

January 26, 2014
Third Sunday In Ordinary
Time

We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

January 27	10:30 AM	
Fr. Brian McGovern		RIP
January 29	6:00 PM	
Daniel Bartle		RIP
January 31	10:30 AM	
Rosemary Vincent		RIP
February 1	5:00 PM	
John & Nina Sternhagen		RIP
February 2	8:30 AM	
Peter S. Malinverni		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Adriana Reyes Ramos		RIP



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of :
Mary McFadden

Daily Worship
Week of January 26, 2014

Monday, January 27 Saint Angela Merici	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89:20-22, 25-26 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas	2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Psalm 24:7-10 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 29	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, January 30	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14 Mark 4:21-25
Friday, January 31 Saint John Bosco	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday, February 1 BVM	2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Psalm 51:12-17 Mark 4:35-41
Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

Raised as a Christian in a rich family, he became a bishop. In a vision, God appeared to him and told him to flee. To avoid persecution, he lived in the hills with sick animals and cared for them.

He was later captured and while imprisoned, cured a boy choking on a fish bone.

He was ordered to be killed for refusing to renounce his faith and love of God.

St. Blaise

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We will be celebrating **St. Blaise's Feast Day** on **Monday, February 3 at 10:30 AM**. Join us for Word & Communion led by Deacon Larry with a blessing of the throats ceremony.

EVENING PRAYER
and
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday eves.
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.

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

"For everyone who asks, receives, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What Father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish"
 Lk.2:10-11.

Our Father always hears our prayers, but the answer may not be the one we are looking for. It will be the one that God in his wisdom knows is best for you. We invite you to come and permit us to be your companions in prayer as you take your burdens to the Lord. No appt necessary. Private and confidential.

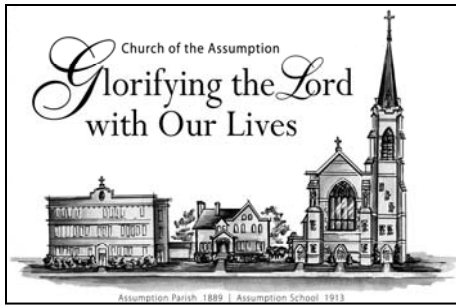
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Mondays at 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.
 Group will be cancelled until further notice.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays at 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Rm.
 Group will be cancelled until further notice.

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.



God's Laws of Sowing and Reaping

God instituted a variety of laws that govern and control the universe. When we live in harmony with these laws, we live in blessing and freedom. But if we disbelieve or disobey these laws, we suffer frustration and failure.

Sowing and Reaping (11Corinthians 9:6-7)

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Paul draws a direct tie between sowing and reaping, between the act and the result. In those agricultural days, the same farmer both planted and harvested his crop. He could see an explicit link between his efforts and rewards. Jesus and Paul both try to lead us from the physical laws to the spiritual principles involved.

Let us review some of these principles that govern the laws of sowing and reaping as they relate to the believer's walk with God:

You do not have to understand the law in order to benefit from it.

What you sow determines what you reap. If we sow kindness, mercy, love, and forgiveness, then we shall reap in like manner. And character wise – if we sow to the desires of the flesh, we shall reap the problems associated with those desires.

Sowing is an act of faith. Sowing represents taking a risk. What we give away is gone, released from our hands and from our control. It is the practical side of faith, where we believe it can do more good beyond our control than within our grasp. It is trusting God with the process, the progress, and the results.

You reap more than you sow. One seed of corn, for example, produces one stalk with several ears and hundreds of kernels. Any farmer knows the harvest is much greater than the amount of seed used. And even in the most severe drought, they know they will at least get their seed back. So why then do we think we are better off with our seed than with God's abundant harvest? Surely God knows how to give the best increase!

You reap in a later season than you sow The seeds of giving we sow may not produce an immediate harvest. They may even take months or years to produce fruit – but it will produce eventually. And that fruit will be worth the wait!

What you don't sow, you won't reap. Many people have never gotten in on the blessings and benefits of this law of sowing and reaping because they have never initiated the process by their giving.

Always keep in mind that we can ask, and we can sow, but God will give the kind of increase and harvest that He sees is best for us. The issue is one of faith, not of obligation.

We, God's people, have been given the keys to God's miracle of sowing and reaping. We must start the process. We must plant the seed. By faith and sacrifice, we must exhibit our confidence in God and His Word. We must give so we can receive, so we can give again. And as God multiplies our every gift, every need will be met. God's provisions will be in circulation, and God's work will go forth as never before.

The giving process can truly become a joy to our hearts when we settle the money issue with God, both the amount and the method.

Supplies and Sharing (11 Corinthians 9:8-11)

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: ‘He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.’ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

God does not give us a good harvest (or riches) to simply splurge on ourselves. He does give to take care of our living expenses – “having all that you need” (verse 8), but He also has a higher purpose in mind – “you will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.” Since God has put His money into our pockets, He depends upon us to write His checks.

God intends for us to use what measure of wealth we have (whether little or much) to help supply the needs of those around us. Whatever the amount of our income, it was never intended for totally private consumption. That is where the rich fool farmer went wrong. God gave him an abundant harvest, including a dramatic increase in his store of seed. Instead of recognizing the increased seed and the need to bless others with it, he decided he would hoard the harvest and use it all for his own pleasures. That night he died unexpectedly, and heard God say, “Thou fool, now whose shall all these things be?”

In every harvest there is an additional supply of seed, and the greater the harvest, the more the seed. We dare not let the seed stop with us, or to confiscate the seed to use as our harvest, for God intends for us to be “generous on every occasion.” Whenever we receive a harvest, whether it is a regular paycheck or an unexpected and extra amount, we must immediately set aside the seed, and look for ways and places to sow it. Only then can we regularly incorporate the principles of stewardship.

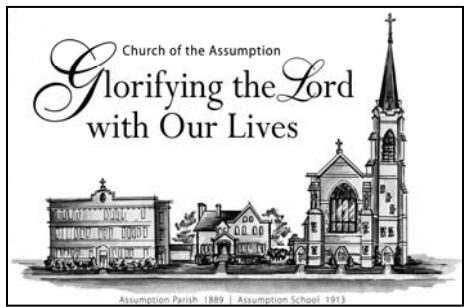
Praising and Praying (11 Corinthians 9:12-15)

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

Any good that is done for others is never wasted, whether they appreciate it or not. It produces a harvest of righteousness within those who gave it, and helps develop their character traits into true Christ-likeness.

The ones who receive the most returned whatever ministry they could to their benefactors. They both prayed for them and gave them their heartfelt affection. The blessings of God are reciprocal – no one is to give all the time, and no one is to receive all the time. God intended that we each one have a way whereby we can bless others, whether it be by our giving or our praying, or something else.

It is important to put into practice these laws of Sowing and Reaping, being assured of God giving the increase.



La ley de Dios sobre sembrando y cosechando

Dios instituyó una variedad de leyes que gobiernan y controlan el universo. Cuando vivimos en armonía con estas leyes, vivimos en libertad y bendición. Pero si dudamos o desobedecemos estas leyes, sufrimos la frustración y el fracaso.

Sembrando y cosechando (II Corintios 9:6-7)

“Recuerden esto: El que siembra escasamente, escasamente también segará; y el que siembra abundantemente, abundantemente también segará. Que cada uno dé como propuso en su corazón, no de mala gana ni por obligación, porque Dios ama al dador alegre.”

Pablo hace una directa vinculación entre siembra y cosecha, entre el acto y el resultado. En aquellos días agrícolas, el mismo agricultor tanto plantó y cosechó su cosecha. Él podría ver un vínculo explícito entre sus esfuerzos y recompensas. Jesús y Paúl ambos tratan de conducirnos de las leyes físicas a los principios espirituales implicados.

Revisemos algunos de estos principios que rigen las leyes de la siembra y cosecha como se relacionan con el caminar del creyente con Dios:

No tiene que entender la ley, para beneficiarse de ella.

Lo que se siembra determina lo que se cosecha. Si sembramos bondad, misericordia, amor y perdón, entonces cosechamos de manera similar. Y relativo al carácter, si sembramos a los deseos de la carne, cosecharemos los problemas asociados con esos deseos.

La siembra es un acto de fe. La siembra representa la toma de un riesgo. Lo que regalamos se va, se suelta de nuestras manos y de nuestro control. Es el lado práctico de la fe, donde creemos que puede hacer más bien fuera de nuestro control que a nuestro alcance. Es confiar en Dios con el proceso, el progreso y los resultados.

Se obtiene más de lo que se siembra. Una semilla de maíz, por ejemplo, produce un tallo con varias mazorcas y cientos de granos. Cualquier agricultor sabe que la cosecha es mucho mayor que la cantidad de semilla utilizada. Y hasta en la sequía más severa, saben que recuperarán al menos su semilla. ¿Por qué entonces pensamos que estamos mejor con nuestra semilla que con la abundante cosecha de Dios? ¡Seguramente Dios sabe dar el mayor aumento!

Se cosecha en una temporada posterior que se siembra. Las semillas de dar que sembramos pueden no producir una cosecha inmediata. Incluso puede faltar meses o años para producir frutos—pero producirá eventualmente. ¡Y esa fruta valdrá esperar!

Lo que no siembra, no cosechará. Muchas personas nunca han entrado en el las bendiciones y los beneficios de esta ley de la siembra y la cosecha porque nunca han iniciado el proceso de dar.

Siempre tenga presente que podemos preguntar, y podemos sembrar, pero Dios dará la clase de aumento y cosecha que Él ve es lo mejor para nosotros. La cuestión es una de la fe, no de la obligación.

Nosotros, la gente de Dios, han sido dadas las llaves al milagro de Dios de la siembra y la cosecha. Nosotros debemos empezar el proceso. Nosotros debemos sembrar la semilla. Por la fe y el sacrificio, nosotros debemos demostrar nuestra confianza en Dios y en Su Palabra. Nosotros tenemos que dar para que podamos recibir, así que podemos dar otra vez. Y como Dios multiplica cada uno de nuestros regalos, cada necesidad será cumplida. Las provisiones de Dios estarán en circulación, y la obra de Dios progresará como nunca antes.

El proceso de dar puede convertirse en un verdadero gozo para el corazón cuando nos resolvemos la cuestión del dinero con Dios, tanto la cantidad como el método.

Suministros y compartir (II Corintios 9:8-11)

“Y Dios puede hacer que toda gracia abunde para vosotros, a fin de que teniendo siempre todo lo suficiente en todas las cosas, abundéis para toda buena obra; como está escrito: ‘El esparcido, dio a los pobres; su justicia permanece para siempre.’ Y el que suministra semilla al sembrador y pan para su alimento, suplirá y multiplicará vuestra sementera y aumentará la siega de vuestra justicia; seréis enriquecidos en todo para toda liberalidad, la cual por medio de nosotros produce acción de gracias a Dios.”

Dios no nos da una buena cosecha (o riqueza) para simplemente derrochar en nosotros mismos. Él da a cuidar nuestros gastos cotidiana " todo lo suficiente en todas las cosas " (versículo 8), pero también tiene en mente en un objetivo más alto – “seréis enriquecidos en todo para toda liberalidad.” Puesto que Dios ha puesto su dinero en nuestros bolsillos, depende de nosotros para expedir Sus cheques.

Dios tiene la intención de usar la medida de riqueza que tenemos (ya sea poco o mucho) para ayudar a cumplir las necesidades de los que nos rodean. Sea cual sea la cantidad de nuestros ingresos, nunca fue pensado para el consumo totalmente privado. Es donde el granjero rico e insensato salió mal. Dios le dio una cosecha abundante, incluso un aumento espectacular de su reserva de la semilla. En vez de reconocer el aumento de sus semillas y la necesidad de dotar a otros de ello, decidió que acumularía la cosecha y usaría todo esto para sus propios placeres. Esa noche murió inesperadamente y oyó a Dios decir, "Insensato, ahora ¿de quién serán todas estas cosas?"

En cada cosecha hay un suministro adicional de las semillas, y, por tanto, mayor es la cosecha, más las semillas. Nos no atrevemos a dejar a la semilla pararse con nosotros o confiscar la semilla para usar como nuestra cosecha, porque Dios quiere que seamos "generosa en cada ocasión". Siempre que recibimos una cosecha, si se trata de un cheque regular o una cantidad inesperada y extra, debemos inmediatamente apartar la semilla y buscar formas y lugares para sembrarla. Sólo entonces podemos incorporar los principios de corresponsabilidad con regularidad.

Alabando y rezando (II Corintios 9:12-15)

“Este servicio que se realiza no solo el suministro de las necesidades del pueblo de Dios, sino que también abunda en muchas acciones de gracias a Dios. Porque la ministración de este servicio no sólo suple con plenitud lo que falta a los santos, sino que también sobreabunda a través de muchas acciones de gracias a Dios. Por la prueba dada por esta ministración, glorificarán a Dios por vuestra obediencia a vuestra confesión del evangelio de Cristo, y por la liberalidad de vuestra contribución para ellos y para todos; mientras que también ellos, mediante la oración a vuestro favor, demuestran su anhelo por vosotros debido a la sobreabundante gracia de Dios en vosotros. ¡Gracias a Dios por su don inefable!”

Cualquier bien que se hace a los demás nunca es desperdiciado, si lo aprecian o no. Produce una cosecha de honradez dentro de aquellos que lo dieron y ayudan a desarrollar sus rasgos de carácter en verdadera semejanza a Cristo.

Los que reciben más devolvieron cualquier ministerio que pudieron a sus benefactores. Ellos rezaron por ellos y les dieron su afecto sentido. Las bendiciones de Dios son recíprocas – nadie debe dar todo el tiempo, y nadie debe recibir todo el tiempo. Dios quiso que cada uno de nosotros uno tiene un camino por lo cual podemos bendecir a otros, ya sea por dar o por nuestra oración o algo más.

Es importante poner en práctica estas leyes de la siembra y la cosecha, asegurada que Dios dará el aumento.

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

CHURCH OF THE SECOND CHANCE –

JustFaith unit on prison reform. Six sessions -two evening meetings each month (January, February, and March). The module does not soften the gritty truth of prison reality but introduces the Christian principle of restorative justice, points out the critical need for comprehensive prison reform as well as focusing on the power of prayer and the Christian messages of reconciliation and redemption. If interested, please call or e-mail the JustFaith Steering Committee contact Dan Languier (360-920-1816 or dflanguier@yahoo.com) for more information.

YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI SOCIETY-TUESDAYS AT 7PM.

The Frassati Society is a Bible Study group, inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. While alive, Pier Giorgio ministered to the poor and vulnerable in Italy, and also to his fellow young adults. Join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Assumption Parish-Office living room, for bible study, food and fellowship as we strive to follow Blessed Frassati's example.

Talk to Grace Bandolon for more details:
graceb@assumption.org

INTERFAITH COALITION'S MARCH 22 ANNUAL HOPE AUCTION

Save the date for Interfaith Coalition's Annual Hope Auction on Saturday, March 22. You will enjoy an evening of fun and community spirit, and the proceeds will support housing for homeless families and health care for all in need. The auction is Interfaith's biggest fundraising event, and raises more than one-third of Interfaith's annual income. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Lakeway Inn in Bellingham. Tickets are on sale now for \$45 each, which includes a sit-down dinner.

You also may support the event by contributing an item to be auctioned. If you can provide a service, getaway home, art or craft item, gift certificate or other sought-after item, then you have something to offer that would raise money to assist local people in need. The coalition also is seeking financial support to help underwrite the auction.

For more information, tickets, or to make a donation, please call Interfaith Coalition at **734-3983**, or contact Mike DiSpigno, who represents our congregation on the coalition board.

SAVE THE DATE

For the 14th annual
Growing Great Kids Auction
benefiting Assumption Catholic School
Saturday, March 1, 2014
at Bellingham Golf and Country Club

For information please visit:
www.growinggreatkids.org
email: growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com



A FAMILY-FRIENDLY SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the sixth annual Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb 2 in the Assumption gym. Doors will open at 3PM, so you can be settled in time for kickoff at 3:25 PST.

Snacks and dinner will be provided, and the halftime show will be replaced by family-friendly challenges, raffles, and trivia. So bring your kids, your appetites, and your love of the game.

Suggested donation: \$5/person, or \$15/family of three or more.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS are sponsoring the 2014 Education Contest with the themes of "Jesus Loves Us, How Do We Spread that Love?" and "How Do I Promote Peace In The World?" This contest is open to all youth from the 4th grade through the 12th grade. Details are posted on the Assumption Church website and on the Assumption School website.

COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PART-TIME POSITION AT INTERFAITH COALITION

Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County seeks a 20 hour per week experienced development and communications director to work with our small staff in a dynamic, non-profit office. The coalition is a partnership of over 40 congregations that provides housing to homeless families, severe weather shelters, and support to Interfaith Community Health Center. Please contact Interfaith Coalition at info@interfaith-coalition.org or 734-3983 for a job description.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip will be sold on the **first & third** Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM mass.

El Scrip ya esta en venta después de la misa en Español. Gracias por su apoyo.

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*
- Paul Cleary*
- Michael Condit*
- Gabriel Feely*
- John Hutson*
- Gabriel Rodriguez*
- Steven Faecke*
- Maj. Gregory DeMarco*
- Keanu Franco*
- Michael Dahl*
- Matt Edge*
- Kyle Frisbie*
- Kurt DeVries*
- Cadet Garrett Burnham*

WEEK	<u>Monday, January 27th</u>		
	<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	3:00 PM	Volleyball/Wrestling	Gym
	6:30 PM	CC Leadership Dinner	Off-site
6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	PCLR	
7:00 PM	Edge		

WEEK	<u>Tuesday, January 28th</u>		
	<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
	1:00 PM	Bible Study	Stafford
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	Stafford
	3:00 PM	Volleyball/Wrestling	Gym
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	6:30 PM	Parents of Troubled Adults	Stafford
	6:45 PM	Girl Scouts Troop 50222	Room 1
7:00 PM	Bible Study	Stafford	
7:00 PM	Frassati Society	PCLR	
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Meeting	Gym	
7:00 PM	Coalition Against Human Trafficking	LMC	

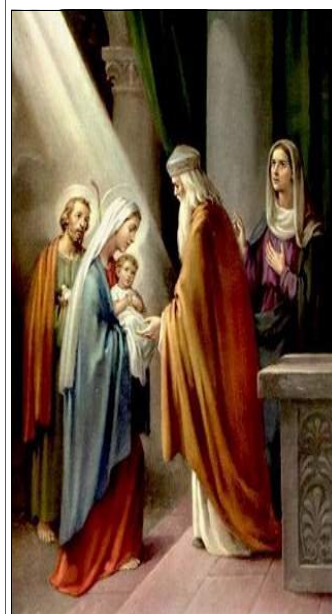
WEEK	<u>Wednesday, January 29th</u>		
	<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
	12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
	3:00 PM	Volleyball/Wrestling	Gym
	5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	Mass	Church	
7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry	PCLR	
7:00 PM	Knight of Columbus 1st Degree	St. Cecilia	

WEEK	<u>Thursday, January 30th</u>		
	<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
	10:30 AM	Word & Communion	Church
	11:00 AM	Mothers & Children	Stafford
	11:30 AM	Pro Life Rosary	Church
	1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
	3:00 PM	Volleyball/Wrestling	Gym
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 PM	RCIA Catechumenate	LMC	
7:00 PM	Edge Core Team	PC 3rd floor	

<u>Friday, January 31st</u>		
<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Rosary Prayer Group	Church
7:00 PM	Grupo de Compartir el Evangelio	LMC

<u>Saturday, February 1st</u>		
<u>Catholic Schools Week</u>		
1:00 PM	Art & Environment Comm.	PC 2nd floor
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
2:30 PM	Faith & Light	LMC
3:00 PM	Tagalog Choir	Church
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
5:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Dinner Club	Off-site

<u>Sunday, February 2nd</u>		
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Candle Blessing Mass	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
8:30 AM	RCIC Dismissal	Stafford
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
10:00 AM	Grupo de Oración	Room 1
10:30 AM	Candle Blessing Mass	Church
11:30 AM	K-5 Faith Formation	School
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Mariachi	St. Cecilia
11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
12:30 PM	Misa de bendición de Vela	Iglesia
3:00 PM	Super Bowl Party	Gym



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Next Sunday February 2nd is the Presentation of the Lord. We will be blessing candles at every mass. We invite you to bring a candle to light your home prayer space.







The feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus, is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in this liturgy.

FEVERBURY

2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Please remove from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of February events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.

							1 Art & Environment 1 PM Faith & Light 2:30PM Dinner Club 6PM
2 Presentation of the Lord  No 5PM Mass	3 Word & Communion 10:30AM (St. Blaise) Bldg & Grounds 7PM	4	5 Mass at St. Joseph Hospital 2PM Word & Communion 6PM Henri Nouwen series 6:45PM State of the School 7PM	6 Word & Communion 10:30AM	7  School Talent Show 7:00 PM	8 1st Communion Class 10AM	
9 Scout Sunday 	10 Word & Communion 10:30AM	11	12 Word & Communion 6PM Henri Nouwen series 6:45PM	13 Word & Communion 10:30AM Pastoral Council 7PM	14  Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Clase de Catecismo 2PM	
16	17  Presidents Day Office Closed-No Mass or Word & Communion Service	18	19 Henri Nouwen series 6:45PM School Commission 7PM	20	21	22 <i>Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i> 1st Communion Class 10AM Living the Eucharist Retreat 12PM Girl Scout Thinking Day 1PM	
23  COMMUNITY MEAL 1:00 PM	24	25	26 Henri Nouwen series 6:45PM	27 Finance Council 7PM	28		

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(01/19/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,404	\$52,212	\$504,716
Contributions received:	\$15,120	\$60,014	\$543,929
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$2,284	\$ 7,802	\$ 39,213

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(01/19/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$30,682
Contributions received:	\$ 1,408	\$ 2,739	\$48,498
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 350	-\$ 435	\$17,816

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 198

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

CALLED TO PROTECT MINISTRIES

This three hour training is designed to teach participants how to recognize the signs of abuse, how to respond to suspected abuse and how to keep our ministries, programs and schools safe. Required for clergy, employees and volunteers, to be in compliance with the Archdiocesan requirements

Where: St Joseph 205 12th Street, Lynden, Parish Hall

When: February 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m.— Noon. You may register online by visiting www.seattlearch.org; click on the box for the Safe Environment Program (found on the right side of the page) and click the link that says “Register for Classes.” That means sacristans, altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters, and teachers need to attend. Dianna Reese and Chris Regis are the facilitators.



Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life, - the Christian way of life – of which stewardship is a part.

Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us – clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child – has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

This mission – proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying – is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

The challenge, then, is to understand our role – our vocation – and to respond generously to this call from God . Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God. **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

God made us the stewards of creation to praise his every day for his wisdom and power. God called us to imitate Jesus in his life of service.

God called us to be faithful stewards of all the gifts we have been given.

God, through baptism you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence to the world. Give the courage and generosity to respond to Your love and to Your call. Amen.



CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

Please join hundreds of your fellow advocates from across the state for **Catholic Advocacy Day, Friday, February 21, 2014** in Olympia, Washington.

To register, go to: www.ccsww.org/advocacy. Your early registration allows us to ensure you get a meeting with your legislators and give voice to the cry of the poor.

The day will include: Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how your advocacy makes a difference, Mass with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, and appointments with legislators.

Catholic Advocacy Day is sponsored by: the Archdiocese of Seattle Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community Services, Pierce County Deanery, and St. Vincent de Paul Society

Contact for information: Carol Gavareski 676-4428

A Stewardship Moment

The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La consigna de hoy es “inmediatamente.” Pedro y Andrés, Santiago y Juan, todos responden *inmediatamente* al llamado de Cristo. ¡Que yo pueda estar tan dispuesto a la llamada de Dios y listo para usar mis talentos a Su servicio tal como lo estuvieron esos primeros discípulos!

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.