

November 27, 2016

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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HOPE HOUSE/Emergency Assistance

671-8702 Info only

Hours of Operation

Monday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Tuesday: 9:00-11:30

Thursday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Friday: 12:00-3:30 (incl. financial assistance)



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.

**November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent**

Let us rejoice in the Lord's peace; let us live honorably as we await his return.

Happy 1st week of Advent!



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

November 30	6:00 PM	
Fr. Gary Morelli	RIP	
December 1	10:30 AM	
All the Faithful Departed	RIP	
December 2	10:30 AM	
Ursula Keicher	RIP	
December 3	5:00 PM	
Walter, Helen, & Janet Belzek	RIP	
December 4	8:30 AM	
Geraldine Walsh	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Aaron Connolly	RIP	
	5:00 PM	
Confirmation Candidates	SI	

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of :
Laurian Andrews

**Daily Worship
Week of November 27, 2016**

Monday, November 28	Isaiah 4:2-6 Psalm 122:1-9 Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday, November 29	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-3, 17 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday, November 30 Saint Andrew	Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22
Thursday, December 1	Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1-8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 2	Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Psalm 147:1-6 Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

The calming of the storm at Sea. On that day, as evening drew on, he said to them. "Let us cross to the other side." A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Mark 4:35-40.

After a loved one dies and the funeral is over, we too can have that apprehension of how can we go on through this darkness which has come into our lives? We are blessed because we too have our Lord Jesus to be with us during the storm. We invite you to join our little group as we share our faith in God and fellowship with each other on our healing journey. Info. Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

**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 **Wednesdays at 12:30 PM.** If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

**MONDAY NIGHT
PRAYER GROUP**
Mondays, 6-8 PM, St. Cecilia Rm.
All are welcome. We meet for prayer, song and quiet listening to the Lord

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**
Wednesdays in the church after the 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 - 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

**WINTER BIBLE STUDY
PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS**
Is a 7-week, no-homework-required Bible study beginning **Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.** Take a closer look at several of the people you've met in the Gospels, and find your faith growing. Identical sessions meet on **Tuesdays in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.,** for your choice and convenience. Materials fee is \$5. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Call Christine at 671-9712 for further information and to pre-register.

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



OUR SCHOOL

After a week-long food drive, Assumption Catholic School provided boxes and bags of food for those in need on Monday. The items

wove through a “Human Food Chain,” which spanned from the church up Kentucky Street to the Hope House. The pantry was filled with canned and boxed goods after being completely empty the Friday before.

Also, congratulations to the ACS Chess Team for taking third place at the Chess Tournament at Lynden Christian last weekend. The chess players range in grade from Kindergarten to Third and can qualify for the state championship if they win 3 out of their 5 matches. Three students qualified for the Washington State Elementary Chess Tournament!

NOVENA ROSARY FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We encourage you to pray a rosary at home, but if you would like to join a group, you are welcome to go to St. Joseph Church in Lynden where they are having one every day starting Saturday, Dec. 3 – Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

ROSARIO DE LA NOVENA PARA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Le animamos a rezar un rosario en casa, pero si le gustaría unirse a un grupo, usted es bienvenido a ir a la Iglesia de St. Joseph en Lynden, donde están teniendo uno todos los días a partir del sábado 3 de diciembre al domingo 11 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you a baptized Catholic adult seeking the sacrament of Confirmation? The information session in English will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library. Please contact Gina DePalma in the Parish Office with any questions.

CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTOS

¿Es usted un adulto católico bautizado que busca el Sacramento de la Confirmación? Por favor, únase a la sesión de información en inglés que se llevará a cabo el martes 29 de noviembre a las 7:00 pm en la Biblioteca Escolar. Póngase en contacto con Gina DePalma en la Oficina Parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta.

DINNER CLUB

For information on the Assumption dinner club please call: Eleanor Hogan at 671-1742 or Pat Rutan at 733-4738.

BLESSING OF THE UNBORN

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the 7:00 PM bilingual vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have a special blessing of all children in the womb. If you are expecting, please come to this special Mass and we'll have a blessing at the end of the Liturgy.

YOU'RE INVITED

Centering Prayer

Church of the Assumption

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: In the Church

Each Monday we gather to support one another in our Centering Prayer practice. We begin with Centering Prayer followed by Lectio Divina.

The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. The practice comes from the teachings of Fr. Thomas Keating, “Open Heart, Open Mind,” and is based on the wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: “... *But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you.*” *Matthew 6:6*

If you're new, please arrive early to introduce yourself.

Contact Person: Kathy Delbecq
734-3411

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

For information and instruction, contact Kathy St.Hilaire, certified teacher of Natural Family Planning, 671-4836.

CLASE BAUTISMAL

La próxima clase bautismal será el sábado 7 de enero a las 3:00 PM. Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse a esta clase.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, February 4 & 11 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter

Chris Formicella

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

Michael Dahl

Matt Edge

Kurt DeVries

2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham

Bob Iverson

Lt. Michael Bertschinger

Capt. Eric Stein

Caleb Trotter

Lt. Col. Richard Weyker

**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
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Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ann McQuade
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

IF ADVENT IS NOT NOW, IT'S NOTHING."

Hans Kung

The Advent Season is traditionally seen as a time of "waiting" to celebrate "a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower." (John 1:5)

This Advent of reflection provides an opportunity to evolve our understanding of the richness of this season enabling us to "see" how the Light shines in the Now of each moment of our daily lives.

Facilitator: Thomas Brennan has been associated with Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach, Ltd., since 1991. He is a trained presenter of Centering Prayer and has extensive experience in leading Intensive Centering Prayer retreats and spiritual direction.

Date and Time: Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:00 to 3:30

Place: Stillpoint at Becksides, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham

Fee: \$55, Scholarships available, inquire when registering.

Bring your lunch or something to contribute to our shared lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Contact: Linda Conroy: lnd.conroy@gmail.com, 360-733-9414

**Join us for a
REFLECTION DAY on CONSECRATED LIFE
for Single Young Adult Women & Men
to explore a Call to Religious Life**



**"Go out to the margins and
bring the joy of the Gospel!"
Pope Francis**

Saturday, December 10, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. James Cathedral Outreach Center
907 Columbia St., Seattle 98104

Parking may be available in O'Dea High lot nearby.

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,
visit with religious women & men.

Please SIGN UP by Dec. 5th

E-mail Sister Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP: jmiller@csjp-olp.org

or call/text 206-920-8560



Hope House adopted 72 families this year for Christmas and every single one of them has been adopted by a family, business, scout troop or group—thank you all so much! Unfortunately, we are not able to help all the families, so there remain many who are not signed up for any Christmas Program, or who were hoping to be able to provide Christmas themselves. Hope House distributes gifts to the children in these families on a first come, first served basis right before we close for Christmas.

Each year, we put a Hope House "Angel Tree" up in the gathering space with gifts for this purpose, as well as gifts for some of our homeless clients. The Angel Tree will be up this weekend and until the tags are gone—please take 1,2,3, or as many as you want! God bless you all!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you—may your holiday be filled with family and love,



PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

July 3-17, 2017

Join Fr. Scott on this Marian Shrine pilgrimage to multiple sites in France. For more information, please go to our website at assumption.org. Click on the [itinerary](#) for more details.

The [registration form](#) can be downloaded as well.

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Monday, November 28th

10:30 AM Word & Communion
11:30 AM Centering Prayer
6:00 PM Monday Night Prayer Group
6:30 PM God's Weigh
7:00 PM Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 29th

6:30 PM Ski Program Meeting
6:30 PM Adoration
6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.
7:00 PM Confirmation info Mtg. (Adult)

Wednesday, November 30th

12:00 AM Adoration
10:00 PM Women's Scripture Study
5:45 PM Benediction
6:00 PM Mass
6:45 PM Healing Prayer Ministry
7:00 PM Life, Justice & Peace Commission

Thursday, December 1st

10:30 AM Mass
5:30 PM Cub Scout Wolf Den
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM RCIA Session

Friday, December 2nd

10:00 AM Blessing of HVAC
10:30 AM School Mass
1:30 PM Grief Support Group
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración

Saturday, December 3rd

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ CCS Campaign

1:00 PM Art & Environment Committee
1:00 PM Rosary Makers
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM MFCC Junta General

Sunday, December 4th

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ CCS Campaign

8:30 AM Mass Church
8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal Stafford
8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal St. Cecilia
9:30 AM MFCC PC 2nd floor
9:30 AM RCIA/C Session Stafford
9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
10:30 AM Mass Church
10:30 AM Clase de Confirmación Room 1
11:00 AM Ensayo de Mariachi St. Cecilia
11:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
11:30 AM K-8 Faith Formation Classes LMC/School
11:30 AM First Reconciliation Classes Teacher's Lounge
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños Stafford
3:15 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Mass ~ Confirmation Rite #1 Church
6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym

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Church
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Iglesia

Church
Stafford
PCLR
St. Cecilia
PC 2nd floor
Stafford
Gym
Church
Room 1
St. Cecilia
Gym
LMC/School
Teacher's Lounge
Iglesia
Stafford
Church
Church
Gym



**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 Saturday, December 24th.

Practice dates and times will be **MONDAY, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 in the church, from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.**

If you are interested, please email Susan Roland at sroland@school.assumption.org

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



We will have a bilingual vigil Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm, and a Mass on the feast day with the School on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am.

Sacred Heart Church
Dec. 8 at 7:00 am & at WWU, Arntzen Hall, Room 4, 6:00 pm.



**CELEBRACIONES PARA EL DÍA DE
NUESTRA SEÑORA VIRGEN DE
GUADALUPE**

Domingo, Diciembre 11, 2016
Rosario ~ 10:30 PM
Misa ~ 11:00 PM
Lunes, Diciembre 12, 2016
Mañanitas 12:00 AM

No habrá Misa de 12:30 PM el Domingo, 11 de diciembre.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Don't forget that we will be having a reconciliation service on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 PM in the Church. All are welcome.

**SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIÓN DE
ADVIENTO**

No olvides que vamos a tener un servicio de la reconciliación el miércoles 14 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**December 24th
Christmas Eve**

Children's Mass 4:00 pm
(There will be no incense at the 4:00 pm Mass)
Youth/Multilingual Mass 7:00 pm
Solemn Night Mass 10:00 pm

**December 25th
Christmas Day**
Mass 9:30 AM

Come early to enjoy the caroling that begins one-half hour before Mass.



December 2016



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Mon

Tue



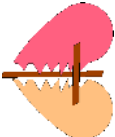







Wed

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Sat

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p>  <p>1st Reconciliation Class 11:30AM Confirmation Rite #1 5PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30PM Bldgs & Grounds 7PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>St. Joseph Hospital Mass 2PM Immaculate Conception Mass (bilingual) 7PM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Mass 10:30AM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>School HVAC blessing 10AM Mass with School 10:30AM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Art & Environment 1PM MFCC Junta General 7PM</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>Rosary 10:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 11PM Mañanitas 12AM</p>	<p>12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Lynden 7PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Multicultural Choir rehearsal 6:30PM Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Reconciliation Service 7PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Mass with School 10:30AM School Christmas Program 7PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass & Dinner 5PM</p> 
<p>18</p>  <p>Whatcom Chorale Concert 3PM No 5PM Mass Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Children's Choir rehearsal 6:30PM Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Church Cleaning 9:00AM Multicultural Choir rehearsal 6:30PM Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Christmas setup 11:30AM Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Church Cleaning 11:30AM Posadas 7PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Masses: 4PM Children/Family 7PM Youth/International 10PM Solemn Night</p> 
<p>25</p>  <p>Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM Lighthouse Christmas Dinner 12PM</p>	<p>26 St. Stephen Parish Office Closed No Mass or Word and Communion</p>	<p>27 St. John No Adoration</p>	<p>28 Holy Innocents</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Holy Family</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Stanfield/Fisher Wedding 2PM</p>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The parish stewardship of treasure numbers will back next weekend. We hope you had a great thanksgiving day and weekend.

ONLINE GIVING

Have you considered making your gifts online? This is a great way to make your life easier.

Advantages of Online Giving:

- Ultimate Convenience – just set up a recurring gift and forget it
- You can adjust your giving amounts & schedule any time
- Allows you to give even if you are travelling or sick
- Saves the parish the cost of providing envelopes

To set up your account, go to our website, www.assumption.org, and click on the small dove on the right side of the home page. This will take you to Vanco, our online gifts partner, where you can set up your account.



PASTORAL CARE HIGHLIGHT

During the month of November your Pastoral Care Commission has focused on our Funeral Luncheon Ministry. Pastoral Care seeks to offer compassionate support for all the stages of life from the young parent just learning to deal with the challenges of a fussy baby, to the older person who, after a lifetime of celebrating Eucharist with the community of faith, is no longer able to attend mass and longs for the Eucharist to be brought each week from one of our Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound. Our next Pastoral Care Commission meeting will be on Thursday, January 26 at 7pm in the Stafford Room. At this meeting we will continue with our mission of envisioning possibilities, evaluating opportunities, and supporting the many volunteers who minister in our parish. If you have suggestions or comments for us, please email me at kathye@assumption.org. Thank you! Your Pastoral Care Commission

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Our Parish Stewardship Renewal is in the final weeks and we are grateful to all who have returned their pledge card. Your gift to our parish supports the many costs of running a parish including our many ministries, the school, outreach and faith formation.

If you have not returned your pledge card yet, it's not too late! Simply complete a card and place it in the collection basket or deliver it to the Parish Office. If you are unable to offer financial support, please write 'prayer' on your card. Returning your card will save us from further follow up costs.



CHURCH CODE IS CHANGING

The code to enter the church by using the keypad will change on December 1st. Please contact Karen in the Pastoral Center to get the new code.



Good and loving God,

Source of every grace and blessing.

We bring you thanks, as we gather today, for the many gifts you have given us.

We seek to be good stewards, Lord! Bless us as we gather here to share Your gifts.

Send us Your Spirit and be present among us — in the mouth of all who speak, in the ears of all who listen, at the heart of all we say and do.

We ask in Jesus' name.
Amen

<p>A Stewardship Moment</p> <p>The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.</p>	<p>Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad</p> <p>En una hora que ustedes no esperan, el Hijo del Hombre vendrá. Los buenos administradores saben que son responsables ante Dios por todo lo que tienen, y lo que son, y se esfuerzan por vivir preparados para Su venida.</p>
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Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.