

December 17, 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

Joy

December 17, 2017
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

December 20	6:00 PM
InaBelle Kennedy	RIP
December 21	10:30 AM
Ruie Dunnigan	RIP
December 22	10:30 AM
Joseph Sroka	RIP
December 23	5:00 PM
Walter, Helen, Janet Belzek	RIP
December 24	9:30 AM
Maria Luisa Costa	RIP
	4:00 PM
Rosita Lopez Quiroga	RIP
	7:00 PM
Clarence Pitzer	RIP
	10:00 PM
Pro Populo	

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

Daily Worship
Week of December 17, 2017

Monday, December 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday, December 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-6, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday, December 20	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, December 21 Saint Peter Canisius	Song of Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45
Friday, December 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd Luke 1:46-56
Saturday, December 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66
Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:1-6 Hebrews 1:1-6 Luke 2:1-20



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

"You, whom I have called my servant, whom I have chosen and will not cast off. Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." Isaiah 41: 9b-10.
 All are welcome.

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

"Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the victor I shall give some of the hidden manna; I will also give a white amulet upon which is inscribed a new name, which no one knows except the one receives it." Rev. 2: 17.
 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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Candy Christensen

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

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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

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION! Your voice can help the Catholic Church more effectively advocate on key issues in Olympia, such as abortion, the death penalty, fighting poverty, and improving safety for all schools. Serving as the common voice of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State, the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) advocates for public policies that promote life and justice. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to join the WSCC Catholic Advocacy Network. **Sign up today** to receive important alerts and easy access for communicating with your state legislators. Just go to the WSCC website – www.theWSCC.org -- and click on **Join Our Advocacy Network**.

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

LET GOD IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE
“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; . . .” Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your 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.

NEED A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS OR ANY OTHER TIME?
Assumption Rosary Makers has lots of rosaries for sale. We repair and accept old and broken rosaries. Call Marilee (360) 671-3211

2018 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST
The theme for this year is "The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us, We Are Filled With Joy" Psalm 126
The contest is open to students in grades 4 - 8. If you are a student who doesn't attend Assumption Catholic School and would like to participate, please contact Jo Hulse at 360-243-0745. The due date is February 1, 2018. Entry possibilities include Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, or Photography.



God has blessed Hope House with many wonderful donors who adopted whole families—bless you all! We also have wonderful and dedicated supporters who make sure our annual Angel Tree tags always disappear! More blessings! We **NEED** all of these gifts back to Hope House by noon on Monday, the 18th! We will be distributing gifts to families Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Please help our stress level by making sure you get them in no later than Monday at noon!
We are removing the donation box from the church for the holidays. We will be closed the 20th thru January 1st, reopening on the 2nd. Please save any donations at home until we reopen— thanks in advance!



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.

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 18th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer Church
 2:00 PM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
 4:30 PM Cub Scout Webelos 2 Room 1
 6:00 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Room 1
 6:30 PM God's Weigh PCLR
7:00 PM Vietnamese Mass Church
 7:00 PM Buildings Grounds Committee PC 2nd floor

Tuesday, December 19th

6:30 PM Adoration Church
 6:30 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review Stafford
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting Gym
 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class LMC

Wednesday, December 20th

12:01 AM Adoration Church
 5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM Mass Church
 6:45 PM Children's Choir rehearsal Church
 7:00 PM Parish Life and Socials Stafford

Thursday, December 21st

10:30 AM **Funeral Mass (Dunnigan) Church**
 1:15 AM Catholic Daughters of America Stafford
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, December 22nd

10:30 AM **Mass Church**
 1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford

Saturday, December 23rd

4th Sunday of Advent
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
5:00 PM Mass Church

Sunday, December 24th ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM Mass (Bilingual) Church
 10:30 AM Christmas Set-up Church
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Children) Church
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Youth/International) Church
 8:15 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Solemn Night) Church

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day ~ Office Closed
 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM Christmas Mass Church
 12:00 PM Lighthouse Christmas Dinner Gym

**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.

Last Practice in the Church will be:

Wednesday, Dec. 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.



**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

MISAS DEL 4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Por favor marque su calendario.

Este año la Nochebuena cae el mismo día que el 4º domingo de Adviento. Esto resulta que tendremos dos Misas para el 4º domingo de Adviento. Por favor tome en cuenta que no habrá misa en Español.

Sábado, 23 de diciembre, a las 5:00 PM y

Domingo, 24 de diciembre, a las 9:30 a.m. Bilingüe



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, 1º de enero a las 10:30 de la mañana.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>Stewardship</u>	Wk (12/10/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 30,328	\$ 443,264
Contributions Budget:	\$ 30,740	\$ 422,711
Over/under	\$ -412	\$ 20,553

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

<u>Debt Reduction</u>	Wk (12/10/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 2,511	\$ 27,747
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 25,392
Over/Under	\$ 1,453	\$ 2,355

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 2,252
Christmas Flowers	\$ 280

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.

OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School recognizes Taylor King (Class of '13) for being honored as an Eagle Scout this past weekend. The school partners with the Church of the Assumption to support our local Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop which now claims 28 Eagle Scouts since its inception. Taylor continues to be a distinguished graduate of Assumption and is now a part-time custodian of the school while he works toward his goal of working for U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

Please also visit our website to find job postings for an assistant wrestling coach beginning in late January, a head coach for track and field beginning in March, and a part-time activities director for 2018-19. If you are interested, you can find the postings on the school's website at www.school.assumption.org or email Dan Anderson at danderson@school.assumption.org.

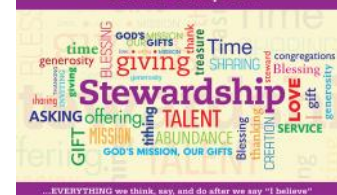


PLEASE COME AND HELP

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.

Stewardship is...



Bless us Lord as we, Your humble servants, come before You on our Stewardship journey to grow in Your likeness. May we be ever mindful of the blessings that You have bestowed upon us on a daily basis.

Help us to understand that as we grow in Stewardship together as individuals, faith communities and as a nation, we grow only because of Your benevolence.

May we use this time on earth that You have given us to make a difference, to open our eyes to the little things of life, to not be overwhelmed to the point that we delay our journey.

When we accept the challenge of Stewardship and see Your face in the downtrodden, in the sick, in the dying, in the unborn, may we know it is only because of Your grace that we are able to accept that challenge.

Amen

A Stewardship Moment

All of the people in today's readings — 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?