

August 23, 2015
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is 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 24	10:30 AM	
Eric Moldver		RIP
August 26	10:30 AM	
Assumption School		SI
August 27	10:30 AM	
Al & Penny King		SI
August 28	10:30 AM	
Grace Shih		SI
August 29	5:00 PM	
Pro Populo		
August 30	8:30 AM	
Jon Ament		SI
	10:30 AM	
Paul Barci		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Camerina Anaya Quiroga		RIP

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

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday September 12 & 26 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

Daily Worship
Week of August 23, 2015

Monday, August 24	Revelation 21:9b-14 Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18 John 1:45-51
Tuesday, August 25	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 26	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-12b Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday, August 27	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday, August 28	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Psalm 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12 Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday, August 29 <i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i>	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Psalm 98:1, 7-9 Mark 6:17-29
Sunday, August 30 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm 15:2-5 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
 will honor, recognize & bless Catholics who teach at local public and non-Catholic private schools, colleges & universities as

Witnesses of the Faith

Teachers, staff & their families are invited to attend the Mass at 12:00 pm on September 6, 2015 at St. James Cathedral

Casual reception to follow in the courtyard.
 Office of Catholic Faith Formation
 206-382-4593; ocff@seattlearch.org

POPE FRANCIS & THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop Peter Sartain invites you to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27. This is an historic opportunity to see Pope Francis on his first visit to the U.S. The week-long Congress also offers inspiring keynote speakers and dozens of timely workshops. For complete information on how to register for this exciting pilgrimage, visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wmf.

EVENING PRAYER and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday evenings 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.
 Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Tuesdays at 11:30 PM. from now to September 16. If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

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

As usual, we are taking a Sabbatical for the month of August; therefore, this ministry will not be offered during this month. We will start again in September, thank you.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP
Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM
St. Cecilia Room

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM
Stafford Room

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

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

For the opening of the school year, we will celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, August 26 at 10:30 AM. Please note that we will not have a 6:00 mass on this day.

OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School – “Our School” – is the only Catholic school in the county and has a long history of providing a high quality Catholic education to students. It is, in many ways, a light for all to see. As we prepare to begin a new school year please keep the students, staff and parents in your prayers.

A THANK YOU

We were totally surprised ("shocked" would be a better way to describe it) and pleased to be honored with the volunteer award given us last weekend. The kind words and congratulations from parishioners, from Fr. Scott, and dozens of others was quite overwhelming to us. Thank you so very much. - Joe & Kathy St.Hilaire

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY “SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON.”

This year the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Aug. 30 at our 8:30 AM Mass and will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This day is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

HARVEST FESTIVAL USED BOOKS

Have you just finished a book you'd like to recommend to a friend? Consider donating it to the Harvest Festival Used Book Sale. We have already received lots of books, but would welcome recent and/or current releases.

NO MAGAZINES PLEASE.

Donations may be left at the Pastoral Center or in the box behind the kiosk in the Gathering Space.

SEE GOD'S PLAN REVEALED FROM GENESIS THROUGH REVELATION, WITHOUT HAVING TO READ THE WHOLE BIBLE! Tuesday Adult Bible Study "Bible Adventure" meets at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (same program either time) for your convenience, in the Stafford Room beginning September 8, 11 sessions total. Fee is \$5. Bring your own Bible. (If you don't have one, we'll provide one.) For further information and to register call Christine at 671-9712. (No meetings Sept. 15 - Harvest Festival set-up.)

MUSIC AT 5PM SUNDAY MASS

Are you invested and interested in participating in the music ministry for the 5pm Sunday liturgy? We will be hosting a conversation about what kind of music would help you to pray best within this youth-oriented liturgy. Come join us as together we work on the music for this parish, youth-oriented liturgy. We will meet on Sunday evening, August 23rd at 5pm in the Church. Contact Mary Ehle, marye@assumption.org or Grace Bandolon graceb@assumption.org with your questions and for more information.

INSTRUMENTALISTS WELCOME!

Come and join us in leading the assembly in song! Are you a skilled instrumentalist able to read instrument parts? Do you play guitar, bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, a string or brass instrument? Another instrument? Adding instrumentation helps to enhance the music and the prayer of the assembly. We would love to have you participate in our liturgies! For more information, contact Mary in the parish office at 733-1380, ext. 4221 or by email at marye@assumption.org

HEALING THE CULTURE GALA & AUCTION

Healing the Culture invites you to attend its 7th Annual Stand Up For Life Gala and Auction on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Bellevue Hilton. Cost is \$99 per person; sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available. For tickets and more information, please call (360) 243-3811 or visit www.healingtheculture.com/registration.

**FAITH
FORMATION,
SCHOOL,
PARISH
EVENTS**

**PRAY FOR OUR
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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
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dabl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trotter*

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

NEW THIS YEAR — K-12 FAITH FORMATION PRE-REGISTRATION!

Families who registered for faith formation last year should have received a pre-registration form in the mail by now. Please complete the form and return it to the Parish office by Monday, Aug. 24. Our goal is to have returning families registered for their respective faith formation program—K-5, EDGE, LifeTeen—prior to the start of the faith formation year. If your family was not registered for faith formation last year and you would like a registration form, please contact the Parish office so we can get one to you. Online registration is not available at this time. Questions? Please contact Gina DePalma in the Parish office. Thank you!

K-5 FAITH FORMATION

Sundays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. in the School—begins Aug. 30.

LIFETEEN (High School), Sundays, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gym — begins Aug. 30.

EDGE (Middle School), Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Gym — begins Aug. 31.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH (16– TO 19-YEAR OLDS)—Registration & Information Meeting for Year One & Year Two Candidates: Monday, Sept. 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., School Library

1ST RECONCILIATION / 1ST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAM—Registration & Information Meeting for **Parents only** of the Year Two Candidates: Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY--KINDERGARTEN CATECHIST

Our K-5 Faith Formation program is in need of a Kindergarten catechist. We meet on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. in the School. The hands-on curriculum we use is engaging for the students and the catechist. If you would like more information, please contact Gina DePalma in the parish office. Thank you!

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you or an adult you know is interested in learning more about Catholicism or perhaps is discerning if baptism in the Catholic Church is right for you, then please join us on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the School Library for our introductory session in Assumption's Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. We also provide a similar process for unbaptized children ages 7-17. The introductory session for parents and children is Sunday, Aug. 30, at 9:45 a.m. in the Stafford Room. Please contact Gina DePalma in the parish office with any questions. Thank you!

BAUTISMO PARA NIÑOS DE 7-17 AÑOS

Si tienes a un hijo/a que desea ser bautizado/a en la Iglesia Católica por favor, únase a nosotros el domingo, 30 de agosto, a las 9:45 am en el Salón de Stafford para aprender más sobre el proceso del Rito de la Asunción de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos para la Infancia (RICA para Niños). ¿Preguntas? Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada o Gina DePalma en la oficina parroquial.

INFORMACIÓN DE FORMACIÓN DE FE

NOVEDADES DE ESTE AÑO -- FORMACIÓN-K-12 FE PRE-REGISTRACIÓN!

Las familias que se inscribieron para la formación de fe del año pasado debieron ya haber recibido un formulario de pre-inscripción en el correo. Por favor complete el formulario y devuélvalo a la oficina de la parroquia el lunes 24 de agosto. Nuestra meta es tener familias registradas que asistieron el año pasado para el programa de formación de fe K-5, EDGE, y Life Teen. Si su familia no estaba registrada para la formación de fe del año pasado y le gustaría un formulario de inscripción, por favor comuníquese a la oficina de la parroquia para que podamos conseguirle uno. El registro por la web no está disponible en este momento. Si tiene preguntas Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada en la oficina parroquial. ¡Gracias!

K-5 FORMACIÓN DE FE,
Domingos, 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. en la escuela —
empezando 30 de Agosto.

LIFETEEN (High School), Domingos, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
en el gimnasio—empezando 30 de Agosto.

EDGE (Middle School), Lunes, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
el gimnasio—empezando 31 de Agosto.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN PARA JÓVENES (16 A 19 AÑOS) — Registración e Información para los candidatos del año uno y año dos: Lunes, Sept. 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., biblioteca de la escuela

PROGRAMA DE PREPARACIÓN DE 1^{RA} RECONCILIACIÓN / 1^{RA} PRIMERA COMUNIÓN — Junta de Registración e Información solo para los padres de candidatos del año 2: Sábado, 3 de octubre a las 10:00 a.m.

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
&
LIFE, JUSTICE &
PEACE
MINISTRY**

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
José Ordóñez
Denise Plaisier
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Tashie Zang

**COMMISSION &
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS**

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Kathy Buford
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueller
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

PAX CHRISTI

Our local Pax Christi group invites you to join in reflecting on Laudato Si, Pope Francis's latest encyclical. We will meet monthly on the first Tuesday for 9 months in a program designed by Catholic Climate Covenant. Prayer, study and action choices will be incorporated in each meeting. We begin Tuesday, September 1 at 7 pm in the Assumption School Library and we will close promptly at 8:30. Looking forward to gathering!

***COME EXPLORE NONVIOLENCE*
WORKSHOP**

On September 12, Pax Christi is sponsoring a workshop on nonviolence in the Assumption School Library from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided as we explore what nonviolence means in our daily lives. To register, call Nick Mele at 360-223-7098

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you long for a more loving and caring relationship? Do you have feelings of disillusionment in your marriage? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) can help by providing the relationship-healing skills needed to build a stronger marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **Sept 18-20, 2015** call **360-671-6479** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Many of our long time homeless clients are now getting into housing, thanks to Theresa Meurs and the Homeless Service Center and to CHS for the addition of Francis Place to the low income housing in this town. Because most of these clients have literally nothing, Hope House has been trying to help with any used pans, dishes, small appliances, etc. If any of you would like to donate items for a small kitchenette, a double bed or a bathroom, please feel free to bring them to Hope House and drop them off. With college stuff on sale, this is a good time to pick up toasters, coffee makers, bedding, etc. at a great price!

I'd like to give you all an update on how the Treasure Sale went. Thanks to Theresa Meurs and all of those who helped her, we raised a little over \$15,000 for Hope House! Many, many thanks to all of you who donated items and to everyone who came and spent money—your support means a lot to us. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed school supplies to us—we will be able to make the first day of school better for almost 200 children! We NEED maternity clothing! Blessings,
Cheri

WHATCOM HOSPICE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

**Informational Meeting
Tuesday, September 1st
4:30—6:30 p.m.**

**Hospice Administration Building, Lower Level
2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham
Two Programs Available:**

**The 4-Hour Indirect-Care Training
Program:**

Date to be determined.

Indirect Care Volunteers make deliveries, sing, sew, knit, garden, etc.

**Contact Dianne Gillespie,
Volunteer Coordinator
360-788-6892 or
dgillespie@peacehealth.org
for more information**



**The 32-Hour Caregiver Training Program:
Classes held Tuesday evenings 4:00-8:00 p.m.
and Saturday mornings 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Starting Tuesday, September 15th and ending
Saturday, October 10th**

Caregiver Volunteers provide emotional support & companionship, make meals, assist patients, perform light household duties, vigil at the bedside, offer front office support, & provide comfort therapies such as Massage, Reiki, Music, etc.

W	<u>Monday, August 24th</u>		
	10:30 AM Mass	Church	
	6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss	PCLR	
E	<u>Tuesday, August 25th</u>		
	6:00 AM Boys Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym	
	6:30 PM Adoration	Church	
	6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree	St. Cecilia	
K	<u>Wednesday, August 26th</u>		
	12:00 AM Adoration	Church	
	8:00 AM First day back to School	School/Gym	
	9:30 AM Benediction	Church	
	10:30 PM Mass of the Holy Spirit	Church	
	12:00 PM Life, Justice & Peace Commission	PCLR	
	7:00 PM Events Planning Committee	PC 2nd floor	
A	<u>Thursday, August 27th</u>		
	10:30 AM Mass	Church	
	11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group	Church	
	1:00 PM Purple Readers Group	Stafford	
	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	Church	
	7:00 PM Finance Council	PC 2nd floor	
A	<u>Friday, August 28th</u>		
	10:30 AM Mass	Church	
	6:00 PM Rosary Makers	Stafford	
G	<u>Saturday, August 29th ~ Baptism Weekend</u>		
	9:00 AM Protecting God's Children	LMC	
	3:30 PM Reconciliation	Church	
	4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia	
	5:00 PM Mass	Church	
	6:00 PM Esperanza Stockholders Dinner	Gym	
L	<u>Sunday, August 30th ~ Baptism Weekend</u>		
	7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal	Church	
	8:30 AM Mass (Catechetical Sunday)	Church	
	9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal	Church	
	9:30 AM RCIA/C Sessions	Stafford	
	10:30 AM Mass	Church	
	11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia	
	11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation Registration	LMC/School	
	12:30 PM Misa	Iglesia	
	1:00 PM Community Meal	Gym	
	6:00 PM Lifeteen	Gym	

MOM'S GROUP SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

You are all invited to join us this summer with your child(ren) at a local park for a summer picnic. Children of all ages are welcome and please know that you do not have to have come to our group before. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy socializing with other Catholic moms while the kids play and enjoy the summer and beautiful parks around our town! If you have any questions please contact Bev Williams at 920-7592 or bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com. Hope to see you at the park!

August 27 -Bloedel Donovan Park

RACHEL'S CORNER HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

"Oh Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."

- St. Augustin Feast Day: August 28.

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and invite God into your heart so He may fill you with His light and sow the joy of His healing!

November 13 – 15, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!


Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015—SAVE THE

DATES! Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, the Festival will be back with all of its fun, food, games, crafts, classic cars, and more! Please come and participate AND come and volunteer. Online sign-up is ready! Follow the link (www.signupgenius.com) and click on "find a sign-up" located on the top right of your screen then type Sara Byron's email (byron.sara@gmail.com). There are more than one place to sign up but don't hold back! Sign up for several!! Or you can contact Sara Byron at assumptionfestival2015@gmail.com.




FIESTA DE LA COSECHA 2015!

Sábado y domingo, 19 y 20 de septiembre, el Festival estará de regreso con todas sus diversiones, comida, juegos, artes y oficios, coches clásicos, y mucho más! Por favor, vengan y participen Y apúntese para ser un voluntario. Visite el sitio Web www.signupgenius.com y haga clic en "find a sign-up" después ponga el correo electrónico de byron.sara@gmail.com. ¡Hay muchas maneras de ayudarnos, no se detenga y apúntese! O póngase en contacto con Sara Byron assumptionfestival2015@gmail.com.



September 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Pax Christi begins 7PM	2 Mass at St. Joseph Hospital 2PM Little Flowers begins 3PM Curriculum Night 6:30PM Faith Formation Commission 7PM	3 RCIA begins 7PM	4 Mass with School 10:30AM Grupo de Oracion begins 7PM	5 Liturgy Planning Team 1PM Clase de Bautismo 3PM
6	7  LABOR DAY Office Closed No Mass or Word & Communion Service	8 <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Protecting God's Children 6PM	9 St. Teresa of Avila begins 6:30PM Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM	10 Word & Communion 10:30AM Mothers & Children begins 11AM Pastoral Council 7PM	11 Mass with School 10:30AM	12 Non-Violence Workshop 9AM Baptism Class 9:30AM
13	14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Word & Communion 10:30AM Confirmation Infor- mation Meeting 7PM	15	16 Nursing Home Mass 2PM School Commission 7PM	17	18 Mass with School 10:30AM	19 HARVEST FESTIVAL 10 AM-10 PM  Spaghetti Dinner 5, 6 or 7-9M
20 HARVEST FESTIVAL 10 AM-3 PM 	21 <i>St. Matthew</i>	22	23 Women's Scripture Study begins 10AM Life, Justice & Peace 7PM	24 Catholic Daughters begins 1:15PM Pastoral Care Committee 7PM	25 Bilingual Mass with School 10:30AM	26 Baptism Class 9:30AM Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament 10:30AM
27 Community Meal 1PM Clase pre-Matrimoniales 2PM Evenings for the Engaged begins 4PM LifeTeen Mass begins 5PM	28 Parents of Troubled Adults begins 6:30PM	29 <i>St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	30		Please remove this calendar from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of September events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(08/16/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 54,231	\$ 126,539
Contributions received:	\$15,662	\$ 51,452	\$ 116,966
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 2,415	-\$ 2,779	-\$ 9,573
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
Debt Reduction	Wk(08/16/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 7,406
Contributions received:	\$ 1,126	\$ 2,389	\$ 4,971
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 68	-\$ 785	-\$ 2,435

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge our Volunteer of the Year Award recipients:

Joe & Kathy St. Hilaire

Kathy has been involved in Project Rachel, Natural Family Planning and other pro-life measures. She has co-chaired the Life, Justice and Peace Commission and continues to serve as a member. She and Joe both help coordinate Funeral Luncheons. Joe resurrected our Knights of Columbus and has served in many capacities in our local Council. He is known as our local parish historian. His book, published for the Centennial of the parish, is a wonderful resource and his tours of our church are fascinating. Joe serves as our representative to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. Both he and Kathy have served on the Pastoral Council and continue to offer their leadership skills to the parish.

*Congratulations to Joe & Kathy
for their wonderful example of praising God through their actions!*

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of Seattle has recently changed their Safe Environment program provider to a new company called Virtus. Virtus 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.**

Choose one of the following upcoming classes:

Aug. 29, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sept. 8, Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm

All classes are in the Assumption School Library Media Center

You must register online with Virtus to enroll in one of these classes by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions.

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 quién va a servir. Al recordar la fidelidad de Dios para con ellos y sus ancestros, la gente declara, "Por eso, nosotros también serviremos a Yavé: 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.



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.