místico que se encuentra en una hoja, en un sendero de montaña, en una gota de rocío, en la cara de un pobre. [159] Lo ideal no es solo pasar del exterior al interior para descubrir la acción de Dios en el alma, sino también descubrir a Dios en todas las cosas.

A CALENDAR FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION: SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

Since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical, Care for Our Common Home, Catholics have embraced the Season of Creation beginning with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on Sept. 1 and closing Oct. 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation Calendar has suggested activities to encourage you to pray and reflect on your current efforts to care for creation and consider ways you can deepen your relationship with the Creator, others, and all of creation.

Laudato Si (233) The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. [159] The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

OUR SCHOOL

Welcome back! Assumption Catholic School resumes for the 2018-2019 school year this Wednesday, Aug. 29, with an Early Release Day. The first school Mass of the year will be on Friday, Aug. 31, at 10:30 am and all are invited to attend. Welcome to our new teachers this year: Walli Ann Wisniewski for K-8 Spanish; Andrew Pryor for middle school science, math, and religion; Liza Beshara for K-8 music; and Karen Evans for middle school math. We are excited to welcome 13 new families into our school and 18 new students in Kindergarten through eighth grades.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

A 7-week Bible study, MIGHTY IN POWER: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS, begins Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 1:00 pm in the Stafford Room or 7:00 pm in the school Teacher's Lounge, your choice. The study book fee is $10. To pre-register and for more information, call Christine at 360-671-9712.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

Assumption's Whole Family Catechesis program, which is geared toward families with children in K-5th grade, is in need of a few more volunteers:

- 1-2 catechists to work directly with students one-to-two Sundays per month; and
- 2-4 adults to provide support to our program on the one-to-two Sundays we meet each month.

Please contact Gina DePalma at (360) 733-1380 x4222 or ginad@assumption.org if you or someone you know is interested. Whole Family Catechesis meets from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH) INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION MEETING

Monday, Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m., School Library

All Year One candidates (sophomores and older) and Year Two candidates (juniors or seniors who were Year One Candidates in 2017-2108) are asked to attend this information night *with* Parents. We have made some changes to the programs this year so it is important for everyone to attend. Questions? Please contact Gina DePalma at (360) 733-1380 x4222 or ginad@assumption.org.

Are you letting **FORMED** help you to learn more about our rich Catholic faith tradition? If not, start today! It's not too late. Go to assumption.formed.org to set up your free registration through Assumption's parish subscription. Take advantage of the wonderful content for all age levels. This is a great site for resources in English and in Spanish!

CURIOUS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST AND THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Church of the Assumption welcomes all adults who want to explore the nature of their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and how the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church may fit in. Our *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) process is a welcoming place to explore these kinds of questions, whether you've never thought much about God before or grew up in another Christian faith.

Please join us on **Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7:00 p.m.,** in the Assumption School Library (LMC) for our first gathering. Questions? Please contact Gina DePalma at (360) 733-1380 x4222 or ginad@assumption.org.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS INFORMATION/REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m., Gym

All families with a child in Kindergarten – 5th grade (middle school youth welcome, too!) are invited to attend this session to learn about our revamped program. Questions? Please contact Gina DePalma at (360) 733-1380 x4222 or ginad@assumption.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m., Gym

All families with a child desiring to receive these sacraments should come to learn about our two-year preparation process and how it works for children in our Whole Family Catechesis program and for those attending Assumption Catholic School. Questions? Please contact Kathy Ernst at (360) 733-1380 x4223 or kathye@assumption.org or Adriana Estrada at (360) 733-1380 x4224 or adriana@assumption.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS FOR CHILDREN (RCIA/C) INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, Sept. 16, 11:00 a.m., Stafford Room

All families with a child aged 7 or older who is not yet baptized should come to learn about the process for preparing for sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church. Questions? Please contact Adriana Estrada at (360) 733-1380 x4224 or adriana@assumption.org.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
1st Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottner
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker
Jim Heisler III
Garret Groth
Nicole Groth
Jeremy King
Jesse Estrada

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell

Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons

Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery

School Commission
Jason Strayer

Life, Justice & Peace
Nick Mele

Pastoral Care
Tashie Zang &
Belen Saturay

Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek

Stewardship/Engaged Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull

Finance Council
Bill Zang

Pastoral Council Exec. Comm.
Chris Craven
Dick Etter
John Getchell

Liturgy Planning Committee
Kathy Ernst
Frederick Mabalot

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN / PRIMERA COMUNIÓN INFORMACIÓN/ DÍA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Domingo, 9 de septiembre, 11:00 a.m.,
Gimnasio
Todas las familias con un niño que desee recibir estos sacramentos deben venir a aprender sobre nuestro proceso de preparación de dos años y cómo funciona para los niños de toda nuestra familia. Programa de Catequesis y para aquellos que asisten a la escuela de la Asunción. ¿Preguntas? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada al (360) 733-1380 x4224 o adriana@assumption.org.

CONFIRMACIÓN (JÓVENES DE LOS GRADOS DEL 10 AL 12) REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN / REGISTRO

Lunes, 10 de sept., 7:00 p.m., Biblioteca escolar
Todos los candidatos para el primer año (estudiantes del grado 10 y mayores) y los candidatos del segundo año (grados 11 o 12 que fueron candidatos del Primer Año en 2017-2108) deben asistir a esta noche de información con sus padres. Hemos realizado algunos cambios en los programas este año, por lo que es importante que todos asistan. ¿Preguntas? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gina DePalma al (360) 733-1380 x4222 o ginad@assumption.org.

¿Estás permitiendo que **FORMED** te ayude a aprender más sobre nuestra rica tradición de fe católica? Si no, comienza ¡hoy! No es demasiado tarde. Vaya a assumption.formed.org para configurar su inscripción gratuita a través de la suscripción de nuestra parroquia. Aproveche el maravilloso contenido para todos los niveles de edad. Este es un gran sitio para recursos en inglés y en español!

INFORMACIÓN DE CATEQUESIS FAMILIAR / DÍA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Domingo, 9 de septiembre, 11:00 a.m.,
Gimnasio
¡Todas las familias con un niño en Kindergarten - 5to grado (también se invita a los jóvenes de escuela intermedia!) Están invitados a asistir a esta sesión para aprender sobre nuestro programa renovado. ¿Preguntas? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gina DePalma al (360) 733-1380 x4222 o ginad@assumption.org.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS PARA NIÑOS (RICA / C) INFORMACIÓN / DÍA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Domingo, 16 de septiembre, 11:00 a.m.,
cuarto del Stafford
Todas las familias con un niño de 7 años o más que aún no se hayan bautizado deben venir a aprender sobre el proceso de preparación para la iniciación sacramental en la Iglesia Católica. ¿Preguntas? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada al (360) 733-1380 x4224 o adriana@assumption.org.

INTERFAITH COALITION'S SECOND ANNUAL *FAMILY PROMISE BED RACE TO END FAMILY HOMELESSNESS*

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Civic Stadium Parking Lot
A fun event that raises awareness and funds for this serious need, this competition involves teams that build or renovate something into a bed that can be pushed on a race course.
All entries must be received by Sept. 23.
Please contact Konrad Kocsis at: familypromisebedrace@gmail.com for more info. or see the website for examples and more details: www.familypromisebedrace.com

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. *Joshua 24:15*

En cuanto a mí y mi familia, serviremos al Señor. *Josué 24:15*

Asociación Internacional de la Misericordia apoya la

LA ESTACIÓN DE LA CREACIÓN

CALENDARIO
1 DE SEPTIEMBRE – 4 DE OCTUBRE

«Cada ser humano es imagen de Dios... cada criatura tiene su propio propósito. Ninguna es superflua. Todo el universo material es lenguaje del amor de Dios, de su desmesurado cariño por nosotras/os. El suelo, el agua, las montañas: todo es caricia de Dios...El universo entero y todas sus múltiples relaciones, muestran las inagotables riquezas de Dios». *Laudato Si' #84, #86*

MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
www.mercyworld.org

«Necesitamos retomar una antigua enseñanza...la convicción que «menos es más... un retorno a la sencillez que nos permite detenernos y valorar las cosas pequeñas, agradecer por las posibilidades que nos da la vida, desprendernos de lo que poseemos y no sucumbir a la tristeza por lo que no tenemos...». *Laudato Si' #222*

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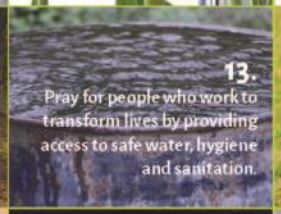
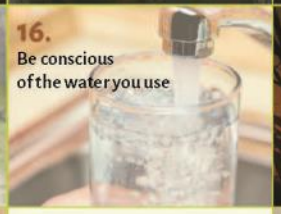
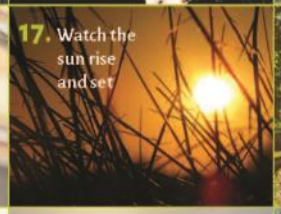
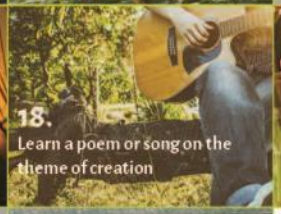
SEASON OF CREATION

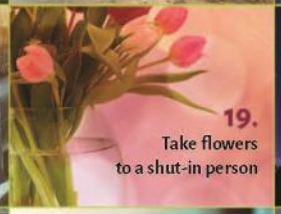
CALENDAR
1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

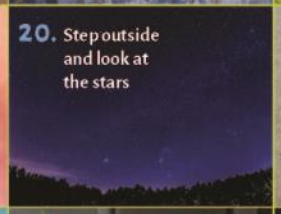


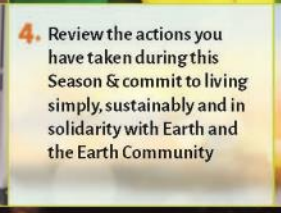












'Each human being is an image of God ... each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God...The universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God.' *Laudato Si' #84, #86*

MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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'We need to take up an ancient lesson... the conviction that "less is more"... a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack...' *Laudato Si' #222*

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship	Wk (8/19/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions **Received**:	$ 20,453	$ 140,416
Contributions Budget:	$ 16,022	$ 130,826
Over/**under**	$ 4,431	$ 9,590

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

Debt Reduction	Wk (8/19/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions **Received**:	$ 1,421	$ 6,761
Contributions Budget:	$ 1,038	$ 8,304
Over/**Under**	$ 383	**$ -1,543**

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	$ 79

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of Seattle provides a live training for new volunteers and employees called *Protecting God's Children*. This class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs, and schools safe. Any volunteers who have previously taken the *Called To Protect for Ministries* training DO NOT need to take this new class. Anyone with an interest in the safety of children and vulnerable adults is encouraged to attend *Protecting God's Children*, however, it is required for new employees and volunteers with ongoing unsupervised contact with minors or vulnerable adults. To be in compliance with the Archdiocese, **all new volunteers must take this training.** The next class is:
Sept. 22, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Teacher's Lounge
You must register online to enroll in one of these classes by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions

FAITHFUL STEWARD

Thank you to our faithful stewards from the out-going **Pastoral Council**. This group was responsible for helping take the parish to a new level during their four years of service. The Pastoral Council before them helped guide us to our Parish's current Mission and Vision Statement along with the subsequent Goals and Objectives. This current Pastoral Council took up the challenge of establishing our **Master Plan** for the campus and the **Long Range Plan** for the parish. We have a five year plan (Vision 2020) which helps us set the course for our future. We accomplished so much as a parish through our "**Glorifying the Lord with Our Lives" Capital Campaign** and all the subsequent activities and projects which flowed from it. It is through the vision and leadership of this group of people that we were able to accomplish so much in such a short period of time. If you get a chance to thank the following people for their service and ministry we would be grateful: **Chris Craven, Dick Etter, Blancy Granados de Cruz, John Getchell, Colleen Jeffrey, Edwin Ordóñez, Dan Parsons, Bonnie Trenouth, Jean Wilford and Nancy Wopperer.** Thank you for your dedication and service.

Stewardship
a way of life

Father,

I know that I can help in the needs of my parish, Your church. I am having trouble deciding how and where to serve You. I want to help, but the immediate needs of my family and job seem to be ever more demanding.

Please help me search myself. Please help me take a good look at what I can do, both in my personal life and through Your church. Help me to steward Your gifts wisely, to cherish them lovingly, to tend to them responsibly, and to share them willingly with those in need. And most importantly Lord, help me to be that steward in a helpful way, knowing that whatever I do for the least of your people, I do for you.

All caring, all loving and almighty God, I pray that You will bring me to a fulfilment of good stewardship through your grace and direction. In Your holy name we pray.

Amen

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Bellingham youth ministry program is looking for volunteers for our middle school Edge program on Sundays from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, and the high school Lifeteen program on Sundays from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Here are some ideas of how you could serve:

***Core Team Member, *Meal Ministry, *Prayer Sponsor, *Guest Speaker, *Service Project Coordinator, or *Special Events Chaperone/Driver.** We are always open to hearing your ideas about how you would like to be involved.

For more information please contact April Waldrop at april.waldrop@shbham.org or (360) 734-2850 x305 or Sarah Kooistra at sarahekoos@gmail.com.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, " We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En la primera lectura de hoy, Josué desafía a la gente para que decida a quien va a servir. Al recordar la fidelidad de Dios para con ellos y sus ancestros, la gente declara. "Por eso, nosotros también serviremos a Yahvé: Él es nuestro Dios." Que nosotros, también, estemos atentos a los regalos de Dios a nosotros y renovemos nuestro compromiso de servirle a Él con corazones agradecidos.