

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

MARCH 31, 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

SB 5280

Everyone should have received my e-mail on Tuesday about SB 5280, a bill going through the Washington State Legislature that would make clergy mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse. I, and the Washington State Bishops, are supportive of this bill in principle, but the House version removed protections for the Confessional which we obviously have to oppose in the strongest terms. Thank you for everyone who took action based on my e-mail!

It seems, however, that I was mistaken in directing everyone to their local senators. I misread the WSCC e-mail. The vote we are waiting on right now is in the House. That said, the WSCC says this bill may end up in the Senate again, so all communication is valuable. I am very sorry for this error.

If you would like to stay informed or learn how you can make your voice heard, please visit <https://www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/action-center>. You can also read my (rejected) editorials on the issue [here](#).

Pre-Thanks

I am not in the habit of thanking volunteers after major liturgies, because I want to keep the focus exclusively on the worship we have just offered to Almighty God. However, particularly with something as complex as Lent and especially Holy Week, we can only pull these things off with a whole army of volunteers. So thank you to everyone who has assisted with Stations & Soup Suppers and church decorating up to this point. Thank you to all of our catechists who have worked so hard to prepare our 23 catechumens for their upcoming baptisms. And thank you to everyone (liturgical ministers, church decorators, altar servers, parish staff, Parish Life and Socials, unseen tidy-ers, and more!) who are planning to work so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies a success. We literally could not do this without you.

Next Week's Bulletin

We try to orient our Christmas and Easter bulletins towards visitors, so there will not be "ordinary" information in the bulletin next week. That said, if you have strong ideas about what you think would be helpful to see in the bulletin as a visitor to our church, please let me know. You can see what we did for Christmas [here](#).

May the Lord bless you always,

F. Moore

Archdiocesan News

Creation Care Summit

Assumption Creation Care Ministry encourages you to attend the 2023 Catholic Earth Day Summit on **Saturday, April 22** at Seattle University. Church of the Assumption is a sponsoring parish of the Creation Care Network (CCN), the group that is organizing this free in-person event. The day includes Mass with Archbishop Etienne and keynote speakers on Integral Ecology and Salmon Recovery. The registration deadline is April 17th.

Parish News

Confession & Holy Week Schedule

- Fri., March 31: Confessions, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., April 01: Confessions, 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Sat./Sun., April 01/02: Palm Sunday Masses (with the procession at the 5:00 p.m. Mass)
- Tue., April 04: Mass, 7:15 a.m. (NOT 5:30 p.m.)
- Wed., April 05: Mass, 7:15 a.m. (NO Exposition)
- Holy Thursday (April 06): Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (April 07): Stations of the Cross (3:00 p.m.), Good Friday Liturgy (7:00 p.m.)
- Holy Saturday (April 08): NO CONFESSIONS, Easter Vigil (8:30 p.m.)
- Easter Sunday (April 09): Normal Masses (8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. [español])

Assumption Easter Egg Hunt

Join children of all ages to hunt for Easter Eggs on the Assumption Church grounds after the 10:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Bring your children's empty Easter Baskets and prepare to have fun. They might even find the Golden Egg.

Youth Ministry Stockholder Fundraiser

This July, a group of high school students from Assumption and Sacred Heart Churches will be going to the Steubenville Northwest Youth Conference in Spokane Washington. In August, a group of our middle and high school students from Assumption and Sacred Heart Churches will be participating in the Agape service project. We would like to invite each of YOU to be a part of these experiences. Most of you received a "Stockholder Form" over the last few weeks when you came to Church. We are asking each of you to prayerfully consider making a financial donation to help us afford these trips this summer. In total, we need to raise roughly \$15,000 to make these trips a reality. In exchange for making a donation, you will become a Stockholder in our trip and will receive pictures and updates every day while we are away so you can see firsthand how your donation is making a difference. In addition, Stockholders will be invited to a thank you dinner upon our return, where our teens will serve you a meal and sit down with you to tell you about all of the ways the Lord has been at work in their lives.

Parking Issues

There have been cars double parked in the traffic loop recently. These vehicles trap the parishioners who have parked correctly along the loop and in the designated parking spots, and they also block access for emergency vehicles. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK! If the church parking lot is full, you can also park along the street on Kentucky and Cornwall, as well as in the parking lot for the Bellingham High School tennis courts (across Kentucky). The Cornwall entrance doors will be open before each Mass on the weekend, so access to the church is available from two sides.

Security volunteers will be placing notices on cars that are illegally parked over the next several weekends. Please heed these warnings and use another parking location. We want to keep our parishioners safe.

Spring Church Cleaning

On Monday, April 3rd 2023, we will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Easter. Cleaning will begin at 9 am. We need 15 to 25 people to get all of the cleaning done in one day. So bring a friend or family member and join us in the main body of the Church. No need to bring anything but your elbow grease. Cleaning materials will be provided.

School News

- Assumption Catholic School will be on Spring/Easter Break and closed from April 3rd to April 7th. Have a wonderful Easter.
- Our next school Mass will be on Friday, April 14th at 8:15am. All are welcome.
- Orders are due for the Mother's Day flower baskets. You can bring them to the school office. Please call the office for more information 360-733-6133.

Affiliated Organizations

Help Hope House Feed the Hungry

Panera bread in Bellingham has generously agreed to donate all their leftover bread, bagels, and pastries to Hope House every Tuesday and Thursday evening. This is a huge blessing for our homeless and low-income clients, but we need help in order to pull this off. What we're looking for is volunteers who can be at Panera at 9:00 pm on Tuesdays and /or Thursdays to package up the leftovers and bring them to Hope House. Bags and containers will be provided. Contact April Jordan-Hulsey, apriljh@ccsww.org about signing up for a one time pick up, once a week pick up, or once a month.

Upcoming

Events

- **Friday, Mar. 31**
 - 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, Apr. 1 (Palm Sunday)**
 - 3:00 pm – Reconciliation
 - 4:00 pm – Rosary Prayer (Church)
 - 5:00 pm - Mass (English)
- **Sunday, Apr. 2 (Palm Sunday)**
 - 8:00 am – Mass (English)
 - 10:00 am – Mass (English)
 - 12:30 pm – Misa (Spanish)
- **Monday, Apr. 3**
 - 2:00 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (Stafford)
- **Tuesday, Apr. 4**
 - 7:15 am – Daily Mass
- **Wednesday, Apr. 5**
 - 7:15 am – Daily Mass
- **Thursday, Apr. 6**
 - 7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- **Friday, Apr. 7**
 - Office Closed
 - 1:30 pm – Grief Support Group (Stafford)
 - 3:00 pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross
 - 7:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy
- **Saturday, Apr. 8**
 - 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil Mass
- **Sunday, Apr. 9**
 - 8:00 am – Easter Mass (English)
 - 10:00 am – Easter Mass (English)
 - 11:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt
 - 12:30 pm – Misa de Pascua (español)

Intentions

- **Saturday April 01**
 - 5:00 pm, Juanita Billen, RIP
- **Sunday, April 02**
 - 8:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 10:00 am, Fr. Ananias A Bonoan (Catholic Priest) RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Martina Ortiz, SI
- **Tuesday, April 04**
 - 7:15 a.m., Alberto Vergel Dios, RIP
- **Wednesday, April 05**
 - 7:15 am, Ramona Vergel de Dios, SI
- **Thursday, April 06**
 - 7:00 pm, HOLY THURSDAY - Pro populo
- **Friday, April 07**
 - 7:00 pm, GOOD FRID

In Case You Missed It

CRS Rice Bowl

On Holy Thursday we will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowl contributions. It is appreciated if you write a check, made out to Church of the Assumption and noting on the bottom left of your check that the funds are for CRS Rice bowl. Our prayer for you and for those our funds will serve is that our sisters and brothers across the globe will overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and that we may all come to understand that we do have the power to make the world a better place for all.