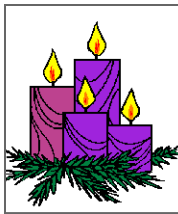


December 21, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

December 24	4:00 PM
Pro Populo	
	7:00 PM
Clarence Pitzer	RIP
	10:00 PM
Fr. John Horan	RIP
December 25	9:30 AM
Gage Tolliver	RIP
December 27	5:00 PM
John & Nina Sternhagen	RIP
December 28	8:30 AM
Sue & Chuck McGroddy	SI
	10:30 AM
Peter Tran	RIP
	12:30 PM
Pro Populo	

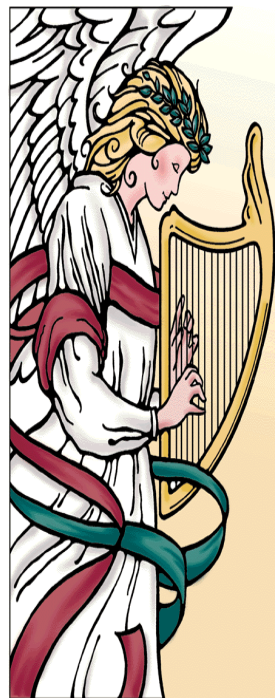
SI = Special Intention
RIP = Rest in Peace
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Hal Henkel

Daily Worship
Week of December 21, 2014

Monday, December 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d Luke 1:46-56
Tuesday, December 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66
Wednesday, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25
Thursday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1-6 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
Friday, December 26 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6-8ab, 16bc, 17 Matthew 10:17-22
Saturday, December 27 Saint John	1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 John 20:2-8
Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-5 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40



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



No Adoration 12/23 & 12/24
No Adoration 12/30 & 12/31
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on January 6.

Thank you and a blessed Christmas to you and your family.

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

Cancelled on Christmas Day.
 Have a Holy and Blessed Christmas!

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

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

"In Christ the fullness of deity resides in bodily form. Yours is a share of his fullness, in him who is the head of every principality and power." Col. 2:9-10.

We meet to pray and give thanks to our Lord for the blessings he pours out on us. All are Welcome.

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

Cancelled.
 Next meeting will be Jan. 2, 2015.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday January 17 & 24 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

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.



LET'S NOT HEAT UP THE OUTSIDE!

During the winter months, we ask you not to latch open the doors to the Church and the gym. No sense heating the outdoors! If you see a door propped open, please feel free to shut it and keep it warm inside.

The Best Gift for Your Spouse this Christmas: A Loving Marriage. Have you and your spouse drifted apart over the years? Do you live in peaceful coexistence, but wish your marriage was more than that? Do you think it's impossible to have a warm and loving marriage? Think again. Retrouvaille can help. 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

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
email: growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook – Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

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 or call Joe at 671-4836 for more information.

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.

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.

HONORING FATHER SCOTT

In this season of giving and gratitude, please consider honoring Father Scott Connolly by making a contribution to the scholarship fund established in his name at Whatcom Community College Foundation. The scholarship will provide an annual award to a student who has attended Assumption Catholic School and plans to enroll at Whatcom. The WCC scholarship honors Father Scott's dedication to the community and his commitment to education by providing a pathway for Assumption students who wish to pursue higher education. Each year a scholarship will be given to a student in good academic standing who has attended Assumption and demonstrates a solid work ethic, community engagement, and a commitment to goals. Father Scott is very active in our community, and is well known for his leadership in education. He regularly donates to school programs, has supported efforts to increase Hispanic enrollment at Assumption, and made the school a priority in the parish's capital campaign. In 2014, he was one of only seven pastors in the United States to receive the Distinguished Pastor of the Year Award from the Elementary Schools Department of the National Catholic Educational Association. To contribute to the **Fr. K. Scott Connolly Scholarship Fund**, please contact the Whatcom Community College Foundation at (360) 383-3320 or visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.whatcom.ctc.edu/foundation>

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 Formichella*
- 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*
- 2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham*
- Bob Iverson*
- Lt. Michael Bertschinger*
- Capt. Eric Stein*

W Monday, December 22nd
 10:30 AM Word & Communion Service Church
 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Church
 11:30 AM Church Cleaning Church
 6:30 PM One King Light Weigh PCLR
 6:30 PM Servant of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
 7:00 PM Posadas St. Anne-Blaine

E Tuesday, December 23rd
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree St. Cecilia
 7:00 PM Posadas Gym

K Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve ~ Office Closed
 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass Church
 7:00 PM Youth Christmas Eve Mass Church
 10:00 PM Solemn Christmas Eve Mass Church



A Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Day ~ Office Closed
 9:30 AM Christmas Mass Church
 12:00 PM Lighthouse Christmas Dinner Gym

G Friday, December 26th
Office Closed
L Saturday, December 27th
Baptismal Weekend
 3:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church

A Sunday, December 28th
Baptism Weekend
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 7:45 AM English Choir Rehearsal Church
 8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal Stafford
 8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 8:30 AM Mass Church
 9:30 AM English Choir Rehearsal Church
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
 11:30 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
 12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
 12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños LMC



For unto us a child is born.....
 Please celebrate this Holy season with thoughts of all that this parish family has done for our Hope House family through the year. At Hope House, we have babies born all year and your generosity makes for an easier time for many new parents. I know everyone gets tired of hearing we need diapers, but it is one of the single most requested items each and every day. Reaching out to these families is a way of honoring Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. Enjoy your family, keep them close and pray for the entire community of Christ each day. We are closed until Monday, January 5th. Please save all your donations until that week, and have a Blessed and Holy Christmas!
 Peace!
 Cheri, all the Hope House staff and clients.



CHRISTMAS CLEANING/DECORATING

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space to help us clean the church in preparation for Christmas. We have been spreading the cleaning chores out over several days so we can do it more thoroughly. The last cleaning time is from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm on December 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 3rd 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

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people . . . in the city of David a Savior has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord." - Luke 2:10-11

May the unending love of Our Savior fill your heart with hope, grace and peace this Christmas. Do not be afraid to reach out for help.




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.

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please remove this calendar from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of January events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.</p>						
<p>4 Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>5PM Mass resumes</p>	5	6	<p>Dec 31</p> <p>Mary Mother of God Mass (bi-lingual) 6PM</p>	<p>1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Mary Mother of God Mass 10:30AM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Word & Communion Service 10:30AM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Girl Scout Cookie Workshop 10AM</p> <p>LiturgY Planning 1PM</p> <p>Clase de Bautismo 3PM</p>
<p>11 Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>School Open House 9:30AM</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM</p> <p>PTC General Mtg 7PM</p>	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>Baptism Class 9:30AM</p> <p>Certificación Catequista 2PM</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>Catholic Schools Week</p> 	<p>No Mass or Word & Communion Service</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>Mass for Life in Olympia 9:30AM</p>	<p>Theology on Tap 7PM</p>	<p>Pastoral Care Committee 7PM</p>	<p>Word & Communion Service 10:30AM</p> <p>Talent Show 7PM</p> 	<p>Newcomers Gathering 6PM</p>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(12/14/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,173	\$ 36,346	\$ 436,152
Contributions received:	\$20,409	\$ 42,834	\$ 412,515
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 2,236	\$ 6,488	-\$ 23,637

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(12/14/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 2,116	\$ 25,392
Contributions received:	\$ 660	\$ 2,018	\$ 17,132
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 398	-\$ 98	-\$ 8,261

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 455
Christmas Flowers	\$ 175

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 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, 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; 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.



DONATE A CAR?



The parish is looking for a donated car that could provide reliable transportation to someone in need. If you have a vehicle you would consider donating to our parish, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your continuing generosity to those in need!

A Stewardship Moment

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" — "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." — that the promise finds fulfillment.

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En la primera lectura, Dios promete al Rey David que su hogar y su reino durarían para siempre. Es a través del "Sí" de María — "Yo soy la servidora del Señor, hágase en mí tal como has dicho" — que la promesa se cumple.



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