

Church of the Assumption



He is Risen, Alleluia!

Easter Bulletin

April 20, 2025

Pastor's Note / Nota del Pastor

English

Even though I rarely hike, or bike, or ski, or kayak, I still *love* living in the Pacific Northwest. View for view on a daily basis, I am not sure there is anywhere more beautiful in the world.

But I also love it because living here allows me to *viscerally* connect with the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. At the beginning of Lent, we are still deep into the cold, dark, gray, rainy season. In fact, we are six months into it, and our souls are ground down by so many months of oppression. I find I am always less energetic and mildly depressed around the time of Ash Wednesday and entering into Lent is extremely difficult because I am not sure what else can be wrung out of the dry stone of my life. This is a profound analogy for sin and the way it slowly eats away at us until we are shells of our former selves.

Then, the closer we get to Easter, the more the beauty of our natural Eden shows forth. The cherry buds blossom, we begin to have days so clear that you can see the mountains all the way up in Canada, and things begin to feel hopeful again. I can think of fewer experiences more like emerging from the tomb of death into eternal life. Living here most of my life, I cannot separate PNW Spring from Easter, and I am thankful for it: I can *feel, in my bones*, the joy and exultation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Of course, there is overlap. In my ideal world, we would have unending rain right up through Good Friday, and then nothing but sun for the 50 days of Easter. That never happens. We start to see glimpses of Spring even during Passiontide, and locals know the rain does not disappear until at least July 05. And yet, that is the reality of life this side of the Resurrection: Even though Jesus has conquered death, we still experience the effects of sin and death in our lives; and even when we sin, the light of God pushes through. And yet, we know and believe that the Resurrection is as inevitable as the changing of the seasons, and praise God for that!

I hope you and your families have an incredible Easter. There is nothing more majestic than our salvation through Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you and your families

F. Moore

Español

Aunque rara vez hago senderismo, ni en bici, ni esquío, ni hago kayak, sigo *disfrutando* vivir en el Pacífico Noroeste. Vista por vista a diario, no estoy seguro de que haya ningún lugar más hermoso en el mundo.

Pero también me encanta porque vivir aquí me permite conectar *visceralmente* con la Pasión, la Muerte y la Resurrección de nuestro Señor. Al comienzo de la Cuaresma, todavía estamos en plena estación fría, oscura, gris y de lluvias. De hecho, llevamos seis meses y nuestras almas están desgastadas por tantos meses de opresión. Siempre estoy con menos energía y algo deprimido en la época del Miércoles de Ceniza, y entrar en Cuaresma es extremadamente difícil porque no sé qué más se puede sacar de la piedra seca de mi vida. Esta es una analogía profunda para el pecado y la forma en que poco a poco nos va consumiendo hasta que nos convertimos en sombras de nuestro antiguo yo.

Luego, cuanto más nos acercamos a la Pascua, más se revela la belleza de nuestro Edén natural. Los capullos de cerezo florecen, empezamos a tener días tan claros que se pueden ver las montañas hasta Canadá, y las cosas vuelven a sentirse esperanzadoras. Puedo pensar en menos experiencias, más bien salir de la tumba de la muerte hacia la vida eterna. Habiendo vivido aquí la mayor parte de mi vida, no puedo separar la primavera del Noroeste del Pacífico de la Pascua, y estoy agradecido por ello: puedo *sentir, en mis huesos*, la alegría y la exaltación de la Resurrección de nuestro Señor.

Por supuesto, hay solapamiento. En mi mundo ideal, tendríamos lluvia interminable hasta el Viernes Santo, y luego nada más que sol durante los 50 días de Pascua. Eso nunca pasa. Empezamos a ver destellos de primavera incluso durante la Pasión, y los lugareños saben que la lluvia no desaparece hasta, al menos, el 5 de julio. Y, sin embargo, esa es la realidad de la vida a este lado de la Resurrección: aunque Jesús ha vencido a la muerte, seguimos experimentando los efectos del pecado y la muerte en nuestras vidas; y aunque pecamos, la luz de Dios se aparece. Y, sin embargo, sabemos y creemos que la Resurrección es tan inevitable como el cambio de las estaciones, ¡y alabado sea Dios por ello!

Espero que ustedes y sus familias tengan una Pascua increíble. No hay nada más majestuoso que nuestra salvación por medio de Jesucristo.

Que el Señor los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias,

J. Moore

Whom to Contact

Our parish staff is here to help with whatever you need to grow closer to Jesus.

The office is open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (360) 733-1380.

Clergy Scheduling

priests@whatcomcatholic.org

Fr. Moore (Pastor)
Fr. Gerardo (Vicar)
Fr. Stephan (Vicar)
Fr. Tyler (Vicar; WWU Chaplain)
Dcn. Larry Kheriaty (Deacon)
Dcn. Dale Pollard (Deacon)

Assumption Staff

- Dcn. Larry Kheriaty (larryk@assumption.org) – Spiritual Care, Pastoral Care of Families
- Dr. Mabalot (drmabalot@assumption.org) – Music, liturgical ministries
- Michael Rombaoa (michaelr@assumption.org) – Administration, Scheduling, Volunteering
- Claudia Maeda (claudia@assumption.org) – Registration for: parish, baptism, first communion, confirmation, children’s faith formation
- Kim Walker (kim.walker@sbham.org) - K-5 Family Faith Formation and First Sacraments, Adult Faith Formation, Catholicism 101 (OCIA)
- Liliana Marshall (liliana@assumption.org) - Hispanic contact for K-5 Faith Formation.
- Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org) – Youth ministry (6th-12th grades), Youth Confirmation
- Parish Office / Maria Tapia (parishoffice@assumption.org) – Mass Intentions, Bulletin,
- Ted Cronk (tedc@assumption.org) – Church Custodian
- E. Omar Ramos (mrramos@assumption.org) – Assumption School Principal

Regional Staff:

- Elizabeth Ames (elizabeth@whatcomcatholic.org) – Director of Finance/Human Resource
- Olivia Phillips (olivia@whatcomcatholic.org) – Regional Director of Operations
- Dr. Kathy Ernst (kathy@whatcomcatholic.org) – Regional Director for Pastoral Care, Outreach, Tribunal Advocate, Grief Ministry.
- Liliana Marshall (priests@whatcomcatholic.org) - Exec. Assistant for Clergy, priest scheduling
- Anna Wittmershaus (anna@assumption.org) – Regional Coordinator for Weddings.
- Keri Cleary (keri@whatcomcatholic.org) – Regional Director Facilities
- Ryan Wittig (ryan@whatcomcatholic.org) – Maintenance Regional Director
- Dave Wolfe – Maintenance Person

Daily Masses

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:15 a.m.
Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.*
Sunday (Español): 1:00 p.m.

*(Coffee Hour offered after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

– Thursday, 9:00 a.m. (every week)
– Friday 7:45 Benediction (every week)

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
First Fridays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Archdiocesan News

Archbishop Etienne’s Easter video message. [Click here](#) to see his Easter message video.

Whatcom Catholic News

Part of the Whatcom Catholic Churches: For comprehensive information regarding all Catholic Churches in Whatcom County, including priest schedules, Mass times, and locations, please visit whatcomcatholic.org.

Assumption Church website, visit: assumption.org

Viking Catholic

The Viking Catholic is open to all young adults ages 18-25. We offer Catholic community, bible studies, retreats, service opportunities, and more. Find your people, grow in faith. Check out our website www.vikingcatholic.org, our Instagram @vikingcatholic, or join us on Wednesdays for Mass at 5pm and dinner after (714 N. Garden St.) or Sunday Mass at 5pm and dinner after at Sacred Heart (1110 14th St.). We can’t wait to get to know you!

Northern Deanery High School News

We are pleased to inform you that we formally submitted the Northern Deanery High School application to the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) in early March. Pending OCS approval, it will advance to the Archbishop for final authorization to establish an Archdiocesan Category 1 high school. The goal is to welcome our first students in the fall of 2027.

Rooted in faith and guided by a shared vision, our governance model provides clear accountability at every level, from Archdiocesan oversight to a Board of Directors and Principal, ensuring a strong Catholic foundation for generations to come.

We are deeply grateful for the partnership and support of the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Office of Catholic Schools and humbly ask that you keep this important mission in your prayers as we anticipate a final decision from Archbishop Etienne this spring.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://ndhighschool.org>.

Parish News

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed on April 3rd in observance of Good Friday. The office will resume its normal operations on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Partners in the Gospel (PFAC)

Opportunities & Challenges Listening Sessions

Register Online English: [click here](#) or Spanish: [haga clic aquí](#)

The Seattle Archdiocese has begun the Partners in the Gospel initiative, which will bring the seven Catholic church locations in Whatcom County together as one Canonical Parish.

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is here to help guide this transition. Our goal is to gather your input and share information, ensuring every parishioner has a voice in shaping our parish family's future.

Over the next two years, we invite you to join us in supporting Fr. Moore and our community through active participation, prayer, and listening. This process will succeed only if we work together.

After Easter, PFAC will host listening to sessions to discuss our opportunities and challenges as we unite.

Everyone is warmly invited to participate. Please use the links at the top of this document to select and register for the listening session of your choice.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in church at 4:45 before the start of the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, April 11th. It will also be prayed 15 minutes before the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM English Masses, and at 12:45 PM before the 1:00 PM Spanish Mass on Sunday, April 12th. If you would like resources to lead your own group chaplet, please reach out to (barbarakarabin@gmail.com).

Assumption Catholic School

Assumption Catholic School (360-733-6133) is a ministry of the parish in service to the Gospel, serving grades pre-K to Preschool. We form our students in the Catholic faith, helping Catholics and non-Catholics alike understand the message of Jesus and how to live a virtuous life. Mr. E. Omar Ramos, current principal, would be happy to talk to you." More information can be found at our website <http://assumption.school> or by e-mailing theoffice@assumption.school.

Sacrament and Faith Formation Opportunities

Baptism Information

Baptism Classes are offered every other month in English and Spanish to prepare parents and godparents for infant baptisms. A baptism date cannot be set until a class has been attended and the registration forms have been completed and submitted, including a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Please contact Claudia Maeda at (claudia@assumption.org) or (253) 356-5516 to register for class and/or schedule a baptism.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org)

Families with teens in grades 6–12 seeking Youth Ministry, religious education, or Sacrament preparation may reach out regarding options for the coming year, with many programs beginning in August.

Summer opportunities include the Steubenville Northwest Youth Conference in Spokane, Washington (July 10–12, 2026) and the Days of Grace Service Project (August 10–14, 2026). Space may be limited; please contact if interested.

Middle School Blast Night, open to all 6th to 8th graders. We provide fun, faith, and a welcoming community for every student. Feel free to come anytime on the upcoming dates!

- April 25 – BLAST Night Assumption Gym

High School Blast Night – If you have a 9th–12th grader who is seeking community, connection, and an opportunity to grow in their faith, our BLAST Nights are a great way to get involved. Students are welcome to join us for any of the upcoming events:

- April 11 – BLAST Night St. Joseph Church, Ferndale

K-5 Family Faith Formation and First Sacraments

Wednesday Evening Schedule

- Family Dinner: A prepared meal for busy families begins in the evening.
- Youth Classes: Classes for students from Preschool through High School.
- Parent Class: A dedicated session for parents held during youth classes.

First Sacrament Preparation (2nd Grade / Age 7+)

Children can prepare for their First Sacraments at any of these three locations and times:

- Wednesdays: During the regular evening programming.
- Sundays: Available at Sacred Heart parish.
- Sundays: Available at Assumption parish.

Contact Kim Walker at (kim.walker@shbham.org) with any questions.

Adult Faith Formation

Volunteers lead adult studies and discussions throughout the year using approved Catholic programs. If you are interested in facilitating a study, please contact Kim Walker at (kim.walker@shbham.org) or (564) 213-9993. To participate in an upcoming study, please check the weekly bulletin for details.

Catholicism 101: Foundations in Faith (OCIA)

The Catholic Church is the community of believers dedicated to following the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Apostles. It is the Church established by Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

For those whose hearts are leading them toward a deeper relationship with God, or who are simply curious about Catholic beliefs, Catholicism 101 is the place to start. This process explores the tenets of the faith and how to live as a Catholic.

Catholicism 101 is for those seeking:

- Inquiry into the truths of Catholic teaching
- Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- Sacrament of Confirmation for adult Catholics
- Deepening of understanding for cradle Catholics

Inquirers are welcome to attend, learn, and ask questions for as long as they wish, with no commitment required. To join these classes, please contact Kim Walker at (kim.walker@shbham.org) or (564) 213-9993.

Bellingham Frassati Group

Calling all young adults between ages 21 and 35 to a potluck on May 16th after the Vigil Mass in the Stafford Room. Please bring a dish to share. Any questions please contact Kerry Wier at (kerryw579@gmail.com).

Marriage Preparation

Holy Matrimony is a beautiful gift given by God and elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament for the baptized. Choosing to undertake this blessed adventure is a witness of love for the world. Marriage preparation includes formation classes, paperwork, and liturgy planning, through which parish staff will assist couples. We are happy to answer any questions regarding marriage and specific situations. We also assist Catholic couples who were married civilly outside the church to co-validate their marriage in a sacramental ceremony. Please contact Anna at least 6 months before the date you hope to be married.

Contact: Anna Wittmershaus (anna@assumption.org) or 360-594-5791.

Volunteer Opportunities

Choir & Liturgical Ministries

Sing with the Assumption Choir or be part of our Liturgical team. If you are interested in singing with the choir or becoming an altar server, sacristan, hospitality minister, lector, and EMHC -- **Contact:** Dr. Mabalot, Director of Music & Liturgy (drmabalot@assumption.org).

Marriage Preparation Mentor Program

We are always seeking more mentors to support our engaged couples through marriage preparation. Married individuals or couples can mentor engaged couples by facilitating pre-marriage classes or providing one-on-one support. To learn more please **contact:** Anna Wittmershaus (anna@assumption.org).

Altar Society

A group of men and women with a two-fold purpose to create and maintain a dignified, reverent house of worship for all who come to Mass on Sundays, Solemnities, and weekdays.

First, to promote the spiritual and social welfare of its members with social gatherings and retreats. Second, to be a part of a group that does the daily or weekly duties throughout the liturgical seasons for our parish. There are six different committees that create and maintain this beautiful space, including: Sacristans and Linens, Art Environment, Grounds, Cleaning, Candles, and Programs.

The altar society takes great pride in enriching the beauty of the church through these different areas. There is cleaning, decorating, stocking, washing, and preparing the church as needed. If you are interested in helping on one or more of our committees, please reach out by contacting Michele King, president, at 360-820-3815 or via email at (michelea1438@gmail.com).

Grief Support (Lamentation)

Beginning on Saturday, **April 11, 2026**, Assumption will be the location for an eight-week Grief Ministry Program: LAMENTATION. It will be from **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** in the **Teacher's Lounge Room**.

LAMENTATION, written by Deacon Dale Pollard, offers a journey of spiritual insight and hope, giving those who are mourning an invitation to experience God's love, care, and transformation.

LAMENTATION is open to any Whatcom Catholic parishioner who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Please contact Dr. Kathy at (kathy@whatcomcatholic.org) or 253-356-5523.

Parish Life and Socials

Organizes and hosts parish events, such as the annual picnic (Feast of the Assumption), Mardi Gras, Soup Suppers, Coffee Hour, Volunteer Appreciation, and helps with the Confirmation Reception.

Contacts: Marie Gonzalez (mariegonzalez@comcast.net), Bonnie Harp (bjharp_98@yahoo.com).

Coffee Hour

Worship happens in the community, and one of our primary community-building opportunities is Coffee and Donuts after certain Sunday Masses. We would love assistance with setup and take-down.

Contact: Michael Rombaoa (michaelr@assumption.org).

Whatcom Catholic Weekly Adoration at Assumption Church

Come and be renewed by the presence of Jesus! 24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Whatcom Catholic is held at Assumption Church after 8:15 a.m. Mass, every Thursday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. continuing until Friday morning at 8:45 a.m., ending with Benediction. We are looking for new adorers who will start their hours at mid-hour times (:30) to secure attendance for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The rewards are simply divine! Interested or have questions?

call Cynthia Bentley 360-820-9594.

Pastoral Care

The mission of the Pastoral Care Commission is to offer ministries for our parishioners through the support and development of local, regional, and Archdiocesan programs that pray for, care for, and lift those in physical, emotional, and spiritual need. The Pastoral Care Ministries are Consolation Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound, Faith and Light, Funeral Receptions, Grief Support Ministry, Health Ministry, PREPARES, Shoulder to Shoulder. **Contact:** Dr. Kathy Ernst at (kathy@whatcomcatholic.org) or Tashie Zang at (im_busy_bee@hotmail.com).

Safety Ministry

What do a 77-year-old man and a 79-year-old man have in common? Answer- they both have volunteered to keep your family safe. Do you want to help with this responsibility? **Contact:** John Asmundson at (jhasmund@yahoo.com).

Hope House

Hope House is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides clothing and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families in Whatcom County. They are always looking for volunteers to help with sorting donations and greeting clients on a weekly basis. **Contact:** April Jordan-Hulsey (apriljh@ccsww.org).

Interest & Service Groups

Knights of Columbus

The [Knights of Columbus](#) is a fraternal organization that provides support for the Church, the parish, our bishops and priests, families, youth, seminarians, and the community. Catholic gentlemen 18 and over are invited to join. **Contact:** Ed Mashburn (grandknight829@gmail.com or 206-966-2100).

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) works to help women develop their spirituality by providing opportunities to share their faith with other Catholic women (spirituality), then live that out by helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ (service). CDA is open to Catholic women 18 and older. Our court is St. Aloysius #243, and we are 112 years old on June 14th. This group of women comprises all the parishes in Whatcom County.

Contact: Michele King (michelea1438@gmail.com). We are in the process of establishing a Junior Catholic Daughters group for young individuals aged 6 to 18 years.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic lay charity with a network of men and women who share their time, talent, and treasure with their neighbors in need on a person-to-person basis. If you know someone who lives in Whatcom County who needs assistance due to a setback or an emergency, Saint Vincent de Paul may be able to help. In-person appointments are made by calling **360-734-2722**. You will be prompted to leave a message. Calls are returned at least twice a week.

Thanks to all those who support this caring ministry with their donations to our Outreach envelopes at Sacred Heart and Assumption and through other means. Because of you we can bring together our Catholic Faith with works of Charity.

Rosary Makers

A group that meets to share faith and make Rosaries together, every Saturday at 1:00 pm in the Stafford Room (NW corner of the gym). **Contact:** Marilee Wilcox (marileewmail@yahoo.com).

Filipino Ministry

The Filipino Ministry of Whatcom County shares Filipino religious and cultural traditions with the local Catholic community. We celebrate the Santo Niño Fiesta on the 3rd Saturday of January and the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila every September 28th. We also hold Simbang Gabi every 3rd Saturday in December. We invite all Catholics to enjoy the warmth and joy of Filipino culture. Our ministry volunteers also help build community by hosting coffee hours after Mass and creating welcoming spaces for parishioners to connect and collaborate. **Contact:** Teresa Bandolon at (aprilband3@yahoo.com).

Coracle Men's Group

Coracle Men's Group, led by Deacon Dale Pollard, meets Saturdays from 7:30-9am in the Stafford room at Assumption Church, with Adoration from 7:45-8:15. We are an intentional group of men spurring each other on through deeper discipleship and transformation. The name "Coracle" comes from the hide-covered boat St Brendan used to sail to parts unknown to share the Gospel. **Contact :** Dcn. Dale Pollard (deacondale@shbham.org).

Women's Connect

This group's mission is to unite women into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. The women meet quarterly to pray and celebrate their lives of faith. **Contact:** Carolyn Huggett (chuggett@jrhuggettco.com).

Prepares

PREPARES is a nurturing response of the Catholic community, open to all, to provide meaningful, local and unconditional support to Washington mothers, fathers, and families as they nurture their children through pregnancy and early childhood. Our vision is that a mom or family can come to any Catholic community in the state and be served. Whatcom Catholic has two PREPARES programs.

Bellingham Contact: Kathy Jenkis (kjenkis@hotmail.com).

East county: Pam Ames 360-510-2334 or (pamames@comcast.net).

Vietnamese

Prayer Group / *nhóm cầu nguyện*

A prayer group in Vietnamese that meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Stafford Room. Vietnamese New Year will be celebrated on Feb. 03. / *Nhóm cầu nguyện bằng tiếng Việt họp vào Thứ Bảy đầu tháng lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều. trong phòng Stafford. Tết Nguyên đán của người Việt sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày 03/02.* **Contact:** Thanh Nguyen (frankuv@yahoo.com).

Vietnamese Mass / *thánh lễ việt nam*

The Vietnamese Mass is planned for 2026, and the exact date will be determined based on Fr. Khanh Nguyen's availability.

Español

Adoración Semanal Católica de Whatcom en la Iglesia de la Asunción

¡Ven y se renovado/a! ¡Por la presencia de Jesús! La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, disponible las 24 horas para los católicos de Whatcom, se lleva a cabo en la Iglesia de la Asunción después de la Misa de las 8:15 am, todos los jueves por la mañana a partir de las 9:00 am hasta el viernes por la mañana a las 8:45 am, finalizando con la Bendición. Buscamos nuevos adoradores que comiencen su tiempo a media hora (30 minutos) para asegurar la asistencia a la presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. ¡La recompensa es divina! ¿Interesado/a o tiene alguna pregunta? Llame a Sandra Fancher @ (786) 200-4069.

Adoración Nocturna

La adoración nocturna es una práctica de devoción católica en la que los fieles se reúnen en la iglesia de la asunción cada 2nd sábado del mes para adorar al Santísimo Sacramento durante la noche, de las 7:00 pm a las 8:30 pm promoviendo la oración y la reflexión. Para más información comuníquese con Carlos Muños al (360) 441-1955.

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico (MFCC)

El Movimiento es una agrupación de familias católicas que unen sus esfuerzos para promover los valores humanos y cristianos de la familia, para que esta sea en la comunidad: formadora de personas, educadora en la fe, consciente de su misión evangelizadora y comprometida en el desarrollo integral de la comunidad y de la iglesia doméstica. **Contacto:** Biler Galeana Arguello y Imelda Galeana Márquez a este correo electrónico (imeldamar28@gmail.com) o llamar para más información al (360) 595-8813 (360) 201-8735.

Grupos de Intercambio de Fe

Una reunión semanal para compartir sobre nuestra vida de fe, generalmente guiada por las escrituras dominicales. Los Domingos a las 10:00 am. **Contactos:** Doris Torres (hdmaria7@yahoo.com) o Pablo Ordoñez (pablochn@yahoo.com).

Temas Bíblicos

Los padres Manuel y Gerardo reflexionan el evangelio dominical en su contexto del siglo I con la ayuda de videos, fotos, mapas y comentarios bíblicos para entender mejor el mensaje de Jesús de Nazaret. Todos los viernes de 7-9pm, en la iglesia de San José ubicación: 5781 Hendrickson Ave, Ferndale, WA 98248. Estos temas bíblicos son para toda la familia. Para más información comuníquese con.

Myra Whiting al: (myra@stjosephferndale.org) Lorena Duarte al (lorena@stjoseph-stpeter.org) o a la oficina de la Asunción al (parishoffice@assumption.org).

Note que los sacerdotes hacen una pausa cada año en diciembre por las preparaciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe y las posadas. Ellos reanudan sus temas en el comienzo de en enero por el resto del año.

Aplicación Formed

FORMED es como un Netflix católico, que ofrece películas, programas, audios y libros electrónicos para ayudarte a ti y a tu familia a crecer en la fe. Gratis para todos los feligreses (¡nuestra parroquia lo cubre!). Ve películas, programas infantiles y estudios de fe. Accede a reflexiones diarias y preparación sacramental. Disponible en tu computadora, teléfono, tableta o televisor. Para registrarse: Visita <https://formed.org/>. Haz clic en Registrarse, selecciona "Registrarse como feligrés". Ingresar el nombre de nuestra parroquia y el código postal, luego elige y sigue los pasos para crear una cuenta. Una vez creada la cuenta, puedes descargar la aplicación en una tableta o teléfono inteligente, o acceder a los videos a través de la web.

Resources

Continue the Easter Celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

It is a feast day celebrated on the Octave of Easter, the Sunday after Easter. In the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, it is written that Jesus told St. Faustina:

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

On this day, you can receive both a [Special Plenary Indulgence](#) and the [Extraordinary Grace](#). ([You can learn more here](#)).

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

- 1) Go to confession before that Sunday and sincerely repent all our sins
- 2) Place our complete trust in Jesus
- 3) Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday
- 4) Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf
- 5) Pray the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

To learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion, visit this website:

<https://womensconnect.live/blog-womens-connect-bellingham/the-divine-mercy-devotion>.

For Those Considering Separation or Divorce

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on April 14-16, 2023, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Whatcom Catholic Businesses

Do you own or run a business? If you are a small business owner, freelancer, professional service provider, or manage a home-based service, we have launched the Whatcom Catholic Business Directory. This directory helps promote and support the talents and services in our Catholic community. It allows parishioners to connect with one another for their professional skills, talents, and businesses across the county. Signing up for the directory is free. **Contact:** Jennifer Bernard at whatcomcatholicbusinesses.com.

Formed App

FORMED is like a Catholic Netflix, offering movies, programs, audio talk, and eBooks to help you and your family grow in faith. Free for all parishioners (our parish has you covered!) Watch movies, kids' shows, and faith studies. Access daily reflection and sacramental preparation. Available on your computer, Phone, tablet, or TV. **How to Sign Up:** Go to <https://formed.org/>. Click on Sign up, select sign up as a parishioner. Enter our parish name and zip code then choose and follow the steps to create an account. Once the account is created the app can be downloaded to a tablet or smartphone or videos can be accessed through the web.

Great Catholic Podcasts

Ascension Press and Fr. Mike Schmitz offer both "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" podcasts for those who want to read the Bible and the Catechism but can never find time to sit down and read. Search for them in your favorite podcast apps or download the Ascension app. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app>.

Need Help?

Hope House

Hope House is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides clothing and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families in Whatcom County. **Contact:** (apriljh@ccsww.org).

For Those Considering Separation or Divorce

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Pregnancy

The Christian-supported pregnancy clinic in the area is the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. <https://www.whatcomclinic.com/>. Our Prepares Program is also ready to help expectant and new mothers with necessary items. **Contact:** Kathy Jenkis at kjenkis@hotmail.com.

Healing After Abortion

Project Rachel ministers to those who have experienced the difficulty and trauma of abortion. www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or (206) 920-6413.

Housing

All housing needs in Bellingham are addressed through the Opportunity Council.

<https://www.opcco.org/basic-needs/housing/> or (360) 734-5121.

Upcoming

This week, the tabernacle candle burns for **Cindy Luna**

Thursday, April 2

- 4:30 pm – Confession
- 7:00 pm – Bilingual Mass

Friday, April 3

- 4:30 pm – Confession
- 7:00 pm – Bilingual Service
- 9:30 pm – Easter Decorating

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 am – Church Cleaning
- 3:30 pm – Church Deep Cleaning
- 5:00 pm – Confession (Church)
- 8:30 pm – Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, April 5

- 8:00 am – Mass Easter Sunday
- 9:15 am – No Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am – Mass Easter Sunday
- 11:15 am - Easter egg hunting
- 11:15 am – No Coffee Hour
- 1:00 pm – Misa Domingo de Pascua)

Monday, April 6

- 2:00 pm – Charismatic prayer Group (Stafford)

Tuesday, April 7

- 10:30 am – Funeral Mass (Rosario Ainton)
- 5:30 pm – Mass (+Alberto R. Vergel de Dios)

Thursday, April 9

- 8:15 am – Mass (+Vivian Alves)
- 9:00 am – Exposition
- 6:15 pm – Women’s Connect Bible Study (Library)

Friday, April 10

- 7:45 am – Benediction
- 8:15 am – Mass (+Jesus Alcorde Bacaltos)

Saturday, April 11

- 7:30 am Coracle Men’s Group
- 8:00 am – Church Cleaning
- 3:00 pm – Confession
- 3:30 pm – Rosary Prayer Group (Stafford)
- 4:45 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:00 pm – Mass (+Stella Firos)

Sunday, April 12

- 7:45 am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:00 am – Mass (Pro Populo)
- 9:15 am – Coffee Hour
- 9:45 am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 10:00 am – Mass (+Tao Le)
- 11:15 am – Coffee Hour
- 12:45 am – Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia
- 1:00 pm – Misa (+Walter Enrique Ruiz)