

March 6, 2016

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.



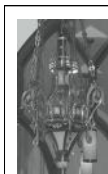
**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

March 11	10:30 AM	
<b>Patti Dunbur</b>		<b>SI</b>
March 12	5:00 PM	
<b>Jack LaRiviere</b>		<b>RIP</b>
March 13	8:30 AM	
<b>Bill Duggan</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	10:30 AM	
<b>Teofilo &amp; Ana Mendoza</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	12:30 PM	
<b>Jesus, Tabin, Jacinto Cabral</b>		<b>RIP</b>
	5:00 PM	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		

*SI = Special Intention*

*RIP = Rest in Peace*

*Pro Populo = For the people of the parish*



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of: Keith Gray

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of March 6, 2016**

<b>Monday, March 7</b>	Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b John 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday, March 8</b> Saint John of God	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday, March 9</b> Saint Frances of Rome	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30
<b>Thursday, March 10</b>	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 106:19-23 John 5:31-47
<b>Friday, March 11</b>	Wisdom of Solomon 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-21, 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday, March 12</b>	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 7:2-3, 9b-12 John 7:40-53
<b>Sunday, March 13</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126:1-6 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11



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

Theme: Forgiveness – Given and Received (3/6/16)

The Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” (CCC 435)

**Reflection: How do you prepare yourself when asking for forgiveness or when forgiving someone else so that your actions truly come from the heart? Do you think a simple “I’m sorry” is enough to obtain forgiveness if it is heartfelt?**

If you would like to share a reflection or make a comment, please visit our Year of Mercy blog at <http://ams1516blog.blogspot.com>. This is a moderated blog site, so it may take upwards of 24 hours for comments to appear.

**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

**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.



**Archbishop J. Peter Sartain**  
Welcomes us all to a Mass & Celebration with our Community with Special Needs

**MARCH 12, 2016**

**Mass – 11:00 AM,**

**St. James Cathedral, Seattle**  
**Reception & St. Patrick’s Day**  
**Celebration/Dance**

**will immediately follow the**

**Mass,**

**O’Dea High School, Seattle**

Archdiocese of Seattle – Special Needs Ministry

For More Information, contact Erica Cohen Moore

[206-382-4852|ericac@seattlearch.org](http://206-382-4852|ericac@seattlearch.org)

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

### OUR SCHOOL

The school recently participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The class winners were:

4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Joseph Toof
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Oliver Johnson
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Lauren Ariz
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Michael Daley
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Charles Streeter

Lauren Ariz was also the overall school winner and will now compete in the state Bee. Congratulations to all of you!!

### SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

**Mondays, 6:00-8:00 PM in the St. Cecilia Rm.**

"May the Father grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-17, 19,

Are you interested in growing in your spiritual life? We invite you to join us as we pray, sing, read scripture and learn to listen to God's movement

### GRIEF SUPPORTGROUP

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

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

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, come and join us as we draw upon our faith in God and caring in each other to walk our healing journeys. We also follow Dr. A.Wolfelt's program "Understanding Your Grief." All are welcome.

### SOUP SUPPER

Come join us in Lenten fellowship Fridays at 6 P.M. in the gym for our Parish's Soup Supper. Bring a pot of meatless soup and/or a loaf of bread and enjoy a lovely meal together. Each supper is sponsored by a different parish ministry with the following schedule:  
3/11/16 Youth Ministry & 3/18/16 Boy Scouts.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

### ASSUMPTION PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

These dedicated volunteers work willingly and tirelessly all year to make the funeral receptions held in the gym after a funeral mass a nice social event for the families and friends of the deceased. This year the committee has put on five funeral receptions. Two weeks ago this team with twenty-four volunteers put in more of 120 hours preparing a reception for 400 anticipated attendees, for the late State Senator Harriet Spanel. The reception was awesome!  
In addition this committee also serves other functions such as the Anointing and Healing mass by preparing lunch for all the attendees. Thank you all for your dedicated service to this parish!

### 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.**

Classes in this area:

**March 12, Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm** in the Assumption School Teacher's Lounge.

**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.



### 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

### 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 Trotter

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

**Hope is on the Way! Tickets for Interfaith  
Coalition Hope Auction on Sale Now**

This year's Interfaith Hope Auction promises to be another sell-out, so be sure to get your tickets now! This friendly evening of fellowship, lively auction fun and inspiration starts on Sat. March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton (formerly Best Western Lakeway Inn, 715 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham). Your \$50 ticket includes dinner and hundreds of interesting, unique and intriguing auction items to bid on --- all to help us provide homes for families in need, shelter for those who live outside, meals for hungry people and hope that fuels transforming lives.

We are also seeking wonderful, creative and enticing auction donations. These can be experiences that include travel, spas, gourmet meals, sports tickets and pet pampering, homemade quilts and jewelry, garden inspiration, and more. If you have a service to offer, an item you'd like to donate, an experience you can share, all to help Interfaith programs, please contact Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 or through the website: [www.interfaith-coalition.org](http://www.interfaith-coalition.org)

Partner with us by attending Interfaith Hope Auction and lifting up our brothers and sisters!

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

**COLECTA DE CATHOLIC  
RELIEF SERVICES**

"Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron" (Mt 25:40). Hoy se nos recuerda que Jesús se identifico con los más pobres de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. La colecta de Catholic Relief Services sirve a Jesús en las víctimas del tráfico humano, en los que sufren por leyes injustas y en los que necesitan cuidado pastoral y asistencia humanitaria en todo el mundo. Al apoyar a la colecta de hoy, estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Por favor, se generoso.



We have once again caught up with our sorting and are accepting all clothing donations, including women's clothing. We are really in need of shoes, particularly men's and children's. Please help! If our bin is full, please do not leave donations on the ground around the bin, or at the back door—they get ruined (we do get lots of rain!). Please just bring them by when we are open: Monday—Tuesday—Thursday from 9-12 Friday from 12-3:30

We are still accepting recipes for our cookbook. Peace,  
Cheri Woolsey  
Find us on Facebook!

**COMMUNICATIONS AND  
OPERATIONS MANAGER**

The Communications and Operations Manager will help St. Paul's fulfill its mission by leading the day-to-day **Communications, Administration, Operations, and Finances** activities of a large parish. This is a new exempt position at St. Paul's, the objective of which is to organize existing work streams in a way that allows program managers to focus on their areas of expertise. It is the intent of the staff to learn and grow together in the service of our Mission. This job is considered a fulltime (40hr/week) opportunity with a starting salary of \$36,000 per year, negotiable for the right candidate. This employment package also includes generous Medical, Dental, and Pension benefits. A Job Description is available upon request. Candidates interested in pursuing this opportunity can apply by providing their resume to St Paul's through its job. search email address:

[personnel@Stpaulsbellingham.org](mailto:personnel@Stpaulsbellingham.org)

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT  
NIGHT FOR MEN**

**Topic:** What is a vocation and tips for discerning - presented by Jonathan Cheever  
**Who:** Men ages 18-30 **When:** March 9 and 2nd Wednesday of every Month following 7:15–8pm Eucharistic Adoration (Church)  
8–9pm Presentation and discussion (Parish Hall)  
**Where:** Sacred Heart Parish, 1110 14<sup>th</sup> St. Bellingham. **Contact:** Jonathan Cheever Seminarian, Archdiocese of Seattle Email: [Jonathan.cheever@shbham.org](mailto:Jonathan.cheever@shbham.org)  
Phone: 206.947.8032

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**Monday, March 7th**

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  
7:00 PM Confirmation Class (yr. 1)

**Tuesday, March 8th**

1:00 PM Bible Study  
3:00 PM Cub Scout Wolf Den  
6:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group  
6:30 PM Adoration  
6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #50222  
7:00 PM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.

**Wednesday, March 9th**

12:01 AM Adoration  
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study  
11:00 AM Deanery Meeting  
1:00 PM Purple Readers Group  
6:00 PM Word & Communion  
7:00 PM St. Teresa of Avila  
7:00 PM Spiritual Life & Worship

**Thursday, March 10th**

10:30 AM Word & Communion  
11:00 AM Mothers & Children  
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group  
5:30 PM Lifeteen Core Team  
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council  
7:00 PM RCIA

**Friday, March 11th**

10:30 AM Mass Church  
1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross Church  
5:30 PM Just Faith Stafford  
6:00 PM Soup Supper Gym  
7:00 PM Vía Crucis Iglesia  
7:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee Teacher's lounge  
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC  
7:00 PM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia

**Saturday, March 12th**

7:00 AM Jr. High Youth Rally Off-site  
9:00 AM Protecting God's Children Teacher's lounge  
9:30 AM Baptism Classes Stafford  
10:00 AM First Communion Classes Church  
12:00 PM MFCC Revision LMC  
1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford  
2:00 PM Certificación Catequista Año 3 LMC  
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church  
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia  
5:00 PM Mass ~ 3rd Scrutiny Church  
5:00 PM RCIA Dismissal PCLR

**Sunday, March 13th ~ Daylight Saving**

Church  
Stafford  
St. Cecilia  
PCLR  
LMC  
Stafford  
Room 1  
PCLR  
Church  
Room 1  
Stafford  
Gym  
St. Cecilia  
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  
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC  
11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia  
11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School  
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia  
2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1  
3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church  
5:00 PM Mass Church  
6:00 PM LifeTeen Gym  
6:00 PM Evenings for Engaged Stafford



Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday March 13 or on Saturday night March 12.

**AN ENGLISH HIGH TEA** is coming back to Assumption on Saturday, May 14th. Table captains, bakers, and other volunteers will be needed. Please contact Janie Pemble (734-2441) or Julia Pillar-Schaefer (360-305-9907) for more information.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be having the Stations of the Cross.

**VIA CRUCIS**

Cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Via Crucis a las 7:00 PM.



**SOUP SUPPER**

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



**SOPA DE CENA**

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

**MEAL TRAIN FOR FR. SCOTT**

Fr. Scott is very grateful with all the meals that he has been receiving. We are continuing with the Meal Train Program for the month of March. If you would like to sign up, please visit our website. If you are unable to go to the website, please call the office. Thank you for supporting Fr. Scott on his journey to recovery.

**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](mailto:dgillespie@peacehealth.org)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

	Wk(02/28/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 72,308	\$ 632,695
Contributions received:	\$13,029	\$ 68,298	\$ 631,413
Over/ <b>under</b> for wk/mo/yr	<b>-\$5,048</b>	<b>-\$ 4,010</b>	<b>-\$ 1,282</b>

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

<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(02/28/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 4,232	\$ 37,030
Contributions received:	\$ 250	\$ 3,026	\$ 25,002
Over/ <b>Under</b> for wk/mo/yr	<b>-\$ 808</b>	<b>-\$ 1,206</b>	<b>-\$12,028</b>

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

Hope House	\$	22
Catholic Home Missions	\$	25
Easter Flowers	\$	170

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

**FAITHFUL STEWARD**

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

**Elizabeth Suel**

When one enters the doors of the Gathering Space on the way to Mass you may be greeted by many different wonderful parishioners. But most of you would acknowledge that there is usually one who seems to be there more often than most. At virtually all the masses (including the Spanish Mass) Elizabeth Suel is a consistent presence as a minister of hospitality. She is the consummate greeter and care taker. These last several months she has taken that roll to a deeper level by caring for our Pastor, Fr. Scott Connolly in his down time. As a nurse, she has taken seriously the task of caring for many parishioners and friends for a long time. Now she is deploying her goodwill and services for our pastor. She helps serve meals, takes his blood pressure and vitals, drives him to appointments and so many other things. We are grateful to this Faithful Steward for all she is doing to help Fr. Scott, but also for all she does for each and every one of us all year long.

**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**

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

**Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad**

El mensaje con respecto al administración de los bienes de Dios en la parábola del Hijo Pródigo, es que nunca es tarde para volvernos buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios. Bendito es el hermano mayor que siempre había sido un buen administrador de los bienes de Dios, pero bendito, también, es el pródigo que tuvo que perder todo lo que tenía para entender el valor de lo que se le había dado a él.



God of mercy,  
You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You.

May this season of Lent help us use this time to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus,  
Your Son.  
Amen

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