

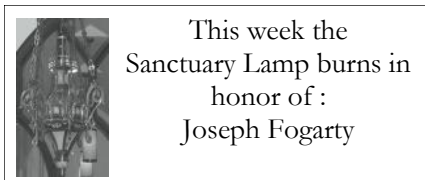
February 7, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

February 8	10:30 AM	
Bill Boyle		RIP
February 10	10:30 AM	
Gerry Rhea		RIP
	7:00 PM	
Emily Dell'Aquila		RIP
February 11	10:30 AM	
Loretta O'Donnell		RIP
February 12	10:30 AM	
Molly Gardiner		RIP
February 13	5:00 PM	
Catherine Stiles		RIP
February 14	8:30 AM	
Russell Jay Paul		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Felomina & Leodegario Colina		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Valentine Tony Simo		SI
	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:
 Joseph Fogarty

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, March 5 & 12 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

Daily Worship
Week of February 7, 2016

Monday, February 8 Saint Jerome	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 9	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84:3-5, 10-11 Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 10 ASH WEDNESDAY	Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25
Friday, February 12	Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51:3-6b, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday, February 13	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32
Sunday, February 14 First Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13



Year of Mercy
Weekly Reflection

Theme: Corporal Works of Mercy – Bury the Dead (2/7/16)

Another of [his] disciples said to him, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.” But Jesus answered him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.” (Matthew 8:21-22)

Reflection: What do think Jesus is really saying to the disciple that isn't quite ready to make a life commitment to follow him? How is it possible for the dead to bury their dead?

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

Our group is small but we come to share our stories to pray and help each other on our healing journey. All are welcome.

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 9:30 AM, and 12.30, 2:30 & 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

Healing prayer ministry is back with the same schedule. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Are you planning to get married in 2016? We will be running our 6-week program, Evenings for the Engaged, beginning Feb. 14 for those planning to get married in the Church during 2016. For more information, please go to the parish website or contact Judy Ziels at jjziels@live.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 10
 10:30 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes



12:15 PM Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass with Distribution of Ashes

St. Joseph Hospital will have a distribution of Ashes at 2:00 PM



Dear parishioners

First of all, let me say a very belated "thank you" for all your Christmas cards and good wishes. I also want to thank you for your cards and get well notes these past few weeks. In addition, several of you have made meals for me, cleaned my house and laundry, cared for me at home, and taken me to various appointments, etc. Your prayers and on-going support have been edifying and so immensely helpful.

I wanted to write a brief update on how I'm doing and how I got to where I am. I went skiing the Tuesday after Christmas with my brothers and nephews. One of my nephews went off a jump, and I said to myself, "I can do better than that!" Well I didn't. I took the jump, and when I was ten feet off the ground I thought to myself, "Well this was stupid." I landed straight down on my left leg and proceeded to fracture the tibia right at the knee. I broke off the inside of the tibial plateau and the femur made a huge divot on the other side.

I ended up having a surgery two days later (New Year's Eve) down in Olympia where they put in a plate and a few screws. I was released from the hospital after five days, and I returned to Bellingham. Two weeks later I had a second surgery up here at St. Joseph's. They ended up putting in another plate and a few more screws (to those who thought I had a screw loose, they can't say it anymore).

I was told that I can't put any weight on my left leg for twelve weeks. I've been basically home bound since the surgery. I can get up and around on a walker, but haven't been able to do too much getting around. Every day is a little bit better, and I plan to ease back into parish ministry this coming week. I hope to celebrate the Ash Wednesday mass this week at 7 pm and then a couple masses the following weekend. I still can't drive, but slowly but surely I plan to attend more meetings and get back into the office.

Please have patience with me and pray that I have patience with myself and this process. I'm as frustrated with this issue as all of you are. We never know when something is going to be thrown in our path which quickly alters the course of our life. But we do have the opportunity to approach it with the best attitude we can and make the most out of a bad situation.

Fr. John Madigan recently said, "Why ski? You're already going downhill fast enough." I plan to be up on the slopes next year. I love to ski and I'm good at it (although the past month might not indicate it). I will promise, however, no more jumps!

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Scott Connolly.

Fr. Scott Connolly

P. S. Finally, I have to say a word of thanks to our wonderful staff! They have been remarkable through this whole thing. They have done so much for me, but they have done so much for all of you as well. I cannot tell you what a blessing they are to our community, and they do so for their love of the Lord and the love they have for each one of you.

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

OUR SCHOOL

A sixth grade service-learning project this year is to clear invasive plants from Cornwall Park, mulch, plant native species and work on some soil rehabilitation. This not only makes the park a more attractive and enjoyable place to be, but also provides students an opportunity to learn about the environment and to intentionally reflect upon the care of the environment as part of our Catholic faith.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

LLAMADO PARA LAS MISIONES CATÓLICAS

La próxima semana realizaremos el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Una manera en que este llamado sirve para apoyar a las diócesis misioneras en Estados Unidos es apoyando la formación de seminaristas en las diócesis pobres. La bendición de contar con unos seminaristas pone una carga financiera en estas diócesis ya que la educación de cada seminarista cuesta entre \$35 a 40 mil dólares al año. Su apoyo es necesario para que estos jóvenes puedan regresar y servir en sus parroquias. Por favor, **fortalezca la Iglesia en casa** dando una generosa donación al llamado de la próxima semana.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

February 18, 2016 from 5:30pm-6pm

Hosted by

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1720 Harris Ave, Bellingham

(360) 733-6749

LENTE LONGINGS

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

People's experiences in a small community show that we all come from different places on the faith journey, but when we share we find we are all heading in the same direction. Why not join us this Lent and add something special and fruitful to your observance of the Year of Mercy? Journey with us in a small community by praying and sharing Scripture. It's called *Lenten Longings*. We believe you will be richer for the experience. For more information or call Gina DePalma at 733-1380 ext. 4222.

REFLEXIONES EN CUARESMA

¿HACIA DÓNDE SE DIRIGE TU VIDA?

Las experiencias de las personas en una pequeña comunidad de compartir la fe nos muestran que todos vienen de diferentes lugares y de diferentes etapas de fe en sus vidas, pero cuando compartimos, nos damos cuenta que vamos hacia la misma dirección. ¿Por qué no nos acompañas en esta Cuaresma? Camina con nosotros en una pequeña comunidad, orando y compartiendo las Escrituras con "Reflexiones en Cuaresma". Realmente creemos que te enriquecerás con esta experiencia. Para más información llame a Adriana Estrada al número 733-1380 ext. 4224.



JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

June 20th to the 24th which will be a bi-lingual tour with round trip air from Seattle. Price is \$2020.00 pp including air, hotel and tours. Tour will be led by

Fr Bob Kantor (has been a visiting Priest from Fla. on a few occasions)

Visit the "Tilma" where Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted, visit the tomb of Fr Miguel Pro, the Jesuit martyr, plus many more Holy sites. For more detailed information please phone Dan Parsons at 360-599-0752 or email at danstravelco@yahoo.com.

THE ART OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS

Date: Saturday, Feb. 20, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Stillpoint Spirituality Center, 1625 Huntley Rd., Bellingham. Cost: Sliding scale \$45.00 - \$55.00 (Scholarships available) Further details contact: Linda Conroy lnd.conroy@gmail.com

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 Feehy
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 Trottnr

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY



"Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!"
Pope Francis



The Hope House Street Outreach consists of two teams of volunteers who go out on Thursday afternoon and evening to distribute fresh made lunches to the homeless where they live. They also offer dry socks, an occasional blanket or sleeping bag, community service referrals and a warm and listening heart. As a direct response to these teams, several homeless have been housed, some made it home to loving families and more of them are working towards getting housed. Talk about making a difference! Theresa Meurs, the volunteer coordinator for this ministry, is so good at what she does that the Opportunity Council hired her last year to work in the Homeless Service Center as part of a team whose focus is housing the chronically homeless, where she has become one of those community referrals we use. A crucial part of this ministry is a behind the scenes group of volunteers who meet in the gym kitchen on Thursday mornings to make sandwiches and pack lunches with fresh fruit, water and homemade cookies. I am so proud of all of those who work with/in the Street Outreach!

We are currently not taking women's clothing, but need all other sizes and housewares!
Blessings,
Cheri Woolsey

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Craven
Blanca Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Doris Torres
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

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

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At University of Washington Newman Center
4502 20th Ave. NE, Seattle 98105
corner of 20th NE & NE 45th

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

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

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

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

INTERFAITH COALITION CHOIR FESTIVAL

Enjoy a concert of spiritual music by attending the Interfaith Coalition Choir Festival on **Sunday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.** at First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue in Bellingham. Individual choirs (including our church choir!) perform a song from their faith tradition, then join together in two songs with a combined choir of over 200 voices under the director of Kevin Allen-Schmid. The combined choir will sing two selections: *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace* and *All Lifted Hearts*. *All Lifted Hearts* is a beautiful melody interspersed with spoken lines on the subject of the golden rule from different faiths, making a powerful statement about working together for peace. An offering to benefit Interfaith Coalition programs, will be gratefully accepted.



ATTENTION ALL SINGERS!

The Assumption Choir will be participating in the Interfaith Choir Festival on Feb. 21st at the First Congregational church in Bellingham, and all singers from Assumption are invited to join us! We will have a special rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption church to prepare the songs we will sing in the concert. Rehearsal for the Festival Chorus begins at 1:30 on the 21st, and the concert begins at 3:30. Please contact Chris Attebery at chrisa@assumption.org with questions or to indicate your interest in singing. All are welcome!

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Monday, February 8th

10:30 AM Funeral Mass (Boyle)
11:30 AM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss
7:00 PM Edge
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Yr. 2)

Tuesday, February 9th

1:00 PM Bible Study
3:00 PM Cub Scouts 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 Adult Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.

Wednesday, February 10th

12:01 AM Adoration Church
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study Stafford
10:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes Church
12:15 PM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes Church
2:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes St. Joseph Hospital
6:30 PM St. Teresa of Avila Stafford
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Bilingual Mass Church

Thursday, February 11th

10:30 AM Funeral Mass (O' Donnell) Church
11:00 AM Mothers & Children Stafford
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church
1:00 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford
5:30 PM Lifeteen Core Team PC 3rd floor
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Stafford
7:00 PM RCIA LMC

Friday, February 12th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford
3:00 PM Auction Committee Room 1
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross Church
5:30 PM Just Faith Stafford
6:00 PM Reconciliation Church
6:00 PM Soup Supper Gym
7:00 PM Via Crucis Iglesia
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, February 13th

1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
2:00 PM Catechist Certification Year 3 LMC
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
5:00 PM Mass Church
6:00 PM Dinner Club Off-site

Sunday, February 14th

Catholic Home Missions Collection

Church	7:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Stafford	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
PCLR	8:30 AM	RCIA/C Dismissal	Stafford
Gym	8:30 AM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
LMC	9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
Stafford	10:00 AM	MFCC	Room 1
Room 1	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
PCLR	10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	LMC
Church	10:30 AM	Clase de Confirmación para adultos	Teacher's Lounge
Room 1	11:00 AM	Ensayo de Coro	St. Cecilia
Stafford	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Gym
Gym	12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
LMC	12:30 PM	Liturgia de la Palabra para niños	Biblioteca
St. Cecilia	1:00 PM	MFCC Dance	Gym
	2:00 PM	Legión de Maria	Room 1
	3:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
	4:00 PM	Evening for Engaged	Stafford
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning February 12 every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be having the Stations of the Cross.

VIA CRUCIS

Empezando el 12 de febrero cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Via Crucis a las 7:00 PM.



**RECONCILIATION/
SOUP SUPPER**

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

**RECONCILIACIÓN /
SOPA DE CENA**

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



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: 2/12/16 Funeral Committee, 2/19/16 Hispanic Community, 2/26/16 Catholic Daughters, 3/4/16 Knights of Columbus, 3/11/16 Youth Ministry, and 3/18/16 Boy Scouts. Looking forward to seeing you there!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(01/31/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 90,385	\$ 560,387
Contributions received:	\$14,096	\$ 84,720	\$ 563,115
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 3,981	-\$ 5,664	\$ 2,728
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
Debt Reduction	Wk(01/31/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 5,290	\$ 32,798
Contributions received:	\$ 257	\$ 3,823	\$ 21,976
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 801	-\$ 1,467	-\$10,822

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	29
NW Catholic Communications Campaign	\$	56

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

FACILITIES SUPERVISOR POSITION

Assumption Church has an opening for a Facilities Supervisor. This is a full-time position with responsibility for the maintenance of the church, gym, parish office and grounds. For further information or to apply, please go to our website, www.assumption.org, for the application form and job description. Closing date is Feb 19th.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF E-GIVING

Assumption Church offers electronic giving for your convenience. To sign up go to our web site www.assumption.org; and click on the small dove found on the home page. This will take you to Vanco, our EFT provider, where you can setup an account and manage your gifts to the parish through your checking account or credit card. Or you can set up "bill pay" through your bank; adding Assumption to your automatic monthly bill paying cycle.



Please join hundreds going to **Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, February 8th, 2016 in Olympia.**

To register, go to: www.ipjc.org and give voice to Justice and life.

Invite your friends along! The day will include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators.

Sponsored by: Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



Únase a cientos que irán al **Día Católico de Abogacía el lunes 8 de febrero, 2016 en Olympia. Para registrarse visite:**

www.ipjc.org y levante la voz por la justicia y la vida ¡Invite a sus amigos a participar! El día incluirá información legislativa, una misa y citas con sus legisladores. **Patrocinado por:** Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society e Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



A Stewardship Moment

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send Me!"?

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En las lecturas de hoy, tanto Isaías como Pedro escuchan el llamado de Dios y se sienten indignos. Pero, asegurados por el Señor, ambos responden y siguen el llamado. Oigo yo la voz del Señor preguntando "¿A quién mandaré? ¿Estoy preparando yo para responder, "Aquí estoy. Mándame a mí!"?



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