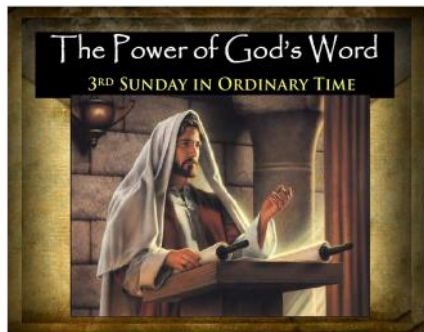


**January 24, 2016**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

*Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In him we have become one body with many members.*



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

January 29	10:30 AM	
<b>Pablo &amp; Carolina Feliciano</b>		<b>RIP</b>
January 30	5:00 PM	
<b>Ron &amp; Kathy Delbecq</b>		<b>SI</b>
January 31	8:30 AM	
<b>Dorothy Hansberry</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	10:30 AM	
<b>Catherine LeClerc</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	12:30 PM	
<b>Esperanza Aguayo</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	5:00 PM	
<b>Pro Populo</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 :  
 Stella DeBari

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of January 24, 2016**

<b>Monday, January 25</b> The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 Mark 16:15-18
<b>Tuesday, January 26</b> Saint Timothy	2 Timothy 1:1-8 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday, January 27</b> Saint Angela Merici	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30 Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thursday, January 28</b> Saint Thomas Aquinas	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14 Mark 4:21-25
<b>Friday, January 29</b>	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11 Mark 4:26-34
<b>Saturday, January 30</b> BVM	2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Psalm 51:12-17 Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sunday, January 31</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17 1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 Luke 4:21-30



**Year of Mercy**  
**Weekly Reflection**

Theme: Corporal Works of Mercy – Feed the Hungry (1/24/16)

If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday; (Isaiah 58:10)

**Reflection: What type of hunger do you think Isaiah means – bodily hunger or spiritual hunger? Which do you think is more important? Why?**

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.

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

Our group is small but we come to share our stories to pray and help each other on our healing journey. All are welcome.

**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 Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, and 12.30, 2:30 & 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**  
 It is with regret that Assumption Healing prayer ministry has been cancelled. It is planned to reopen as a mid-morning week day ministry. Please stay tuned for more information.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES**

Are you planning to get married in 2016? We will be running our 6-week program, Evenings for the Engaged, beginning Feb. 14 for those planning to get married in the Church during 2016. For more information, please go to the parish website or contact Judy Ziels at [jjziels@live.com](mailto:jjziels@live.com).

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

### OPEN HOUSE AT OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School is having an Open House on Saturday, February 6, from 2:00 – 5:00. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Catholic education in our county and why Assumption is a unique, affordable and successful educational option for all students. We encourage everyone to attend, particularly parents of school-age children.

### 2016 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST

THEMES: WE ARE STEWARDS of GOD'S CREATION or HOW DO WE CARE for the ENVIRONMENT? Details for this contest are posted on the Assumption Parish Website. We accept entries in Poetry, Essay, Art, Computer Art, Music, and Photography, due Feb. 1, 2016. Contact Jo Hulse at [jburmanhulse@gmail.com](mailto:jburmanhulse@gmail.com) with any questions and to arrange pick-up of submission.

### FIRST EUCHARIST 2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention, all children who completed first reconciliation preparation in the fall: We will have our retreat for parents and children on Saturday, January 30, 2016

Begins at 3:00pm in the Library Media Center of Assumption Catholic School

#### Please bring a picture of your HOME ALTAR!

The Retreat will go from 3 – 6 and includes our participation in the Saturday 5pm mass

We will be part of the Entrance Procession into Church

There will be an area reserved for us to sit together

We will ask for three volunteers to assist with bring up the Collection / Gifts

### PREPARES

Prepares (Pregnancy and Parenting Support) Prepares is starting a **Fatherhood Project**, which is a parish based support group that invites fathers in the community to come for an evening of fellowship, discussion and support. If you are interested in volunteering for this Project, please come to our Orientation meeting in the Assumption School Library on Saturday, January 30 from 10:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or call Assumption Parish 733-1380 ext 4245 for information.

### LENTEN LONGINGS

### WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO JOIN A SMALL COMMUNITY FOR LENT?

Maybe you'd like to meet new people. Maybe you'd like to spend more time learning about your faith from others. Maybe you'd like to grow spiritually. Maybe you'd like to improve your relationship with God. Whatever your reason — it's the right one.

Sign-up sheets are available this weekend in the Gathering Space. For more information call Gina DePalma at 733-1380 Ext. 4222.

### REFLEXIONES EN CUARESMA

### ¿POR QUÉ LE GUSTARÍA A USTED UNIRSE A UNA PEQUEÑA COMUNIDAD EN LA CUARESMA?

Porque tal vez le gustaría conocer gente nueva. Quizás quiera dedicar más tiempo a aprender de su fe con otros. Tal vez crecer más espiritualmente. O quizás mejorar su relación con Dios. ¡No importa la razón, cualquiera es válida!

La hoja de registración para apuntarse en este programa se encuentran en la entrada de la Iglesia. Para mas información llame a Adriana Estrada al 733-1380 ext. 4224.

### SAVE THE DATE

On **Wednesday, February 3** following the 6pm mass, we will have the joy and privilege of hosting Mark Shea, well-known Catholic speaker, blogger and author of **The Work of Mercy: Being the Hands and Heart of Christ**. Mark's talk will focus on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy which are at the very heart of the Gospel message. Just as Jesus was God "hidden" in the flesh, mercy is the incarnational echo of God's presence in our world. His light shines forth through you and me, powerfully illuminating the dark places and guiding us along the path of sanctification. In *The Work of Mercy*, we take a good look at these fourteen forms of service to the weak, defenseless, and poor that have been embedded in the Christian tradition from the beginning and learn how each of them must and can be carried out today by God's people. Spiritual and practical, *The Work of Mercy* helps a 21<sup>st</sup> Century reader live the ancient teaching of the One who said, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

### 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 Faেকে  
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

**COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT  
&  
LIFE, JUSTICE &  
PEACE  
MINISTRY**

**PASTORAL  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERS**

Chris Craven  
Blanca 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! Save the Date for the  
Interfaith Hope Auction!**

Mark your calendar: Interfaith's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Auction happens on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The auction will again take place at the newly-named Four Points by Sheraton (formerly Best Western Lakeway Inn, 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham).

Whatcom County's friendliest auction fundraiser features fellowship, inspiration, hope and lively bidding on great auction items. Please join us as we continue in our work of transforming struggling lives.

You can help in these ways:

Do you have an auction item to donate? A service you offer, your own artwork, gift certificate, tickets to popular sporting events, vacation home getaway, ...let your imagination soar and think of what you might be able to donate, and get in touch with us!

Buy tickets to the auction. Tickets are \$50 each, including dinner.

Become a business sponsor or ask your favorite businesses or employers to support Interfaith with a dedicated donation.

We make a difference in the lives of homeless families, men and women. Partner with us by attending Hope Auction and lifting up our brothers and sisters! To donate an auction item and purchase tickets, please contact Richard Pope, your congregational representative, at 223-0276 or Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 or through the website: [www.interfaith-coalition.org](http://www.interfaith-coalition.org)

**INTERFAITH CHOIR FESTIVAL**

Enjoy a concert of spiritual music by attending the Interfaith Coalition Choir Festival on **Sunday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.** Individual choirs (including our church choir!) perform a song from their faith tradition, then join together in two songs with a combined choir of over 200 voices. The combined choir will sing two selections: *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace* and *All Lifted Hearts*. *All Lifted Hearts* is a beautiful melody interspersed with spoken lines on the subject of the golden rule from different faiths, making a powerful statement about working together for peace.

Individual singers are invited to participate in the combined choir. Please contact Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 if you are interested in singing. An offering to benefit Interfaith Coalition programs, will be gratefully accepted.



They escape with the clothes on their back and their precious children, running from domestic violence and the life they have been caught in. When our local domestic violence shelter (Womencare) finally gets them into a safe new home, they have nothing to start a new life with—no dishes, towels, pans or bedding. No furniture or books and toys, any toaster or coffee maker....the list goes on. While Hope House cannot help with furniture, we do have a very special group of volunteers that has taken this challenge on for the past several years. This group of professional women work together to gather household items of all kinds. They garage sale, they search the clearance racks and their and their friends cupboards! When a woman leaves Womencare for her new home, she is given a referral to Hope House for a "Startover" kit. At Hope House we call the ladies and they get in touch with the woman and find out exactly what she needs, how many people are in her family, even what is her favorite color for towels and bedding! Then they deliver it all to her at her new home. I cannot tell you how much this means to these DV survivors to have someone reach out with this level of assistance and with such love. I am proud of all our programs at Hope House, but this is a special outreach I am particularly proud of.

**ATTENTION ALL SINGERS!**

The Assumption Choir will be participating in the Interfaith Choir Festival on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the First Congregational church in Bellingham, and all singers from Assumption are invited to join us! We will have a special rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption church to prepare the songs we will sing in the concert. Rehearsal for the Festival Chorus begins at 1:30 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the concert begins at 3:30. Please contact Chris Attebery at [chrisa@assumption.org](mailto:chrisa@assumption.org) with questions or to indicate your interest in singing. All are welcome!



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**Monday, January 25th**

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church  
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer Stafford  
 6:30 PM Parents of Troubled Adults Stafford  
 6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR  
 7:00 PM Edge Gym  
 7:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Yr. 2) LMC

**Tuesday, January 26th**

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford  
 3:00 PM Cub Scouts Wolf Den Room 1  
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree St. Cecilia  
 6:30 PM Adoration Church  
 6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #50222 Room 1  
 7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford  
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym  
 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class LMC

**Wednesday, January 27th**

12:01 AM Adoration Church  
 10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study Stafford  
 11:00 AM Deanery Meeting Off-site  
 3:30 PM Bilingual School Committee Stafford  
 6:00 PM Word & Communion Church  
 6:30 PM Faith Formation (Special Needs) St. Cecilia  
 7:00 PM Parish Life and Socials Stafford  
 7:00 PM Life, Justice & Peace Commission PCLR

**Thursday, January 28th**

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church  
 11:00 AM Mothers & Children Stafford  
 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church  
 1:00 PM Catholic Daughters of America Stafford  
 5:30 PM Lifeteen Core Team PC 3rd floor  
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting Gym  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church  
 7:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Stafford  
 7:00 PM Finance Council PC 2nd floor  
 7:00 PM RCIA Stafford

**Friday, January 29th**

10:30 AM Mass Church  
 1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford  
 3:00 PM Auction Committee Room 1  
 5:30 PM Just Faith Stafford  
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

**Saturday, January 30th**

10:00 PM Prepares Program LMC  
 1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford  
 1:00 PM Community Meal Gym  
 3:00 PM First Reconciliation Retreat Church/LMC/Stafford  
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church  
 4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia  
 5:00 PM Mass Church  
 6:15 PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner Gym

**Sunday, January 31st ~ Catholic School Week**


7:45 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 Choir Rehearsal Church  
 9:30 AM RCIA/C Sessions Stafford  
 10:00 AM MFCC Room 1  
 10:30 AM Mass ~ School is serving Church  
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC  
 10:30 AM Clase de Confirmación para adultos Teacher's Lounge  
 11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia  
 11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School  
 12:30 PM Misa Iglesia  
 12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños Biblioteca  
 2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1  
 2:30 PM Faith & Light LMC  
 3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church  
 4:00 PM MFCC Stafford  
 5:00 PM Mass Church  
 6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** will be meeting Thursday, January 28th at 1:15 in the Stafford Room at Assumption. We will be collecting new socks, warm hats, scarves, and gloves for Hope House. Also, we will be welcoming new members. Dessert and beverage will be served. Come join us.

**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Boy Scouts will be serving breakfast on Sunday, February 7th after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. We will have french toast, biscuit and gravy, scramble eggs, ham, sausage and hash brown. Hope to see you there.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

 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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Beginning February 12 every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be having the Stations of the Cross.

**VIA CRUCIS**

Empezando el 12 de febrero cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Vía Crucis a las 7:00 PM.

**RECONCILIATION/SOUP SUPPER**

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

**RECONCILIACIÓN / SOPA DE CENA**

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

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

	Wk(01/17/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 54,231	\$ 524,233
Contributions received:	\$19,346	\$ 53,605	\$ 531,999
Over/ <b>under</b> for wk/mo/yr	\$ 1,269	<b>-\$ 626</b>	\$ 7,766

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

<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(01/17/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 30,682
Contributions received:	\$ 1,752	\$ 3,225	\$ 21,378
Over/ <b>Under</b> for wk/mo/yr	\$ 694	\$ 51	<b>-\$ 9,304</b>

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

Hope House \$ 65

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

**TAX DONATION LETTERS**

Donation letters for tax purposes were mailed last week to everyone who contributed \$250 or more to our parish during 2015. If you haven't received a letter and think that you should have OR if you received a letter and it is not correct, please contact Karen in the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone for their generous gifts during 2015. This parish is a wonderfully supportive community.



O Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have, all we are, and all we will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.

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

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

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

Please join hundreds going to **Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Olympia.**

**To register, go to:** [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org) and give voice to Justice and life. Invite your friends along! The day will include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators.

**Sponsored by:** Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



Únase a cientos que irán al **Día Católico de Abogacía el lunes 8 de febrero, 2016 en Olympia. Para registrarse visite:**

[www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org) y levante la voz por la justicia y la vida ¡Invite a sus amigos a participar! El día incluirá información legislativa, una misa y citas con sus legisladores. **Patrocinado por:** Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society e Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



**A Stewardship Moment**

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members — the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

**Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad**

La carta pastoral de los obispos estadounidenses sobre la Administración de los Bienes de Dios enfatiza la lectura de hoy de la primera de Corintios: "Puesto que sus miembros individuales constituyen colectivamente el Cuerpo de Cristo, la salud y bienestar de ese cuerpo son la responsabilidad de sus miembros — la responsabilidad personal de cada uno de nosotros. Somos todos Administradores de los Bienes de la Iglesia."