

November 23, 2014
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Jesus is our shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats", between those who have lived their lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

November 24	10:30 AM	
Christina Bieber		SI
November 26	6:00 PM	
Theodore Johnson		RIP
November 29	5:00 PM	
Mary Tuoi Le		RIP
November 30	8:30 AM	
Al & Lucretia Larsen		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Conor Thorp		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Adriana Reyes-Ramos		RIP
	5:00 PM	
Pro Populo		

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Kathryn Donnelly

Daily Worship
Week of November 23, 2014

Monday, November 24 <i>Saint Andrew</i>	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 Psalm 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 25 <i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Revelation 14:14-19 Psalm 96:10-13 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 26	Revelation 15:1-4 Psalm 98:1-3b, 7-9 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday, November 27	Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Psalm 100:1b-5 Luke 21:20-28
Friday, November 28	Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Psalm 84:3-6a, 8a Luke 21:29-33
Saturday, November 29 <i>BVM</i>	Revelation 22:1-7 Psalm 95:1-7b Luke 21:34-36
Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Matthew 13:33-37

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Thanksgiving Eve Mass Wednesday, Nov. 26
 6:00PM at Assumption Church
Please bring a nonperishable food item for the poor and a food item that you would like to be blessed for your Thanksgiving meal

Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, Nov. 27
 at 10:00AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Room

"I will lead the blind on their journey; by path unknown I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them, and make crooked ways straight. These things I will do for them and I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16.

When a loved one dies, Isaiah describes exactly how a person feels, but with God's help we survive. Come join us for we all help each other.

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 **4:45 PM for Thanksgiving Eve Mass**, and Mass at 6 PM. Any questions, please call Karen at 671-1544.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"When I call, answer me, O my just God, you relieve me when I am in distress; Have pity on me, and hear my prayer. Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him." Ps. 4:2,4. Come in trust to the Lord, whether you need help for discernment, health, work, whatever your worry. No appt. is necessary, just come.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Cecilia room

"A new hymn I will sing to my God. O Lord, great are you and glorious, wonderful in power and unsurpassable. Let your every creature serve you; for you spoke, and they were made. You sent forth your spirit, and they were created; no one can resist your word." Jdt: 16:13-14.

All are welcome.



Dear Parishioners:

This year, since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Monday, we've decided to have the vigil Mass on December 7th at 5 pm (the normally scheduled Lifeteen Mass). We will have a Mass on the feast day itself on December 8th at 10:30 am. However, we are aware that many of you work and are unable to come to Mass on a Monday morning. This will mean that those who normally attend the Sunday evening Mass will need to attend the Sunday liturgy at another time that weekend. Sorry for any confusion that might arise, but we thought this was the best option available. Hopefully, you will be able to adjust your schedule and make the best of things.

In addition, that evening we will have a special blessing of all children in the womb. We wanted to offer a special prayer twice a year for Moms and Dads who are expecting a little one. We'll be offering this special blessing on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December and once again on June 24th for the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. Two great feast days six months apart which should encompass all pregnant Moms throughout the year. If you are expecting, please come to this special Mass and we'll have a blessing at the end of the Liturgy.

Estimados Feligreses,

Este año, ya que la Fiesta de la Concepción Inmaculada cae en lunes, hemos decidido tener la misa de vigilia el 7 de diciembre a las 5 pm (que normalmente es la misa programada para el Lifeteen). Tendremos una misa en el propio día de la fiesta el 8 de diciembre a las 10:30 de la mañana. Sin embargo, estamos conscientes de que muchos de ustedes trabajan y no pueden venir a la misa en un lunes por la mañana. Esto significará que los que normalmente asisten a la misa del domingo por la tarde tendrán que asistir a la liturgia dominical en cualquier tiempo de las otras misas del fin de semana. Lo sentimos por cualquier confusión que pudiera surgir, pero nos pareció que era la mejor opción disponible. Espero que usted pueda ajustar su horario y hacer lo mejor que pueda.

Además, esa noche tendremos una bendición especial para todos los niños en el vientre materno. Queríamos ofrecer una oración especial de dos veces al año para las mamás y los papás que están esperando un pequeñito/a. Estaremos ofreciendo esta bendición especial en la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción en diciembre y una vez más el 24 de junio para la Fiesta del Nacimiento de Juan el Bautista. Dos grandes fiestas seis meses de diferencia que debe abarcar todas las mamás embarazadas durante todo el año. Si usted está esperando, por favor venga a esta misa especial y vamos a tener una bendición al final de la Liturgia.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. K. Scott Connolly
Pastor

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

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED AN IDEA FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT? Be Part of a Child's Catholic Education—Give to Assumption Catholic School's Adopt a Student Program.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR



CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 OF ASSUMPTION PARISH.

Come be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir at

the 4:00 P.M. Mass on December 24th.

Practice dates and times will be Wednesdays, December 3, December 10, December 17 in the church, from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M.

If you are interested email Susan Roland susanroland@hotmail.com or sign up in the Gathering place of the church, the weekend of November 29/30.

SAVE THE DATE....

For the 15th annual *Growing Great Kids Auction & Gala Event*

Benefiting Assumption Catholic School:
Excellence in Body, Mind and Spirit

Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Bellingham Golf and Country Club

For information please visit:

www.school.assumption.org

email: growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook – Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

CHRISTMAS PARTY

LIFETEEN

(HIGH SCHOOL)

Dec. 14 ~ 6:15-8:00pm

EDGE

(MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Dec. 15 ~ 7:00-8:30pm



Be sure to mark your calendars!

WESTERN WASHINGTON STUDENTS FOR LIFE

We started Western Washington Students For Life club this summer, and are WWU's only Pro-Life club. We work on campus to protect life from conception to natural death, particularly those threatened by abortion, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research, and euthanasia. We hold meetings and events on campus that promote respect for life, that educate on life issues, that support women who are facing crisis pregnancies, and that comfort those who have had abortions. This quarter we hosted the Planned Parenthood Project which questions who Planned Parenthood is as a business and exposes their abortion agenda. That day was difficult, we had protestors, and fellow classmates yelling obscenities at us, but on the bright side we changed a few minds on the abortion issue, and started a dialogue that was not there before. We are also starting the Pregnant on Campus Initiative which compiles all the resources women who are facing crisis pregnancies have on campus, and in the greater Bellingham community. We hope this resource will be a light in the darkness for women who feel that their only choice is abortion. Currently, the only resource that WWU offers is a link to the Planned Parenthood website. We know that we have already been effective on our campus as our meetings and events have evidenced. As ambassadors of the pro-life movement, it is our calling to not just stop there. *The stronger that we have become, the stronger the opposition on our campus has become.* We must equip ourselves even further to continue to educate our peers about abortion and provide resources for pregnant and parenting students on our campus. To do this we want to attend the Walk for Life and the Students For Life National Conference. **Attending the Walk for life and National conference will further strengthen and encourage all of us as a team to stand up strong with courage and boldness as we finish out the school year!** Our University gives our club very minimal funding, and will not cover the cost for us to go on this trip. While we are able to give of ourselves by going on our campus with this life-saving mission, you can "go" with us by joining our support team! Every social movement in U.S history has relied on the passion, idealism, and courage of young people. **To end abortion in our nation, we must equip ourselves as college students to further accomplish this mission together.** I hope that you will "go" with us to the West Coast Walk for Life, and on our campus at Western Washington University.

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

**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. Thank you for your support!

**PRAY FOR OUR
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MILITARY**

*Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formicibella
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
Cadet Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson*

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
&
LIFE, JUSTICE &
PEACE
MINISTRY**

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
José Ordóñez
Denise Plaisir
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Tashie Zang

**COMMISSION &
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS**

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Kathy Buford
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

**PLUNGING DEEPER INTO THE
MYSTERY**

AN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

The Advent season provides us with the opportunity to reflect on Mary's "Yes" that led to the Incarnation and our daily "yeses" that have the potential of birthing Christ in the here and now. In a contemplative manner, we will look at how we are always being invited to plunge deeper into the Mystery of being Christ bearers and what spiritual practices, such as the "Welcoming Prayer", might help us respond to these invitations. Cherry Haisten, a "student" of Fr. Thomas Keating for many years, will facilitate this event on Dec. 6th from 9 to 3:30 at Stillpoint at Backside Spirituality Center (www.stillpointatbeckside.com)

For more information see poster in the Gathering Space or contact Linda Conroy 360-733-9414

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
ANNOUNCE**

2015 EDUCATION CONTEST

The themes for 2015 are LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF or BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. either of these themes may be expressed through Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, or Photography. All students in grades 6 - 8 are invited to participate and details can be found on the Assumption School & Parish websites. The entries are due February 1, 2015, to Jo Hulse, who may be contacted at ejh928@att.net

Women's Shelter Training

Tuesday, December 16th from 6:30-8:00 pm
At Garden Street United Methodist Church
1326 N. Garden St., Bellingham
(only female volunteers)

As the days and nights turn darker, wetter and colder in Whatcom County, Interfaith Coalition is preparing to open our two Severe Weather Shelters. The shelters, for women and children at Garden St. United Methodist Church, and for men at our new location, the Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center, rely on volunteers like you to provide a welcoming and safe place for the many homeless people here with nowhere to go. Please join us at one of our upcoming trainings.

Even if you can only volunteer a few times, even if you are a longtime volunteer, even if you just want to know more about the Severe Weather Shelters, plan to attend. For more information, please call Interfaith at 734-3983.

**A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: SONGS OF
HOPE AND COMFORT**

A Bellingham Holiday Tradition

Featuring the Concert Choir and soloists of Western Washington University
conducted by Leslie Guelker-Cone
Sunday, November 23, 2014 / 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2117 Walnut St., Bellingham / \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors

RACHEL'S CORNER

Hope and Healing After Abortion

Hope is the light at the end of the tunnel, beckoning you to accept the invitation, to say "yes" to the urge to believe in a loving God who wants you to be healed and whole again.

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and find healing and wholeness.

March 6-8, 2015

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS TO BE HELD AT
ST AUGUSTINE'S IN OAK HARBOR**

Karlo Broussard from the Magis Center for Faith and Reason will be here for two evenings. On Wednesday his topic is "Science: A Believer's Friend or Foe?" On Thursday it will be "The Historical Reality of Jesus Christ".

The Reflections will be held on Wed., Dec. 3rd, from 6:30 – 7:45pm and on Thurs., Dec. 4th, from 7:00 – 8:30pm, in the parish hall at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 185 N. Whidbey Ave., Oak Harbor. All are invited!
Call [360-675-2303](tel:360-675-2303) for more information.

Men's Shelter Training

Monday, Nov. 24 OR Wednesday, Dec. 17
from 6:30-8:00 pm
At Lighthouse Mission Drop-In Center
1013 W. Holly St., Bellingham
(located across the street and one block north of Lighthouse Mission)
(male and female volunteers)

WEEK **Monday, November 24th**
 8:30 AM Human Food Chain Prayer Service Church
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Church
 6:30 PM Parents of Troubled Adults Stafford
 6:30 PM One King Light Weigh PCLR
 6:30 PM Servant of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
 7:00 PM EDGE Gym
 7:00 PM Confirmation Classes LMC

K **Tuesday, November 25th**
 3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 16 Stafford
 6:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group PCLR
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree St. Cecilia
 6:30 PM Adoration Church
 6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop 50222 Room 1
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

A **Wednesday, November 26th**
 12:00 AM Adoration Church
 4:45 PM Benediction Church
 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Mass Church
 6:45 PM Prayer Ministry Church

A **Thursday, November 27th**
Thanksgiving — Office Closed
No Mass & No Word & Communion Service



N **Friday, November 28th**
Thanksgiving — Office Closed
No Mass & No Word & Communion

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 12:00 PM Lighthouse Thanksgiving Dinner Gym
 1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford

E **Saturday, November 29th**
Baptism Weekend~First Sunday of Advent
Stewardship Thank you Weekend
 1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
 3:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
 3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church
 7:00 PM Hispanic Vigil Church

Sunday, November 30th
Baptismal Weekend ~ First Sunday of Advent
Stewardship Thank you Weekend
 7:45 AM English Choir Rehearsal Church
 8:30 AM RCIC Dismissal Stafford
 8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
 8:30 AM Mass Church
 9:30 AM English Choir Rehearsal Church
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 10:30 AM Mass Church
 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
 11:30 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
 12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
 12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños LMC
 3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
 5:00 PM Mass Church

HELP US DECORATE
 Two Opportunities This Week



Join us after the 10:30 am Mass on Monday, Nov 24th to decorate the church for the Thanksgiving Mass.



After the 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov 26th, we will prepare the church for Advent. Please come join us!



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Thursday December 4 at 7:00 PM we will be having our Reconciliation service in the Church. This service will be bilingual.



Esperanza International

High schoolers! It's not too late. We still have spots available for our 2015 mission trip with Esperanza International in Tijuana Mexico. Join us in meeting Christ across the border as we help build houses in Tijuana, interact with families and grow in solidarity. Your \$100 deposit and paperwork secures your spot. If you have questions, email Graceb@assumption.org

Attention MOMS:

You are invited to join other Catholic mothers at the Sacred Heart Parish Center as we discuss and connect over the daily trials and blessings of motherhood. Using the "Momnipotent" Program as our guide, we will come together in prayer and conversation while learning more about our vocation as mothers. Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month (in the evening). Contact Stephanie Wolf by November 30th for more information. Stephwolf922@gmail.com.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(11/16/2014)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,173	\$ 54,519	\$ 363,460
Contributions received:	\$17,094	\$ 59,210	\$ 340,898
Over/ <u>under</u> for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 1,079	\$ 4,690	-\$ 22,562

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

	Wk(11/16/2014)	Month	YTD
Debt Reduction			
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 21,160
Contributions received:	\$ 1,621	\$ 2,565	\$ 14,340
Over/ <u>Under</u> for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 563	-\$ 609	-\$ 6 821

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 28

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



Almighty and ever-faithful Lord,

Gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting our need, we pledge our trust in You and each other.

Filled with desire, we respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ.

We profess that the call requires us to be stewards of Your gifts.

As stewards, we receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to You.

We pledge to our ongoing formation as stewards and our responsibility to call others to that same endeavor.

Almighty and ever-faithful God, it is our fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun this good work in us will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We give grateful thanks to all who have already returned your Parish Stewardship commitment card. We have received over 170 pledges so far. Your gift to our parish supports the many ministries of our parish and helps all of us here at Assumption build up the Body of Christ.

We have not yet heard from everyone. Please reflect prayerfully on all the blessings God has given you and return your commitment card this week. If you cannot commit money this year, please write 'prayer' on your commitment card and return it. Returning your card will save us from further follow up costs. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Annual Catholic Appeal Year-End Payments and Donations

Still need to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes?

Any payments or new gifts you want credited to the **2014 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be in the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31st. If mailing in the payment, the **postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2014 in order to be applied in the calendar year.** Final payments for the campaign are due in April 2015.

If you would like to donate stock, call 206-382-7316 or 800-422-5417. Haven't made a gift to the Appeal? It's not too late. Go to: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate

Your generous support is greatly appreciated – thank you!

A Stewardship Moment

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessings and inherit the kingdom.

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Cuando el Hijo del Hombre venga glorificado, que estemos nosotros entre los que hayan dado de comer al hambriento, dado la bienvenida al extranjero y vestido al desnudo. Porque Jesús nos dice claramente que son aquellos que han demostrado una buena administración de los bienes de Dios compartiendo sus dones con los menos afortunados los que recibirán la bendición de Dios y heredarán el reino.