

**March 20, 2016**  
**Palm Sunday of The Passion**  
**of the Lord**

Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

March 21	10:30 AM	
<b>Jack LaRiviere</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 23	6:00 PM	
<b>John Perdomo</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 24	7:00 PM	
<b>Molly Mallahan</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 26	8:30 PM	
<b>Catechumens/Pro Populo</b>		<b>SI</b>
March 27	8:30 AM	
<b>John Brandstatter</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	10:30 AM	
<b>John A. St.Hilaire</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	12:30 PM	
<b>Juana Antonia Rios</b>		<b>RIP</b>

*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 7 & 14 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of March 20, 2016**

<b>Monday, March 21</b>	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14 John 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 22</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-4a, 5ab-6b, 15, 17 John 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday, March 23</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Matthew 26:14-25
<b>Thursday, March 24</b> Holy Thursday of The Lord's Supper	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
<b>Friday, March 25</b> GOOD FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42
<b>Saturday, March 26</b> The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night	Genesis 1:1—2:2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15 — 15:1 Isaiah 55:1-11 Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12
<b>Sunday, March 27</b> Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 John 20:1-9



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

Theme: Spiritual Works of Mercy – Bear Wrongs Patiently (3/20/16)

Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, "I am sorry," you should forgive him. (Luke 17:3-4)

**Reflection: Why would you continue to forgive someone who wrongs you over and over? How can you tell if someone is truly sorry? Where would you draw the line on forgiveness? Where do you think God draws the line on how many times we can be forgiven?**

**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 2:30 & 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 SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room**  
 "Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield. For in him our hearts rejoice, in his holy name we trust. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you." Ps. 33:2-3.  
 Journeying through grief can be a very painful and lonely time. People expect you to get over it and back to normal. Normal is no longer where your life is at because everything has changed. Support can be gained by joining with others who also walk this path. We draw strength from our faith through prayer, scripture and fellowship. All are welcome. Call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563 for more info.

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

### REFLECTION OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join the school students for our Good Friday Retreat, March 25, 2016. Our Lord's Passion will be in the gym from 9:00-9:30 am. The Live Stations of the Cross will be in the church from 10:30-11:15 am. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be leading this retreat. We are very pleased with their reverent attitude as each student prepares to contribute to this special day of reflection. ~ Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McClurg

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

"Welcome one another then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15: 7, 13.

We come to praise and worship, have fellowship and learn more about the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Welcome everyone!



On April 8, at the 10:30 mass we invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive the anointing of the sick to come to mass that day. We will have the anointing during mass and afterward everyone is invited to a luncheon in your honor in the gym. Please come and enjoy each other's company.

### TEST PILOT NEW SMALL GROUP PROGRAM

Jon Leonetti, who led our Parish Mission in October, has invited Assumption parishioners to test pilot a new, small group program he has developed called *Thrive: A Life-Changing Experience with the Saints*. *Thrive* is designed as a five-consecutive-weeks, one-hour-per-week program that includes prayer, a 15-minute video accessible via a YouTube link, and discussion/faith reflection.

If you and some friends are interested in using the materials please let Gina DePalma in the Pastoral Center know by April 4. Jon requests that group members complete weekly evaluations and a final evaluation by July 1, 2016. Thank you!

### USE OF INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK, EASTER and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please note the masses below. We have indicated for each one whether Incense will be used:  
Holy Thursday (April 2 @ 7pm) ~ yes  
Good Friday (April 3 @ 7pm) ~ no  
Easter Vigil (April 4 @ 9pm) ~ yes  
Easter Sunday 8:30am mass (April 5) ~ no  
Easter Sunday 10:30am (April 5) ~ yes  
12:30pm Misa en Español (5 de abril) ~ si  
Divine Mercy Sunday 8:30am (April 12) ~ no  
Divine Mercy Sunday 10:30am (April 12) ~ yes  
12:30pm Misa en Español (12 de abril) ~ si



### 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.

### CALENDARING TIME ~ LAST CHANCE

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](mailto:parishoffice@assumption.org). Thank you!

### 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 Formicbella*  
*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*  
*Lt. Col. Richard Weyker*

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

## ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

### 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  
Dan Parsons  
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

Dear Parishioners

**UNBOUND** would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in welcoming us to speak on behalf of deserving children, youth, and elders in need. Your generous and strong Faith and your continuing fidelity to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are indeed a blessing. I am personally grateful for all the thoughtful attention you provided to me. – If you have not yet done so and would like to form an alliance of friendship with a child, a teenager, a seminarian, an elder, or a child with special needs, call 1-800-875-6564. Or contact our website at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org)  
Fr. Cyrus Gallagher

Estimados feligreses

**UNBOUND** quisiera tomar esta oportunidad de agradecerles por su amabilidad en darnos la bienvenida para hablar a nombre de Niños y Ancianos. – Su Fe, abundante y fuerte, y su fidelidad de la continuación a los valores del Evangelio de Jesucristo son de hecho una bendición. – Soy personalmente agradecido por toda la atención que ustedes me proporcionaron. – Si aún no lo ha hecho y quisiera hacer una alianza de amistad con un niño, joven, seminarista, anciano, u niño de necesidades especiales, favor de llamar 1-800-875-6564. O puede contactar nuestro website: [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org)  
Fr. Cyrus Gallagher

#### INTERFAITH COALITION

##### HOPE AUCTION: “The Promise of Spring ~ Making all Things New, Inside and Out!” Donation from Church of the

**Assumption:** To everyone who so generously contributed to this year’s Auction item for Interfaith Coalition, THANK YOU!!! It is a privilege to be a member of this compassionate and generous community of faith that is Assumption Parish. In joining our gifts together, we will make a significant contribution to helping our sisters and brothers in need in Whatcom County through the excellent ministry of Interfaith Coalition. We will let you know how the Auction did as soon as we know (it is scheduled for Saturday, March 19), but just to let you know now you did a GREAT JOB putting this donation together. We could not be more proud and thankful. A complete list of donated items is on display in the Gathering Space this weekend. ~ *Your Life, Justice, and Peace Commission and Assumption Parish Interfaith Coalition Congregational Representative, Richard Pope.*

**Love in a Time of Fear: Muslims, Christians, and All Faiths as Good Neighbors Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8:30pm**, Bellingham High School Auditorium, 2020 Cornwall Avenue  
Free Forum - everyone welcome!

In late November two people sat down to tea. One was a Muslim and the other a Christian. In addition to sadness about the terrorist attacks in Paris, Lebanon, and Mali they shared their feelings about the response of political leaders and community members in the US in response to these horrific events. They decided to see if others wanted to join them in encouraging all people to remember that love of neighbor is the core teachings of Islam, Christianity, and all great faith traditions. And that to love your neighbor as yourself means to work for their well-being. The Interfaith Coalition invites you to join us and our special guest speakers where, as people of many faiths, respecting our differences and celebrating our commonalities, we encourage:

1. All people to seek out neighborly relationships with Muslims.
2. All people to stand against extreme and exclusive forms of religious or political ideologies that lead to dehumanization of and violence toward others.
3. All people in this time of anxiety to resist the urge to stereotype and scapegoat minorities, including Muslims.
4. All people, corporations and governmental agencies to respect the human and civil rights of all people, including Muslims.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Western Washington University, the Catacomb Churches, and American Muslims of Puget Sound.

#### PREPARES TRAVELING CRIB

Prepares would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Traveling Crib in February. The crib received 29 needed items that were taken to Hope House. Thank you for your support. God is good! Prepares volunteers.

#### 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/Hope House. Please come out to support the community and those who are less fortunate.

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.



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**Monday, March 21st**

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Centering Prayer	Stafford
6:00 PM	Easter Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:30 PM	Parents of Troubled Adults	Stafford
6:30 PM	Faith Formation Adult Class	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	Bible-based Weight Loss	PCLR
7:00 PM	Edge	Gym

**Tuesday, March 22nd**

3:00 PM	Cub Scout Wolf	Room 1
6:00 PM	Frassati Young Adult Group	PCLR
6:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review	Stafford
6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus First Degree	St. Cecilia
6:45 PM	Girl Scout Troop #50222	Room 1
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym

**Wednesday, March 23rd**

12:01 AM	Adoration	Church
5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	Mass	Church
7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Rehearsal	Church

**Thursday, March 24th**

11:00 AM	Mothers & Children	Stafford
11:30 AM	Deanery Meetings (Priests)	Off-site
1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
3:00 PM	Staff Prayer Service	Church
7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass	Church

**Friday, March 25th**

10:30 AM	Live Stations of the Cross	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
3:00 PM	Bilingual Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00 PM	Good Friday Bilingual Service	Church

**Saturday, March 26th**

9:00 AM	RCIA Prayer	St. Cecilia
9:30 AM	RCIA & RCIC Rehearsal	Church
10:30 AM	Lector/Cantor Rehearsal	Church
11:00 AM	Altar Servers/Sacristans Rehearsal	Church
12:00 PM	Hospitality Minister Training	Church
8:30 PM	Easter Vigil Mass	Church

**Sunday, March 27th ~ Easter Sunday**

7:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Easter Mass	Church
9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
10:00 AM	MFCC	Stafford
10:30 AM	Easter Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia
12:30 PM	Misa de Pascua	Iglesia

**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.



**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)  
Via Crucis 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



**PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no 5:00 pm Sunday mass on March 27 & April 3.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS**

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

Class in this area: **March 30, Wednesday**  
**6:00pm—9:00pm** at Sacred Heart Parish

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

**CLASES MATRIMONIALES**

Aquellos que ya empezaron con los preparativos este año para el sacramento de matrimonio en la iglesia, las clases matrimoniales comenzaran el domingo 3 de Abril de 9 am – 12 pm en el salón de maestros en la escuela. Las siguientes seis fechas serán las clases matrimoniales: Abril 3, 10, 17, 24, Mayo 1 y 8.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Knights of Columbus' Annual Wine Gala will be held Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Assumption Gym. Please join us for wine and micro beer tasting, heavy hor d'oeuvres, live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 each. Proceeds support the Newman Catholic Ministry at Western Washington University. Donations of auction items are greatly appreciated. More information is available at [www.kofc829.org](http://www.kofc829.org).



# 2016

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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

3 Divine Mercy Classes pre Matrimoniales 9AM <b>No 5PM Mass</b>	4 Annunciation of the Lord School Spring Break Building & Grounds 7PM	5	6 Mass at St. Joseph's Hospital 2:00 PM	7	8 Anointing Mass 10:30AM Luncheon 12PM	9 Clase de Catechismo 2PM Dinner Club 6PM	10 Classes pre Matrimoniales 9AM	11	12
17 Classes pre Matrimoniales 9AM	18	19	20  School Multicultural Fair 7PM Theology on Tap 7PM	21 Word & Communion Service 10:30AM	22 Mass with School 10:30AM	23 Lopez/Gonzalez Wedding 10AM	17	18	19
24 Classes pre Matrimoniales 9AM	25 St. Mark	26	27 Life, Justice & Peace 12:00PM Parish Life & Socials 7PM	28 Finance Council 7PM	29 Bilingual Mass with School 10:30AM	30  Community Meal 1PM	24 Classes pre Matrimoniales 9AM	25 St. Mark	26

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(03/13/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 36,154	\$ 668,849
Contributions received:	\$15,705	\$ 35,156	\$ 666,569
Over/ <b>under</b> for wk/mo/yr	<b>-\$2,372</b>	<b>-\$ 998</b>	<b>-\$ 2,280</b>
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(03/13/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 2,116	\$ 39,146
Contributions received:	\$ 720	\$ 1,463	\$ 26,465
Over/ <b>Under</b> for wk/mo/yr	<b>-\$ 338</b>	<b>-\$ 653</b>	<b>-\$12,343</b>

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

Hope House	\$	81
Catholic Relief Services	\$	403
Rice Bowl	\$	1,391

*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

#### All the wonderful cooks

Listed below are the people who have provided a meal for Fr. Scott so far. We are so grateful for the amazing variety of meals they have made and the caring they have shown. You have provided nourishment for both his body and soul. Thank you!

**Camille Hackler, Beverly Williams, Jan & Larry Ziels, Lynette Machinski, Nancy Danke, Belen Saturday, Enriqueta Magana, Jennifer and Basilio Rodriguez-Stiff, Jim and Patti Wright, Mary Ann Coughlin, Tamra Heide, Janis Jacobs, Byron and Donna Johnson, Ann Berntsen, Nettie Post, Yesenia Y Eduardo Diego, Jenna St.Hilaire, Maria Thompson, Meryluz Soto, Susan Sanvictores, Meryluz & Bernardo Torres Duque, Brenda Dunford, Margaret Daley, Merylyn Strutz, Wendy Donaghy, Tracey Vu, Denise Plaisier, Ron & Char Lukes, Dora & Manuel Salcido, Lee and Danny Langdon, Carol and Hanneke Timmins, Rafeeka Kloke, Dick & Marian Tobias, Sue Ungern, Vickie Pilch, Kathy Kelso, Cheri Woolsey, Tam Bratt, Julie Bertschinger, Bonnie Trenouth, John & Susan Shuhler, Jose Ordonez, Grace Bob, Eleanor Hogan, and Anita Cleary.**

### 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](http://www.assumption.org).

#### A Stewardship Moment

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

#### Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En la historia del Evangelio del primer Domingo de Ramos, oímos que al dueño del burro solo había que decirle, "El Señor lo necesita," para dar al animal gustosamente. ¿Estoy tan dispuesto a dar para la obra de Señor?



Good and gracious God,  
We thank You for all we are,  
and all we have.  
Everything is a gift from Your  
infinite generosity.  
We marvel how bountiful is  
Your kindness.  
We rest in appreciation of Your  
enduring mercy.  
As we explore our responsibility  
to be good stewards, fill us  
with the compassion of Jesus,  
Your Son.  
Give us eyes to see the needs  
of those around us, in the faces  
of our neighbors near and far.  
Give us hearts that are moved  
by the pleas of those who cry  
out on behalf of the children,  
the refugees, the sick, and the  
suffering.  
Give us hands that are eager to  
share what has been entrusted  
to us.  
Give us feet to venture wherever  
the Spirit leads.  
As we resolve to be mindful of  
the needs of others, we pray  
that You instill in us Your  
generosity, Your kindness, and  
Your mercy.  
Free us from all attachments to  
the things of this world.  
Keep us focused in our mission  
of good stewardship.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.