


December 15, 2013
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*In the person of Jesus,
 God has come to heal and save us.
 Patiently, yet joyfully, we await
 the fulfillment of his advent.*



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL
 LIFE**

December 16	10:30 AM	
Myron & Annette Yeend	RIP	
December 18	6:00 PM	
Sid Hammond	RIP	
December 19	10:30 PM	
Allen Larsen	RIP	
December 20	10:30 AM	
Jacob Kheriaty	SI	
December 21	5:00 PM	
Clarence Pitzer	RIP	
December 22	8:30 AM	
David Lu	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Ángel Gabriel Flores	RIP	

 This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of : **John Sternhagen**

Daily Worship
Week of December 15, 2013

Monday, December 16	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25:4-9 Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday, December 17	Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Luke 1:1-17
Wednesday, December 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday, December 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25
Friday, December 20	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, December 21 Saint Peter Conisius	Songs of Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45
Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-6 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24



**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
 Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Christmas Day
 Mass 10:30 AM

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

New Year's Day
 Feast of Mary, Mother of
 God
 Mass at 6:00 pm

**EVENING PRAYER
 and
 EXPOSITION OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Tuesday eves.
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.
 For any changes please call Karen
 at 671-1544.

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

"As indeed God says in Hosea:
 "Those who were not my people
 I will call my 'people,'
 and her who was not beloved
 I will call 'beloved.'
 And in the very place where it
 is said to them,
 'You are not my people,'
 they shall be called
 children of the living God."
 Romans 9:25-26.
 All are welcome, it is confidential
 and quiet.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER
 GROUP**

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St.
 Cecilia Room.
 We are starting a new group meet-
 ing every Monday evening. If you
 would like to learn more of the
 gifts of the Holy Spirit that you
 received at Baptism, joyful
 song, praise and fellowship, come
 join us.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Rm.
 All are welcome.

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.

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.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

You are invited to participate in our last advent prayer service with Assumption Catholic School on December 16 at 8:15AM.

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 24th.

You can still join us for the last practice. The last practice will be on Wednesday, December 18, in the church, from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M.

If you are interested email Susan Roland sroland@school.assumption.org.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will have their Christmas meeting Thursday, December 19th at 12:30PM in the Stafford Room at Assumption. Lunch will be provided by the Board. There will be a cookie exchange. Remember, Bartley is collecting gifts for our Hope House family, Monday, Dec, 16th at 10:00AM.

ASSUMPTION MUSIC MINISTRY

1. "Sound Technicians needed! Assumption Music Ministry needs your help to improve our sound! No prior experience necessary—complete professional training provided if needed. This position can be counted as volunteer hours for grade school and even be a part of a senior project for high school."

2. "Christmas Choir! All singers are invited to join our Christmas Choir to sing for Midnight Mass and/or Christmas Day 10:30am. We will rehearse the first four Monday evenings in December from 6:30-8:30pm in the Church. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas during the Advent season! Be a part of our big and beautiful sound with voices, brass, strings and organ! We will provide everything that you need. Please contact Angus McDonell our Pastoral Assistant for Music Ministry if you are interested."

SEEKING JESUS?

Find CHRIST IN THE PSALMS, a 12-week Bible study beginning Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Sessions are held in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m., repeated at 7 p.m., your choice. Cost is \$10. For further information or to register call Christine at 671-9712.



CHRISTMAS CLEANING

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 1:30 pm on December 20 and 23. Cleaning supplies are provided. Come join the fun!

ST. JUDE ROOM

We are working to make the St. Jude room neater and better organized. This could change the way you have used that room in the past. If you are a user of the St. Jude Room, please contact the office and let them know what your needs are. If you have a key to that room, please also tell the office. Thank you.

THANK YOU GARDEN SPOT!

Thank you to the Garden Spot Nursery for providing the beautiful greenery for our parish Prayer Vigil. All the wonderful plants on the altar contributed to the peaceful environment as we prayed for one another. Thank you Garden Spot for your generosity!

WHATCOM CHORALE AT ASSUMPTION

Please come celebrate the profound gift of this most holy season at a concert of sacred choral music performed by Whatcom Chorale at Assumption Church on Sunday, December 15, at 3pm. Much of the music, which dates from the Renaissance up to the 20th century, was intentionally written to be sung in acoustically rich churches before an assembly of believers. The music, the season, our church and you are all a perfect match! Please plan to attend.

Tickets are available at Village Books, Piper Music, The Greenhouse, and both Food Co-Op locations in Bellingham. Ticket prices are adults: \$20, seniors and students: \$15, under 18 yrs: \$5.

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 ya 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
Cadet Garrett Burnham*

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO

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
 Dan Kamkoff
 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

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER TRAINING

The Severe Weather Shelters provide safety, food and a warm welcome to homeless people. The shelters are staffed by volunteers from 5PM to 8 AM. Become a Severe Weather Shelter volunteer and experience the grace of giving and also the grace of receiving the gratitude of the guests.

Join us Monday, December 16 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for a volunteer training. Interested individuals and couples may volunteer for one of three shifts. Only female volunteers staff the women's shelter, but women also may work at the men's shelter during the evening and morning shifts. The trainings will be offered at the two shelter sites. Please go to the site where you are interested in volunteering. The men's shelter is at Faith Lutheran Church, 2750 McLeod Road, and the women's and children's shelter is at Garden St. United Methodist Church, 1326 N. Garden St. in Bellingham. For additional information, please call Interfaith at 734-3983.

FRASSATI SOCIETY NORTH WEST

Our mission is to follow Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati's example of discipleship through a community of weekly fellowship, faith sharing, and spiritual enrichment.

Tuesdays
 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Our young adult group is only as strong as the gifts of the community.

For more information:
FrassatiNW@gmail.com

Be prepared to share your gifts, faith, and knowledge to help strengthen our community for it is in giving that we receive.

Meets weekly in the Assumption Parish Center

Young Adults (20s - 30s)
 helping each other travel the narrow road to Heaven.

Però l'alto
TO THE HEIGHTS!



Tomorrow is the last day to bring your family or Angel Tree gifts back!! We are open tomorrow from 9-12. We NEED to have those gifts by noon tomorrow--we are putting it all together for distribution to our families this week. God bless every one of you for sharing with those less fortunate in our community.

Hope House will be closed from December 21 thru January 1st. for a much needed break for our volunteer staff. We will re-open on January 2nd. Please do not leave donations during this time.

Blessings this Advent,
 Cheri Woolsey

YOUNG ADULT CHOIR—SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Assumption will be having a young adult choir sing at the Saturday evening Mass on the 4th Saturday of every month, with our next one being on January 25th. If you love praising God through song or through playing a musical instrument, please consider joining us! Our next young adult choir will be on Saturday, January 25th. Please meet for rehearsal at Assumption at 3:30pm, prior to the 5pm Mass. Contact Chelsea Madura for more information: chelseam@assumption.org

YOUNG ADULT- THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us for beers, fellowship and faith-filled discussions on Wednesday, January 22nd after Assumption's 6pm Mass! We'll be meeting at a local Bellingham pub to listen to a guest speaker discuss a topic about our faith. Please contact Chelsea Madura for more information: chelseam@assumption.org

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS are sponsoring the 2014 Education Contest with the themes of "Jesus Loves Us, How Do We Spread that Love?" and "How Do I Promote Peace In The World?" This contest is open to all youth from the 4th grade through the 12th grade. Details are posted on the Assumption Church website and on the Assumption School website.

WEEK	<u>Monday, December 16th</u>		
	8:15 AM	School Advent Prayer Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	3:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Gym
	6:00 PM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Just Faith	PC 2nd floor
	6:30 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Cecilia
	6:30 PM	Parents of Troubled Adults	Stafford
	7:00 PM	Edge	PC 3rd floor

AT	<u>Tuesday, December 17th</u>		
	3:00 PM	Basketball Practice	Gym
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Stafford
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	7:00 PM	Posada—St. Joseph	Ferndale

AL	<u>Wednesday, December 18th</u>		
	12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
	5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
	6:00 PM	Mass	Church

AL	6:45 PM	Children Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church
	7:00 PM	Posada—St. Anne	Blaine
	<u>Thursday, December 19th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church

ANCE	11:30 AM	Pro Life Rosary	Church
	12:30 PM	Catholic Daughters of America	Stafford
	7:00 PM	RCIA Catechumenate	LMC
	7:00 PM	Posada—Sacred Heart	Bellingham
	<u>Friday, December 20th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church

	11:30 AM	Rosary Prayer Group	Church
	1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
	7:00 PM	School Christmas Program	Gym
	7:00 PM	Grupo de Compartir el Evangelio	LMC
	7:00 PM	Posada—St. Joachim	Lummi

<u>Saturday, December 21st</u>		
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Posada—St. Joseph	Lynden
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council	Off-site

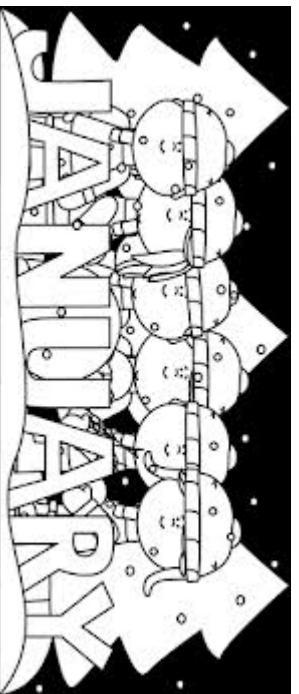
<u>Sunday, December 22nd</u>		
<u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>		
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Capital Campaign Follow-up Team Training	Gym
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:00 AM	Grupo de Oración	Room 1
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
7:00 PM	Posada—St. Peter	Diming

SUNDAY EVENING MASS CHANGES
 There will be no 5 PM Mass on Sunday December 15, 22, 29.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL
 Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2 - 3pm at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, December 15, 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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
 Please join the ecumenical prayer vigil for the Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities in Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East and the world.
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
5:30pm – 6pm
 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
 2117 Walnut St., Bellingham, 360-733-2890

PARISH OFFICE
 Please keep in mind that our Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24th through Jan 1st. If you need to purchase Fr. Scott's book "The Dance of a Christian Life" for a Christmas gift, Monday the 23rd will be the last day.



2014

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

Please remove from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of January events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.

5 Epiphany of the Lord

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Capital Campaign Rally 7PM

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Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM
PTC General Meeting 7PM

9

Pastoral Council 7PM

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Confirmation Retreat

11

Chess Tournament 7AM
Baptism Class 9:30AM

12 Baptism of the Lord

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School Open House 9:30AM

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Nursing Home Mass 2PM
Stewardship/Engaged Church 7PM

16

Pastoral Care Committee 6PM

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Homebound Ministry Mtg 10AM
Catechist Certification Class 2PM

19 School Fundraising Meal 9:30AM

20

No Mass or Word & Communion Service
Office Closed

21

Mass for Life in Olympia 9:30AM

22

Life, Justice & Peace 7PM
School Commission 7PM
Theology on Tap 7PM

23

Finance Council 7PM

24

Fulcrum Foundation Dinner in Seattle

25

Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

26



COMMUNITY MEAL 1:00 PM

27

St. Thomas Aquinas

28

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

29

Word & Communion Service 10:30AM

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Word & Communion Service 10:30AM

31

St. John Bosco
ALL PARISH CELEBRATION DINNER 6:30PM



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(12/08/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,404	\$34,808	\$400,292
Contributions received:	\$23,028	\$39,504	\$395,475
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 5,624	\$ 4,696	-\$ 4,817

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(12/08/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 2,116	\$24,334
Contributions received:	\$21,186	\$21,366	\$42,707
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	\$20,128	\$19,250	\$18,373

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 2,291
Christmas Flowers	\$ 333

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

TAIZE PRAYER

Join us at Sacred Heart Parish for **TAIZE: Candlelight Service in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.** It all begins at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday Nights, Dec. 10 and 17 during Advent. In keeping with the season's emphasis on preparing for the Incarnation of Christ the Lord, we will conclude the celebration in the light of a multitude of candles by meditating upon the Joyful Mysteries of Jesus in the Prayer of the Most Holy Rosary. Benediction and Mass follows. Reconciliation will also be offered at its normal time from 5-6 pm. Invite your friends as all are welcome. We had a really successful service this last Tuesday, so we wanted to extend our invitation to all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

TAX PLANNING

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2013 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be in the parish office by December 31st. 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, 2013 in order to be applied in the 2013 calendar year.**

THE YEAR OF FAITH HAS ENDED, BUT OUR STUDY OF THE FAITH CONTINUES!

Join flocknote to Read the Catechism in a Year and Study the Gospels in a Year

This Advent, flocknote.com is renewing its service of providing a free, daily email containing a piece of the Catechism to the inbox of registered users. It will start from the beginning and use the Q & A format found in the YouCat (Youth Catechism). New this Advent is their complementary program of providing daily snippets of the Gospels along with Ignatius Study Bible commentary!

To sign up go to: flocknote.com/catechism and flocknote.com/gospels.

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

El Evangelio de hoy provee un bosquejo detallado para la buena administración de los bienes de Dios: "El que tenga dos capas, que dé una al que no tiene, y el que tenga de comer, haga lo mismos."



Loving Lord, our God, giver of life and everything good,

You sent Jesus into our world to teach us of Your love and mercy.

Send Your Spirit upon us Lord, to teach us to be generous — with praise, with kindness, with charity.

You have blessed us in so many ways; our lives, our abilities, and our resources.

Help us to return those gifts to You in gratitude for all we have received.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen