

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA
FEBRUARY 24, 2023

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

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries

This week I had the great pleasure of celebrating my aunt and uncle's 25th wedding anniversary down in Kirkland. Did you know that the Church has a special liturgy, including customized Mass prayers, for the 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries? I had never done the full Mass plus prayers before, and they were *amazing!*

By the way, this liturgy is what some people used to refer to as a "renewal of vows", but my canon law professors always emphasized that they really hate that phrase and wished people would stop using it. The marriage vows are for life, and we do not want to suggest that they need renewed. But it is a time for the couple to give thanks to God publicly for their marriage, and for the Church to pray for them explicitly again.

Please, if you or someone you love is preparing for a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, *please* get in touch with me. I would love to use these prayers more!

Giving Update

As of February 19th, our fiscal-year-to-date giving is at \$701,381, which compares to \$697,718 at this time last year. On the one hand, this is encouraging because we are on-track to meet this year's budget. On the other hand, inflation is a harsh reality, and even in the best years we have to increase year-over-year just to stay even. With inflation around 8% this fiscal year, anything short of an 8% increase in giving means we are falling behind.

Do I need our parishioners to do anything about this?

No. I deeply believe that living out our mission will cause the money to take care of itself. If you are already giving at capacity, then all I need are your prayers.

That said, if you are not already giving based on *percentage of income* (rather than set amount), would you be willing to switch to that system? When people give based on percentage, then inflationary increases tend to take care of themselves, because as salaries rise, so does giving.

Otherwise, if we keep loving God, loving neighbor, and preaching the Gospel, then God will find a way. He always does.

May the Lord bless you always,

J. Moore

Parish News

Lenten Fridays

Schedule

- 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. – Confessions
- 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. – Stations
- 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. – Soup Supper

Soup Supper Needs

The Soup Supper Meals are cooperative, with parishioners signing up ahead of time to bring a meatless soup or just dropping off a soup or bread to share. We rely on YOUR donations of either soup or bread.

We would also appreciate your help with the following:

- 5:00 p.m. – Set up tables and chairs
- 5:30 p.m. – Drop off soup or bread
- 6:45 p.m. – Help serving soup
- 8:15 p.m. – Help cleaning up, putting away tables and chairs

Soup Supper Hosts

- February 24 – Creation Care Team with a preview of "The Letter"
- March 03 – Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Team with presentation
- March 10 – Parish Life and Socials
- March 17 – **St. Patrick's Day Special** (dinner cooked and provided by a special team, hosted by Parish Life and Socials)
- March 24 – Confirmation Youth and Youth Minister Daniel Prenosil
- March 31 – Parish Life and Socials

Thank you to everyone who is helping us host these evenings!

Affiliated Organizations

Hope House Needs

Hope House needs your help and support with the following materials.

- Toilet paper
- Warm Men's clothing and Jeans
- Men's shoes
- Comforters
- Pillows
- Sturdy backpacks
- Canned fruit

We are also looking for someone who is available on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. who speaks Spanish and is interested in volunteering with us. Please contact April Jordan-Hulsey if you are interested: apriljh@ccsww.org. Thank you for your support and donation.

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, Feb. 25**
 - 12:15 pm – Community Meal (Gym)
- **Sunday, Feb. 26**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
- **Monday, Feb. 27**
 - 2:00 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (Stafford)
- **Wednesday, Mar. 1**
 - 10:30 am – Women’s Scripture Study (Stafford)
- **Friday, Mar. 3**
 - 1:30 pm - Grief Support (Stafford)
 - 4:00 pm – Reconciliation
 - 6:00 pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross
 - 6:45 pm – Soup Supper (Gym)
- **Saturday, Mar. 4**
 - 9:00 am – Movie “The Letter” (Gym)
 - 5:00 pm – School Auction (Offsite)
- **Sunday, Mar. 5**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour (Gym)

Intentions

- **Saturday February 25**
 - 5:00 pm, Margaret Abbess RIP
- **Sunday, February 26**
 - 8:00 am, Paul Textor RIP
 - 10:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 12:30 pm, Jose Paz Rodriguez RIP
- **Tuesday, February 28**
 - 5:30 pm Louise St Hilaire RIP
- **Wednesday, March 01**
 - 7:15 am, Martina Ortiz SI
- **Thursday, March 02**
 - 7:15 am, Christopher Paul Maguire RIP
- **Friday, March 03**
 - 8:15 am, Stella Firos RIP

In Case You Missed It

“The Letter” Movie

Creation Care ministry invites you to a free in-person viewing of ‘The Letter’ on **March 4 at 9:00 am – 11:30 am** in the gym.

Open Positions

Parish Administrator

Employee - Full-time – Permanent

Assumption Parish is looking for a full-time administrator. Candidates must have excellent organizational and communications skills. Must be an active member of a Catholic faith community. Position oversees all parish finances, personnel matters, and administration. Minimum of 3 years supervisory and administrative experience required. Bachelor's degree (or commensurate experience) in a related field required. Salary and benefits based on Archdiocesan guidelines. For application and full job description, visit <http://www.assumption.org> or contact karenz@assumption.org To find out more, go to our website and download the job description and application. For any questions, contact karenz@assumption.org.