

Church of the Assumption



He is Risen, Alleluia!

Easter Bulletin

March 31, 2024

Pastor's Note / Nota del Pastor

English

Welcome to the Church of the Assumption! Whether you are here every Sunday, or this is your first time through our doors, or it is your first time in a while, we are so happy to have you here.

The entire reason we exist is to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to carry out his saving mission. And at Easter, the message of the Gospel is *victory over sin and death!* The Lord Jesus has conquered that great enemies of humanity and has given us absolute freedom in Him.

And this victory is personal – whatever struggles, demons, or fears you face, *you personally*, they no longer have any power over you in Christ Jesus. Jesus gives you the strength, he gives you the focus, he gives you the freedom, he gives you the truth, he gives you the peace.

These would only be platitudes if there were no proof. But the proof is the empty tomb! If Jesus can conquer death, he can conquer everything else besides. Have hope! He is risen!

Español

¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia de la Asunción! Ya sea que esté aquí todos los domingos, sea la primera vez que cruza nuestras puertas o sea la primera vez en mucho tiempo, estamos muy felices de tenerlo aquí.

La única razón por la que existimos es para predicar el Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y llevar a cabo su misión salvadora. ¡Y en Pascua, el mensaje del Evangelio es la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte! El Señor Jesús ha vencido a esos grandes enemigos de la humanidad y nos ha dado libertad absoluta en Él.

Y esta victoria es personal: cualesquiera que sean las luchas, los demonios o los temores que enfrentes, tú personalmente ya no tienen ningún poder sobre ti en Cristo Jesús. Jesús te da la fuerza, te da el enfoque, te da la libertad, te da la verdad, te da la paz.

Estos no serían más que falsedades si no hubiera pruebas. ¡Pero la prueba es la tumba vacía! Si Jesús puede conquistar la muerte, también puede conquistar todo lo demás. ¡Ten esperanza! ¡Él ha resucitado!

May the Lord bless you and your families / Que el Señor los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias,

F. Moore

Whom to Contact

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

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

- Fr. Moore (frmoore@assumption.org) – confession, spiritual advice, sick and dying calls
- Deacon Larry Kheriaty (larryk@assumption.org) – spiritual care, pastoral care of families
- Dr. Kathy Ernst (kathye@assumption.org) – weddings, funerals, pastoral care, becoming Catholic
- Dr. Frederick Mabalot (drmabalot@assumption.org) – music, liturgical ministries
- Claudia Maeda (claudia@assumption.org) – registration for: baptism, first communion, confirmation, children’s faith formation
- Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org) – youth ministry (6th-12th grades)
- Michael Rombaoa (michaelr@assumption.org) – financial and business-related questions
- Parish Office / Maria Tapia (parishoffice@assumption.org) – everything else

Liturgical Offerings

Daily Masses

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:15 a.m.

Thursday: 7:15 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): 12:30 p.m.

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

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

– Thursday, 7:00 a.m. (every week)

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

First Fridays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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 8th. 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. More information can be found at our website

<http://assumption.school> or by e-mailing theoffice@assumption.school.

Archdiocesan News

Partners in the Gospel

Partners in the Gospel is a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. Functionally, it is a process to join neighboring parishes together so that, with combined financial, physical, and human resources, our parishes can become stronger than ever. On July 01, 2024 the four parishes and four missions of Whatcom County be combined under one pastor, with three assistant priests.

To learn more about Partners in the Gospel, please visit <https://archseattle.org/Partners>.

Faith Formation Opportunities

Youth Ministry

Contact: Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org)

Middle School (6th – 8th grades): Meets most Friday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall (1110 14th St).

High School (9th - 12th grades): Meets most Sunday afternoons from 4:00pm - 5:30pm in the Assumption school library (2116 Cornwall Ave).

Whole Family Catechesis

Faith formation program for elementary-aged children, with regular parent involvement. Meets most Sundays after the 10:00am Mass. **Register:** Claudia Maeda (claudia@assumption.org)

“Leaven” Men’s Group

8:00 am – 10:00 am each Saturday (Stafford Room)

Faith sharing and faith accountability group open to all. **Contact:** Tony Gallina (tony.t.g@outlook.com)

“Connect” Women’s Group

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm each Thursday (Parish Offices, 1st Floor)

We seek to draw all women in our parish into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus and with each other. For more information, visit: <https://womensconnect.live/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Altar Society

A newly organized umbrella group to oversee all of the ministries that keep our sanctuary clean and organized. **Contact:** Michele King (michele@kingspace.us).

Parish Life and Socials

Organizes and hosts parish events, like the annual picnic.

Contacts: Sue Rogers (serogers47@gmail.com); Marie Gonzalez (mariegonzalez@comcast.net)

Coffee Hour

Worship happens in community, and one of our primary community building opportunities is Coffee and Donuts after certain Sunday Masses. We would love assistance in setting up and taking down.

Contact: Holly Zech (hkzech@gmail.com)

Adoration Hour

In order to maintain 23-hour adoration each week, we need 2 volunteers to cover each hour, including overnight hours. If you are willing to commit to an hour in the church with the Eucharist each week, please consider signing up. **Contact:** Carolyn Huggett (chuggett@jruggettco.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)

Community Meal

The Bellingham Community Meal typically happens on the last Saturday of the month in the Assumption Gym (January-October) and is open to anyone in the community, but particularly serves the poor and marginalized.

Contact: volunteerbcmp@gmail.com or <https://bellinghamcommunitymeal.square.site/>

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:** Joe St. Hilaire (joesthilaire@hotmail.com or 360-671-4836)

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.

Contact: Michele King (michele@kingspace.us)

Assumption Life, Justice, and Peace Commission

The Assumption Life, Justice, and Peace Commission is an umbrella group that coordinates the efforts of our many groups focused on justice in the world. These groups include 40 Days for Life, Prepares, Pax Christi, Just Faith, CRS Ambassadors, Creation Care, and many others. For more information on these groups and how to get involved, **contact** Daniel Larguier (dflarguier@yahoo.com).

Rosary Makers

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

Español

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: Rafael Vargas y Angelica Vazquez (angelicavazquez48@gmail.com o 360-441-4756)

Clases de Biblia

Cada domingo de la semana, uno de nuestros catequistas ofrece clases sobre la Biblia a cualquier persona interesada. Cualquiera es bienvenido a venir y aprender más acerca de la Palabra de Dios.

Contacto: Martha Mendoza (mendozamarta419@gmail.com)

Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

Un grupo para jóvenes adultos que buscan crecer juntos en su fe.

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Grupos de intercambio de fe

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

Vietnamese

Prayer Group / nhóm cầu nguyện

A prayer group in Vietnamese that meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 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

On June 09, Fr. Khanh Nguyen will be hearing confessions at 2:00 pm and saying Mass in Vietnamese at 2:30 pm. / Vào 09 tháng 6, Fr. Khánh Nguyễn sẽ giải tội lúc 2 giờ chiều và cử hành Thánh lễ bằng tiếng Việt lúc 2 giờ 30 chiều.

Consider Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Church is the community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to worship and follow the Lord in fidelity to the teachings of Jesus' Apostles and their successors. We believe that, despite our human failings which often obscure the truth, our Church is the Church that Jesus intentionally established before Ascending into Heaven. If you are considering becoming Catholic, please contact Kathy Ernst (kathye@assumption.org) to join our Inquiry / RCIA classes. Anyone is welcome to attend classes for as long as they would like to learn and ask question, without having to make a commitment to the Catholic faith.

Need Help?

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.

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 (kjenkis@hotmail.com)

Healing After Abortion

Project Rachel ministers to those who have experienced the difficulty and trauma of abortion. <https://ccsww.org/get-help/specialized-services/project-rachel/> or (206) 920-6413

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Housing

All housing needs in Bellingham are addressed through the Opportunity Council. <https://www.opcco.org/basic-needs/housing/> or (360) 734-5121