

December 10, 2017

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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HOPE HOUSE/Financial Assistance
207 Kentucky St. / 671-8702 Info only
Hours of Operation

Monday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Tuesday: 9:00-11:30

Thursday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Friday: 12:00-3:30 (incl. financial assistance)

FILL US ALL WITH

Peace

December 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

As we await new heavens and new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

December 11	10:30 AM	
David Siden		RIP
December 12	6:00 PM	
Maria de Jesus McBurney		RIP
December 13	6:00 PM	
John F. St.Hilaire		RIP
December 14	10:30 AM	
Lucile Hopkins		RIP
December 15	10:30 AM	
Thomas Fox		RIP
December 16	5:00 PM	
Dominic Swope		RIP
December 17	8:30 AM	
Marion Beatrice Springob		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Kathleen Mann		SI
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Neil Carr

Daily Worship
Week of December 10, 2017

Monday, December 11	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14 Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	Zechariah 2:14-17 Judith 13:18bc, 19 Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday, December 13 Saint Lucy	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10 Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross	Isaiah 41:13-20 Psalm 145:1, 9-13b Matthew 11:11-15
Friday, December 15	Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, December 16	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th
Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 4:00 pm
 (There will be no incense at the 4:00 pm Mass)
 Youth/Multilingual Mass 7:00 pm
 Solemn Night Mass 10:00 pm

December 25th
Christmas Day
 Mass 9:30 AM

Come early to enjoy the caroling that begins one-half hour before Mass.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Room

"But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought to be an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace." Wisdom 3: 1-3.

Our group is made up of men and women who have been touched by the death of a loved one, but we always have room for one more; please come as we learn to walk a new road through life.

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 6:00 PM.
 Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord?
 We especially need someone on **Tuesdays at 6:30, 9:30 & 11:30 PM, and on Wednesdays at 2:30 AM & 2:30 & 3:30 PM.**
 If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 2:00-4:00 PM, St. Cecilia Room

"In the Lord's eyes, one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years are as one day. The Lord does not delay in keeping his promise, though some consider it 'delay.' Rather, he shows you generous patience, since he wants none to perish but all come to repentance." 2 Peter 3: 8b-10.
 All are welcome.

PRAYER MINISTRY, Wednesday after Mass

Sign up in the Gathering Space prior to Mass and then return there after Mass to meet with two prayer ministers. "Let us ... approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Heb. 4:16

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

OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School is always grateful when its alumni return to help in different capacities. This year, **Ben Bagley ('13)**, is helping with students in the Extended Day Program after school. Ben is also the assistant coach of the boys' basketball team with head coach, **Andrew Sloan**. As of December 3rd, the Eagles were 4-2 with their only losses to Blaine and Lynden Christian. The boys will be wrapping up the season this week with their final game at Mt. Baker on December 14th. The Lady Eagles were **undefeated** as of December 3rd after almost not having a team this season because of few participants. Assumption participates in the Whatcom County League of Middle Schools for all its sports programs.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

~ Tuesday, December 12 ~



Mañanitas ~ 6:00 AM in the Church
Mass ~ 6:00 PM in the Church
Fiesta ~ 7:00 PM in the Gym

CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

~ Martes 12 de Diciembre ~

Mañanitas ~ 6:00 AM en la Iglesia
Misa ~ 6:00 PM en la Iglesia
Fiesta ~ 7:00 PM en el gimnasio



BLESSING OF THE UNBORN

If you are expecting a child, please call the Parish Office at (360)733-1380 to schedule a special blessing with Fr. Scott.

BENDICIÓN DE LOS NO NACIDOS

Si está esperando un hijo, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (360)733-1380 para programar una bendición especial con el Padre Scott.



PLEASE COME AND HELP

Please, come help clean the Church for Christmas Mass. Thursday, December 21, from 11:30am until 3:00pm. Friday and Friday, December 22, from 11:30 am until 3:00 PM. There is no need to bring cleaning supplies as they will be provided.

Everyone is welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

YOUTH ADVENT REFLECTION

Oh Divine Infant in Bethlehem, Who we humbly adore and acknowledge to be our Sovereign Lord, Come and take birth in our hearts.

Above is my grandmother's Advent prayer that we prayed as a family every day of Advent growing up. I love it so, and share it with as many people as I can. Someone recently pointed out that in addition to this being a time of preparation for Our Lord's birthday, Advent is also a time for reflection upon endings. This is a time for setting aside the old in anticipation of the new, a time for making more room for Jesus in our lives.

My prayer for you this Advent is that you take time to reflect upon that which is ending this season. In addition to the end of the year, or the end of the school semester, perhaps you can also consider the end of a pesky habit that distracts you from being of maximum service to Jesus. I am still struggling to go to bed a bit earlier, so I can wrestle more energy to be the best momma, bride and friend I can be. I know the only way I can do this is to nestle closer to Jesus, perhaps in his arms as the strayed lamb mentioned in the Gospel today or by snuggling closer to Him in His manger.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Edge Christmas Party at Assumption, in the Teen Center this week! Advent Blessings to you and yours!

*Sarah Kooistra,
Edge Youth Ministry Coordinator*



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

This year Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but we encourage you to join us for Mass on Monday, Jan. 1, at 10:30 AM.

MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

Este año, María, Madre de Dios no es un Día de Obligación, pero los alentamos a que se unan a nosotros para la Misa el lunes, 1ro de enero a las 10:30 de la mañana.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

SCRIP will be sold the first Sunday of every month between Masses (9:30-10:30 am). Thank you for supporting our school!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

*Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formicbella
Don Veltum
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feehy
John Hutson
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
1st Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottnor
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker
Jim Heisler III
Garret Groth
Nicole Groth*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Craven
Blancy Granados de Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Lynette Machinski
Life, Justice & Peace
Nick Mele
Pastoral Care
Tashie Zang & Belen Saturay
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council Exec. Comm.
Chris Craven
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Liturgy Planning Committee
Kathy Ernst
Frederick Mabalot

MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall

The Knights of Columbus and WWU Students for Life are partnering to show *The Nativity Story* on the big screen with proceeds going to offset each organization's transportation expenses to attend the March for Life. The students from WWU are attending the national March in Washington DC and the Knights hope to provide "scholarships" to those in need of a seat on their chartered bus to the March in Olympia.

Come see the story of the greatest 'Yes' to life that was ever said and support these worthy pro-life efforts

Admission: Suggested donation of \$5/individual, \$15/family
Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Sacred Heart: 1110 14th St, Bellingham, WA 98225
(The Nativity Story (2006), PG, 1h 41m)

JUSTREADS book discussion, open to all.

The next meeting will be Jan. 18, 1:30-4:30 pm,
Corona Court Clubhouse, [4780 Corona Court, Bellingham, WA 98226](http://www.4780CoronaCourt.com).

The book for discussion is *Evicted* Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize and other awards as well. Very readable.

LEARN TO COMFORT YOUR SPOUSE

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with our spouse. The next weekend at the Sheraton Bellevue Hotel is on February 16-18, 2018. Apply at www.wwme.org. More information at 206-772-2344, or Joe & Kathy St.Hilaire, 360-671-4836.

CLASE BAUTISMAL

La próxima clase bautismal será el sábado 6 de enero a las 3:00 PM. Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse a la clase.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, Jan. 13 & 20, at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS FEEDBACK

The Stewardship and Engaged Church Commission (SECC) is looking for individuals with ideas and feedback on how information is sent and received in the parish. How do you find out about the opportunities available at the parish for you to grow in your faith or become involved in one of the many parish ministries?

The SECC invites all interested parishioners to join them for a meeting on Wednesday, Dec 13 at 7PM in the Parish Center. If you enjoy working with social media platforms or if you just have ideas about how we can improve our communications, please come share your input! Attending the meeting does not mean that you are volunteering to join a new ministry. **No obligations!** We just want to discuss what's working or not, and how we can improve.

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.



Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm

Get your Christmas tree from **Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm**. They supply our Christmas trees and wreaths. We are very grateful for their ongoing generosity and support during our Christmas season.

Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm is located at 1011 Telegraph Road, Bellingham, WA 98226. (360) 734-3488.



RACHEL'S CORNER
Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Listen and let it penetrate your heart . . . do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not in the folds of my mantle?"

- Our Lady of Guadalupe; Feast: Dec. 12

Pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "**Mystical Rose**," and let her words of mercy and peace penetrate your heart with hope.

We can help you on a Rachel's Vineyard™ retreat.

March 9-11, 2018 Seabeck WA
Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)
You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus have chartered a bus to take riders to the annual March for Life in Olympia on Monday, Jan. 22. For information, contact Joe St.Hilaire, 360-671-4836.

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Monday, December 11th

10:30 AM Funeral Mass (Dave Siden)
11:30 AM Funeral Reception
2:00 PM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group
6:30 PM God's Weigh

Tuesday, December 12th

6:00 AM Mañanitas
1:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Leader Meeting
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting
7:00 PM Our Lady de Guadalupe Fiesta
8:00 PM Adoration

Wednesday, December 13th

12:01 AM Adoration
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study
5:45 PM Benediction
6:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Blanket Makers
6:30 PM St. Teresa of Avila
6:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Teen Bible Study
7:00 PM Stewardship/Engaged Church

Thursday, December 14th

10:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mothers & Children
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Healing Prayer Class
7:00 PM RCIA Session

Friday, December 15th

10:30 AM Mass
1:30 PM Grief Support
7:00 PM School Christmas Program
8:00 PM School Christmas Program Reception

Saturday, December 16th

3rd Sunday of Advent

1:00 PM Rosary Makers
1:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass
6:00 PM Simbang Gabi Celebration

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Sunday, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass
8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal
8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Apostolados
10:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Clase de Confirmación (Adultos)
11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro
12:30 PM Misa
3:30 PM Whatcom Chorale Concert

Church
PCLR
Stafford
St. Cecilia
Teacher's Lounge
Church
PC 2nd floor
St. Cecilia
Iglesia
Church

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

There will be no 5 PM Mass on Sunday December 17, 24, and 31.



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Inviting all children in grades K-8 of Assumption Parish.

Come be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir at the 4:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Practices in the Church will be:

Wednesday, Dec. 13 & 20, 6:45 to 7:45 PM.

We need strong older voices as well as strong younger voices. If you are interested contact Susan Roland at susanroland@hotmail.com.



SIMBANG GABI

Assumption Filipino Community will celebrate the Filipino Advent tradition called **Simbang Gabi** on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the 5:00 PM Mass.

This will be followed by a Filipino dinner and folk dances in the school gym. Please bring your family and friends to celebrate with our Filipino community.

All are welcome!

Maligayang Pasko at Mabuhay!

**4TH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT MASSES**

Please mark your calendars. Due to Christmas Eve landing on Sunday, we will have two Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent.



Saturday, Dec. 23, at 5:00 PM and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 9:30 AM Bilingual

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>Stewardship</u>	Wk (12/03/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 18,408	\$ 412,936
Contributions Budget:	\$ 18,246	\$ 391,971
Over/under	\$ 162	\$ 20,965

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

<u>Debt Reduction</u>	Wk (12/03/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 555	\$ 25,236
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 24,334
Over/Under	\$ -503	\$ 902

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 214
Christmas Flowers	\$ 601

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

TAX PLANNING

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2017 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be received or postmarked by December 31st. Please note: The parish office will be closed Dec 25th through Jan 1st. You can place your gift in the collection basket at any of the December masses. If you are mailing your donation, ***it must be postmarked on or before Dec 31, 2017 in order to be applied in the 2017 calendar year.***

If you are considering a gift of stock, please contact the Archdiocese Parish Financial Services Office at 1-800-422-5417. Be sure to contact them soon if you want your gift to be recorded for 2017.

A grateful thanks to you, our faithful parishioners, for blessing the parish this past year with your Time, Talent and Treasure. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

Stewardship is...



We thank You, most loving and generous Creator, for the abundance You have bestowed on us, Your servant people.

May we use Your gifts to build Your kingdom, to help the poor, as You commanded; to bring light to a world in darkness.

May we be faithful to Your commandments.

Bless the people in our lives that we may help each other grow in Your love.

We pray in union with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen



The middle school Edge group made 100+ sandwiches for Lighthouse Mission Homeless Shelter, 4 blankets for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, and many Christmas Cards for seniors in long term care facilities.

A Stewardship Moment

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live — the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

El llamado al arrepentimiento de Juan Bautista se refleja en la carta pastoral de los obispos estadounidenses sobre la Administración de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios: "Los cristianos deben rogar a Dios por la gracia de la conversión: la gracia de saber quiénes son, a quién pertenecen, cómo deben vivir — la gracia para arrepentirse y cambiar y crecer, la gracia de transformarse en buenos discípulos y administradores de los bienes de Dios."

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