

**January 5, 2014**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
*All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.*

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of January 5, 2014**

<b>Monday, January 6</b> Saint André Bessette	1 John 3:22—4:6 Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Matthew 6:45-52
<b>Thursday, January 9</b>	1 John 4:19—5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b John 3:22-30
<b>Sunday, January 12</b> The Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

**EVENING PRAYER**  
**and**  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**Tuesday eves.**  
**Beginning at 6:30 PM**  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.  
 For any changes please call Karen at 671-1544.

**HEALING PRAYER**  
**MINISTRY**  
**Wednesday after Mass**  
**6:45-8:30 PM**

""Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters. It's leaves stay green; in the drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

Jer.17:7-8

All are welcome, prayer ministry is quiet and confidential.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER**  
**GROUP**

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

All are welcome. We meet for prayer, song, and quiet listening to the Lord.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Rm. Holidays can be a very difficult time of the year when we are mourning the loss of a loved one. We are a Catholic based group where we learn to walk in faith, not to forget, but to help one another to go on with our lives. All are welcome.

**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL**  
**LIFE**

January 8	6:00 PM	
<b>Nick Moothart</b>		<b>RIP</b>
January 9	10:30 PM	
<b>Laurian Andrews</b>		<b>SI</b>
January 10	10:30 AM	
<b>Carol Patterson</b>		<b>RIP</b>
January 11	5:00 PM	
<b>Ernie Bentley</b>		<b>RIP</b>
January 12	8:30 AM	
<b>Mary Ann Coughlin</b>		<b>SI</b>
	10:30 AM	
<b>Allen Larsen</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	12:30 PM	
<b>Adriana Reyes Ramos</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	5:00	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		



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

### BUS TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus to transport 50 people to the March for Life in Olympia on Tuesday, January 21. The bus will leave from Assumption at 6:00am that morning and return by 5:00pm. The first stop will be the Mass for Life, celebrated by Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, at St. Martin's University. Then the bus will take us to the capitol building where we will join thousands of others for the rally. Reservations for the bus will be taken after Masses at Assumption starting in January. Or you can contact Joe St.Hilaire, 671-4836. Cost is \$20. Donations for the bus also are being taken for students and others who are less able to pay.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

For information and instruction, contact Kathy St.Hilaire, certified teacher of Natural Family Planning, 671-4836.

**PAX CHRISTI** meets Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Assumption Pastoral Center Living Room from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM for study, prayer, and action regarding non-violence and justice. This month, there will be a presentation about recent developments in Northeast Asia: China's territorial claims in the oceans around it, North Korean threats and nuclear program, Japan's push to rearm, and the U.S. military presence in this region. Whether you have attended a Pax Christi meeting before or not, everyone is welcome.

### CHURCH OF THE SECOND CHANCE

– JustFaith unit on prison reform. Six sessions - two evening meetings each month (January, February, and March). The module does not soften the gritty truth of prison reality but introduces the Christian principle of restorative justice, points out the critical need for comprehensive prison reform as well as focusing on the power of prayer and the Christian messages of reconciliation and redemption. If interested, please call or e-mail the JustFaith Steering Committee contact Dan Languier (360-920-1816 or [dflanguier@yahoo.com](mailto:dflanguier@yahoo.com)) for more information.

### SEEKING JESUS?

Find CHRIST IN THE PSALMS, a 12-week Bible study beginning Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Sessions are held in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m., repeated at 7 p.m., your choice. Cost is \$10. For further information or to register call Christine at 671-9712.

### ATTENTION MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday, January 9th with your child(ren). We will gather around 11am in the Stafford Room. This is a great group of Catholic moms and we are always open to welcoming new members. What a great way to start the new year! For more information please contact Bev Williams at [bevjohnson\\_13@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com) or 360-920-7592.

### New Year's resolution: a stronger

**marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help couples in trouble rediscover each other and take new, positive steps to heal their marriages. Resolve to make your marriage all it is meant to be. Retrouvaille can help you. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning January 24-26, 2014 call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** are sponsoring the 2014 Education Contest with the themes of "Jesus Loves Us, How Do We Spread that Love?" and "How Do I Promote Peace In The World?" This contest is open to all youth from the 4th grade through the 12th grade. Details are posted on the Assumption Church website and on the Assumption School website.

### SAVE THE DATE

For the 14th annual  
**Growing Great Kids Auction**  
benefiting Assumption Catholic School  
**Saturday, March 1, 2014**  
at Bellingham Golf and Country Club  
For information please visit:  
[www.growinggreatkids.org](http://www.growinggreatkids.org)  
email: [growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com](mailto:growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com)

### FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

### ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip will be sold on the **first & third** Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM mass.

El Scrip ya esta en venta después de la misa en Español. Gracias por su apoyo.

### PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

*Floyd Carpenter  
Chris Formichella  
Don Veltum  
Capt. Mark Bieda  
Capt. Trevor Corrigan  
Adam Honda  
Jason Woolsey  
Steve Ploog  
Corey McDaniel  
Patrick Kelley  
Patrick L. Blake  
Paul Cleary  
Michael Condit  
Gabriel Feely  
John Hutson  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
Steven Faecke  
Maj. Gregory DeMarco  
Keanu Franco  
Michael Dahl  
Matt Edge  
Kyle Frisbie  
Kurt DeVries  
Cadet Garrett Burnham*

W E E K	<b><u>Monday, January 6th</u></b>		
	10:30 AM	Word & Communion	Church
	6:00 PM	Just Faith	Stafford
	6:30 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Cecilia
	6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	PCLR
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Rally #3	Church
	7:00 PM	Edge	PC 3rd floor
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Classes	LMC
	7:00 PM	PTC Executive Meeting	School

A T	<b><u>Tuesday, January 7th</u></b>		
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Stafford
	6:30 PM	Knight of Columbus 1st Degree	St. Cecilia
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	7:00 PM	Pax Christi	PCLR
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting	Gym	

A G L	<b><u>Wednesday, January 8th</u></b>		
	12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
	11:00 AM	Deanery Meeting	Off-site
	5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
	6:00 PM	Mass	Church
	7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church
	7:00 PM	School Christmas Program	Gym
7:00 PM	Spiritual, Life & Worship Commission	PCLR	

A N C E	<b><u>Thursday, January 9th</u></b>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	11:00 AM	Mothers & Children	Stafford
	11:30 AM	Pro Life Rosary	Church
	1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
	5:30 PM	Life Teen Core Team	PC3rd floor
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	RCIA Catechumenate	LMC
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council	Stafford	

E	<b><u>Friday, January 10th</u></b>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	11:30 AM	Rosary Prayer Group	Church
	1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
	7:00 PM	Grupo de Compartir el Evangelio	LMC

<b><u>Saturday, January 11th</u></b>		
9:30 AM	Baptismal Classes	Stafford
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	Mass	Church

<b><u>Sunday, January 12th</u></b>		
<b><u>Baptism of the Lord</u></b>		
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
8:30 AM	RCIC Dismissal	Stafford
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	School Open House	School
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:00 AM	Grupo de Oración	Room 1
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	K-5 Faith Formation	School
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
3:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:00 PM	Youth Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Life Teen	Gym

**YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI SOCIETY  
TUESDAYS AT 7PM.**

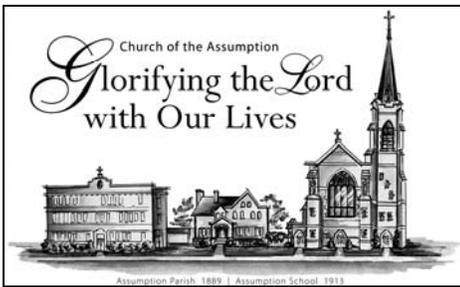
The Frassati Society is a Bible Study group, inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. While alive, Pier Giorgio ministered to the poor and vulnerable in Italy, and also to his fellow young adults. Join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Assumption Parish-Office living room, for bible study, food and fellowship as we strive to follow Blessed Frassati's example. Talk to Grace Bandolon for more details: [graceb@assumption.org](mailto:graceb@assumption.org)

**YOUNG ADULT- THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Join us for beers, fellowship and faith-filled discussions on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after Assumption's 6pm Mass! We'll be meeting at a local Bellingham pub to listen to Deacon Larry Kheriaty discuss Lay Ministry and our role as Young Adults in the Church. Please contact Chelsea Madura for more information: [chelseam@assumption.org](mailto:chelseam@assumption.org)

**YOUNG ADULT MASS- SATURDAYS 5PM**

Assumption will be having a young adult choir sing at the Saturday evening Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month, with our next one being on January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you love praising God through song or through playing a musical instrument, please consider joining us! Our next young adult choir will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please meet for rehearsal in the Church at 3:30pm, prior to the 5pm Mass. Contact Chelsea Madura for more information: [chelseam@assumption.org](mailto:chelseam@assumption.org)



## STEWARDSHIP STARTS WITH GOD

Take time to quiet your thoughts and concerns. Break open the Holy Scriptures and read **1 Chronicles Chapter 29: 1-18** – Offerings for the Temple. Online Catholic Bible link: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/index.cfm>.

David was at last seeing the fulfillment of a lifelong dream – to see the building of the Temple finally getting started. While David’s son Solomon was assigned the task of building the temple, David’s joy was not diminished for he had the thrill of raising the money before he died. He supported it well from the governmental treasures (29:2), and then gave over a billion dollars out of his own pocket (29:3). When he organized the rest of the country to give, they did so very generously (29:5b-9).

David’s Prayer of Thanksgiving (29:10-19) came from the overflowing heart of one who had just given his fortunes to see the dream of a lifetime fulfilled. Truly, this was King David’s finest hour. David clearly embraced the principles of stewardship: the greatness and worthiness of God, God’s ownership of all things, God’s supply from His eternal resources and our looking after them as “tenant farmers,” and how God tests the integrity of the heart.

David enjoyed his giving because these principles became his own. It is when we refuse to accept them, and sometimes even challenge them, that giving becomes an irritation to us. To talk of giving from our own supply will only raise our defenses and lower our sights. But those who embrace these principles for themselves will surely enjoy their giving, for it comes from a pure heart of love. Good news! God loves a cheerful giver!

### God Is Head Over All

**1 Chronicles 29:10-13**; Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, praying in these words: “Blessed may you be, O Lord, God of Israel our father, from eternity to eternity. Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is yours; yours, O Lord, is the sovereignty; you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor are from you, and you have dominion over all. In your hand are power and might; it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all. Therefore, our God, we give you thanks and we praise the majesty of your name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should have the means to contribute so freely? For everything is from you, and we only give you what we have received from you.”

So whatever there is of beauty in this world belongs first to God, because He created it. He has allowed us to enjoy it, but it still belongs to Him. The same is true with our portion of this world’s material goods. God still retains ownership, but he has entrusted them into our care for our enjoyment and use. And He frequently calls on us to distribute them according to His purposes and plans, He does this regularly, for example, in bringing our tithes and offering to Him. And periodically, there are special projects and concerns He want us to support. Since He still owns these material goods, He can recall them or give them to someone else at any time He chooses, even without our permission. We simply have them on a temporary loan basis, perhaps best expressed as a “tenant farmer.”

David clearly recognized that all he had, including his position, his successes, finances, lands, and material possessions – all had come from the hand of God. Sure, he had worked for it. Yes, he had fought the giant Goliath, and many other battles during his forty years as king. Indeed, he was successful, having solidified the Israelite control over the lands they possessed, and extended their boundaries to its greatest extent in Israel’s history. He could have said: “I got all of this by myself, by my own work, battles, and struggles. I risked my life for this, and now it’s mine, all mine!”

While it may be common for that attitude to prevail with some Christians, David could never have said it. Not as long as he maintained the concept that God owns everything – **everything**. And from His eternal resources, God had supplied everything that David had and was. And David knew it. David realized that he had not received a thing in this life that God had not provided. David knew that he did not earn anything totally on his own – even his skills, talents, and abilities came from God.

**1 Chronicles 29:17-18**, “I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.”

Once again, take time to quiet your thoughts and concerns. Read again **1 Chronicles Chapter 29: 1-18** – Offerings for the Temple, and then ask God to search your heart. Settle the issue of God’s ownership in your own heart, along with your willingness to be the steward God asks and expects of you. Especially in your giving.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (Dec 22 & 29 combined)**

	Wk(12/22+29/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$34,808	\$87,019	\$452,504
Contributions received:	\$68,264	\$127,944	\$483,915
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	\$33,456	\$40,925	\$ 31,411

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

<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(12/22+29/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 2,116	\$ 5,290	\$27,508
Contributions received:	\$ 1,545	\$24,418	\$45,759
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 571	\$19,128	\$18,251

**GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING**

Hope House	\$ 940
Christmas Flowers	\$ 105

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

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

Thank you for your community's recent donation of \$6,400.06 for Catholic Relief Services' Typhoon Haiyan response in the Philippines.

Pope Francis pleaded for aid for the survivors in the Philippines when he said, "Sadly, there are many, many victims and the damage is huge. Let's try to provide concrete help."

CRS deployed its teams across the Philippines' most heavily affected areas to determine the most pressing needs in the most vulnerable communities, and how best to help. In cooperation with local partners, CRS has been working around the clock to provide 100,000 families with shelter, essential living supplies and clean water and sanitation. Your support is allowing Catholic Relief Services to reach more people with vital help now – and to stay with them for as long as it takes to achieve a full recovery.

CRS has worked in the Philippines since 1945, providing emergency and long-term development aid. The work of our official international humanitarian agency continues to extend the love and compassion of Christ to the poor wherever there is need – because of your faith community's help. For more information and frequent updates, visit

[www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

In God's Peace,

Missions Office

Archdiocese of Seattle

**THE YEAR OF FAITH HAS ENDED, BUT OUR STUDY OF THE FAITH CONTINUES!**

**Join flocknote to Read the Catechism in a Year and Study the Gospels in a Year**

This Advent, flocknote.com is renewing its service of providing a free, daily email containing a piece of the Catechism to the inbox of registered users. It will start from the beginning and use the Q & A format found in the YouCat (Youth Catechism). **New** this Advent is their complementary program of providing daily snippets of the Gospels along with Ignatius Study Bible commentary!

To sign up go to: [flocknote.com/catechism](http://flocknote.com/catechism) and [flocknote.com/gospels](http://flocknote.com/gospels).

**A Stewardship Moment**

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring — out time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do — are equally precious in His sight.

**Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad**

Hoy recordamos a los tres reyes magos de Oriente quienes fueron a rendir homenaje al niño Jesús, trayéndole preciados regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Los regalos que nosotros traemos — nuestro tiempo, servicio y alguna parte de lo que ganamos por el trabajo que hacemos — son igualmente preciosos ante Sus ojos.



God,

We want to make You our number one priority, but there are so many things to draw us away from you: Material things like bigger houses, bigger cars, distractions like too much TV, computer games; and addictions to things that make us less healthy.

Help us to focus not on fulfilling our wants, but rather on how we can use the gifts you've given us to build up your kingdom.

Thank you for the gifts you have given us and bless them so that we may use them as good stewards to carry out Your will.

Amen!