

March 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus, when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

March 17	10:30 AM
Patricia Penk	RIP
March 19	5:00 PM
Joseph Julian Simo	SI
March 20	8:30 AM
Frederick Walsh	RIP
	10:30 AM
Ann Mendoza	SI
	12:30 PM
Pro Populo	
	5:00 PM
Nancy Winton	RIP

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Harold Gregory

**Daily Worship
Week of March 13, 2016**

Monday, March 14	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23:1-6 John 8:12-20
Tuesday, March 15	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21 John 8:21-30
Wednesday, March 16	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3:52-56 John 8:31-42
Thursday, March 17 Saint Patrick	Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-9 John 8:51-59
Friday, March 18	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2-7 John 10:31-42
Saturday, March 19 Saint Joseph, husband of BVM	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord	Luke 19:28-40 (procession) Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14—23:56



**Year of Mercy
Weekly Reflection**

Theme: Judgement and Righteousness (3/13/16)
You are righteous, O Lord, and all your deeds are just; all your ways are mercy and truth; you are the judge of the world. (Tobit 3:2)

Reflection: How do you live your life to ensure that you will be judged as righteous in the eyes of the Lord? If you were to be judged right now, how would you measure up?

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP Mondays, 6:00-8:00 PM in the St. Cecilia Rm.

“In Christ the fullness of deity resides in bodily form. Yours is a share of his fullness, in him who is the head of every principality and power.” Colossians 2:9-10.

We meet to pray and give thanks to our Lord for the blessings he pours out on us. We are just starting up again. We invite you to join us.

**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**

"But the just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years." Wisdom 4:7-8.

Everyone does not respond to the death of a loved one in our lives the same way. We follow Dr. A. Wolfvelt's compassionate program, where we learn the steps of grieving, not to forget but to help us go on with our lives. It is a loving group where we care for each other. Why not join us. We are just starting week one. Info. call, Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

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

OUR SCHOOL

The school had its annual auction this past weekend. It was a very successful event thanks to the hard work and support of so many people. The money raised makes a very real difference to the life of the school. Equally important is the strengthening of community, both within the school and between the school and parish. It is a great example that we are all a part of Catholic education in this county, through our financial support, collaborative work and prayers.

AN ENGLISH HIGH TEA

The Assumption Church High Tea is returning! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14. We are in need of many volunteers to make this a success. If you are interested in volunteering as a table captain, food preparation serving, and/or advertising and ticket sales, contact Janie Pemble (734-2441) or Julia Pillar-Schaefer (360-305-9907).

SOUP SUPPER

Come join us in Lenten fellowship this Friday at 6 P.M. in the gym for our Parish's Soup Supper. Bring a pot of meatless soup and enjoy a lovely meal together. Our last soup supper is sponsored by the Boy Scouts. Hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will be meeting Thursday, March 17 at 1:15 in the Stafford Room at Assumption. We will be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, so bring your rosary. All ladies of the parish are invited. Dessert and beverage will be served.



FLOWERING PLANT

At Easter, we participate in the celebration of our Risen Christ. Like Spring, it is a time of rebirth. To enhance your participation in this year's Easter Celebration, we are asking families and/or individual parishioners to bring with them to Easter Mass a flowering plant as a symbolic offering of new life. Your donations will become part of the gardens outside the Church where they will be cared for by the Garden Committee as a living and lasting celebration of our Savior's Rebirth. Help us carpet the grounds of our House of Worship with joy and love in floral form. Examples: bulbs, roses, perennials, etc.



IRISH CONVIVIALITY

Join Sacred Heart Parish from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 13th for an afternoon of Irish conviviality in celebration of St. Patrick's Day! We will have a good ol' fashioned corned beef and cabbage dinner and good Irish beer (or lighter stuff for those who prefer) while we are entertained by Clan Heather Irish Dancers. If you can, please bring a dessert to share. Wear your best green and come with a song in your heart! Questions? Call the office: 734-2850

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

On Tuesday March 22, we will be cleaning up after Palm Sunday and getting ready for Easter. Cleaning will begin at 12PM. We need 15 to 25 people to get all of the cleaning done in one day. So bring a friend or family member and join us in the main body of the Church. No need to bring anything but yourselves.

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!

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 Trottnor
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker*

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

**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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.uscb.org/catholic-relief to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise.**

**COLECTA DE CATHOLIC
RELIEF SERVICES**

Muchas gracias por tu generoso apoyo a La colecta de Catholic Relief Services. Mediante tu generosidad, se podrá reunificar a familias, enseñar habilidades valiosas a los que buscan una vida mejor y responder a las necesidades humanitarias vitales de muchas personas. Por favor, visita www.uscb.org/catholic-relief para informarte sobre la manera en que sus donativos hacen la diferencia y ayudes a **Jesús con otro rostro.**

**A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) helps distressed couples rediscover each other and take positive steps to begin a new life of healing, commitment and love. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **April 8-10, 2016** call **360-671-6479** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

SACRED HEART RADIO

“Tune in to Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050 Seattle/AM 1240 Olympia for the unpredictable, live excitement of the semi-annual Sharathon from March 16-19. The parish with the most donors will earn a beautiful piece of art for our parish!”

**THE SOY HOUSE RESTAURANT
(DOWNTOWN)**

will be open this Easter, March 27. The location is 400 W. Holly Street (360) 393-4857. The hours are 11 am to 7 pm. All the profits earned on this day will be donated to the Church and/or the Hope House. Please come out to support the community and those who are less fortunate. We hope to involve the community in fundraising for a good cause. We would love to see everyone there.



Hard to believe, but Hope House has been open for almost 16 years! Over those years, an enormous amount of volunteer hours were put in by dedicated staff. One of the earliest volunteers was Joe Fogarty, a parishioner who stood very tall, very straight and had a wicked sense of humor! He loved to tease the ladies in the kitchen, particularly the two who came here from the east coast and had accents. I have such fond memories of Joe; one year, when we had a diaper drive at all the area Haggen stores, Joe and I spent the entire day setting up, hauling diapers and cleaning it all up at the end of the day. I learned that day, while we were driving around, how much he loved his family and how proud of them he was. Joe passed away a couple of years ago—a loss for our parish and community. His granddaughter, Katie, has taken it upon herself to honor her grandfather’s legacy by holding a sock drive each year for us at Fred Meyer. This year she collected 579 pairs of socks!! Thank you, Katie, your grandfather would be proud.

We are in need of underwear (new, please!) for all sizes.

God bless,
Cheri Woolsey

**Single Catholic Young Adult
Women & Men are invited to a
REFLECTION DAY on CONSECRATED
LIFE**

to explore a Call to Religious Life as Sisters,
Brothers or Priests

Sat., March 19, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
University of Washington Newman Center
4502 20th Ave. NE, Seattle 98105
corner of 20th NE & NE 45th

HOSTED BY:

Religious Communities of Women and Men
serving in the Archdiocese of Seattle
COFFEE & DONUTS when you arrive.
LUNCH PROVIDED

Includes prayer, quiet time, multi-media info on religious life, time to meet with religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests.

Please SIGN UP by March 14
E-mail Sister Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP:
jmiller@csjp-olp.org
or call/text 206-920-8560

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Monday, March 14th

10:30 AM Word & Communion
11:30 AM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM Servant of the Lord Prayer
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss

Tuesday, March 15th

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.

Wednesday, March 16th

12:01 AM Adoration
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study
6:00 PM Word & Communion
7:00 PM School Commission
7:00 PM Theology on Tap

Thursday, March 17th

10:30 AM St. Patrick Mass
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group
1:15 PM Catholic Daughters of America
3:00 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chrism Mass
7:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee
7:00 PM Life, Justice & Peace
7:00 PM Edge Core Team
7:00 PM RCIA

Friday, March 18th

10:30 AM Word & Communion
1:30 PM Grief Support
5:00 PM Lifeteen Retreat
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM Just Faith
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Vía Crucis
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración
7:00 PM Ensayo de Coro

Saturday, March 19th ~ Palm Sunday

7:00 AM Lifeteen Retreat
1:00 PM Rosary Makers
1:00 PM Community Meal
3:30 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal
5:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM MFCC Junta General

Church
Stafford
St. Cecilia
PCLR

Stafford
Stafford
Room 1
PCLR
Church
Stafford
Gym

Church
Stafford
Church
LMC
Off-site

Church
Church
Stafford
Room 1
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Off-site
Stafford
PCLR
PC 3rd floor
LMC

Church
Stafford
Off-site
Church
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Gym
Iglesia
LMC
St. Cecilia

Off-site
Stafford
Gym
Church
St. Cecilia
Church
Stafford/gym

Sunday, March 20th ~ Palm Sunday

7:00 AM Lifeteen Retreat Off-site
7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
8:30 AM Mass Church
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
10:00 AM MFCC Room 1
10:30 AM Mass Church
11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1
2:30 PM Faith & Light LMC
3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Mass Church
6:00 PM Evenings for Engaged Stafford



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24, 2016

Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass at 7:00 PM
Holy Thursday Adoration will follow

March 25, 2016

Live Stations of the Cross 10:30 AM (served by our school)
Stations of the Cross Bilingual 3:00 PM
Viernes Santo en el Gimnasio a las 7:00 PM
Good Friday in the church at 7:00 PM

March 26, 2016

Easter Vigil Service is at 8:30 PM

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday Masses

8:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Mass
12:30 PM Misa de Pascua



PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Friday, March 18, 2016 from 5:30pm-6pm

Hosted this month by First Christian Church

495 E. Bakerview Rd., Bellingham/360-734-6820

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@peacehealth.org

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2 - 3pm at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St. in Bellingham).

Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, March 20, rain or shine.

Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from post-abortion syndrome.

For more information call Kathy St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(03/06/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 18,077	\$ 650,772
Contributions received:	\$19,451	\$ 19,451	\$ 650,864
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 1,374	\$ 1,374	\$ 92

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(03/06/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,058	\$ 38,088
Contributions received:	\$ 743	\$ 743	\$ 25,745
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 315	-\$ 315	-\$12,343

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	284
Catholic Relief Services	\$	2,196
Easter Flowers	\$	95

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

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

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

**Mary & Nick Mele, Susan & John Shuhler, Anna & John Getchell,
Adriana & Frank Estrada, Elizabeth Suel, Tashie Zang and Bev Williams**

There are so many people who have been helpful in Fr. Scott's recovery. Bev Williams set up the Meal Train to provide his dinners and Tashie Zang has been managing the sign-ups and schedules. Mary & Nick, Susan & John, Anna & John, Elizabeth, and Adriana & Frank have all faithfully brought the meals to him and carried his mail back and forth. Thank you for being the face of our parish community during Fr. Scott's convalescence.

HOPE IS ON THE WAY! INTERFAITH HOPE AUCTION!

Interfaith's 25th Annual Hope Auction happens on **Saturday, March 19th, 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. Tickets are \$50 each, including dinner. 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 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

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

El la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo dice, "A causa de Él ya nada tiene valor para mí y todo lo considero como pelusas mientras trato de ganar a Cristo." ¿Podría yo decir lo mismo, basando en el modo en que administro los bienes de Dios?



Gracious God
You sent us St Paul
To preach the Gospel,
Inspire us in faith,
And show us the way
To be good stewards of Your
grace.

In our time together
Show us how to be
Fervent ambassadors of Christ,
Your Son.
Grant us the wisdom
To recognize that
Through his gift of the Eucha-
rist, there is one bread, and we
are one body.

Give us the courage
To proclaim the Good News in
word and deed.

And in the spirit of St Paul
Teach us to live,
No longer for ourselves, but in
Christ Jesus
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One God
forever and ever.

Amen