

March 11, 2018

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

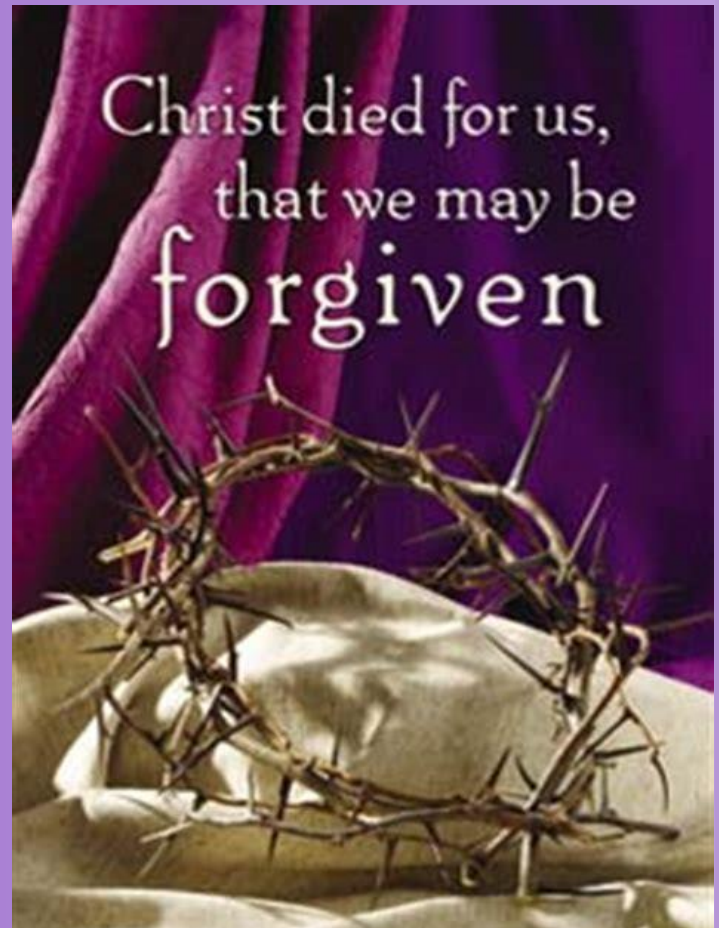
Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 PM

Thursday/Jueves 10:30 AM

Friday/Viernes 10:30 AM

Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado 3:30 PM



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.

March 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

God pardons and raises up those who have been unfaithful, those who have loved the darkness rather than the light. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to deliver the world from exile.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

March 14	6:00 PM	
Joy Foy		RIP
March 15	10:30 AM	
Loretta Dansey		RIP
March 16	10:30 AM	
Mary Kunear		RIP
March 17	5:00 PM	
William Curry		RIP
March 18	8:30 AM	
Ed Hildebrand		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Lillian Lundy		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		
	5:00 PM	
Margie Wedin		RIP

SI = Special Intention

RIP = Rest in Peace

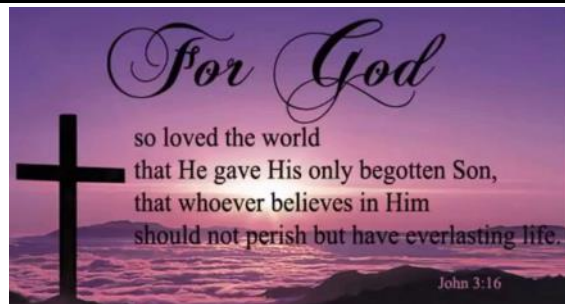
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, May 5 & 19 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

Daily Worship
Week of March 11, 2018

Monday, March 12	Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b John 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 13	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 14	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30
Thursday, March 15	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-23 Luke 5:31-47
Friday, March 16	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-21, 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 17 Saint Patrick	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7:2-3, 9b-12 John 7:40-53
Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33



UN ENCUENTRO CON ANDRISE

Nos encontramos con Andrise, una maestra en Haití que sabe la importancia de enseñar a los jóvenes a responder con agradecimiento a la comunidad y a su país. ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

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 360-595-4366.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 2:00-4:00 PM, St. Cecilia Room

Faith, Hope and Love.

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast of the glory of God."

Is. 42:16.

All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Rm.

"With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before him.

God is our refuge."

Ps. 62:8-9.

All are welcome.

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

OUR SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Growing Great Kids Auction for Assumption Catholic School, especially the Church of the Assumption sponsoring at the \$10,000 level; Peace Health at \$5,000; and Sacred Heart, Financial Plan, The Brumley Team, The Inn at Lynden, and McClary, Swift and Co.- all at the \$2500 level. The event sold out this year at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club and included a lot of new attendees who hadn't been to the auction in previous years. Last year, we raised \$175,000 (an increase from the previous year), and this year the preliminary proceeds are **\$211,000!** This includes donations for "Fund the Need" which will support additional music classes, field trips, and STEAM activities. Thanks again for all you do to support our wonderful school.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

For the past few weeks, both Edge and Lifeteen have been talking about Theology of the Body--a series of talks given by Saint Pope John Paul II about human sexuality. Specifically, we have been focusing on the four pillars of God's love (free, total, faithful, and fruitful) and how we are called to love others with this same type of love. God loves us freely, of His own accord, and loves us regardless of whether He gets anything back in return. He loves us totally, there is no part of Himself that He holds back from us. He loves us faithfully, there is nothing we could ever do to make God stop loving us. And He loves us fruitfully, His love gives us life and sustains us. What does this look like in human relationships? Friendships? Families? We have been encouraging teens to use these four qualities to "test" the shows, music, and media they consume, and the relationships they have in their own lives. Are they promoting a Godly love, or are they promoting something shallow and temporary? Do they promote selflessness and sacrifice, or selfishness and greed? Are they leading you closer to God, or farther away?

We have been made in the image and likeness of God and have a great calling to love one another with a Godly love. As we continue our Lenten journey this year, let us reflect on God's love for us and how we can better love our neighbors.

"There is no place for selfishness, and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice." (Saint Pope John Paul II)

There will be no Edge this weekend. Lifeteen will still meet from 6pm-8pm on Sunday for our third and final Theology of the Body session.

CALLING BELLINGHAM'S CATHOLIC MOMS!

Mothers and their children are most welcome to join us for a faith-filled time of fun, fellowship, and food at our new location in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. We meet every 2nd and 4th Friday at 10 am following the 9 am Mass. Be there for our Next Meet-up: Friday, March 22.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND PETRA

You are invited to join Fr Scott on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra in September, 2018. Visit Bethlehem and celebrate Mass in the Nativity Church. Walk through the Shepherd's field that still looks the same as it did 2000 years ago. Go to the top of the Mt. of Olives. Sit in the church of Peter Noster where Jesus taught the Lords Prayer and walk the "Palm Sunday" road. Visit the church of St Anne where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Walk the Via Dolorosa and have a chance to carry a cross during the walk. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, swim in the Dead Sea, and celebrate Mass at the Mount of the Beatitudes. Travel to Jordan to the "Rose Red City" of Petra and also visit the traditional Baptismal site of Jesus on the Jordan River which is in Jordan. Go to the top of Mt Nebo where Moses was shown the Promised Land. Return to Israel and ascend Mount Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, then on to the ancient city of Caesarea where St Peter preached and St Paul was imprisoned for two years. Renew your wedding vows in Cana of Galilee and visit the summit of Mt Tabor to see the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Departure is on Sept. 3, with a return date of Sept. 16. Please call Dan at 360-599-0752 for more information, or go to assumption.org for the itinerary.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Assumption Boy Scout Troop is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 16. Come join us in the gym at 6:30 pm. Bring a pot of meatless soup or some bread and join Father Scott, Boy Scouts and your fellow parishioners for this community-building event. See you on the 16th!

ATTENTION EDGE

We will not meet for EDGE this Sunday, March 11, due to the Junior High Rally that is happening March 10.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

SCRIP will be sold the first Sunday of every month between Masses (9:30-10:30 am). Thank you for supporting our school!

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
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
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
1st Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trotter
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker
Jim Heisler III
Garret Groth
Nicole Groth

TU VOZ
¡¡IMPORTA!!

PRÓXIMA ENCUESTA DE FELIGRESES

La Arquidiócesis de Seattle está estudiando un plan pastoral integral para abordar el número de sacerdotes disponibles en los próximos años. El número de sacerdotes activos en la Arquidiócesis de Seattle probablemente permanezca estable en los próximos diez años aproximadamente (cerca de 125 sacerdotes para 175 parroquias y misiones). El Decanato del norte (Whatcom, SKAGIT y los condados de las islas) no anticipa un cambio al número de sacerdotes asignados a las 21 parroquias/misiones/ministerios dentro del Decanato (cerca de 11 sacerdotes).

Como parte de esta planificación, se le pide a cada parroquia que considere los ministerios compartidos con las parroquias vecinas, evalúe el mejor uso del personal, y mire la salud y la vitalidad de sus comunidades individuales. Nosotros (personal parroquial, Concilio Pastoral, vida espiritual y adoración, formación de fe, y planificación de la liturgia) en la parroquia de la asunción queremos ver maneras de ayudar a implementar este plan en Bellingham y en nuestro Decanato.

El esfuerzo por mantener la salud (física, emocional y espiritual) de nuestros sacerdotes es vital para el bienestar de nuestras comunidades. Esto se hace con horarios razonables y expectativas razonables por nuestros feligreses. Si bien seguimos alentando a los jóvenes a considerar una vocación sacerdotal, reconocemos que el número de sacerdotes permanecerá relativamente estable en los próximos diez años.

Canónicamente, se les pide a los sacerdotes que no celebren más de tres Misas en un día determinado. Actualmente tenemos cuatro Misas programadas los domingos además de la Misa de sábado por la noche. En la actualidad hay cinco Misas que se ofrecen en la Asunción cada fin de semana, y la capacidad de la iglesia no se utiliza plenamente en ninguna de estas Misas. Creemos que la reducción del número de una Misa tiene sentido.

También queremos proporcionar más tiempo entre las Misas para nuestro programa de formación de fe dominical. Actualmente ofrecemos catequesis para toda la familia entre la Misa de 10:30 am en inglés y la Misa de 12:30 PM en español. Esto es sólo una hora (11:30-12:30) para la formación de la fe, y la realidad es que sólo somos capaces de ofrecer unos 45 minutos de tiempo de calidad (si tenemos suerte). Nos gustaría hacer un mínimo de 1 ½ horas disponibles entre una Misa de inglés y español el domingo por la mañana para la formación de fe.

El personal y el liderazgo de la parroquia están considerando varias opciones para nuevos tiempos de Misa los domingos. Estaremos ofreciendo la oportunidad para los comentarios de los feligreses sobre estas opciones en una encuesta el próximo fin de semana.

Por favor sepa que estas decisiones no se toman a la ligera. Mientras sabemos que es bien difícil cambiar los hábitos ya establecidos por mucho tiempo, su aportación reflexiva nos ayudará a tomar la decisión correcta para el futuro de nuestra comunidad.



UPCOMING PARISHIONER SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Seattle is looking at a comprehensive Pastoral Plan to address the number of priests available in the coming years. The number of active priests in the Seattle Archdiocese will likely remain stable in the next ten years or so (about 125 priests for 175 parishes and missions). The Northern Deanery (Whatcom, Skagit and Island counties) does not anticipate a change to the number of priests assigned to the 21 parishes/missions/ministries within the deanery (about 11 priests).

As part of this planning, each parish is being asked to consider shared ministries with neighboring parishes, evaluate best usage of personnel, and look at the health and vitality of their individual communities. We (parish staff, Pastoral Council, Spiritual Life & Worship, Faith Formation, and Liturgy Planning) at Assumption parish want to look at ways to help implement this plan in Bellingham and in our Deanery.

Striving to maintain the health (physical, emotional and spiritual) of our priests is vital to the well-being of our communities. This is done with reasonable schedules and reasonable expectations by our parishioners. While we still continue to encourage young men to consider a vocation to the priesthood, we acknowledge that the number of priests will remain relatively stable over the next ten years or so.

Canonically, priests are asked to celebrate no more than three Masses on any given day. Currently we have four Masses scheduled on Sundays in addition to the Saturday evening Mass. There are currently five Masses offered at Assumption each weekend, and church capacity is not fully used at any one of these Masses. We believe that reducing the number of Masses by one makes sense.

We also want to provide more time between Masses for our Sunday Faith Formation Program. We currently offer Whole Family Catechesis between the 10:30 am English Mass and the 12:30 pm Spanish Mass. This is only an hour (11:30 - 12:30) for Faith Formation, and the reality is we are only able to offer about 45 minutes of quality time (if we're lucky). We would like to make a minimum of 1 ½ hours available between an English and Spanish Mass on Sunday morning for Faith Formation.

The staff and parish leadership are considering several options for new Mass times on Sundays. We will be offering the opportunity for parishioner feedback on these options in a survey next weekend.

Please know that these decisions are not made lightly. While it is hard to change long-standing habits, your thoughtful input will help us make the right choice for the future of our community.

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
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

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Faith Formation Commission
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Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Lynette Machinski
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
Liturgy Planning Committee
Kathy Ernst
Frederick Mabalot

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY WHATCOM HOSPICE

Hospice seeks top-quality, caring volunteers to provide assistance to those facing a life threatening illness. Patient Care volunteers provide emotional support and companionship, make meals, perform light chores, offer transportation, and vigil at the bedside. Indirect-Care volunteers make deliveries, sing, sew, knit, arrange flowers, garden, and provide other non-patient centered services. Interested adults are invited to attend an informational meeting:

Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 am. – 12:00 pm.
Hospice Administration Building,
Lower Level Conference Room,
2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham

The two training programs will be explained at that time. Contact the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Dianne Gillespie at 360-788-6892 or dgillespie@peacehealth.org for more information.

LET THE LOVE OF GOD INTO YOUR MARRIAGE:

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend at the Sheraton Hotel, Bellevue is May 18 - 20, 2018.

Apply at www.wwme.org.
More information at 206-772-2344

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES/ CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES

Dear Father Connolly and people of Assumption, Thank you again for making our annual CCS Appeal for the Poor another success. As you know, the gifts raised through this special campaign will assist us in providing essential services and programs to people in need in Whatcom County. Our work would not be possible without partners like you!

We are delighted that you have chosen to participate in our Parish Partner Return Program and are pleased to include this check for \$3,057.25 to be used for your parish’s social outreach ministry. This amount represents 25% of the CCS Appeal for the Poor gifts received from your parishioners as of December 29, 2017. You will receive a second check at a later date, as appropriate, that includes additional gifts we received in the days to come. Please know that your valuable commitment and partnership is a blessing to those we serve and a grace to each of us here at CCS/CHS.



Hope House is closed for rebuilding until further notice. We will let you know as soon as possible when we will reopen.

MY PARISH APP

Lent is a perfect time to get the My Parish App and keep your Lenten promises. Whether it's daily prayer, scripture readings, or anything else that will bring you closer to God, get the app and set a reminder to stay on track!



LA APLICACIÓN DE MI PARROQUIA

La Cuaresma es un momento perfecto para obtener la aplicación de mi parroquia (My Parish App) y cumplir tus promesas cuaresmales. Ya sea la oración diaria, lecturas de las Escrituras, o cualquier otra cosa que lo acerque más a Dios, obtenga la aplicación y establezca un recordatorio para mantenerse en el buen camino.

A Lifeline For Married Couples - Coming NEXT Weekend

The Retrouvaille program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is designed to improve communication and help couples reconnect. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of marriages worldwide – your marriage could be next. **It’s not too late to sign up for our program starting next weekend, March 16-18, 2018.** For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register, call 206-706-2608 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST will be hosted by the First Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, on **Sunday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m.** at 495 E. Bakerview Rd, tel. (360) 734-6820.

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Monday, March 12th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer Church
 2:00 PM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
 3:00 PM Girl Scouts Stafford
 6:30 PM God's Weigh PCLR

Tuesday, March 13th

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
 5:30 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg. St. Cecilia
 6:30 PM Adoration Church
 6:30 PM Healing Prayer Class Stafford
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym
 7:00 PM Bible Study Teacher's Lounge

Wednesday, March 14th

12:01 AM Adoration Church
 10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study Stafford
 5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM Mass Church
 6:30 PM St. Teresa of Avila Stafford
 7:00 PM Spiritual Life & Worship Comm. PCLR



Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, March 15th

10:30 AM Funeral Mass (Loretta Dansey) Church
 5:30 PM Cub Scout Bear Den Room 1
 6:30 PM Healing Prayer Class St. Cecilia
 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service Church
 7:00 PM RCIA Session LMC



Please join us at the Anointing Mass Service on Friday, March 16, at 10:30 AM. Luncheon to follow.

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17th

1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
 3:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
5:00 PM Mass Church
 7:00 PM MFCC Junta General Gym

Sunday, March 18th

7:30 AM Choir Rehearsal St. Cecilia
8:30 AM Mass Church
10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
 11:30 AM Community Catechesis Gym
12:30 PM Misa ~ 3rd Scrutiny Iglesia
 12:30 PM RCIA/C Dismissal Stafford
 12:30 PM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 2:00 PM Edge Sacred Heart
 3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Mass Church
 5:00 PM Evenings for Engaged Stafford
 6:00 PM Lifeteen PC 3rd floor

BILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and join us in the Church every Friday during lent at 6:00 PM, we will be having the Bilingual Stations of the Cross.

VIA CRUCIS (BILINGÜE)

Ven y acompáñanos en la Iglesia los viernes a las 6 de la tarde durante la cuaresma tendremos las Via Crucis en bilingüe.

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 Feb. 16, and continue each Friday through Mar. 23. 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.



SOPA DE CENA CUARESIMAL

¡Únase a nosotros en el gimnasio de la Asunción para las Sopas de Cena de Cuaresma cada viernes durante la Cuaresma! Las cenas son a las 6:30 p.m. (± 10 minutos dependiendo de cuándo termina la Via Crucis a partir del 16 de febrero y continúan cada viernes hasta el 23 de marzo. ¡Traiga una olla de sopa sin carne o un poco de pan y únase con el Padre Scott y tus compañeros feligreses para este evento de construcción de la comunidad! Esperaremos verte.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, FERNDAL

EVERY Friday through March 23, Fish Fry from 5:30 to 6:45 pm; Stations at 7pm.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>Stewardship</u>	Wk (3/4/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 22,073	\$ 682,591
Contributions Budget:	\$ 24,620	\$ 650,525
Over/under	\$ -2,547	\$ 32,066

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

<u>Debt Reduction</u>	Wk (3/4/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 951	\$ 44,710
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 38,088
Over/Under	\$ -107	\$ 6,622

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 454
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 97

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

Fr Thomas Keating speaks of how "interior silence gradually opens to an inner spaciousness that is alive."

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of stillness, a time of listening in silence to the Divine. This offering will include a brief presentation, 3 periods of Centering Prayer, a silent break that can be spent reading, journaling or walking the labyrinth and the outdoor reflective spaces at Stillpoint.

Our Facilitator:

Bonnie J. Shimizu, an assistant to Fr. Thomas Keating for over 27 years, continues to work with him in editing his books and articles. While retired from her various roles in Contemplative Outreach, <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

Bonnie still gives presentations on various aspects of the Christian contemplative tradition and the practice of Centering Prayer.

Date and Time: Good Friday, March 30th, Noon to 3pm

Place: Stillpoint at Becksides Spirituality Center, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham

There is no fee for this offering. Donations to Stillpoint would be gratefully received. Registration is required.

Contact: Linda Conroy, Ind.conroy@gmail.com

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge and thank

Donna & Byron Johnson, Bob Grasher

In preparation for our church roof project, Donna, Byron and Bob have removed trees, trimmed bushes and trees, and removed many of the memorial rose bushes. They did all of this in the space of just a few weeks amid very cold temperatures. The rose bushes have been taken to Donna and Byron's home to keep them out of the way of the heavy machinery while the church is covered in scaffolding. The roses will have some TLC and lots of sunshine until they are able to return once the project is over. We thank Donna, Byron and Bob for taking such good care of our church, despite cold weather and illness!

Stewardship

is heart work



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.

A Stewardship Moment

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos proviene del Señor. "Lo que somos es obra de Dios," dice San Pablo en la segunda lectura, "hemos sido creados en Cristo Jesús con miras a las buenas obras que Dios dispuso de antemano para que nos ocupáramos en ellas."