

**March 24, 2013**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

*Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love.*

**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

March 25	10:30 AM	
<b>Maryann Stratten</b>	<b>RIP</b>	
March 27	6:00 PM	
<b>Richard Zogby Jr.</b>	<b>RIP</b>	
March 28	7:00 PM	
<b>Michael N. Bon</b>	<b>RIP</b>	
March 29	8:30 PM	
<b>Michelle Nguyen</b>	<b>RIP</b>	
March 31	8:30 AM	
<b>Pro Populo</b>		
	10:30 AM	
<b>Margaret Hauschild</b>	<b>RIP</b>	
	12:30 PM	
<b>Maryann Stratten</b>	<b>RIP</b>	

*SI Special Intentions  
 RIP Rest in peace*



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of :  
**Miquela Kales**

**Daily Worship**  
**Week of March 24, 2013**

<b>Monday, March 25</b>	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14 John 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 John 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34 Matthew 26:14-25
<b>Thursday, March 28</b> Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
<b>Friday, March 29</b> Good Friday The Passion of the Lord	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
<b>Saturday, March 30</b> Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Genesis 1:1-2-2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 55:1-11 Ezekiel 36:16-17a Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> Easter Sunday The Resurrection of The Lord	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass at 7:00 PM  
 Holy Thursday Adoration will follow  
 Stations of the Cross in the church at 10:30 AM  
 Viernes Santo Via Crucis en la Iglesia a las 3:00 PM  
 Viernes Santo en el Gimnasio a las 7:00 PM  
 Good Friday in the church at 7:00 PM  
 Easter Vigil Service is at 8:30 PM

**Easter Sunday Masses**  
 8:30 AM Mass  
 10:30 AM Mass  
 12:30 PM Misa





**EVENING PRAYER and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**POPE FRANCIS**

**Tuesday eves. 6:30 -7:30 PM**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.  
**Any questions or changes, please call Karen at 671-1544.**

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY**  
**Wednesday after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM**

Jesus said to them, "Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him. Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours. When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive your transgressions."  
 Mark 11:22-25.  
 Prayer ministry is confidential and no appointment is necessary.

## ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW.



CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church) 560 *Jesus' entry into Jerusalem* manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER VIGIL ARE NEEDED

Each year the Church hosts an Easter Vigil Reception following the Vigil Mass to welcome and congratulate the neophytes. There are many ways you can help with this celebration. In the gathering space are sign-up sheets for set-up, serving and clean-up. We also need baked goods and fruit trays which can be dropped off on Saturday, March 30 from 1:00-3:00 or the hour before Mass begins. Your help in making this event a warm celebration is greatly appreciated!

### HEALTH MINISTRY AT ASSUMPTION

The Spiritual Care Department of St. Joseph Hospital actively supports Health Ministries in parishes and faith communities throughout Whatcom County. Our Pastoral Care Committee is interested in supporting the development of a Health Ministry here at the Church of the Assumption. Health Ministries promote the integration of faith and health for parishioners through education, advocacy and support provided by Health Ministers and/or Parish Nurses. We are looking for 2-3 people with a background in health who feel called to help develop this ministry at Assumption. If you are interested, please contact Judy Ziels, a member of the Pastoral Care Committee, at 360-752-0970 for further info.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

### MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH ON SUNDAYS

Please join us in the School Library for the following showings from the *Mysteries of the Faith* series:

April 14 – The Early Evangelists

April 21 – The Eucharist

April 28 – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### WINE GALA - APRIL 20

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming Knights of Columbus Wine Gala, to be held Saturday, April 20, 6:30pm, at Assumption. This is an annual event that benefits the Newman Center. For more information, contact Ben Roberts, 360-770-5325.

### FAMOUS LYNDEN MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS ON SALE NOW!

EACH 12-INCH BASKET INCLUDES A \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO VANDER GIESSEN NURSERY. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS 8TH GRADE FUND-RAISER. Baskets are \$50 each. Contact Barb Millman at 384-1557 or bemillman@frontier.com mail-

### DID YOU KNOW?

There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) available in the church located to the left of the choir behind the altar. Note the sign on the wall marking its location. Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anytime, at any age. Time is of the essence. For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced @ 10%. An AED is a medical device that analyzes the heart's rhythm. It can be operated by anyone, and no medical background is required. The device is AUTOMATED- it tells you what to do, just open the case. If necessary the AED delivers an electrical shock, known as defibrillation, which helps the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Familiarize yourself with its location. You could help save a life!

### K-5 FAITH FORMATION REMAINING CLASS SCHEDULE

We will not meet on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or during Spring Break. The final three classes of this school year will be April 14, 21, and 28. Thank you!

### EL HORARIO RESTANTE DE LA CLASE DE LA FORMACIÓN DE LA FE DEL K-5

No nos reuniremos el domingo de Palmas, domingo de Pascua, ni durante la semana de vacaciones de primavera. Las ultimas tres clases de este año escolar serán el 14, 21, y 28 de Abril. ¡Gracias!

### FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

### ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please note: Scrip will be sold on the **first & third** Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM mass.

El Scrip esta en venta después de la misa en Español. Gracias por su apoyo.

### 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  
Paul Cleary  
Michael Condit  
Gabriel Feely  
John Hutson  
Gabriel Rodriguez  
Steven Faecke  
Maj. Gregory DeMarco  
Keanu Franco  
Michael Dahl  
Matt Edge  
Kyle Frisbie  
Kurt DeVries  
Garrett A. Burnham*

## ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Middle school youth (grades 6-8) are invited to join St. Joseph's parish in Ferndale for an awesome overnight retreat from Saturday, April 27th, to Sunday, April 28th. The theme of the retreat is "God the Father: Every Knee Shall Bow!" Come prepared to make new friends, eat good food, play great games, and grow in faith! Cost is \$45.00; permission slips are due to Emily by Monday, April 15th.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

Agape is a six-day, five-night service project focused on serving the needs of the migrant community of Whatcom County. This experience is open to all youth entering grades 6-9. Through service activities such as helping to facilitate food drives and the Agape Food Bank, working with children at a local migrant camp, and experiencing a "migrant immersion day," middle school youth will spend time in fellowship, growing in understanding of their call to serve others as Christ served us. Cost is \$150.00; first payment of \$50.00 and all paperwork are due to Emily by Monday, April 29th. Space is limited - register today!



### ROSARY

If you would like to purchase a rosary for Easter, First Communion, or a special occasion, please call Maryann Knight at 360-448-9271.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Cecilia Parish in Stanwood will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, with a Holy Hour from 3-4pm. The hour will include Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and praying the Rosary. All are invited.

### COMMEMORATION OF DECEASED PRIESTS AND PERMANENT DEACONS Holy Thursday, March 28, 2-13 at 11:00 AM

The most Rev. J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, invites you to pray with him at this annual outdoor prayer service. Please come and join Archbishop Sartain in prayer.

Calvary Cemetery  
5041-35<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, 206-522-0996  
All are invited to attend.  
[www.MyCatholicCemetery.org](http://www.MyCatholicCemetery.org)

### 8-WEEK SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Images of the Spirit - begins Tuesday, April 2 in the Stafford Room. Sessions are offered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Choose the time best for you each week. Cost is \$10. To pre-register or for further information call Christine at 671-9712.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room.  
"But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish to be dead and their passing away was thought to be an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace."  
Wisdom 3:1-3.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 18th  
WCPC Walk/run for life  
Whatcom County pregnancy clinic  
1310 North State St. in Bellingham  
360-671-9057  
[www.walkwcpc.com](http://www.walkwcpc.com)

### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Young men, ages 14-40, are welcome to join in the Come and See Evenings hosted at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. The evening offers food, fellowship, and discernment about the vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are once a month, usually on a Thursday, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Questions? contact Father Joseph Altenhofen at 360-734-2850 x4.

**Regional 2012-2013 COME AND SEE Evenings  
6-8 PM, Parish Hall  
Thursday, April 11**

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

### PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN -

Heavenly Father,  
You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary. Now in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. I ask that you help Another Way Pregnancy Center reach those considering abortion, and by Your Grace, changing their hearts and protect the unborn.



**ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW.**

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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Bill Attebery  
Jim Gibson  
Jerilou Jones  
Carlos Muñoz  
Jose Ordoñez  
Denise Plaisier  
Sam Raines  
Belen Saturay  
Jean Wilford  
Richard Wilson  
Tashie Zang

**COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Can you imagine the emotional roller-coaster of Jesus and his disciples; one day the people are shouting “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” then the next thing we read is the people shouting, “Crucify Him, Crucify Him!” Our marriages can seem like an emotional rollercoaster sometimes too. One day we are flying high in peace and harmony with our spouse, the next day disappointed and at odds with one another. We encourage you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and learn how to get off that rollercoaster ride and live in the joy that God intended for your marriage. Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and transform your marriage sacrament; sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend: in Gig Harbor – Apr 5-7 ([www.mrwwme.org](http://www.mrwwme.org) or call John & Martha Ryland at 253-859-9174); in Bellevue – May 31-Jun2 ([www.SeattleWWME.org](http://www.SeattleWWME.org) or call Dawn & Rory Myers at 206-772-2344).

**INTERFAITH COALITION “SUMMER GARDEN DELIGHT” DONATION FROM CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION:**

To everyone who so generously contributed to this year’s Auction item for Interfaith Coalition, THANK YOU!!! It is a privilege to be a member of this compassionate and generous community of faith that is Assumption Parish. In joining our gifts together, we will make a significant contribution to helping our sisters and brothers in need in Whatcom County through the excellent ministry of Interfaith Coalition. We will let you know how the Auction did as soon as we know (it is scheduled for Saturday, March 23), but just to let you know now you did a GREAT JOB putting this donation together. We could not be more proud and thankful. ~ *Your Spiritual Life and Worship Commission / Chairpersons Ellen Grybeck and Tashie Zang*



She is just shy of one month old---tiny face with big eyes, absolutely precious! She and her 1 ½ year old big sister live with their young parents in a local motel, barely getting by while they wait for housing. One of the perks of my job is getting to walk around Hope House with a tiny bundle in my arms. I get my baby fix regularly!

Thanks to your generosity, Hope House was able to help this family with diapers, formula, hygiene items, warm clothing for the children and a beautiful stroller! These are your neighbors, members of our community in need, and I am quite sure our new Holy Father, Francis, would love what we do at Hope House. You are truly living your faith when you reach out to those in need through contributions to Hope House.

We are in great need of canned fruit, vegetables, tuna and soup!  
Blessings,  
Cheri Woolsey

**WHATCOM HOSPICE—SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

You are invited to attend an Informational Meeting  
**Tuesday, April 2nd**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Hospice Administration Building, Lower Level**  
**2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham**  
**Volunteers are the Heart of Hospice**

Hospice volunteers are excellent communicators, flexible, caring & compassionate, able to be with ill, dying & grieving people, and available 4 hours per week for a 1-year commitment. Contact Dianne Gillespie, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator 788-6892 or [dgillespie@peacehealth.org](mailto:dgillespie@peacehealth.org) for more information

We will explain The 32-Hour Caregiver Training Program. Classes to be held Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 5 to 8 pm, April 25th through May 30th.

Caregiver Volunteers at the Hospice House and in the community provide emotional support & companionship, make meals, assist with patient care, perform light household duties, vigil at the bedside, offer front office & clerical support, & provide comfort therapies such as Massage, Reiki, Music, etc.

The 3-Hour Indirect-Care Training Program. Date to be determined. Indirect Care Volunteers sing, make deliveries, sew, knit, garden, etc.

Contact Dianne Gillespie, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 788-6892 or [dgillespie@peacehealth.org](mailto:dgillespie@peacehealth.org) for more information

# W Monday, March 25th

10:30 AM Mass  
 11:30 PM Holy Week Church Cleaning  
 6:30 PM Parents of Troubled Adults  
 6:30 PM One King Light Weigh  
 6:30 PM English Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Edge

Church  
 Church  
 Stafford  
 PCLR  
 Church  
 Gym

# Saturday, March 30th

9:00 AM RCIA & RCIC Prayer Church  
 9:30 AM RCIA & RCIC Rehearsal Church  
 10:30 AM Lector & Cantor Rehearsal Church  
 11:00 AM Ministers Rehearsal Church  
 12:00 PM Easter Vigil Reception set-up Gym  
 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Service Church  
 11:30 PM Easter Vigil Reception Gym

# Sunday, March 31st

## Easter

8:30 AM Mass Church  
 10:30 AM Mass Church  
 11:15 AM Grupo de Coro Hispano St. Cecilia  
 12:30 PM Misa Iglesia

**NO 5:00 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**



The parish office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>**. There will be no Mass and no Word and Communion Service.

# A Tuesday, March 26th

6:30 PM Adoration  
 6:30 PM Community to Community  
 7:00 PM Girl Scout 50222  
 7:00 PM Troop 16 Meeting

Church  
 LMC  
 Room 1  
 Gym

# T Wednesday, March 27th

12:00 AM Adoration  
 2:45 PM Holy Thursday set-up  
 3:15 PM Tiger Den 3 Scouts

Church  
 Gym  
 Room 1

# A Thursday, March 28th

4:30 PM ACA  
 5:45 PM Benediction  
 6:00 PM Mass

Stafford  
 Church  
 Church

# G Friday, March 29th

6:15 PM JustFaith  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Young Adults  
 6:45 PM Holy Thursday Rehearsal

PCLR  
 St. Cecilia  
 PC 3rd floor  
 Church

# L Saturday, March 30th

7:00 PM Prayer Ministry  
 7:00 PM School Commission  
 7:00 PM K of C Meeting

Church  
 Church  
 LMC  
 Stafford

# N Sunday, March 31st

11:15 AM Prolife Rosary  
 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Bilingual Mass  
 9:00 PM Adoration

Church  
 Church  
 Gym

# E Monday, March 25th

10:30 AM School Stations of the Cross  
 11:00 AM Good Friday set-up  
 3:00 PM Viernes Santo Via Crucis  
 4:00 PM Good Friday Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Good Friday Service  
 7:00 PM Viernes Santo Servicio

Church  
 Gym  
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## **ANOINTING MASS**

We will host a Spring Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Friday, April 5, 2013. Mass is at 10:30AM in the Church followed by a Luncheon in the Gym.

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

## **RACHEL'S CORNER**

Hope and Healing After Abortion

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life.”

God gave us His only Son that our sins would be forgiven. Come experience forgiveness and healing on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

**Next retreat: May 3-5, 2013**

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

**You are loved with an everlasting Love!**

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

	Wk(03/17/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$17,102	\$51,306	\$649,876
Contributions received:	\$20,609	\$60,720	\$648,863
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	\$3,507	\$9,414	<b>-\$1,013</b>

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

<b>Debt Reduction</b>	Wk(03/17/2013)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$1,132	\$3,396	\$43,019
Contributions received:	\$2,522	\$3,498	\$38,867
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	\$1,390	\$102	<b>-\$4,152</b>

**GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING**

Hope House	\$ 70
Rice Bowl	\$ 361
Easter Flowers	\$ 25

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

**FAITHFUL STEWARD OF THE WEEK**

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption School we acknowledge:

*Monica Des Jarlais and the faculty & staff of Assumption School*

We want to offer not only our congratulations, but also our thanks, to Monica Des Jarlais and all the faculty and staff of Assumption School for the countless hours of hard work they put in to preparing for accreditation. We want to thank Monica in particular for her efforts. Although she always turns our praises to the teachers, we know that her leadership has been instrumental in maintaining the success of our school. Thank you, Monica, for your tireless service!

**NEW JOB OPENING**

Church of the Assumption has a full time opening for a Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry. Successful candidate will be an active member of a Catholic parish faith community; have at least 4 years recent successful experience in youth and young adult catechesis; B.A. degree or equivalent in related field; demonstrated ability to recruit and support volunteers; ability to work evenings and weekends. A proficiency in Spanish would be preferred. Salary depends on experience and excellent benefits are offered. Contact: Dr. Kathy Ernst in the parish office for more information. Call the parish office for an application 360-733-1380.

**2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

Final pledge payments are due to the Annual Catholic Appeal Office no later than April 12, 2013! If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, I encourage you to continue to do so in order for us to maximize the fulfillment of our parish goal. Pay online at [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp) or send payments directly to the Annual Appeal Office, PO Box 14964, Seattle WA 981114.

Thank you to those who have already fulfilled their pledges!

**A Stewardship Moment**

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

**Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad**

“El Señor Yavé me ha concedido el poder como su discípulo. Y ha puesto en mi boca las palabras para fortalecer al que está aburrido.” dice Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy. Los dones que Dios nos ha dado son dados igualmente para el bien de los demás. ¿Cómo estoy usando mis dones?



Generous God, you have blessed us immeasurably. We are eternally grateful for your many blessings. The beauty of the world we live in, the wonder of creation, and the miraculous gift of life itself. The loving support of family and friends, their caring sympathy during troubles and their sharing happiness during our joys. The challenge of the tasks we work at, the satisfaction of our accomplishments, the enjoyment of our hobbies and diversions and the meaningfulness of our volunteering. The gift of shelter, the nourishment of food and sustenance, and the warmth and comfort of our clothes. The trials and tribulations that each one of us faces, that cause us to acknowledge our dependence on God. The ‘little things’ – a good book or great movie, chocolate chip cookies, arriving home safely, and all those other things we take for granted but which are really blessings. The love of a God who cares for each one of us, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit. May we always remember to live as grateful stewards of your countless blessings. We share our gratitude to you now and forever. Amen.