

August 31, 2014
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

September 2	10:30 AM	
Mary Thai Nguyen		RIP
September 3	2:00 PM	
St. Joe's Hospital patients		SI
	6:00 PM	
Dave Jaeger		RIP
September 4	10:30 AM	
Jim Weber		RIP
September 5	10:30 AM	
Fr. Joe Stocking		RIP
September 6	5:00 PM	
David John Hopkins		RIP
September 7	8:30 AM	
Pro Populo	10:30 AM	
Cindy Konnick		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Adriana Hernandez		SI

*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 6 & 13 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

Daily Worship
Week of August 31, 2014

Monday, September 1	1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Psalm 119:97-102 Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday, September 2	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday, September 3	1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-15, 20-21 Luke 4:38-44
Thursday, September 4	1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 5:1-11
Friday, September 5	1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Psalm 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 Luke 5:33-39
Saturday, September 6 <i>BVM</i>	1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 Psalm 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5
Sunday, September 7 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

PAX CHRISTI- resumes on **Tuesday September 2** from **7 PM- 8:30 PM** in the **Parish Center Living Room**. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend any of the programs this year (meets on the first Tuesday of each month). The September session consists of a report on the excellent retreat **The Challenge and Promise of Peace** presented by Maryann Cusimano Love, Professor of International Relations at Catholic University of America this August. Several of the group attended and will share their discoveries of the valuable role of the Catholic Church in building peace in the 1960s and today. Contact for information Dan Larguier 920-1816 or Nick Mele 671-0238.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? is the topic of a 6-week Tuesday Bible study beginning October 7. Identical sessions are offered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. - your choice. Several Bible study methods will be introduced briefly as well. Cost is \$10. For further information and to register call Christine, 671-9712.

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.
If any questions, please call Karen at 671-1544.

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

We will resume on September 3rd.

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

We will resume on September 5th.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Cecilia room

We will resume on September 8th.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST?

Often times we learn more about a topic when preparing to teach it. Consider joining our K-5 Faith Formation catechist team to not only grow in your understanding of the Catholic faith, but to share it with our younger parishioners. Please contact Gina DePalma in the parish office with any questions. Thank you!

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

K-12 FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

Assumption Parish offers faith formation and sacramental preparation programs to help assist families in raising children to be actively engaged and knowledgeable Catholics. Parents with children in K-5, and/or EDGE and LifeTeen can complete one registration form in either the Gym or School Library on Sept. 14. Please attend the registration session that fits your child's grade level and sacramental needs:

- Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m., Gym: *Year One and Year Two*
First Reconciliation & First Communion
- Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m., School Library: *K-5 Faith Formation*
- Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:25 p.m., Gym: *EDGE (Middle School) & LifeTeen (High School)*
- Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., School Library: *Year One and Year Two Confirmation (High School Youth)*

Please contact the Parish if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting your children to grow in their faith!

LA FORMACIÓN DE FE DEL K-12 Y PREPARACIÓN DE SACRAMENTOS EMPIEZAN EN SEPTIEMBRE.

La Iglesia de la Asunción ofrece programas de formación de fe y preparación de sacramentos para apoyar a las familias que están creando a sus hijos para que crezcan con sabiduría y comprometidos a la iglesia. Padres con hijos de K-5, y/EDGE y LIFETEEN pueden llenar una registración en el gimnasio o la biblioteca de la escuela el 14 de Sept. Por favor asista a la sesión de registración que le corresponde a su hijo/a por grado y por el sacramento que necesita:

- *Domingo, 7 de Sept., 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m., en el Gimnasio: *Primer Año Y Segundo Año Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión*
 - *Domingo, 14 de Sept., 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m., en la biblioteca de la escuela: *K-5 Formación de Fe.*
 - *Domingo, 14 de Sept., 11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m., en el Gimnasio: *EDGE (secundaria) y LifeTeen (preparatoria)*
 - Lunes, 15 de Sept., 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., en la biblioteca de la escuela: *Primer Año & Segundo Año de Confirmación. (Grupo juvenil de la preparatoria)*
- Por favor de contactar la oficina si tienes alguna pregunta. ¡Gracias por apoyar a tus hijos a que crezcan con su fe!

IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) RIGHT FOR YOU?

Are you an adult who has never been baptized or baptized in another Christian faith and exploring the idea of becoming Catholic? The opening session for this process will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in the School Library. Please contact Gina DePalma in the Parish office with any questions.

¿EL RITO DE LA INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA) SERÁ PARA USTED?

¿Es usted un adulto que nunca ha sido bautizado o bautizada en otra fe cristiana y esta explorando la idea de ser católico/a? El comienzo de este proceso será el jueves 4 de septiembre de 7:00 - 9:00 PM, en la Biblioteca de la escuela. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Gina DePalma en la oficina parroquial con cualquier pregunta.

"LET'S GET IT STARTED!" -Black Eyed Peas

School is back in session and so are we! Our first Life Teen high school KICK-OFF will be after the 5pm Mass on Sept 28th from 6-8 in the gym! Come for food, faith, and fellowship! Middle school, we didn't forget about you! EDGE will KICK-OFF Sept 29th from 7-8:30 pm in the gym. Get ready to play games, connect with old friends and meet new ones! Don't forget to invite your friends! See you then!

HARVEST FESTIVAL--SEPT. 19-21 COMMUNITY STRONG FOR 125

YEARS! Join us for one, two, or three days of celebrating Assumption Parish in the community! It all begins with a dance on Friday night, the Spaghetti Dinner and Team Trivia contest Saturday night, and the All Parish Mass Sunday morning at 9:30 followed by a Pancake Breakfast. Plus, there will be Children's Games, lots of great food, a Used Book sale, and college and NFL football in the Parish Pub (beer and wine) from 12 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Volunteering is also a fun way to enjoy the festival--please consider signing up after a weekend Mass or through the Parish website's homepage!

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip is back to its regular schedule which is the first and third Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support!

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
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kyle Frisbie
Kurt DeVries
Cadet Garrett Burnham*

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

**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

Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21
HARVEST FESTIVAL COMBINED
MASS** We will be having our regular 5:00 pm mass on Saturday 20, but we will be combining our Sunday masses into one. Our combined mass will be at 9:30 am.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CAR SHOW
Do you own a classic car or know someone that does? Now is your chance to support your parish by entering it in the Harvest Festival Car Show to be held Saturday, September 20, between noon and 4:00 pm. The entrance fee is \$5.00. Call John Shuhler at 360-933-1989.

**ARTS & CRAFTS FOR THE
HARVEST FESTIVAL**
We have openings available for Arts & Crafts for vendors.
If you are interested, please contact Marie Gonzalez at mariegonzalez@comcast.net or call (360) 927-5560.

**WHAT IS THE RITE OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS FOR CHILDREN
(RCIA FOR CHILDREN)?**
RCIA for Children is the process by which children aged 7- to 17-years-old seeking baptism in the Catholic Church learn about the faith and prepare for receipt of the sacraments of initiation. The process takes place on Sunday mornings and begins with a registration day on Sept. 7, from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m., in the Stafford Room. Please contact Gina DePalma in the Parish office with any questions.

**¿QUE ES EL RITO DE
INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE
ADULTOS PARA NIÑOS
(RCIA PARA NIÑOS)?**
RCIA para niños es el proceso por el que los niños de edades de 7 a 17 años buscan bautismo en la iglesia católica y aprenden sobre la fe y se preparan para recibir el sacramento de iniciación. Este proceso toma lugar los domingos por las mañanas y empieza con registración el 7 de Septiembre de 9:30 a 10:45 a.m. en Stafford. Por favor de contactar a Gina DePalma en la oficina de la parroquia si tienes alguna pregunta.

**FIRST AND SECOND GRADE
INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST EUCHARIST**
All parents of children in grades one and older who have not received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are invited to an information meeting on Sunday, September 7 at 11:30am in the Gym to explain the process and to register your child(ren). This is a two year program and requires attendance at either Assumption Catholic School or our Faith Formation Programs the year before entrance (and continuing!) in order to be eligible to begin.

The meeting dates to put on your calendars are:
INFORMATION MEETING AND PRE-ENROLLMENT
Sunday, September 7 meeting for grade 1 & 2 (and older) who will be preparing for First Eucharist either this academic year (2015) or, for year 1 children, next academic year (2016). This is an information meeting for parents only from 11:30am to 12:20pm in the Gym.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION
Saturday, October 11 @ 10am in the Church: Year 1 & 2
Saturday, October 25 @ 10am in the Church: Year 2 only
Saturday, November 8 @ 10am in the Church: Year 2 only
FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION
Saturday, January 10, 2015 @ 10am in the Church: Year 1 and 2

Saturday, February 14 @ 10am in the Church: Year 2 only
Saturday, March 14 @ 10am in the Church: Year 2 only
Saturday, March 21 @ 10am in the Church: Year 2 only
RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST: (Year 1 families are encouraged to attend one of these special liturgies)
Saturday, April 11 @ 5pm mass
Sunday, April 12 @ 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm misa, or 5pm

**ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WHO
HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?**

NEW this year Assumption Parish is offering a Confirmation preparation program just for adults! Classes will begin in January with the sacrament received at the *The Rite of Confirmation* Mass in March with our high school youth. Please contact Gina DePalma in the Parish office with any questions. Thank you!

**¿ERES UN ADULTO CATÓLICO QUE
NUNCA HA SIDO CONFIRMADO?**

La parroquia de la Asunción esta ofreciendo un programa nuevo de preparación para la Confirmación para adultos! Las clases comenzaran en enero con el plan de recibir el sacramento en la misa del Rito de la Confirmación en marzo con los jóvenes de la preparatoria. Por favor de contactar a Gina DePalma en la oficina de la parroquia si tiene alguna pregunta. Gracias!

WEEK	<u>Monday, September 1st</u>		
	<u>Labor Day — Office Closed</u>		
	No Mass and no Word & Communion		
	6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	PCLR
	<u>Tuesday, September 2nd</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass of the Holy Spirit	Church
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	7:00 PM	Pax Christi	PCLR
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym
	<u>Wednesday, September 3rd</u>		
12:00 AM	Adoration	Church	
A	2:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph Hospital
	5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
	6:00 PM	Mass	Church
	6:45 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church
	7:00 PM	Faith Formation Commission	Stafford
	7:00 PM	PTC Executive Meeting	LMC
A	<u>Thursday, September 4th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
	G	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM		RCIA	LMC
L	<u>Friday, September 5th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	A	1:30 PM	Grief Support
6:00 PM		Rosary Makers	Stafford
N	<u>Saturday, September 6th</u>		
	9:00 AM	Called to Protect	LMC
	9:30 AM	Baptism Classes	Stafford
	10:00 AM	Ordination	Off-site
	3:00 PM	Clase de Bautismo	Stafford
	3:00 PM	Tagalog Choir	Church
	3:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
	3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	4:00 PM	Clase de preparación de matrimonio	PC 2nd floor
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, September 7th

7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
9:30 AM	RCIA for Children Registration	Stafford
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	1st Rec./1st Eucharist Registration	Gym
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Mariachi	St. Cecilia
12:30 PM	Misa ~ Quinceañera	Iglesia
2:30 PM	Faith & Light	LMC

A PILGRIMAGE ~ Hurry... 4 spaces left!

Join Fr. Scott for a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima as well as a journey along "The Way" to Santiago and the Sea Side Town of Muros to see many of the places Fr. Scott went two Summers ago. We will go to Avila, Zaragoza and Burgos among just a few of the sites. Land Price is \$2859.00 per person and includes 4 and 5 Star Hotels, private mass daily, breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees and private guide and bus. June 15 thru June 28th, 2015. Airfare prices from Seattle will be available in July 2014. Travel Insurance is \$248. Please view our website for a more detailed schedule. You may also find the Registration form on our website: www.assumption.org Thank you!

The Newman Catholic Campus Ministry is celebrating 50 years of ministry at Western Washington University! Help us celebrate our golden anniversary by joining us for Spirit of Newman, the annual fundraiser that helps ensure the Newman Center continues to thrive for future generations of Catholic students.

Save the Date

When: November 8th, 2014 | 6:00pm
Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 1110 14th Street, Bellingham WA 98225

Lifetime Achievement Award:
 Archbishop Alexander Brunett

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

For more information, please visit our website at www.westerncatholic.org.

SAVE THE DATE: ALL PARISH RETREAT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Fr. Jim Lee and Fr. Scott Connolly will be facilitators for an all parish retreat Saturday, October 18 at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine. The retreat will close with Mass at the resort. The Spiritual Life and Worship Commission is planning this event. Registration will be out early September. Cost is \$35/per person. Space is limited.



2014



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<p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>No Mass or Word & Communion</i></p>	<p>2 FIRST DAY OF <i>school</i> Assumption School begins Mass of the Holy Spirit 10:30AM Pax Christi begins 7PM</p>	<p>3 St. Joseph Hospital Mass 2PM Prayer Ministry begins 6:45PM Faith Formation Commission 7PM</p>	<p>4 RCIA begins 7PM</p>	<p>5 Grief Support Group begins 1:30PM</p>	<p>6 Called To Protect Class 9AM Baptism Class 9:30AM Clase de Bautismo 3:30PM</p>
<p>7 RCIA registration 9:30AM 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist registration 11:30AM</p>	<p>8 <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Word & Communion 10:30AM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group begins 6:30PM</p>	<p>9 Cub Scout Pack 16 begins 3PM Girl Scouts begins 6:45PM Frassati Young Adult Group begins 7PM</p>	<p>10 School Curriculum Night 6:30PM Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM St Teresa of Avila begins 7PM</p>	<p>11 School Foundation 8AM Mothers & Children begins 11AM Pastoral Council 7PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Baptism Class 9:30AM</p>
<p>14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Edge/Lifeteen registration 11:30AM K-5 Faith Formation registration 11:30AM Cruz/Ortiz Boda 12:30PM</p>	<p>15 Confirmation Information Night 7PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Womens' Scripture Study begins 10AM School Commission 7PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Harvest Festival set-up all day Harvest Festival Dance 8PM</p>	<p>20 Harvest Festival 12:00-10:00PM Spaghetti Dinner 5 or 6 or 7PM Seatings</p>
<p>21 Harvest Festival Mass 9:30AM Pancake Breakfast 10:30AM <i>No Other Masses</i></p>	<p>22 Parents of Troubled Adults begins 6:30PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Theology on Tap 7PM Life Justice & Peace 7PM</p>	<p>25 Pastoral Care Committee 7PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Liturgical Minister Training 10AM</p>
<p>28 COMMUNITY MEAL 1:00 PM 5PM Mass & 6PM Lifeteen Begin</p>	<p>29 <i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i> Edge Begins 7PM Confirmation Class 7PM Just Faith begins 7PM</p>	<p>30</p>			<p>26 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.</p>	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(08/24/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,173	\$ 72,692	\$ 145,384
Contributions received:	\$14,313	\$ 68,593	\$ 131,006
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$3,860	-\$ 4,099	-\$ 14,378
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
	Wk(08/24/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 4,232	\$ 8,464
Contributions received:	\$ 507	\$ 2,997	\$ 5,832
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 551	-\$ 1,235	-\$ 2,633

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 64

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

CALLED TO PROTECT CLASSES

Called to Protect Ministries class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs, and schools safe. Required for clergy, employees, and volunteers with ongoing unsupervised contact with minors and vulnerable adults. To be in compliance with the Archdiocese, **all new volunteers must take this training.**

Choose one of the following upcoming classes: **Sept. 6, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**
Oct. 4, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Oct. 6, Monday 6:00 – 9:00 pm

All classes are in the Assumption School Library Media Center

You must register online for these classes by visiting www.seattlearch.org; click on the box for the Safe Environment Program (found on the right side of the page) and click the link that says “Register for Classes”.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THE WEEK

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge:

Knights of Columbus, Flower Committee & Funeral Luncheon Committee

Our 125th anniversary celebration for the Feast of the Assumption was a smashing success due to the combined efforts of many people. We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for grilling, and especially John Sickelton for the roast pork. The Flower Committee provided the stunning blue & white themed decorations, and the Funeral Luncheon Committee organized the serving stations and everything else needed for the meal. A special thank you to everyone who brought drinks, side dishes and salads. It truly was a feast!

COME AND SUPPORT THE TACOMA DOMINICAN SISTERS:

The Dominican Sisters of Tacoma have ministered in the Archdiocese of Seattle since 1891. On Saturday, September 20th, there will be a fundraising Dinner and Auction at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma (2300 S. Washington) to support the Tacoma Dominican Sisters. If you attended one of our schools or have another connection with us, come and re-connect and make new friends! We promise a fun evening as well as an opportunity for you to support the sisters.

Liturgy 4 PM, Reception and hors d'oeuvres 5 PM

Dinner and Oral Auction 6 PM

TICKETS: \$75 per person

Registration is simple. Just access www.tacomaop.org and sign up for tickets! If internet access is not available, contact Laura at 253-370-2872.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo exhorta a los Romanos a la administración *total* de los bienes de Dios. Hermanos y hermanas, Él los incita a "... que le ofrezcan su propia persona como un sacrificio vivo santo capaz de agradarle a Dios."



Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life, - the Christian way of life – of which stewardship is a part. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us – clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child – has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

This mission – proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying – is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

The challenge, then, is to understand our role – our vocation – and to respond generously to this call from God. Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

God made us the stewards of creation to praise his every day for his wisdom and power.

God called us to imitate Jesus in his life of service.

God called us to be faithful stewards of all the gifts we have been given.

God, through baptism you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence to the world. Give the courage and generosity to respond to Your love and to Your call. Amen.