

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

-Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor's Note

I will sometimes throw the term “pastor” around as a shorthand, but canonically speaking I was appointed to Assumption as a “Priest Administrator” (which you can read about in [canons 539-540](#)), something our archdiocese and many others do with priests who seem too young to be pastors, but who are still given pastoral responsibility anyway due to the priest shortage. In our archdiocese, the term of a priest administrator is only for three years, meaning that my time at Assumption theoretically ends on June 30, 2022. Of course, in nearly every case, a new priest who shows himself to be competent will be appointed Pastor (with a full six-year term) at the end of his Priest Administrator term, as Fr. Ross was at Sacred Heart last year, so I have every expectation of being at Assumption until at least June 30, 2028.

Nevertheless, because I am reaching the end of my official term, I was required to submit a self-evaluation to the Priest Placement Board this week as they consider upcoming reassignments. It was certainly an interesting exercise, and I thought a few of my answers might be of interest to you.

To the question about what drains me in my role, I was tempted to answer e-mails and office work (a very common answer among priests), but upon reflection I realized that was not quite it. What drains me is the constant feeling of being behind and never caught up. That *manifests* in e-mails and office work, because this is what gets put off when I do not have enough hours in my week, but I truly enjoy even the office stuff when I actually have enough time to do it. Give me 48 hours in a day, and there may actually be no downside to priesthood!

Another question asked me about my future goals. These goals have solidified over the last two years, and I am asking for a full six-year term to try to realize them more fully. (It should go without saying that my overall goal in everything is to help every parishioner and, truly, every resident of Bellingham to have a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus; but I needed to be a little more concrete in these questions.)

In the spiritual realm, my goals for parish have been and are (1) to ensure our liturgies are dignified, edifying, and in line with the rubrics of the Church and the theology of Vatican II, and (2) to establish a small-group culture at the parish, where every parishioner is a member of a small faith-sharing group.

In the material realm, my goals for the parish have been and are (1) to establish a long-term rectory on the campus, (2) to “fix” the altar and restore a more functional sanctuary, and (3) to help establish a Catholic high school in the Northern Deanery.

With our school, I told the archdiocese that my main goal had been discerning the possibility of switching to a classical curriculum, but that the archbishop's temporary moratorium on such switches has sent me back to the drawing board.

Blessings in the Lord,

Fr. Moore

Parish News

Church Construction Update

The south aisle of the church has been opened so that we have full visibility into the status of our steam heat system. We are looking to make sure there are no other issues that might take us by surprise, and that required tearing up the floor. The temporary covering will remain for the next few months as we inspect the system and determine how best to move forward.

Passing of John French

John French, who served at the organ accompanist at Assumption for many years in the 80s and 90s, passed away recently. His obituary can be found [here](#).

School News

Veterans' Day School Mass

Friday, November 12th at 8:15 a.m.

All veterans are encouraged to attend our school Mass this Friday, and to be recognized at a ceremony following Mass. Boy and Girl Scouts will also be in uniform.

2021 Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

Assumption School's PTC is hosting this event on Dec. 5, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Talented arts and crafts vendors are encouraged to rent a table to sell their wares. The fee is \$35 prior to Nov. 12. Please turn in a [registration form](#) to the school office to join in on this community building event!

Wider News

Choir Concerts at Assumption Next Weekend

Saturday, November 13th at 8:00 pm & Sunday, November 14th at 5:00 pm

Our Music Director Dr. Mabalot will be conducting the Bellingham Chamber Chorale, a professional community choir, in two concerts entitled "I Am Love" next weekend. The program will present sacred and secular choral music that delves into the various manifestations of love. Tickets can be purchased in advance [here](#) or at the door on the day of the concert.

Looking for "Faith on Fire" Volunteers

St. Mary's in Anacortes is looking to expand the leadership team for their annual "Faith on Fire" event in July. Because this event has grown to serve the region, they are hoping the leadership team will also be regional. Please see the end of this bulletin for a list of the volunteer positions they are hoping to fill.

Pax Christi Invitation

Tuesday November 9 from 7:00-8:30 PM, Zoom

The Assumption group of Pax Christi, a Catholic peace organization, meets virtually. Parishioners are always welcome to join whenever they would like. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85418356506>, Meeting ID: 854 1835 6506.

Before the meeting, parishioners are encouraged to watch these short videos by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of the book "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants"

Videos: [Teachings for a Resilient Future](#) & [The Teachings of Grass](#)

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, Nov 6**
 - 4:00 pm – Rosary Prayer in Church
- **Sunday, Nov 7**
 - Daylight Savings Ends-Fall Back!
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour
- **Tuesday, Nov 9**
 - 5:30 pm – Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass
- **Friday, Nov 12**
 - 10:30 am – Funeral Mass for Daniel Donnelly
- **Saturday, Nov 13**
 - 8:00 pm – Bellingham Chamber Chorale Concert
- **Sunday, Nov 14**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour
 - 5:00 pm - Bellingham Chamber Chorale Concert

Intentions

- **Saturday, Nov. 6**
 - 5:00 pm, Jani Adderley, RIP
- **Sunday, Nov. 7**
 - 8:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 10:00 am, Eduardo Cabañero, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Francisco Javier Palomares Ramos, RIP
- **Tuesday, Nov. 9**
 - 5:30 pm, Catholic Daughters & Knights of Columbus
- **Wednesday, Nov. 10**
 - 7:15 am, Roberta Lynn Smith, RIP
- **Thursday, Nov. 11**
 - 7:15 am, Jim Weber, RIP
- **Friday, Nov. 12**
 - 8:15 am, Veterans



12th Annual **FAITH ON FIRE** Family Weekend, July 8-10, 2022 *On the beautiful grounds of St. Mary Parish, Anacortes*

Leadership Planning Team Volunteers Needed

Embracing Commitment, Joy in Service, and Collegiality ~ All positions open

- † **Administrative Chair:** Provides general oversight of the Faith on Fire Family (FOF) Weekend; Creates Leadership Planning Team Meeting Agendas and leads meetings; tracks progress of tasks needed for a successful event.
- † **General Program Chair:** Working with Administrative Chair, coordinates program aspects of the event, including Adult & Youth Tracks, Spiritual Care, Operations, Religious/Speaker Care, and Volunteers.
- † **Marketing/Advertising:** Develop a marketing & advertising campaign, including social media, to attract people to Faith on Fire. Write copy for automated correspondence & bulletin notices. Attract & sell booth space to relevant Catholic organizations & businesses.
- † **Finance & Fundraising:** Aid is developing a budget and financial reporting, expense reimbursement, and solicit donations to support event and scholarships.
- † **Adult Track:** Help determine event theme and featured speakers/musicians, create schedule for weekend. Arrange for MC's, introductions, and panel discussion.
- † **Spiritual Care:** Ensure that all attendees at event have access to Adoration, Confession, time with Religious or Prayer Ministers. Help plan Masses and Healing Service.
- † **Operations- Physical & Technical/Audio-Visual:** Physical Operations coordinates rental & set-up of tents, stage restrooms, tables, chairs, addresses waste management, appoints a camp host, considers security, and acts as liaison between St. Mary & local Anacortes public service depts. Technical/Audio-Visual operations arranges for all internet and audio-visual equipment and ensures it is hooked up correctly and in working order, responsible for sound-check with band, and confirms that featured speakers & musicians have all necessary equipment/technology available.
- † **Hospitality:** Hotel arrangements for speakers/musicians, meal planning & preparation, Hospitality room & accommodating needs of speakers/guests.
- † **Volunteer Coordinator:** Works with all members of Leadership Planning Team to identify volunteers needed for event, recruit volunteers, and creates a shift schedule. Ensures volunteers know where to be and what to do during event.



Faith on Fire Family Weekend is the signature Catholic event of the Northwest under the big tent, normally drawing up to 500 attendees. It is a celebration of Catholic fellowship, faith, and vocations, and supports St. Pope John Paul II's call to a new evangelization.

Boletín semanal

BOLETÍN SEMANAL DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN EN BELLINGHAM, WA
05 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2021

Vayan, pues, y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que les he mandado; y ¡recuerden! Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. -Mateo 28, 19-20

Nota del pastor

A veces usaré el término “pastor” como una abreviatura, pero canónicamente fui designado a la Asunción como un “administrador parroquial” (sobre lo cual puede leer en los [cánones 539-540](#)), algo que nuestra arquidiócesis y muchos otros hacen con los sacerdotes que parecen demasiado jóvenes para ser pastores, pero que de todos modos tienen responsabilidad pastoral debido a la escasez de sacerdotes. En nuestra arquidiócesis, el mandato de un administrador parroquial es de solo tres años, lo que significa que mi tiempo en la Asunción teóricamente termina el 30 de junio de 2022. Por supuesto, en casi todos los casos, se nombrará como Pastor (con un mandato completo de seis años) un nuevo sacerdote que se muestre competente al final de su mandato de Sacerdote Administrador, como el P. Ross estuvo en Sacred Heart el año pasado, así que tengo todas las expectativas de estar en Assumption hasta al menos el 30 de junio de 2028.

Sin embargo, debido a que estoy llegando al final de mi mandato oficial, se me pidió que presentara una autoevaluación a la Junta de Colocación de Sacerdotes esta semana, ya que consideran las próximas reasignaciones. Sin duda fue un ejercicio interesante y pensé que algunas de mis respuestas podrían ser de su interés.

A la pregunta sobre lo que me agota en mi papel, estuve tentado de responder correos electrónicos y trabajos de oficina (una respuesta muy común entre los sacerdotes), pero después de reflexionar me di cuenta de que no era exactamente así. Lo que me agota es la constante sensación de estar atrás y nunca alcanzarlo. Eso se manifiesta en los correos electrónicos y el trabajo de oficina, porque esto es lo que se pospone cuando no tengo suficientes horas en mi semana, pero realmente disfruto incluso las cosas de la oficina cuando en realidad tengo suficiente tiempo para hacerlo. ¡Deme 48 horas al día y es posible que el sacerdocio no tenga ningún inconveniente!

Otra pregunta me hizo sobre mis metas futuras. Estos objetivos se han solidificado en los últimos dos años, y pido un mandato completo de seis años para tratar de realizarlos más plenamente. (No hace falta decir que mi objetivo general en todo es ayudar a todos los feligreses y, verdaderamente, a todos los residentes de Bellingham a tener una relación profunda y duradera con Jesús; pero necesitaba ser un poco más concreto en estas preguntas).

En el ámbito espiritual, mis metas para la parroquia han sido y son (1) asegurar que nuestras liturgias sean dignas, edificantes y estén en línea con las rúbricas de la Iglesia y la teología del Vaticano II, y (2) establecer una cultura de grupos pequeños en la parroquia, donde cada feligrés es miembro de un pequeño grupo de oración.

En el ámbito material, mis metas para la parroquia han sido y son (1) establecer una rectoría a largo plazo en el campus, (2) "arreglar" el altar y restaurar un santuario más funcional, y (3) ayudar a establecer una escuela secundaria católica en el Decanato del Norte.

Con nuestra escuela, le dije a la arquidiócesis que mi objetivo principal había sido discernir la posibilidad de cambiar a un plan de estudios clásico, pero que la moratoria temporal del arzobispo sobre esos cambios me ha devuelto a la mesa de dibujo.

Bendiciones en el Señor,

F. Moore

Noticias Parroquiales

Actualización de la construcción en la iglesia

Se ha abierto el pasillo sur de la iglesia para que tengamos una visibilidad completa del estado de nuestro sistema de calefacción a vapor. Buscamos asegurarnos de que no haya otros problemas que puedan tomarnos por sorpresa y que requieran romper el piso. La cubierta temporal permanecerá durante los próximos meses mientras inspeccionamos el sistema y determinamos cuál es la mejor manera de seguir adelante.

Noticias Escolares

Bazar de vacaciones 2021 y venta de pasteles

El PTC de Assumption School organizará este evento el 5 de diciembre, de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Se alienta a los talentosos vendedores de artes y artesanías a alquilar una mesa para vender sus productos. La tarifa es de \$35 antes del 12 de noviembre. ¡Entregue un [formulario de inscripción](#) a la oficina de la escuela para unirse a este evento de construcción comunitaria!

Misa en la escuela del día de los veteranos

Viernes 12 de noviembre a las 8:15 a.m.

Se anima a todos los veteranos a asistir a la misa escolar este viernes y a estar reconocidos en una ceremonia después de la misa. Los niños y niñas exploradores también estarán en uniforme.

Noticias más amplias

Conciertos de coro en la Asunción el próximo fin de semana

Sábado 13 de noviembre a las 8:00 pm & el Domingo 14 de noviembre a las 5:00 pm

Nuestro Director Musical Dr. Mabalot dirigirá la Coral de Cámara de Bellingham en dos conciertos titulados "Yo Soy Amor" el próximo fin de semana. El programa presentará música coral sacra y profana que ahonda en las diversas manifestaciones del amor. Las entradas se pueden comprar por adelantado aquí: www.bellinghamchamberchorale.org/tickets o en la puerta el día del concierto.

Buscando voluntarios para "Faith on Fire"

St. Mary's en Anacortes busca expandir el equipo de liderazgo para su evento anual "Faith on Fire" en julio. Debido a que este evento ha crecido para servir a la región, esperan que el equipo de liderazgo también sea regional. Consulte el final de este boletín para obtener una lista de los puestos de voluntarios que esperan cubrir.

Próximamente

Eventos

- **Sábado, 6 de nov.**
 - 4:00 pm – Oración del Rosario en la Iglesia
- **Domingo, 7 de nov**
 - Finaliza el horario de verano
 - 9:00 am – Hora de café,
 - 11:00 am – Hora de café
- **Martes, 9 de nov.**
 - 5:30 pm – Misa de Caballeros de Colón/Hijas católicas
- **Viernes, 12 de nov.**
 - 10:30 am – Misa fúnebre (Daniel Donnelly)
- **Sábado, 13 de nov.**
 - 8:00 pm – Concierto de Coral de Cámara de Bellingham
- **Domingo, 14 de nov.**
 - 9:00 am – Hora de café,
 - 11:00 am – Hora de café
 - 5:00 pm – Concierto de Coral de Cámara de Bellingham

Intenciones de Misa

- **Sábado, 6 de nov.**
 - 5:00 pm, Jani Adderley, RIP
- **Domingo, 7 de nov.**
 - 8:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 10:00 am, Eduardo Cabañero, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Francisco Javier Palomares Ramos, RIP
- **Martes, 9 de nov.**
 - 5:30 pm, Caballeros de Colón/Hijas católicas
- **Miércoles, 10 de nov.**
 - 7:15 pm, Roberta Lynn Smith, RIP
- **Jueves, 11 de nov.**
 - 7:15 am, Jim Weber, RIP
- **Viernes, 12 de nov.**
 - 8:15 am, Veteranos