

December 4, 2016

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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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

Peace

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Reform your lives; live in God's peace so that justice may flourish.

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

December 7	2:00 PM	
Heidi Sauber-Cornelison		SI
	7:00 PM	
Unborn children		SI
December 8	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
December 9	10:30 AM	
Bill Hunter		RIP
December 10	5:00 PM	
Fr. Gary Morielli		RIP
December 11	8:30 AM	
Pete & Stella Firos		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Paul Nguyen		RIP
	5:00 PM	
Pro Populo		
	11:00 PM	
Eladio & Dioselina Tapia		RIP

SI = Special Intention

RIP = Rest in Peace

Pro Populo = For the people of the parish



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of: Charles Bacco

Daily Worship Week of December 4, 2016

Monday, December 5	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 85:9:14 Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 6 Saint Nicholas	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13 Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 7 Saint Ambrose	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10 Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Friday, December 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday, December 10	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Psalm 146:6-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



We will have a bilingual vigil Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm, and a Mass on the feast day with the School on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am.

Sacred Heart Church
Dec. 8 at 7:00 am & at WWU, Arntzen Hall, Room 4, 6:00 pm.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room
"Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. For in him our hearts rejoice, in his holy name we trust. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you."
All are welcome. Info. Nancy Fudge, 734-9563

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.
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.
"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgiving be offered for everyone."
1 Tim. 2:1
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.

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.

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.



OUR SCHOOL

The Peacemaker award is given each month to two students in each grade level who best exemplify the Peacemaker theme for that month. One

of the classes will create a bulletin board to define the theme and it is discussed each day in each of the classrooms. The month of November celebrated “conscience” and the students pictured were the award winners for that month. Congratulations to all of our students for their model of Christ’s teachings!

NOVENA ROSARY FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We encourage you to pray a rosary at home, but if you would like to join a group, you are welcome to go to St. Joseph Church in Lynden where they are having one every day starting Saturday, Dec. 3 – Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

ROSARIO DE LA NOVENA PARA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Le animamos a rezar un rosario en casa, pero si le gustaría unirse a un grupo, usted es bienvenido a ir a la Iglesia de St. Joseph en Lynden, donde están teniendo uno todos los días a partir del sábado 3 de diciembre al domingo 11 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm.

CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SENORA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

En la Iglesia de St. Joseph, Lynden
Celebración 12 de diciembre

Procesión - 5 pm

(Iglesia San José al salón Expo)

Misa – 6 pm

Cena, obra de teatro, música después de



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

St Joseph Catholic Church /205 12th St Lynden

Celebration ~ December 12

Procession — 5 pm

(St Joseph to Fairgrounds)

Mass – 6pm

Dinner, play, and live music following mass services

CLASE BAUTISMAL

La próxima clase bautismal será el sábado 7 de enero a las 3:00 PM. Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse a esta clase.

DINNER CLUB

For information on the Assumption dinner club please call: Eleanor Hogan at 671-1742 or Pat Rutan at 733-4738.

BLESSING OF THE UNBORN

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the 7:00 PM bilingual vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have a special blessing of all children in the womb. If you are expecting, please come to this special Mass and we’ll have a blessing at the end of the Liturgy.

PAX CHRISTI

Join Pax Christi on Tuesday Dec. 6, 7:00 PM in the Stafford Room for a presentation and discussion on Black Lives Matter. Pax Christi members have researched the reasons this movement has developed, what it is and how you can support it, if you choose. We recognize that the topic is both timely and may be tough to understand. We will use sacred listening, definitions and the Bishops statement on racism, as well as facts and visuals, to provide the food for thought and knowledge requested by the bishops in their letter. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

This weekend we welcome a guest from Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services who will talk to us about providing care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CCS during the CCS Week collection. Learn more about their work or make a donation by visiting their website at www.ccsww.org.

EDGE UPDATE

There is no EDGE meeting this Sunday, Dec. 4. All Middle School Youth are invited to join us for our Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Please bring a dessert, drink, or snack for the group to share. EDGE will be off a few weeks for the Christmas Break and resume meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017.

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 Trotter

Lt. Col. Richard Weyker

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
Doris Torres
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ann McQuade
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

IF ADVENT IS NOT NOW, IT'S NOTHING."

Hans Kung

The Advent Season is traditionally seen as a time of "waiting" to celebrate "a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower." (John 1:5)

This Advent of reflection provides an opportunity to evolve our understanding of the richness of this season enabling us to "see" how the Light shines in the Now of each moment of our daily lives.

Facilitator: Thomas Brennan has been associated with Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach, Ltd., since 1991. He is a trained presenter of Centering Prayer and has extensive experience in leading Intensive Centering Prayer retreats and spiritual direction.

Date and Time: Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:00 to 3:30

Place: Stillpoint at Becksde, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham

Fee: \$55, Scholarships available, inquire when registering.

Bring your lunch or something to contribute to our shared lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Contact: Linda Conroy: lnd.conroy@gmail.com, 360-733-9414

Join us for a REFLECTION DAY on CONSECRATED LIFE for Single Young Adult Women & Men to explore a Call to Religious Life



**"Go out to the margins and bring the joy of the Gospel!"
Pope Francis**

Saturday, December 10, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. James Cathedral Outreach Center
907 Columbia St., Seattle 98104
Parking may be available in O'Dea High lot nearby.

HOSTED BY
Religious Communities of Women and Men
serving in the Archdiocese of Seattle

COFFEE & DONUTS when you arrive.
LUNCH PROVIDED

Includes prayer, quiet time,
multi-media info on religious life,
visit with religious women & men.

Please SIGN UP by Dec. 5th
E-mail Sister Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP: jmiller@csjp-olp.org
or call/text 206-920-8560



Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm

If you haven't already gotten your Christmas tree, please consider stopping by **Joe and Cora's**

U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm at 1011 Telegraph Road, Bellingham, WA 98226. Their number is 734-3488. Cora Razore and her sister Rita Doll take the time each year to create all of our Christmas wreaths. In addition, they supply our Christmas tree inside the Church. We are grateful for their ongoing support of our community.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

July 3-17, 2017

Join Fr. Scott on this Marian Shrine pilgrimage to multiple sites in France. For more information, please go to our website at assumption.org. Click on the [itinerary](#) for more details.

The [registration form](#) can be downloaded as well.

RACHEL'S CORNER

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"For years I had to hide in shame... afraid always of what people would say... feeling all along the pain of loss... I feel like I have a whole new life in front of me and now I know I am not alone." - Testimonial from Retreat

Have you been hiding your pain since your abortion? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and re-discover the person you are without the burden of shame.

March 10-12, 2017

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

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

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Monday, December 5th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer Church
 4:15 PM Cub Scout Webelos Room 1
 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 Confirmation Class LMC
 7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee PC 2nd floor

Tuesday, December 6th

3:15 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Stafford
 3:15 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Room 1
 6:30 PM Adoration Church
 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym
 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class LMC
 7:00 PM Pax Christi Stafford

Wednesday, December 7th

12:00 AM Adoration Church
 10:00 PM Women's Scripture Study Stafford
 2:00 PM Principal's Coffee LMC
 2:00 PM Mass St. Joseph Hospital
 5:45 PM Benediction Church
 6:00 PM Principal's Coffee LMC
 7:00 PM Mass of the Immaculate Conception Church
 7:00 PM Blessing of Expectant Parents Church

Thursday, December 8th

10:30 AM Mass of the Immaculate Conception Church
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
 7:00 PM RCIA Session LMC

Friday, December 9th

10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:30 PM Prepares Volunteer Meeting Stafford
 1:30 PM Grief Support Group Stafford
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 PM Ensayo de coro St. Cecilia
 1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
 2:00 PM MFCC LMC
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church

Sunday, December 11th ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
 8:30 AM Mass Church
 8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal Stafford
 8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 9:30 AM MFCC Teacher's Lounge
 9:30 AM RCIA/C Sessions Stafford
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 10:30 AM Clase de Confirmación Room 1
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 11:30 AM K-8 Faith Formation Classes LMC/School
 3:15 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym
 10:30 PM Rosario Iglesia
 11:00 PM Misa ~ Virgen de Guadalupe Iglesia
 12:00 AM Mañanitas Iglesia

**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, December 24th. Practice dates and times will be **MONDAY, Dec. 5, 12, and 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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Don't forget that we will be having a reconciliation service on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome.

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE ADVIENTO

No olvides que vamos a tener un servicio de la reconciliación el miércoles 14 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos.



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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship	Wk(11/20+27/2016)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 36,496	\$ 363,190
Contributions Budget:	\$ 28,722	\$ 368,258
Over/under	\$ 7,774	-\$ 5,068

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(11/20+27/2016)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 2,257	\$ 15,150
Contributions Budget:	\$ 2,116	\$ 23,276
Over/Under	\$ 141	-\$ 8,126

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 943

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



Good and gracious God,
 We thank You for all we are,
 and all we have.
 Everything is a gift from Your
 infinite generosity.
 We marvel how bountiful is
 Your kindness.
 We rest in appreciation of
 Your enduring mercy.
 As we explore our responsi-
 bility to be good stewards, fill
 us with the compassion of
 Jesus, Your Son.
 Give us eyes to see the needs
 of those around us, in the
 faces of our neighbors near
 and far.
 Give us hearts that are moved
 by the pleas of those who cry
 out on behalf of the children,
 the refugees, the sick, and the
 suffering.
 Give us hands that are eager
 to share what has been
 entrusted to us.
 Give us feet to venture
 wherever the Spirit leads.
 As we resolve to be mindful
 of the needs of others, we
 pray that You instill in us
 Your generosity, Your kind-
 ness, and Your mercy.
 Free us from all attachments
 to the things of this world.
 Keep us focused in our mis-
 sion of good stewardship.
 In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.



PASTORAL CARE HIGHLIGHT

During the month of November your Pastoral Care Commission has focused on our Funeral Luncheon Ministry. Pastoral Care seeks to offer compassionate support for all the stages of life from the young parent just learning to deal with the challenges of a fussy baby, to the older person who, after a lifetime of celebrating Eucharist with the community of faith, is no longer able to attend mass and longs for the Eucharist to be brought each week from

one of our Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound. Our next Pastoral Care Commission meeting will be on Thursday, January 26 at 7pm in the Stafford Room. At this meeting we will continue with our mission of envisioning possibilities, evaluating opportunities, and supporting the many volunteers who minister in our parish. If you have suggestions or comments for us, please email me at kathye@assumption.org . Thank you! Your Pastoral Care Commission



CELEBRACIONES PARA EL DÍA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Domingo, Diciembre 11, 2016
 Rosario ~ 10:30 PM
 Misa ~ 11:00 PM
 Lunes, Diciembre 12, 2016
 Mañanitas ~ 12:00 AM

No habrá Misa de 12:30 PM el Domingo, 11 de diciembre.



CHURCH CODE HAS CHANGED

The code to enter the church by using the keypad has changed. Please contact Karen in the Pastoral Center to get the new code.

A Stewardship Moment

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into fire."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Tenemos que ser buenos administradores de los regalos que Dios nos ha dado, recibéndolos con agradecimiento y cultivándolos con cuidado para evitar que nosotros seamos de aquellos de los cuales San Juan Bautista habla hoy, advirtiéndonos, "Todo árbol que no da buen fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego."