

December 18, 2016

# Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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Prayer Line #4240

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HOPE HOUSE/Emergency Assistance

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

Love

**December 18, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

*Happy 4th week of Advent!*



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

December 21	10:30 AM	
<b>Jesus Pablo</b>		<b>RIP</b>
December 22	10:30 AM	
<b>Marge Ainsworth</b>		<b>RIP</b>
December 23	10:30 AM	
<b>Edith Gaglione</b>		<b>RIP</b>
December 24	4:00 PM	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		
	7:00 PM	
<b>John Blackwell</b>		<b>SI</b>
	10:00 PM	
<b>Fr. Gary Morelli</b>		<b>RIP</b>
December 25	9:30 AM	
<b>Peter Tran</b>		<b>RIP</b>

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:  
**Jakie Boudreau**

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of December 18, 2016**

<b>Monday, December 19</b>	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Luke 1:5-15
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> Saint Peter Canisius	Song of Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45
<b>Thursday, December 22</b>	1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8 Luke 1:46-56
<b>Friday, December 23</b> Saint John of Kanty	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25:4c-5b, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66
<b>Saturday, December 24</b>	Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96 Hebrew 1:1-6 Luke 2:1-20
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> The Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96 Hebrew 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.

**WINTER BIBLE STUDY**  
**PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS**

Is a 7-week, no-homework-required Bible study beginning **Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017**. Take a closer look at several of the people you've met in the Gospels, and find your faith growing. Identical sessions meet on **Tuesdays in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.**, for your choice and convenience. Materials fee is \$5. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Call Christine at 671-9712 for further information and to pre-register.

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



**Tuesday evenings**  
**beginning at 6:30 PM.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday morning. We won't have Benediction this Wednesday due to a funeral Mass at 10:30 AM.

Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on **Tuesdays at 11:30 PM, and on Wednesdays at 3:30 & 4:30 PM.** If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

**MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP**

**Mondays, 6-8 PM, St. Cecilia Rm.**

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High. To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night."

Ps. 92:2-3.

All are welcome.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**

Wednesdays in the church after the 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 - 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

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

"He shall call upon me and I will deliver him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him; with length of days I will gratify him and show him my salvation."

Ps. 91:15-15.

We are having a Christmas potluck on Friday 23rd, starting 12 PM. All are welcome, especially those who came for healing support and now are living their new lives.

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

### OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Throughout that week, each day will be a chance to celebrate the people in our community from parishioners to the people within our school. Catholic education is alive and strong in Whatcom County and we want to demonstrate student learning. Everyone is invited to a “Night of the Arts” beginning at 6:30 pm in the gym on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** followed by an Open House. Come see what students are doing at Assumption and learn more about our school!

### A LETTER FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The days and weeks that follow any election are often a period of uncertainty for all. We know and understand the fear and anxiety many of you have been experiencing. Be assured that your family, the Church, is with you and embraces you. Our doctrine and mission remain the same. As Pope Francis reminds us constantly, we are all called to live Christian Charity and to protect and defend the dignity of every human being, especially the poor and most vulnerable. United with all U.S. bishops, we will continue to safeguard and maintain the wellbeing of those entrusted to our care. We will continue working with our government to bring about a just and effective solution for all who have fled persecution, violence and poverty in order to build a better life for themselves and their families. The Archdiocese of Seattle will continue to offer its programs and services to assist you in the path to citizenship and to keep all families united. Remember that our loving Father, who knows all things and has numbered even the hairs on your head, will watch over and protect you and your families. Let your trust in the Lord and our Blessed Mother remain strong, as we continue to pray for one another, for our leaders and our nation.  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain  
Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo  
Archbishop of Seattle Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

### GIVE THE GIFT OF A LOVING MARRIAGE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Would you like a more loving marriage? Do you wish to heal past hurts and rekindle the warmth you once felt? The Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) program can help. Make a commitment this Christmas season to begin healing your marriage. There is no better gift. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning February 10-12, 2017 call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 23

Again this new year a bus will take riders to the Mass for Life and the March for Life in Olympia on Monday, January 23. This will be the seventh consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus, but a sufficient number of riders is needed to make it worthwhile. The bus would leave from Assumption at 6am and return by 5pm. If you are interested, please call Joe St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

### UNA CARTA DE NUESTRO ARZOBISPO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, Los días y semanas posteriores a cualquier elección son a menudo un período de incertidumbre para todos. Sabemos y comprendemos el miedo y ansiedad que muchos de ustedes han estado experimentando. Les aseguramos que su familia, la Iglesia, está con ustedes y los abraza. Nuestra doctrina y misión permanece la misma. Como el Papa Francisco nos recuerda constantemente, estamos llamados a vivir la caridad cristiana y a proteger y defender la dignidad de todo ser humano, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables.  
Unidos con todos los obispos de los Estados Unidos, continuaremos salvaguardando y manteniendo el bienestar de aquellos encomendados a nuestro cuidado. Continuaremos trabajando con nuestro gobierno para alcanzar una solución justa y efectiva para todos los que han huido de la persecución, la violencia y la pobreza por construir una vida mejor para sí mismos y sus familias. La Arquidiócesis de Seattle continuará ofreciendo sus programas y servicios para ayudarlos en el camino a la ciudadanía y para mantener a todas las familias unidas. Acuérdense que nuestro Padre amoroso, quien conoce todas las cosas y tiene contados hasta los cabellos de su cabeza, los cuidará y protegerá a ustedes y a sus familias. Que su fe en el Señor y en nuestra Bendita Madre permanezca fuerte, mientras continuamos orando los unos por los otros, por nuestros líderes y por nuestra nación.  
Sinceramente en Cristo,  
Exmo. J. Peter Sartain  
Exmo. Eusebio Elizondo  
Arzobispo de Seattle Obispo Auxiliar de Seattle

### FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

### 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 Feely*  
*John Hutson*  
*Steven Faecke*  
*Lt Col Gregory DeMarco*  
*Keanu Franco*  
*Michael Dahl*  
*Matt Edge*  
*Kurt DeVries*  
*2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham*  
*Bob Iverson*  
*Lt. Michael Bertschinger*  
*Capt. Eric Stein*  
*Caleb Trottnor*  
*Lt. Col. Richard Weyker*

<b>W E E K</b>	<b><u>Monday, December 19th</u></b>	
	10:30 AM	Word & Communion Church
	11:30 AM	Centering Prayer Church
	6:00 PM	Monday Night Prayer Group St. Cecilia
	6:30 PM	Children's Choir rehearsal Church
	6:30 PM	God's Weigh PCLR
	7:00 PM	Posada Gym
<b>A T A</b>	<b><u>Tuesday, December 20th</u></b>	
	9:00 AM	Church Deep Cleaning Church
	6:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review Stafford
	6:30 PM	Multicultural Choir Rehearsal PC 2nd floor
	6:30 PM	Adoration Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	7:00 PM	Posada Gym
<b>G L A N C E</b>	<b><u>Wednesday, December 21st</u></b>	
	12:00 AM	Adoration Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study Stafford
	10:30 AM	Funeral Mass (Jesus Pablo) Church
	6:00 PM	<b>No Mass</b>
	6:45 PM	Healing Prayer Ministry Church
	7:00 PM	Posada Gym
	<b><u>Thursday, December 22nd</u></b>	
	10:30 AM	Mass Church
	11:30 AM	Decorate for Christmas Church
	1:15 PM	Catholic Daughters of America Stafford
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Church
	7:00 PM	Posada Gym
	<b><u>Friday, December 23rd</u></b>	
	10:30 AM	Mass Church
	11:30 AM	Church Cleaning Church
	1:30 PM	Grief Support Group Stafford
	7:00 PM	Posada Gym
	<b><u>Saturday, December 24th</u></b>	
	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (Children's) Church
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (Youth/Multilingual) Church
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal St. Cecilia
	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass (Solemn Night) Church
	<b><u>Sunday, December 25th~ Christmas Day</u></b>	
	8:00 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 18, 25, and January 1st.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Our Parish Office will be closed from Monday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> through Monday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 Saturday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last practice date will be **MONDAY, Dec. 19 in the church, from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.**

If you are interested, please email Susan Roland at [sroland@school.assumption.org](mailto:sroland@school.assumption.org)

**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 18, rain, snow, 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.

**COME AND HELP**




Come help clean the church for Christmas Mass. We will be cleaning on Tuesday, December 20 at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Friday, December 23 from 11:30 to 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.



Thanks to everyone who adopted a family or took tags off our Angel Tree—you have no idea the difference you make in others' lives. Please remember to get your family gifts back as soon as possible, and if you took a tag from the tree, we need those back NO LATER than Sunday, Dec. 18, please! The family gifts need to be back NO LATER than the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 20.

We are also in need of warm socks, gloves, hats and blankets—everyone is very cold! Remember that we are closed from Dec. 21 — Jan. 2, 2017 God bless you all and Merry Christmas! Cheri Woolsey

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>              No 5PM Mass</p>	<p>2 <i>Office Closed</i>  <b>No Mass or Word &amp; Communion Service</b></p>	<p>3 Adult Bible Study begins 2PM or 7PM</p>	<p>4 St. Joseph Hospital Mass 2PM            Faith Formation Commission 7PM            Parish Life &amp; Socials 7PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Mass with School 10:30AM</p>	<p>7 Chess Tournament 7AM            Liturgy Planning Committee 1PM            Class Bautismal 3PM</p>
<p>8 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>            Confirmation Rite #2 5PM</p>	<p>9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 PTC General Meeting 7PM            Spiritual Life &amp; Worship Commission 7PM</p>	<p>12 Pastoral Council 7PM</p>	<p>13 Mass with School 10:30AM</p>	<p>14 Boy Scout Badge Workshop 9:45AM            Bring a Friend to Mass 5PM</p>
<p>15 </p>	<p>16   <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>No Mass or Word &amp; Communion Service</b></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Nursing Home Mass 2PM            School Commission 7PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Pinewood Derby 9AM            Confirmation Rite #3 5PM</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 Mass for Life in Lacey WA 9:30AM  </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>            Life, Justice &amp; Peace Commission 7PM</p>	<p>26 Word &amp; Communion 10:30AM            Pastoral Care Committee 7PM            Finance Council 7PM</p>	<p>27 Mass with School 10:30AM</p>	<p>28             Community Meal 1PM</p>
<p>29 Catholic Schools Week  </p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Stewardship</b>	Wk(12/11/2016)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions <b>Received:</b>	\$ 29,874	\$ 410,796
Contributions Budget:	\$ 22,569	\$ 412,174
<b>Over/under</b>	\$ 7,305	<b>-\$ 1,378</b>

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

<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(12/11/2016)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions <b>Received:</b>	\$ 1,955	\$ 17,500
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 25,392
<b>Over/Under</b>	\$ 897	<b>-\$ 7,892</b>

## GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	2,090
Christmas Flowers	\$	109

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



Gracious and loving Father,

We rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus Your Son.

Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch, to offer him living worship by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters.

Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

Send Your Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve.

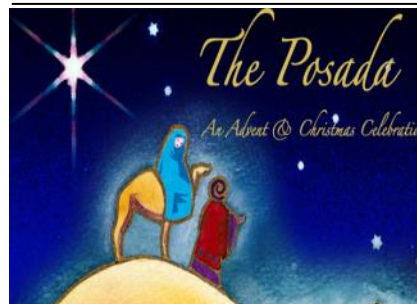
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

Amen

## TAX PLANNING

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2016 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 26th through Jan 2nd. 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, 2016 in order to be applied in the 2016 calendar year.**



## POSADA

**DECEMBER, 18-23,  
7:00 PM IN THE GYM**

Come and join us for one or all six posadas.

**POSADA DEL 18 AL 23 DE  
DICIEMBRE A LAS 7:00 PM EN  
EL GIMNASIO**

Los invitamos a que vengan a una o a las seis posadas.

*Whatcom Chorale* & *Whatcom Sinfonia*  
Deborah Brown  
Artistic Director & Conductor



Susan Bennerstrom, Wing

## RADIANCE

Sacred Antiphonal Works  
Celebrating the Christmas Season

*Choir, Brass & Organ*

Sunday, December 18, 2016, 3:00 PM

Assumption Catholic Church

2116 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham

Tickets at Piper Music, Downtown Bellingham Food Coop, Village Books,  
Everybody's Store, online & at the door.

Information: [www.whatcomchorale.org](http://www.whatcomchorale.org)

## A Stewardship Moment

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

## Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Cundo José descubrió que María estaba embarazada, resolvió terminar su compromiso con la mínima desgracia posible. Pero obediente a la voz de Dios, cambió sus planes y se convirtió en el protector del niño Jesús y de Su madre María. ¡Dios permita que yo esté igualmente abierto a la dirección del Espíritu Santo!