

February 26, 2017

# Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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## **Masses/Misas**

(Unless otherwise noted in Calendar)

### **Weekend**

Saturday/Sábado 5:00 PM.  
Sunday/Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM  
12:30 PM Spanish/Español

### **Weekdays**

Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 PM  
Thursday/Jueves 10:30 AM  
Friday/Viernes 10:30 AM

### **Reconciliation/Confesiones**

Saturday/Sábado 3:30 PM

## Assumption Catholic School

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## Outreach

Prayer Line #4240  
(prayerline@assumption.org)  
HOPE HOUSE/Financial 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)

## *Mission*

*Mary's Assumption into Heaven is our hope. We, the Church of the Assumption, are called to follow Jesus according to Mary's example as a beacon of hope and light for all.*

## *Vision*

*By engaging in formation, sacraments, outreach and stewardship, we will glorify the Lord with our lives.*



**February 26, 2017**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

*Our heavenly Father is with us, ever providing for our needs. He is always mindful of us; in him we shall never be disturbed. All should regard us as servants of Christ.*



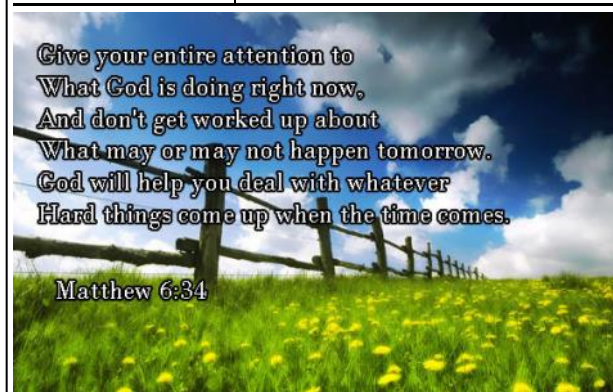
**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

March 1	10:30 AM	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		
	12:15 PM	
<b>Janet Riley</b>		<b>SI</b>
	2:00 PM	
<b>St. Joe's hospital patients</b>		<b>SI</b>
	7:00 PM	
<b>Paul Paradis</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 2	10:30 AM	
<b>Harold Gregory</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 3	10:30 PM	
<b>Michelle Nguyen</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 4	5:00 PM	
<b>David Piro</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 5	8:30 AM	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		
	10:30 AM	
<b>Janet St.Hilaire</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	12:30 PM	
<b>Adriana Estrada</b>		<b>SI</b>
	5:00 PM	
<b>Brenda Quiroga</b>		<b>RIP</b>

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

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of February 26, 2017**

<b>Monday, February 27</b>	Sirach 17:20-24 Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 10:17-27
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b>	Sirach 35:1-12 Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mark 10:28-31
<b>Wednesday, March 1</b> ASH WEDNESDAY	Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday, March 2</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25
<b>Friday, March 3</b> Saint Katharine Drexel	Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51:3-6a, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15
<b>Saturday, March 4</b> Saint Casimir	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32
<b>Sunday, March 5</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46



**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**  
**Wednesdays in the church after the 6 PM Mass**  
 Would you like someone to pray with you about a need in your life? Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, prayer ministers are available Wednesday evenings after the 6 PM Mass to pray with you. Just sign up in the Gathering Space prior to Mass and then return there after Mass to meet with two prayer ministers. Jesus encouraged us to pray for each other. According to Matthew 18:19: 'Again, amen I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.' (NAB Revised Edition) Come and give it a try! Questions? Call Lynn Ann Bouker 360-543-0900

**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, 6-8 PM, St. Cecilia Room**  
 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne." All are welcome.

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

"But the souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought to be an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace." Wisdom 3:1-3.  
 We turn to God for help and the companionship of others walking this lonely journey.  
 All are welcome. Questions: Call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

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.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD COACH NEEDED

Assumption Catholic School is looking to hire a Middle School Track and Field Coach for the 2017 season (3/20/2017-5/18/2017). Assumption students and families are an engaging and supportive group to coach. The applicant should be experienced in long and short distance running, field events around throwing, and working with early teenage children. Applicant should hold a current CPR/First Aid Card. If you are interested or know of anyone please contact Mrs. Campbell at [rcampbel@school.assumption.org](mailto:rcampbel@school.assumption.org) or Mrs. Vanderboom at [pvanderboom@school.assumption.org](mailto:pvanderboom@school.assumption.org)



**ASSUMPTION CHOIR**, which is the principal choir of our parish, is now accepting new members. If you are interested, please e-mail [frederickm@assumption.org](mailto:frederickm@assumption.org) to schedule an audition.

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of his appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### MISIONES CATÓLICAS

La próxima semana llevaremos a cabo el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Hoy, a más del 40 por ciento de las diócesis en Estados Unidos se le considera como diócesis misioneras ya que no les es posible financiar las labores pastorales básicas en sus comunidades. Su apoyo a este llamado ayuda a aliviar los esfuerzos de estas diócesis. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a este llamado. Pueden encontrar más información entrando a [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### KITCHEN SUPPLIES

We are in need of new or slightly used kitchen towels, dish clothes, aprons (bib type), and pot holders for the gym kitchen. If you are spring cleaning, please remember us. You can drop bags off marked for the Funeral Committee at the parish office. Thank you! Your Assumption Funeral Committee



### LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Frederick Bayani Mabalot and Kathy Ernst, Co-Chairs**  
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**Fr. Scott Connolly, Adviser**  
Chris Attebery, *Liason to Spiritual Life and Worship Commission*: [chrissa@assumption.org](mailto:chrissa@assumption.org)

The Liturgy Planning Committee is composed of heads of liturgical ministries. They are a collaborative and dedicated team who work on our weekend liturgies and plan for various special liturgies throughout the liturgical year. Outcomes of the meetings are implemented in the liturgies through the heads of various liturgical ministries. The Liturgy is at the very heart of parish life. For it is in the liturgy, that “the work of our redemption is accomplished,” and especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, that the faithful “may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church” (Sacrosanctum Concilium).

#### Altar Servers

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**FAITH  
FORMATION,  
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**PRAY FOR OUR  
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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*

**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

**A WORD OF THANKS**

This year the parish has developed its own Lenten small group faith sharing program based on Matthew Kelly's book Resisting Happiness. On behalf of the Faith Formation Commission, I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have put this program together. Bill Attebery for the opening prayers for each session. Maggie Murphy, Liz Gabay and Brenda Dunford for registration materials and group formation. Jean Wilford for the musical selections. Kyle Fuller for advertising and promotional material. Blanca Ortega for translations to Spanish. Fr. Scott for the Lectio Divina selections. Gina DePalma for ordering materials and registration. Mike Sweeney, Brenda Dunford and Frances Boyette for reflection/discussion questions for each session. A special thanks to Frances Boyette for preparing and assembling the Leader's Guide and session materials. And a VERY SPECIAL thanks to Kathy Delbecq for organizing and facilitating this entire effort on behalf of all of us at Assumption. I hope that you will find this program engaging, spiritually uplifting and helpful in removing obstacles which may be preventing you from realizing true happiness in your life.  
John Getchell, FFC Chair

**Catholic Advocacy Day: Be a Neighbor and Advocate for All.** Join Catholics from parishes all over the archdiocese for an exciting day in Olympia on **Thursday March 16.**

This is our opportunity to act on the *Washington State Bishops' Pastoral on Poverty: Who is my Neighbor? The Face of Poverty in Washington State.* The day will include issue briefings by the Washington State Catholic Conference, Mass with the Archbishop, stories from people living in poverty and appointments with your legislators (state senators and representatives in the 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Districts).

**Register online by going to [ipjc.org](http://ipjc.org)** (Intercommunity, Peace, and Justice Center). Register by Feb. 26 so Catholic Community Services can arrange for the chartered bus that leaves from Assumption Parish parking lot at 6 AM.

**CRS RICE BOWL**

Join our parish and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S. in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowl kits will be available beginning the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

**PLATO DE ARROZ DE CRS**

Únase a nuestra comunidad de fe--y a casi 14,000 comunidades católicas en los Estados Unidos--en una jornada de Cuaresma de encuentro que cambia vidas con Plato de Arroz de CRS. El Plato de Arroz de su familia estará disponibles a partir del domingo antes del Miércoles de Ceniza.



**HOLY HOOPS** is a four-day 4x4 basketball tournament for all 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students

at Assumption Catholic School. The tournament will run for four days in March (13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>) and is sure to be a lot of fun. But we need YOUR help. In order for this even to be a success, we are in critical need of high school and college-age alumni basketball coaches and tournament managers. If you have ever played basketball and attended Assumption Catholic School, **we want YOU!** This will be a fun way to re-connect with your old classmates over a sport we all love and also looks great as volunteer hours on your resume or college application!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Twining at [vonskirch@gmail.com](mailto:vonskirch@gmail.com) or (360) 393-5004

**The Lenten Retreat, Mar. 6 - Apr. 3. BORN OF THE SPIRIT SEMINAR.**

It is with regret that this retreat will be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be offered again the following month. Info. call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

**FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Come join us in the Assumption gym for Lenten Soup Suppers each Friday during Lent! Suppers are at 6:30 pm (±10 minutes depending on when Stations of the Cross ends) beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and continue each Friday until April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring a pot of meatless soup or some bread and join Father Scott and your fellow parishioners for this community-building event! We'll look forward to seeing you.

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**Monday, February 27th**

10:30 AM	Word & Communion	Church
11:30 AM	Centering Prayer	Church
6:00 PM	Servants of the Lord Prayer Group	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	God's Weigh	PCLR
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

**Tuesday, Feb. 28th**

6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus First Degree	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
6:45 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym

**Wednesday, March 1st**

12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
10:30 AM	Ash Wednesday (School) Mass	Church
12:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass	Church
2:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass	St. Joseph Hospital
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday bilingual Mass	Church

**Thursday, March 2nd**

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
5:30 PM	Cub Scout Wolf Den	Room 1
7:00 PM	Faith Formation Commission	Stafford
7:00 PM	RCIA Session	LMC

**Friday, March 3rd**

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support Group	Stafford
6:00 PM	Bilingual Stations of the Cross	Church
6:30 PM	Soup Supper	Gym

**Saturday, March 4th**

**Catholic Home Missions Collection**

12:00 PM	MFCC Temas	LMC
1:00 PM	Liturgy Planning Committee	PC 2nd floor
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
2:00 PM	MFCC	LMC
2:00 PM	Clase Bautismal	Stafford
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
5:00 PM	School Auction	Off-site

**Sunday, March 5th**

**Catholic Home Missions Collection**

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	RCIA/C Sessions	Stafford
9:30 AM	MFCC	PC 2nd floor
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Ensayo de Mariachi	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	K-8 Faith Formation	School classrooms
11:30 AM	First Eucharist Class	LMC/Stafford
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
11:30 AM	Clase de Primera Comunion	Teacher's Lounge
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
12:30 PM	Liturgia de la Palabra para niños	Stafford
3:15 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Lifeteen	Gym

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
MARCH 1ST**

10:30 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
12:15 PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
7:00 PM Bilingual Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
St. Joseph Hospital will have a Mass with distribution of Ashes at 2:00 PM



**BILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS**

Please note this year the Stations of the Cross will be bilingual and the time has also changed from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Every Friday we will be having bilingual stations of the Cross during Lent.



**VIA CRUCIS (BILINGÜE)**

Por favor noten que este año las via crucis serán bilingües. Todos los viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos las Via Crucis a las 6:00 PM.

**SOUP SUPPER**


Following the Bilingual Stations of the Cross, we will also be having Soup Supper in the Gym at 6:30 PM every Friday during Lent.











**SOPA DE CENA**

Después de las Via Crucis, también tendremos Sopa de Cena cada Viernes a las 6:30 PM en el gimnasio

# MARCH 2017

 Indicates days of full abstinence. Please see [www.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org) for Archdiocesan guidelines

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please remove this calendar from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of March events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.</p>						
<p>5</p> <p>First Sunday in <i>Lent</i></p> <p>1st Eucharist Class 11:30AM</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>1st Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Masses: 10:30AM (School) 12:15PM 7:00PM Bilingual</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Faith Formation Commission 7PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bilingual Stations of the Cross 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Jr High Rally</p> <p>Dinner Club 7PM</p> <p><b>Growing Great Kids School Auction 5PM</b></p>
<p>12 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>  <p>change the clock</p> <p>Rite of Full Communion 8:30AM</p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>Mass at Nursing Home 2PM School Commission 7PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Reconciliation Service 7PM</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Mass with School 10:30AM Bilingual Stations of the Cross 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Encuentro V 9AM Sacristan Training 10AM Serra Club 6PM</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Third Sunday in <i>Lent</i></p> <p>1st Scrutiny 8:30AM</p>	20 St. Joseph	21	<p>22</p> <p>Life, Justice &amp; Peace Commission 7PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastoral Care Commission 7PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mass with School 10:30AM Bilingual Stations of the Cross 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM</p> 	<p>25 Annunciation of the Lord</p>  <p>Community Meal 1PM</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in <i>Lent</i></p> <p>1st Eucharist Class 11:30AM 2nd Scrutiny 12:30PM</p>	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>Word &amp; Communion 10:30AM Pastoral Council 7PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Word &amp; Communion 10:30AM Pastoral Council 7PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>School-Led Mass 10:30AM Bilingual Stations of the Cross 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM</p> 	

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>Stewardship</u>	Wk(02/19/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions <b>Received:</b>	\$ 15,046	\$ 593,003
Contributions Budget:	\$ 19,625	\$ 627,340
<b>Over/under</b>	<b>-\$ 4,579</b>	<b>-\$ 34,337</b>

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

<u>Debt Reduction</u>	Wk(02/19/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions <b>Received:</b>	\$ 1,725	\$ 29,375
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 35,972
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 667</b>	<b>-\$ 6,597</b>

### GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 124
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*Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.*

### NEW PRACTICE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

In order to minimize disruption to the Mass as well as increase the safety of parishioners, a small change will be made starting with the weekend Masses in March. Once the Mass procession has started, the Kentucky Street and Gathering space doors will be locked. Late comers will be directed to the center doors of the Cornwall entrance. An exception will be made for those arriving late who are in a wheelchair or using a walker, and a volunteer will be available to let them in the Gathering Space doors.

Locking doors after the start of Mass is a common and successful practice for both the Spanish and School masses. And while it may take a few weeks for parishioners to become used to this change, it will, in the long-run, serve us all well.

### ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING STUDY

Over the last several years it has become apparent that the archdiocesan priest pension and post-retirement medical plans are seriously underfunded. Similarly, our women religious must rely on dwindling resources within their own communities to meet their retirement needs. In addition, parishes have their own needs to address.

At the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and in dialogue with the Presbyteral Council, the Priest Pension Board and other leadership, Archbishop Sartain has decided to explore the possibility of a major campaign to address the retirement needs we face today and are projected to face in the future, as well as local parish needs.

This planning study is an assessment to gauge support for a major campaign to address some or all of our identified priorities. The study is being administered by outside counsel, the Steier Group, a Catholic development firm. They will survey the entire archdiocese to determine which of our needs are deemed most urgent by parishioners, and identify potential support of a major campaign.

All parishioners are invited visit the Archdiocese of Seattle's website to learn more about the study's proposed goals and participate in the study.

To participate in this important study, please go online to [www.seattlearchdiocese.org](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org) and click on the "Planning Study Survey" link under the Archdiocesan Events and Activities section to learn more and provide comments. Use password: **Catholic**.



God of Heaven, God of Earth, God of all that is and was and will be,

We give You thanks for Your many blessings to us.

May we humbly acknowledge that every good thing we have on this earth is gift from You.

May we be mindful that we are called to return a proper portion of these blessings to You, not because You have needs or even because of the needs of our brothers and sisters,

But because of our spiritual need, as creatures created in Your image, to mirror in our own humble way the generosity You have shown to us.

We ask that You create within us generous hearts, and that we count as treasure not the rewards of this world, but the rewards of heaven, gained for us by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord, Christ Jesus. Amen

### A Stewardship Moment

Stewards of the mysteries of God — that's what St. Paul says we are in today's second reading. And the first requirement, he says, is that we be trustworthy. Entrusted with the gift of faith, do I share it as gratefully and as generously as I do my time, my talent, and my treasure?

### Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Administradores de los misterios de Dios — eso es lo que dice San Pablo que somos en la segunda lectura de hoy. Y el primer requisito, dice él, es que seamos confiables. ¿Confiados con el regalo de la fe, la comparto tan agradablemente y tan generosamente como lo hago con mi tiempo, mi talento, y mi tesoro?