

La Celebración de la Posada

16 Diciembre 7:00 PM	Church of the Assumption
17 Diciembre 7:00 PM	St. Joseph – Lynden
18 Diciembre 7:00 PM	St. Joachim – Lummi
19 Diciembre 7:00 PM	St. Joseph – Ferndale
20 Diciembre 8:00 PM	St Joseph – Lynden
21 Diciembre 7:00 PM	St Peter – Deming
22 Diciembre 7:00 PM	St Anne – Blaine
23 Diciembre 6:00 PM	Church of the Assumption

Vamos a celebrar con una piñata después de los Misterios de Adviento y Navidad a cada una de las Iglesias. Habrá una cena compartida así como una piñata después de los Misterios de Adviento y Navidad, el 23 de diciembre. Todo el mundo de todas las Iglesias está invitado a traer lo que pueda para la cena compartida. Favor de venir con su familia. Todos están bienvenidos.

We will celebrate with a Pinata after the Mysteries of Advent and Christmas at each of the Churches. There will be a potluck dinner as well as the Pinata after the Mysteries of Advent and Christmas, 23 December. Everyone from all Churches is invited to bring what ever they are able to share at the potluck dinner. Please come and bring your family. All are welcome!



JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE

Please join the Knights of Columbus in their quest to “keep Christ in Christmas” by joining with the Knights and our Mexican, Central American and South American brothers and sisters as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas by celebrating the Posada 16 through 23 December.

The Posada celebration is a symbolic recreation of Mary and Joseph’s knocking at the doors of inns seeking shelter as the Virgin prepares to give birth to Jesus. The Spanish word, “posada” is interpreted as “shelter” or “inn”. The Christmas Posada is a prayer, a play and a party that families, parishes and entire communities celebrate together.

On a personal level this celebration symbolizes Christ knocking at our hearts, asking us to allow Christ in. A more contemporary notion is one of immigrants from the entire world knocking at our country’s door asking for the opportunity to become productive, contributing members of our society.

This celebration was brought to the Americas during the Sixteenth Century by Franciscan missionaries willing to sacrifice their lives to introduce the Gospel of Christ to the American people. This ancient ceremony continues to encourage us to know and love Jesus and his Blessed Mother, Mary.

These celebrations will occur at most of the Catholic Churches in Whatcom County sequentially from 16 December through 23 December. There will be a Mass at St Joachim, 18 December, beginning at 6:00 PM and a Mass at St. Joseph, Lynden, 20 December, beginning at 7:00 PM before the Posada Celebration begins. There will be a potluck dinner, and a Pinata for the children on the final day of the celebration, 23 December. A schedule of the locations and times for the celebration is listed on the other side of this invitation.