

**December 14, 2014**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.*



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

|                                  |          |            |
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| December 15                      | 10:30 AM |            |
| <b>Kay Stommes</b>               |          | <b>SI</b>  |
| December 17                      | 6:00 PM  |            |
| <b>Maria Luiza Costa Pereira</b> |          | <b>RIP</b> |
| December 18                      | 10:30 AM |            |
| <b>For All Priest</b>            |          | <b>SI</b>  |
| December 19                      | 10:30 AM |            |
| <b>Veronica Westford</b>         |          | <b>SI</b>  |
| December 20                      | 5:00 PM  |            |
| <b>Dominic Swope</b>             |          | <b>RIP</b> |
| December 21                      | 8:30 AM  |            |
| <b>Pro Populo</b>                |          | <b>SI</b>  |
|                                  | 10:30 AM |            |
| <b>Patrick Reilly</b>            |          | <b>RIP</b> |
|                                  | 12:30 PM |            |
| <b>Fr. John Horan</b>            |          | <b>RIP</b> |

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

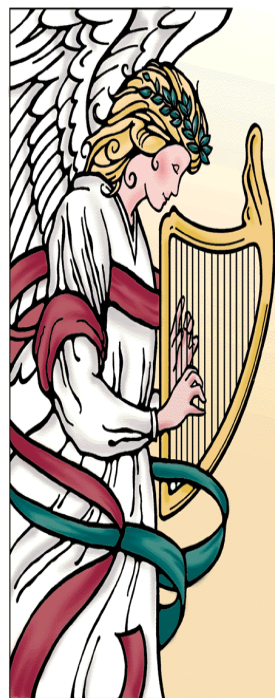
**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Room**

"God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand in time of distress." Ps.46:2.

*Christmas time can be a very lonely and painful time for those who have lost a loved one. Don't sit at home by yourself. Come and join this group. We are all on this journey, helping one and other. All are welcome.*

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of December 14, 2014**

|                                                       |                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, December 15</b>                            | Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a<br>Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9<br>Matthew 21:23-27                 |
| <b>Tuesday, December 16</b>                           | Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13<br>Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23<br>Matthew 21:28-32             |
| <b>Wednesday, December 17</b>                         | Genesis 49:2, 8-10<br>Psalm 72:3-4, 7-8, 17<br>Matthew 1:1-17                             |
| <b>Thursday, December 18</b>                          | Jeremiah 23:5-8<br>Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19<br>Matthew 1:18-25                          |
| <b>Friday, December 19</b>                            | Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a<br>Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17<br>Luke 1:5-25                        |
| <b>Saturday, December 20</b>                          | Isaiah 7:10-14<br>Psalm 24:1-4b, 5-6<br>Luke 1:26-38                                      |
| <b>Sunday, December 21</b><br>Fourth Sunday of Advent | 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16<br>Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29<br>Romans 16:25-27<br>Luke 1:26-38 |



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve**

Mass 4:00 pm  
 (There will be no incense at the 4:00 pm mass)

Mass 7:00 pm  
 Mass 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day**  
 Mass 9:30 AM

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

**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. Any questions, please call Karen at 671-1544.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**

**Wednesdays after Mass**  
**6:45-8:30 PM**

"I will lead the blind on their journey; by paths unknown I will guide them, I will turn darkness into light before them, and make crooked paths straight. These things I will do for them and I will not forsake them." Is.42:16.

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP**

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

Faith, Hope and Love.  
 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast of the glory of God." Rom. 5:1-2.

All are welcome.

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

**ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

NEED AN IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT? Be Part of a Child's Catholic Education—Give to Assumption Catholic School's Adopt a Student Program.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

CALLING 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 December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last practice is on Wednesday, December 17 in the church, from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M.

If you are interested and missed the first two practice, email Susan Roland at [susanroland@hotmail.com](mailto:susanroland@hotmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE....**

For the 15th annual *Growing Great Kids Auction & Gala Event*

Benefiting Assumption Catholic School: *Excellence in Body, Mind and Spirit*

Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Bellingham Golf and Country Club

For information please visit:

[www.school.assumption.org](http://www.school.assumption.org)

email: [growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com](mailto:growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook – Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**LIFETEEN**

(HIGH SCHOOL)

Dec. 14 ~ 6:15-8:00pm

**EDGE**

(MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Dec. 15 ~ 7:00-8:30pm

*Be sure to mark your calendars!*



**BIBLE STUDY**

A 10-week ADULT BIBLE STUDY of EPHESIANS will begin Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Stafford Room. Identical sessions are offered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. for your convenience.

Cost is \$10. For information or to pre-register call Christine at 671-9712.

**CONFIRMATION: IT'S GOOD FOR ADULTS, TOO!**

Have you ever wondered if the grace and strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that come with the sacrament of Confirmation are something you need in your faith life? New this year Assumption is offering a Confirmation program for adult Catholics. Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the LMC to learn more about our six-class program this winter. Adults in this program will be confirmed by Archbishop Sartain on Sunday, March 15, with our Parish teens. Please contact Gina DePalma in the parish office with any questions or to register.



**LA CONFIRMACIÓN: ES BUENA PARA LOS ADULTOS, TAMBIÉN!**

¿Te has preguntado si la gracia y el fortalecimiento de los Dones del Espíritu Santo, que viene con el sacramento de la Confirmación es algo que usted necesita en su vida de fe? La novedad de este año es que la Iglesia de la Asunción está ofreciendo un programa de Confirmación para adultos católicos.

Únase a nosotros el martes, 6 de enero a las 7:00 pm en la LMC para aprender más sobre nuestro programa de seis clases que serán durante este invierno. Los adultos de este programa serán confirmados por el Arzobispo Sartain el domingo 15 de marzo, con nuestros jóvenes de la parroquia.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Adriana Estrada o Gina DePalma en la oficina parroquial con cualquier pregunta o para inscribirse.

**FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS**

**ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS**

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip. It is available on the first and third Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support!

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

- Floyd Carpenter
- Chris Formicibella
- 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 Feehy
- John Hutson
- Gabriel Rodriguez
- Steven Faecke
- Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
- Keanu Franco
- Michael Dahl
- Matt Edge
- Kurt DeVries
- Cadet Garrett Burnham
- Bob Iverson
- Lt. Michael Bertschinger
- Capt. Eric Stein

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

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES** –

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help struggling couples rediscover each other and take new, positive steps to save their marriages. No matter the source of conflict in your marriage, Retrouvaille can help you.

For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **January 23-25, 2015** call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**CATHOLIC MEN:  
AN INVITATION TO THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Are you a Catholic man who is looking for a way to better serve God and His Church? Bellingham Council of the Knights of Columbus welcomes Catholic men who need more meaning in their lives, who need Christ in their lives, who would like to be involved with other Catholic men in serving God, the Church, the parish, and the community. Go to [www.kofc829.org](http://www.kofc829.org) or call Joe at 671-4836 for more information.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will be having their Christmas meeting and party on Thursday, December 18th at 1:00 in the Stafford Room at Assumption. Lunch will be served by the Board. All Ladies of the parish are invited.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

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

**Women's Shelter Training**

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Garden Street United Methodist Church  
1326 N. Garden St., Bellingham  
(only female volunteers)

As the days and nights turn darker, wetter, and colder in Whatcom County, Interfaith Coalition is preparing to open our two Severe Weather Shelters. The shelters, for women and children at Garden St. United Methodist Church, and for men at our new location, the Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center, rely on volunteers like you to provide a welcoming and safe place for the many homeless people here with nowhere to go. Please join us at one of our upcoming trainings.

Even if you can only volunteer a few times, even if you are a longtime volunteer, even if you just want to know more about the Severe Weather Shelters, plan to attend. For more information, please call Interfaith at 734-3983.

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It's the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> of December! Everyone who has adopted a family or taken an Angel Tree tag needs to bring them back to us by tomorrow at the latest! We will be having distribution of gifts this week. This is also the last week we will be open, so if you have treats or special gifts or anything holiday to drop off, now is the time. A frozen turkey dropped off at 4pm on December 19<sup>th</sup> will go to waste..... We will be closed from December 20<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>, re-opening on the 5<sup>th</sup>. This is to give our very hardworking volunteers time to spend with their families, time to visit away from home and just time to rest from the chaos that can be Hope House. Blessings to all of our Hope House family: clients, staff and donors—please pray for them and have a wonderful Christmas season! Blessings this Holy Season,  
Cheri Woolsey

**BUS TO OLYMPIA FOR MARCH FOR LIFE**

You can ride the bus to the March for Life in Olympia **Tuesday, January 20**. Mark your calendar. The bus will leave from Assumption at 6:00am and return by 5:00pm. First stop will be the Mass for Life, celebrated by Archbishop Sartain, at St. Martin's University, then proceed to the capitol for the march. Tickets will be sold at Assumption in January. The bus has been chartered by the Knights of Columbus, but riders are asked to donate \$25 each to help defray the cost. Students and others who can't afford the cost can receive a scholarship. Bring a sack lunch. Information - Call Joe St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

**Men's Shelter Training**

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center  
1013 W. Holly St., Bellingham  
(located across the street and one block north of Lighthouse Mission)  
(male and female volunteers)

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| <b>WEEK</b> | <u><b>Monday, December 15th</b></u> |                            |          |
|             | 10:30 AM                            | Mass                       | Church   |
|             | 11:30 AM                            | Rosary Prayer              | Church   |
|             | 11:30 AM                            | Pastor/Principal/Parents   | Stafford |
|             | 3:00 PM                             | Auction Committee          | Stafford |
|             | 5:30 PM                             | Just Faith                 | Stafford |
|             | 6:30 PM                             | Parents of Troubled Adults | Stafford |
| 6:30 PM     | One King Light Weigh                | PCLR                       |          |
| 6:30 PM     | Servant of the Lord Prayer Group    | St. Cecilia                |          |
| 7:00 PM     | EDGE                                | Gym                        |          |

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| <b>AK</b> | <u><b>Tuesday, December 16th</b></u> |                            |          |
|           | 3:00 PM                              | Cub Scout Pack 16          | Stafford |
|           | 3:00 PM                              | Cub Scouts                 | Room 1   |
|           | 6:00 PM                              | Frassati Young Adult Group | PCLR     |
|           | 6:30 PM                              | Adoration                  | Church   |
|           | 7:00 PM                              | Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.    | Stafford |
| 7:00 PM   | Posadas                              | Gym                        |          |

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| <b>AT</b> | <u><b>Wednesday, December 17th</b></u> |                         |          |
|           | 12:00 AM                               | Adoration               | Church   |
|           | 10:00 AM                               | Women's Scripture Study | Stafford |
|           | 3:00 PM                                | Cub Scout Pack Meeting  | Room 1   |
|           | 3:00 PM                                | Little Flowers          | Stafford |
|           | 5:45 PM                                | Benediction             | Church   |
|           | 6:00 PM                                | Mass                    | Church   |
| 6:45 PM   | Prayer Ministry                        | Church                  |          |
| 6:45 PM   | Children's Choir Rehearsal             | Church                  |          |
| 7:00 PM   | Events Planning Committee              | PCLR                    |          |
| 7:00 PM   | Posadas                                | Off-site                |          |

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| <b>GLAN</b> | <u><b>Thursday, December 18th</b></u> |                               |              |
|             | 10:30 AM                              | Mass                          | Church       |
|             | 1:00 PM                               | Catholic Daughters of America | Stafford     |
|             | 5:30 PM                               | LifeTeen Core Team            | PC 3rd Floor |
|             | 6:00 PM                               | Choir Rehearsal (8:30)        | Church       |
|             | 6:30 PM                               | Prayer Ministry Potluck Mtg.  | Stafford     |
|             | 7:00 PM                               | RCIA                          | LMC          |
| 7:00 PM     | Posadas                               | Off-site                      |              |
| 7:30 PM     | Choir Rehearsal (10:30)               | Church                        |              |

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| <b>ANCE</b> | <u><b>Friday, December 19th</b></u> |                   |          |
|             | 10:30 AM                            | Mass              | Church   |
|             | 1:30 PM                             | Grief Support     | Stafford |
|             | 7:00 PM                             | Christmas Program | Church   |
| 7:00 PM     | Christmas Program Reception         | Gym               |          |

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| <b>ANCE</b> | <u><b>Saturday, December 20th</b></u> |                  |             |
|             | 1:00 PM                               | Rosary Makers    | Stafford    |
|             | 3:00 PM                               | Cantor Rehearsal | St. Cecilia |
|             | 3:30 PM                               | Reconciliation   | Church      |
|             | 5:00 PM                               | Mass             | Church      |
|             | 7:00 PM                               | Posadas          | Off-site    |
| 7:00 PM     | Pastoral Council                      | Off-site         |             |

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| <u><b>Sunday, December 21st</b></u> |                                   |                  |
| <u><b>4th Sunday of Advent</b></u>  |                                   |                  |
| 7:45 AM                             | English Choir Rehearsal           | Church           |
| 8:30 AM                             | RCIA/C Dismissal                  | Teacher's Lounge |
| 8:30 AM                             | RCIA Dismissal                    | PCLR             |
| 8:30 AM                             | Mass                              | Church           |
| 9:30 AM                             | English Choir Rehearsal           | Church           |
| 9:30 AM                             | RCIA/C Sessions                   | Stafford         |
| 9:30 AM                             | Coffee Hour                       | Gym              |
| 10:30 AM                            | Mass                              | Church           |
| 10:30 AM                            | Children's Liturgy of the Word    | LMC              |
| 11:30 AM                            | Coffee Hour                       | Gym              |
| 11:30 AM                            | Ensayo de Coro                    | St. Cecilia      |
| 12:30 PM                            | Misa                              | Iglesia          |
| 12:30 PM                            | Liturgia de la Palabra para niños | LMC              |
| 2:00 PM                             | Christmas Set-up                  | Church           |
| 7:00 PM                             | Posadas                           | Off-site         |



**CHRISTMAS CLEANING/DECORATING**

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space to help us clean the church in preparation for Christmas. We are spreading the cleaning chores out over several days so we can do it more thoroughly. Cleaning time is from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm on December 19 and 22. Cleaning supplies are provided. Christmas decorating will occur on Sunday, December 21 starting at 2:00 pm. Come join the fun!

**SUNDAY EVENING MASS**

There will be no 5 PM Mass on Sunday December 21 & 28.

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for one hour from 2 - 3pm at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St. in Bellingham). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, December 21, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. For more information call Kathy St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

**RACHEL'S CORNER**

Hope and Healing After Abortion

*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool. If you are willing and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land.* - Isaiah 1:18-19

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and experience the mercy and "good things" of Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

**March 6-8, 2015**

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

***You are loved with an everlasting Love!***

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

|                                 | Wk(12/07/2014) | Month     | YTD               |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Contributions needed:           | \$18,173       | \$ 18,173 | \$ 417,979        |
| Contributions received:         | \$22,426       | \$ 22,426 | \$ 392,106        |
| Over/ <u>under</u> for wk/mo/yr | \$ 4,253       | \$ 4,253  | <b>-\$ 25,873</b> |

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

|                                 | Wk(12/07/2014) | Month    | YTD              |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------|
| <b>Debt Reduction</b>           |                |          |                  |
| Contributions needed:           | \$ 1,058       | \$ 1,058 | \$ 24,334        |
| Contributions received:         | \$ 1,358       | \$ 1,358 | \$ 16,472        |
| Over/ <u>Under</u> for wk/mo/yr | \$ 300         | \$ 300   | <b>-\$ 7 863</b> |

## GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Hope House        | \$ 211 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 485 |

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

## PLEDGE PAYMENT REMINDER

As we near the end of the calendar year, now is the time to catch up any missed pledge payments. We will be reporting your 2014 contributions to you in January. Also, in January the parish must make the annual pension plan payment, so any additional cash flow at this time would be very much appreciated.

## TAX PLANNING

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2014 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be in the parish office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note: The parish office will be closed Dec 24th through Jan 1st. You can mail your gift or place it in the collection basket at any of the December masses. If you are mailing in the payment, the **postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2014 in order to be applied in the 2014 calendar year.**

## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Assumption Church offers electronic giving as a convenience to you. To sign-up go to our web site [www.assumption.org](http://www.assumption.org); click on the dove found on the home page, above "God Gives it All -Then Calls Us to Share". This will take you to Vanco, our EFT provider, where you can set-up an account and manage your gifts to the parish either through your checking account or credit card. Or you can set up "bill pay" through your bank; adding Assumption to your automatic monthly bill paying cycle.



★ Thank You! ★  
★ Thank You! ★

Thank you for this wonderful year full of generosity and grace. Thank you in advance for all who are helping us clean the church and prepare for this holy season. Thank you to all the amazing people that make up this wonderful parish community. And may the coming year be full of peace and a time of spiritual deepening.

### A Stewardship Moment

All of the people in today's reading — the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist — seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

### Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Todas las personas en las lecturas de hoy — el profeta Isaías, la Virgen María, San Pablo, San Juan Bautista — parecían entender claramente y regocijarse en lo que Dios les decía que deberían ser y hacer. ¿Lo hago yo?

Stewardship is  WORK

God,

Take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will — all that I have and call my own.

You have given it all to me; To you, God, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace.

That is enough for me. Amen