

March 3, 2013
Third Sunday of Lent

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion, on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

March 4	10:30 AM	
Margaret Hevert	RIP	
March 5	7:00 PM	
Michelle Nguyen	RIP	
March 6	2:00 PM	
Margaret Heuser	RIP	
	6:00 PM	
Letty & Everett Frost Sr.	RIP	
March 7	10:30 AM	
Mae & Margaret Rush	RIP	
March 8	10:30 AM	
Evelyn Walkington	RIP	
March 9	5:00 PM	
Everett Frost Jr.	RIP	
March 10	8:30 AM	
Fr. Brian Hart	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Henry Heuser	RIP	
	5:00 PM	
Fr. Paul Dalton	RIP	

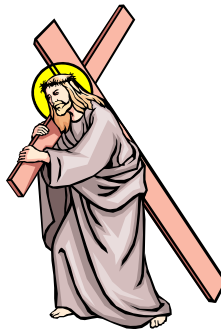
*SI Special Intentions
 RIP Rest in peace*

Daily Worship
Week of March 3, 2013

Monday, March 4	2 Kings 5:1-15b Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 5	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 6	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 7	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 8 <i>Saint John of God</i>	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 9 <i>Saint Francis of Rome</i>	Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21b Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, March 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Psalm 34:2-7 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are being held every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent. Please consider participating in at least one of these Fridays. This is a good time to share our time with the Lord and other parishioners.



VIA CRUCIS

Tendremos Via Crucis cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 6:30 PM. Favor de considerar en participar tan siquiera uno de estos viernes. Este es un buen tiempo de compartir nuestro tiempo con Dios y con otros feligreses.

EVENING PRAYER
and
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday eves.
6:30 -7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM. **Any questions or 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 that stretches out its roots to the stream; It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."
 Jeremiah 17: 7-8.

If you have a burden in your life, why not bring it to the Lord in prayer. It is a quiet and private time and no appointment is necessary.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW.



CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church) 2576 “Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” (Exodus 33:11). Moses’ prayer is characteristic of contemplative prayer by which God’s servant remains faithful to his mission.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

YOU’RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available this weekend, March 2 & 3, at all the Masses. Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family’s Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

We have a rare opportunity to see and hear a presentation on the Shroud of Turin by a leading scientist who participated in the examination of the Shroud. The Shroud is believed to be the cloth in which Christ was buried after his crucifixion. A miraculous image of His body was made on the cloth and that image has been the object of great controversy for centuries. Barrie Schwartz will be here to speak about the Shroud. He is an expert and official documenting photographer for the Shroud and he speaks on the subject all over the world and he also teaches a class on the subject each spring in Rome. He will be at Assumption Church on Wednesday, March 6, 7pm, and at the Rotary Building at the NW Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden on Thursday, March 7, 1:00pm and 7pm. No admission charge. Don't miss this event! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, call Joe St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday March 9 & Saturday March 23 at 9:00AM in the Stafford room. And the next set of classes will be Saturday May 11 & Saturday May 18 at 9:00 AM in the Safford room.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no K-5 Faith Formation classes on Sunday, March 10, and there will also be no viewing of *Mysteries of the Church* in the school library during that time. Thank you.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Come and sample some of the area’s greatest chili recipes on March 9th as chili chefs serve their best recipes at the 13th annual Knights of Columbus Chili Cook-Off to be held at Assumption Gym. For \$5.00 you get to sample many types of homemade chili, cornbread, salad and drinks. Then you can vote for your favorite chili. The fun begins Saturday, March 9th at 6:15. If you have any questions please email Kevin Schmid @ kjschmid@comcast.net.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room.

Jesus said to the crowds: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

John 6:37-40.

Grief, like any emotion, is your own and no one else's. When the death of a loved one happens in your life and the funeral is over, we just don't stop grieving, but where to turn for help? You are welcome to join our little support group where we draw strength from our faith each other. All are welcome.

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 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
Garrett A. Burnham*

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill Attebery
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Jose Ordoñez
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Belen Saturay
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Richard Wilson
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Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, CENTERING PRAYER AND DIVINE THERAPY

When we embark on the spiritual journey in earnest, through the path of Centering Prayer, the "Divine Therapy" begins to do its work in us. In this workshop, we will review the basics of the Centering Prayer method and explore its transformative process. We will look at how the Divine Therapy heals, and through this healing, what fruits may gradually ripen. Some experience of Centering Prayer would be helpful but not required.

Place: Stillpoint at Becksides Retreat Center, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham

Date and Time: Sat. March 9th; 9 to 3:30, bring a bag lunch, tea and coffee provided

Costs: \$45.00 (sliding scale available) Reservations required.

Contact: Linda Conroy:
lnd.conroy@gmail.com; 360 733 9414

“A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE” WALKING THE LABYRINTH AND PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Combining two ancient pilgrimages into one, we will follow the footsteps of Jesus to the cross as we walk the labyrinth, an ancient prayer path. "Scriptural Stations of the Cross" booklets, that were created for use with the labyrinth, will be available for those who wish to use them.

Location: Assumption School Gymnasium, 2116 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham

Date: Saturday, March 16th

Time: The labyrinth is available to walk from 1pm to 5pm with a brief introduction to the labyrinth at 1pm.

Allow approximately 30 to 40 minutes to walk it reflectively.

Facilitators: Linda Conroy, spiritual director and retreat facilitator; Myra Ryneheart, Veritas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator
No registration required. Any questions, contact: Linda Conroy,

lnd.conroy@gmail.com, 360-733-9414
Donations received will be given to the Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County



“That more people start to see Jesus in everyone.” That is the prayer of an Assumption middle school student for those in need. Last December, the youth groups at Assumption did several service projects for Hope House and one was to write a prayer for those in need. We read these each morning at Hope House when we pray. I loved this one in particular! It speaks to how we strive to see our clients each day.

Assumption Church and Hope House are losing a valuable and dear person to a move across country. Ellen Grybeck is moving to the south to be near family, but we are sad to see her go. Ellen was a founding member of the Hope House family, and spent many, many hours over the last 13 years sorting clothing; straightening racks and just making everything look good. We will miss her!

We have no baby formula at this time. I know it is expensive (I have twin grandsons!), but if you find a good deal or a coupon, maybe you could share with our babies.

For pictures of some of those babies and toddlers, find us on Facebook—also check out our blog: www.bellinghamhopehouse.com

Blessings,
Cheri Woolsey

JESUS IN DISGUISE

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless. How will you help? Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

ENSLAVED IN WHATCOM COUNTY

Please join us for a Forum on Human Trafficking as it exists in Whatcom County on Saturday, March 9th from 9 am to 12 noon (registration at 8:45) at the Bellingham Public Library, Central Library Lecture Room. This event is being sponsored by the Life, Justice and Peace Commission, Access Freedom, Engedi Refuge Mission and Washington Engage. Timely and informative presentations will include information on Youth and Adult Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking and well as law enforcement response. By learning and working together we can be more effective in preventing human trafficking in our community.

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin. Their advertising allows us to have the cover page of the bulletin printed free.

WEEK

Monday, March 4th

10:30 AM Mass Church
 6:30 PM One King Light Weigh PCLR
 7:00 PM Confirmation Classes LMC
 7:00 PM Parish Mission Church
 7:00 PM Edge Gym

Tuesday, March 5th

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
 2:00 PM Lenten Small Group PCLR
 6:30 PM Adoration Church
 7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
 7:00 PM Parish Mission Church
 7:00 PM Mass Church
 7:00 PM Troop 16 Meeting Gym
 7:00 PM Troop 16 Committee Mtg. St. Cecilia

Wednesday, March 6th

12:00 AM Adoration Church
 10:00 AM Scripture Study Stafford
 2:00 PM Mass St. Joseph Hospital
 3:15 PM Tiger Den 3 Scouts Room 1
 4:30 PM ACA Stafford
 5:45 PM Benediction Church
 6:00 PM Mass Church
 6:15 PM JustFaith PCLR
 6:45 PM Young Adults PC3rd floor
 7:00 PM Shroud of Turin Presentation Church
 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry Church
 7:00 PM PTC Executive Meeting LMC

Thursday, March 7th

10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:15 AM Prolife Rosary Church
 1:30 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford
 4:00 PM Woman's Schola St. Cecilia
 6:30 PM English Choir Rehearsal Church
 7:00 PM Lenten Small Group PCLR
 7:00 PM Reconciliation Church
 7:00 PM RCIA LMC

Friday, March 8th

10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:30 AM Rosary Church
 1:00 PM Lenten Small Group PC 3rd floor
 1:30 PM Grief Support Group Stafford
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross Church
 6:30 PM Via Crucis Church
 7:00 PM Grupo 'Compartir el Evangelio' LMC

Saturday, March 9th

CRS Collection

8:30 AM DACA Gym
 9:00 AM Baptismal Classes Stafford
 1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 6:00 PM Chili Feed Gym

Sunday, March 10th

4th Sunday of Lent

CRS Collection & Girl Scout Sunday

8:30 AM RCIC Dismissal Stafford
 8:30 AM Mass Church
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 9:35 AM RCIC Classes Stafford
 10:00 AM Grupo de Oración Room 1
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:15 AM Grupo de Coro Hispano St. Cecilia
 12:30 PM Misa-2nd Scrutiny Iglesia
 12:50 PM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 2:30 PM Grupo de Oración Gym
 5:00 PM Mass Gym
 6:00 PM Life Teen Gym
 6:30 PM Evenings for Engaged Stafford
 7:00 PM Lenten Small Group PCLR
 8:00 PM Open Gym Youth Group Gym



RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT

We will have our reconciliation service for lent on Thursday March 7, at 7 PM in the church. Please consider joining us. This is a beautiful service that our church provides twice a year; once in Lent and once in Advent.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(02/24/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,102	\$68,408	\$598,570
Contributions received:	\$12,834	\$68,226	\$588,143
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$4,268	-\$182	-\$10,427

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(02/24/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$1,132	\$4,528	\$39,623
Contributions received:	\$461	\$3,236	\$35,369
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$671	-\$1,292	-\$4,254

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 121

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

FORO INFORMATIVO Y CLINICA LEGAL PARA ACCION DEFERIDA DACA

ACCIÓN DIFERIDA PARA LOS LLEGADOS EN LA INFANCIA

¿Llegó a los EE.UU. antes de cumplir 16? ¿Tiene más de 15 años (ahorita) y menos de 31 (el 15 de junio 2012)? ¿Ha estado en los EE.UU. durante 5 años consecutivos (desde el 15 de junio 2007)? ¿Estuvo aquí el 15 de junio de 2012? ¿Está usted asistiendo una escuela todavía O graduó de la secundaria O tiene su GED?

¿QUIERE SOLICITAR? VENGA PARA AYUDA:

**Sábado, el 9 de marzo 2013 en el Gimnasio de la Iglesia Católica de la Assumption
8 AM – Mediodía**

**Para mas información, favor estar en contacto con C2C a 360-738-0964 o
decomunidad@qwestoffice.net**

POR El Concilio Sobre los Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Skagit, Comunidad a
Comunidad

En colaboración con: AILA, CCS Proyecto Inmigrante, NWIRP, KSVR,
Community Action Volunteer Lawyer Program

INFORMATIONAL FORUM & LEGAL CLINIC FOR IMMIGRANT YOUTH DACA

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

Did you arrive in the USA prior to your 16th birthday? Are you over 15 now and under 31 (on June 15, 2012)? Have you been in the USA for 5 consecutive years? Were you here on June 15, 2012? Are you in school, graduated from high school or have a GED?

**DO YOU WANT TO APPLY? COME TO THE LEGAL CLINIC:
SATURDAY March 9, 2013 at Assumption Catholic Church Gym**

8 AM – Noon. For information or organizational review,

Contact Community to Community at 360-738-0964 or decomunidad@qwestoffice.net

SPONSORED BY Skagit Immigrant Rights Council & Community to Community
IN COLLABORATION WITH: AILA, CCS Family Immigration Service,
NWIRP, KSVR, Community Action Volunteer Lawyer Program

A Stewardship Moment

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La parábola en el Evangelio de hoy advierte claramente que nosotros, al igual que la higuera, seremos juzgados por nuestros frutos. ¡Mientras que Dios misericordiosamente nos provee el tiempo y la oportunidad, demos testimonio de nuestra fe con hechos de bondad y generosidad!



Generous and loving God,

You call us to be disciples of your son Jesus and good stewards of all your many gifts.

Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts. With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

Bless our Parish with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment for service, and increasing levels of generosity as we work to advance the mission of both our parish and diocese.

We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.