

February 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

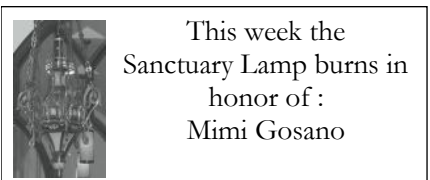
From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks, on the one hand, of God's patience, but, on the other, of the urgency of the call to conversion. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed Gods' call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

March 2	6:00 AM	
Jack LaRiviere		RIP
March 3	10:30 AM	
Wolfgang Hesseln		RIP
March 4	10:30 AM	
Adriana Estrada		SI
March 5	5:00 PM	
Felomina Colina		RIP
March 6	8:30 AM	
Janet St.Hilaire		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Clemencia Santiago		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		
	5:00 PM	
Elena Montserrat Olivares Gutiérrez		SI

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Mimi Gosano

**Daily Worship
Week of February 28, 2016**

Monday, February 29	2 Kings 5:1-15b Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 1	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 2	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 3 Saint Katharine Drexel	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 4 Saint Casimir	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 5	Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21b Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Psalm 34:2-7 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



**Year of Mercy
Weekly Reflection**

Theme: Reconciliation (2/28/16)

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness; in your abundant compassion blot out my offense. Wash away all my guilt; from my sin cleanse me. (Psalm 51:3-4)

Reflection: What has kept you separated from God and accepting his gift of mercy and absolution of your sins? Pope Francis reportedly receives the sacrament every two weeks – how often do you?

If you would like to share a reflection or make a comment, please visit our Year of Mercy blog at <http://ams1516blog.blogspot.com>. This is a moderated blog site, so it may take upwards of 24 hours for comments to appear.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, March 5 & 12 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

**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 **Tuesday at 11:30 PM**
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, and 12:30 & 3:30 PM.
If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**

Wednesday eves. after Mass from 6:45-8:30 PM
All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORTGROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room All are welcome.



Archbishop J. Peter Sartain Welcomes us all to a Mass & Celebration with our Community with Special Needs

MARCH 12, 2016
Mass – 11:00 AM,
St. James Cathedral, Seattle Reception & St. Patrick's Day Celebration/Dance will immediately follow the Mass,
O'Dea High School, Seattle
Archdiocese of Seattle – Special Needs Ministry

For More Information, contact Erica Cohen Moore
206-382-4852|ericac@seattlearch.org

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

OUR SCHOOL

Chess Club is in full swing at Assumption Catholic School. It has 14 players ranging in age from 6 to 13 years of age. They all play a great game. In the last three tournaments they have been in the team has scored second in every one. They are to be congratulated!!

CALENDARING TIME

Do you or your group meet on the parish campus? If you plan to do so next year (July 2016-June 2017), please submit your request for room usage to the Parish Office before March 31. All groups who wish to have room space for meetings on the campus are encouraged to send your calendaring needs immediately. Please include the name of the group or event, dates, starting time, end time and how much time you need for set-up. We will try to meet your needs and will let you know in May if there are any conflicts. Send your request to parishoffice@assumption.org. Thank you!

ES TIEMPO PARA RESERVAR FECHAS EN EL CALENDARIO

¿Usted o su grupo se encuentran en el campus de la parroquia? Si va a hacerlo el próximo año (julio 2016 hasta junio 2017), favor de enviar su solicitud del uso de la sala a la Oficina Parroquial antes del 31 de marzo. Todos los grupos que desean tener espacio de la sala para reuniones en el campus se les animan a enviar su calendario con las necesidades inmediatamente. Por favor, incluya el nombre del grupo o evento, fecha, hora de inicio, hora de finalización y la cantidad de tiempo que necesita para preparar el puesto. Vamos a tratar de satisfacer sus necesidades y les haremos saber en mayo, si hay algún conflicto. Envíe su solicitud a parishoffice@assumption.org Gracias!

SOUP SUPPER

Come join us in Lenten fellowship Fridays at 6 P.M. in the gym for our Parish's Soup Supper. Bring a pot of meatless soup and/or a loaf of bread and enjoy a lovely meal together. Each supper is sponsored by a different parish ministry with the following schedule:

3/4/16 Knights of Columbus

3/11/16 Youth Ministry

3/18/16 Boy Scouts.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CONFIRMATI

Congratulations to this year's new Confirmati who received the sacrament last Sunday at the 5:00 pm Mass with Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presiding. It was a beautiful liturgy, enlivened by the Bishop's inspirational and challenging homily to the Candidates as well as all parishioners! May the gifts of the Holy Spirit shine bright in us all, and especially in this year's group.



Sergio Avila
Elvia Betancourt-Cruz
Maria Burgos
Alexandra Campanilla
Derek Chen
Tyler Dardano
Gabriel Gonzalez
Audrey Goo
Erik Huynh
Maya Iverson
Margaret King
Kenji Maeda
Ivan Magana
Kerry Nguyen
Melissa Ortiz
Leilani-Grace Pendilla
Jorge Prado Garcia
Jenny Salcido
Ricardo Sanchez, Jr.
Ashley Santiago
Nancy Seeger
Uriel Silva
James Schoenecker III
Jorge Villa Herrera
John Wendling
Dustin Wiese
Henry Ziels

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO CAME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE RITE OF FULL COMMUNION AT THE 8:30 MASS LAST WEEKEND:

Ben Conover, Mesha Gonzalez, Hollie Peck
James Post, and Shannon Webb

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 between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. 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 Feely
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
Caleb Trottnr

**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
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ross Driscoll
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

**Hope is on the Way! Tickets for Interfaith
Coalition Hope Auction on Sale Now**

This year's Interfaith Hope Auction promises to be another sell-out, so be sure to get your tickets now! This friendly evening of fellowship, lively auction fun and inspiration starts at 5:30 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton (formerly Best Western Lakeway Inn, 715 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham). Your \$50 ticket includes dinner and hundreds of interesting, unique and intriguing auction items to bid on --- all to help us provide homes for families in need, shelter for those who live outside, meals for hungry people and hope that fuels transforming lives.

We are also seeking wonderful, creative and enticing auction donations. These can be experiences that include travel, spas, gourmet meals, sports tickets and pet pampering, homemade quilts and jewelry, garden inspiration, and more. If you have a service to offer, an item you'd like to donate, an experience you can share, all to help Interfaith programs, please contact Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 or through the website: www.interfaith-coalition.org

Partner with us by attending Interfaith Hope Auction and lifting up our brothers and sisters!

**MAKE LENT HOLY...Come for
Reconciliation Fridays at 6:00 PM and
Saturdays at 3:30 PM**

A priest waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend", said the young man, "Sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The priest chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

**RACHEL'S CORNER
Hope and Healing After Abortion**

The retreat was awesome & beyond. The love and respect here was more than expected. This has been exceptional!
THANK YOU! - Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**
Find transformation from the damages of abortion at the next retreat.
March 4-6, 2016 Seabeck WA
April 15-17, 2016 Stanwood WA

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

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.



Hope House staff and clients are hoping you are all having a peaceful, spiritual Lenten season and are anticipating the joy of Easter with us. As we all quiet ourselves and prepare for the solemnity of Holy Week, I would like to take an opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have supported us, whether by money, prayer or in kind donations of items. You truly live our faith when you reach out to those less fortunate!

We are in need of canned and boxed food for our emergency food bags. Blessed Easter season from Hope House, Cheri Woolsey

**PAX CHRISTI
REFLECT, PRAY AND ACT**

The meetings are held at Assumption School Library on the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

Meeting dates: Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3.

For more information, contact Dan Laguier: 360-920-1816 Mary Mele: 360-820-4958

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

COLECTA DE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta de Catholic Relief Services. Esta colecta da fondos a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el respeto y el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. Por favor, contribuye generosamente a la colecta de Catholic Relief Services de la próxima semana y ayuda a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?**

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Monday, February 29th

10:30 AM Word & Communion
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM Parents of Troubled Adults
 6:30 PM Faith Formation (Special Needs)
 6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss
 7:00 PM Edge
 7:00 PM Confirmation Mystagogy (yr. 2)

Tuesday, March 1st

1:00 PM Bible Study
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Webelos 2
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Webelos 1
 6:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group
 6:30 PM Adoration
 7:00 PM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.
 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Mystagogy
 7:00 PM Pax Christi

Wednesday, March 2nd

12:01 AM Adoration
 10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study
 1:00 PM Purple Readers Group
 3:00 PM Little Flowers
 6:00 PM Word & Communion
 7:00 PM Faith Formation Commission

Thursday, March 3rd

10:30 AM Bilingual School Mass
 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den
 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM RCIA

Friday, March 4th

10:30 AM Word & Communion
 1:30 PM Grief Support
 3:00 PM Auction Committee
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
 5:30 PM Just Faith
 6:00 PM Soup Supper
 7:00 PM Via Crucis
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración

Saturday, March 5th

Catholic Relief Service Collection

9:30 AM Baptism Classes
 12:00 PM MFCC Temas
 1:00 PM Liturgy Planning Team
 1:00 PM Rosary Makers
 3:00 PM Clase de Bautismo
 3:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Mass
 5:00 PM School Auction

Church
 Stafford
 Stafford
 St. Cecilia
 PCLR
 Gym
 LMC

 Stafford
 Stafford
 Room 1
 PCLR
 Church
 Teacher's Lounge
 Gym
 LMC
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 Stafford
 Church
 St. Cecilia
 Church
 Off-site

Sunday, March 6th ~ Catholic Relief Service Collection

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
 8:30 AM Mass Church
 9:00 AM MFCC Stafford
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
 10:00 AM MFCC Room 1
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
 11:00 AM Ensayo de Mariachi St. Cecilia
 11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 12:30 PM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 12:30 PM Misa ~ 2nd Scrutiny/Segundo Escrutinio Iglesia
 2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1
 3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 6:00 PM LifeTeen Gym
 6:00 PM Evenings for Engaged Stafford

The Assumption Tea is back! Mark your calendars for May 14th and stay tuned for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be having the Stations of the Cross.

VIA CRUCIS

Cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Via Crucis a las 7:00 PM.



SOUP SUPPER

We will also be having Reconciliation and Soup Supper at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent.



SOPA DE CENA

También tendremos Reconciliación y Sopa de Cena cada Viernes a las 6:00 PM durante la cuaresma.

MEAL TRAIN FOR FR. SCOTT

Fr. Scott is very grateful with all the meals that he has been receiving. We are continuing with the Meal Train Program for the month of March. If you would like to sign up, please visit our website. If you are unable to go to the website, please call the office. Thank you for supporting Fr. Scott on his journey to recovery.

WHATCOM HOSPICE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Informational Meeting Saturday, March 19 from 10am-12pm
 Hospice Administration Building, Lower Level
 2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham
 Contact Dianne Gillespie, Volunteer Coordinator
 360-788-6892 or dgillespie@peacchealth.org



March 2016

Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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.

		1	2	3	4	5
6 2nd Scrutiny 12:30PM	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Masses:
8:30AM
10:30AM
12:30PM (Español)



28 *Easter Monday*
Office Closed
No Mass or Word & Communion Service

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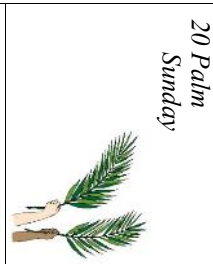
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Live Stations
10:30AM
Via Crucis 3PM
Bilingual Service 7PM



Easter Vigil Mass
8:30PM

Easter Choir rehearsal
6PM

Holy Thursday
rehearsal 6:45PM

Bilingual Mass 7PM



St. Patrick Mass
10:30AM
Pastoral Care
Committee 7PM
Life, Justice & Peace
7PM



19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Community Meal 1PM
Interfaith Auction
5:30PM




Word & Communion
Service 10:30AM

School Commission
7PM
Theology on Tap 7PM

St. Patrick Mass
10:30AM
Pastoral Care
Committee 7PM
Life, Justice & Peace
7PM

Lifetren Retreat
Stations of the Cross
5:30PM
Reconciliation 6PM
Soup Supper 6PM
Via Crucis 7PM




12 Junior High Rally
Protecting God's Children
9AM
Baptism Class 9:30AM
1st Eucharist Class 10AM
Clase de Catechismo 2PM
3rd Scrutiny 5PM



Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM

Word & Communion
Service 10:30AM
Pastoral Council 7PM

Mass with the School 10:30AM
Stations of the Cross
5:30PM
Reconciliation 6PM
Soup Supper 6PM
Via Crucis 7PM




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Community Meal 1PM
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Word & Communion
Service 6:00 PM
Faith Formation
Commission 7PM

Bilingual Mass with
School 10:30AM

Word & Communion
Service 10:30 AM
Stations of the Cross
5:30PM
Soup Supper 6PM
Via Crucis 7PM



Baptism Class 9:30AM
Liturgy Planning Team
1PM
Clase de Bautismo 3PM
School Auction 5PM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(02/21/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 54,231	\$ 614,618
Contributions received:	\$19,345	\$ 55,269	\$ 618,384
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,038	\$ 3,766

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

	Wk(02/21/2016)	Month	YTD
Debt Reduction			
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 35,972
Contributions received:	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,776	\$ 24,752
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 642	-\$ 398	-\$11,220

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	943
Catholic Home Missions	\$	148
Easter Flowers	\$	374

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

FAITHFUL STEWARD

For the sharing of his time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge:

Richard Pope

Richard is one of our main contacts with Interfaith Coalition and has coordinated our Parish Auction Donation for the past several years. He is always willing to share his extensive knowledge with the parish when we call upon him, particularly in the care of our beautiful campus. In addition, Richard volunteers many hours at Hope House and serves on the Life, Justice & Peace Commission. Blessings, Richard, on being one of Assumption Parish's very Faithful Stewards!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

The *Protecting God's Children* class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs & schools safe. **All new volunteers must take this training.**

Classes in this area:

March 12, Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm in the Assumption School Teacher's Lounge.

March 30, Wednesday 6:00pm—9:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish

You must register online with Virtus to enroll in one of these classes by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions.

MUSIC & LITURGY POSITION

Assumption Parish, Bellingham, seeks a full-time Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy. Applicants should have a degree in music or equivalent skill and experience. Keyboard proficiency and conducting experience is required. Must be an active member of a Catholic faith community and willing to work evenings and weekends. Knowledge of Spanish a plus. Salary based upon experience and qualifications in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. Closing date 3/31/16. Job description and application packet available at www.assumption.org.

A Stewardship Moment

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La parábola en el Evangelio de hoy advierte claramente que nosotros, al igual que la higuera, seremos juzgados por nuestros frutos. ¡Mientras que Dios misericordiosamente nos provee el tiempo y la oportunidad, demos testimonio de nuestra fe con hechos de bondad y generosidad!



Gracious and Loving God,

You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.

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 your enduring love of all creation.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.
Amen