

Church of the Assumption



He is Risen, Alleluia!

Easter Bulletin

April 20, 2025

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 Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (360) 733-1380.

Clergy Scheduling

priests@whatcomcatholic.org

Fr. Moore (Pastor)
Fr. Thumbi (Vicar)
Fr. Stephan (Vicar)
Fr. Tyler (Vicar; WWU Chaplain)
Dcn. Larry Kheriaty (Deacon)
Dcn. Dale Pollard (Deacon)

- Dr. Kathy Ernst (kathye@assumption.org) – Adult Confirmation, OCIA, Funerals, Pastoral Care, Parish Life, Outreach
- Dr. Mabalot (drmabalot@assumption.org) – Music, liturgical ministries
- Dr. Kathy Ernst (kathye@assumption.org) Interim Wedding Coordinator
- Claudia Maeda (claudia@assumption.org) – Registration for: parish, baptism, first communion, confirmation, children’s faith formation
- Liliana Marshall (liliana@assumption.org) K-5 Faith Formation
- Daniel Prenosil (daniel@assumption.org) – Youth ministry (6th-12th grades), Youth Confirmation
- Michael Rombaoa (michaelr@assumption.org) – Administration, Scheduling, Volunteering
- Parish Office / Maria Tapia (parishoffice@assumption.org) – Mass Intentions, Bulletin, Spanish language Adult Confirmation.
- Brenna Sebens (brenna@assumption.org) – Assumption Facilities
- Elizabeth Ames (elizabeth@whatcomcatholic.org) - Financial/Liturgical Offerings

Daily Masses

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 8:15 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

– Thursday, 7:00 a.m. (every week)
– Friday 7:45 Benediction (every week)

Confessions

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
First Fridays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. (rotate)
see whatcomcatholic.org for location

Archdiocesan News

Partners in the Gospel

We are one year into the Archdiocese of Seattle's strategic and pastoral planning process and will soon begin the "Who Are We?" phase of the One Parish Plan, which, locally, calls upon all the baptized to get involved in discerning the mission of the Catholic Church here in Whatcom County. Under the Partners in the Gospel plan, Assumption is partnering with all the Catholic parishes in Whatcom County. These parishes are St. Joseph, Lynden; St. Peter, Deming; St. Joseph, Ferndale; St. Anne, Blaine; St. Joachim, Lummi; and Sacred Heart, Bellingham.

To learn more about Partners in the Gospel, please visit <https://archseattle.org/Partners>. To learn more about the One Parish Plan specifically, please visit [One Parish Plan Overview - Archdiocese of Seattle](#).

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.

Whatcom Catholic Events

Whatcom County Hospitality Committee: We will be creating a county-wide hospitality committee to help plan events for Whatcom Catholic. Volunteers will help facilitate, plan, and set up county-wide events in conjunction with Location Managers, Church Coordinators, and the Regional Director of Operations. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and help engage with the greater Whatcom Catholic community.

Please fill out this form if interested:

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5086/responses/new>

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Olivia at: olivia@whatcomcatholic.org

Faith Formation Opportunities

Infant Baptism Class/Information

We offer one 3 ½ hour class every other month in English and in Spanish. To register to the class or for more information contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

OCIA/C

Is your child older than 7 and has not received baptism? OCIA/C is the program that will prepare your child to receive all three sacraments. The program starts in the Fall. For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Ernst at kathye@assumption.org. To register contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

K-5 Faith Formation Classes

Faith formation program for elementary-aged children, with regular parent involvement. We meet most Wednesdays at 6:15 pm. For more information contact Liliana Marshall at liliana@assumption.org. To register Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Program

Parents of children from 2nd to 5th grade, contact Liliana Marshall at liliana@assumption.org.
Parents of children from 6th to 12th grader, contact daniel@assumption.org.
Classes begin in the Fall. To register, please contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

Confirmation Classes for 6-12 grade

The program will start in the Fall. Please contact Daniel Prenosil at daniel@assumption.org for more information. To register contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Daniel Prenosil at daniel@assumption.org for more information.
To register, contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@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).

Confirmation Classes for Adults

The classes start in the Winter. For more information, please contact Dr. Kathy Ernst kathye@assumption.org. To register contact Claudia Maeda at claudia@assumption.org.

Clases de Confirmación para Adultos en Español

Las clases comienzan en invierno. Para más información, contacte a Maria Tapia mariat@assumption.org. Para inscribirse, contacte a Claudia Maeda al claudia@assumption.org.

Consider Becoming Catholic

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in a non-Catholic denomination, or you were baptized as a Catholic but never received formation or other sacraments, the OCIA program is here for you. Working with our Whatcom Catholic companion parishes we will meet with you individually and find the right place for you to inquire and the Catholic faith and discern your path forward. Contact Dr. Kathy Ernst at kathye@assumption.org for more information on your many options.

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 at tony.t.g@outlook.com.

Women's Scripture Study

Meets on scheduled Wednesdays at 10:15am in the Stafford Room. For information, contact Dolora Ferguson at dolora.ferguson@gmail.com.

Women's Connect Group

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm each Thursday (School Library)

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: Bonnie Harp bjharp_98@yahoo.com; Marie Gonzalez marielgonzalez@comcast.net.

Coffee Hour

We are currently looking for a volunteer coordinator for Coffee Hour. Michael Rombaoa and Dr. Kathy Ernst will provide training and support. Contact Dr. Kathy Ernst at kathye@assumption.org or Michael Rombaoa at michaelr@assumption.org.

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@jrhuggettco.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 at apriljh@ccsww.org.

Facilities Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy painting or working with your hands? Our Facilities team is looking for volunteers to help with painting projects around the church and parish office. Whether you're a seasoned painter or just enjoy lending a hand, we'd love your help!

Easter reminds us of new life and fresh beginnings—what better time to help refresh our sacred spaces? If you have other hands-on skills, we welcome your help on upcoming projects as well.

To volunteer a few hours of your time, or to learn more, please contact Brenna at Brenna@assumption.org. Thank you for helping keep our parish beautiful and well cared for!

Community Meal

The Bellingham Community Meal typically happens on the last Saturday of the month in the Assumption Gym (January-June) 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** Ed Mashburn at grandknight829@gmail.com or 206-966-2100.

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 at 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 at dflarguier@yahoo.com.

Rosary Makers

A group 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 at marileewmail@yahoo.com.

Rosary Prayer Group

Our Lady of Light and Grace prayer group meets in the church every 1st Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. to pray the rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. They also meet in the Stafford Room every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Call Kathy Kelso at kkelso6716@comcast.net for more information.

Filipino Ministry of Whatcom County

The Filipino Ministry celebrates the rich Catholic faith and spiritual heritage of the Filipino people, characterized by a deep love for the Eucharist and Marian devotion. Each January, the community honors the Santo Niño de Cebu with a vibrant Sinulog procession and Mass, commemorating over 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. In September, we celebrate San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, the first Filipino saint, whose legacy inspires many. These liturgical events foster unity, deepen faith, and enhance the broader Catholic community with the joy and resilience of Filipino Catholic identity. **Contact:** Teresa Bandolon at aprilband3@yahoo.com

Divine Mercy Group

The group meets every first Friday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information, contact Felix and Betina Gacad at butchgacad@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 yearly. / *Nhóm cầu nguyện bằng tiếng Việt họp vào Thứ Bảy đầu tháng lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều. trong phòng Stafford. Tết Việt Nam sẽ được tổ chức hàng năm.*

Contact: Thanh Nguyen at frankuv@yahoo.com.

Vietnamese Mass / *thánh lễ việt nam*

Vietnamese Mass will be based on Fr. Khanh Nguyen's availability. To be announced. / *Thánh lễ Việt Nam sẽ dựa trên sự sẵn sàng của Cha Khánh Nguyễn. Sẽ được công bố.*

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 at angelicavazquez48@gmail.com o 360-441-4756.

Grupos de Intercambio de Fe

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

Adoración Nocturna

Segundo sábado del mes de 7:00 – 8:30 pm en la Iglesia. Encargado Carlos Muñoz

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, 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 at kjenkis@hotmail.com.

Healing After Abortion

Project Rachel ministers to those who have experienced the difficulty and trauma of abortion. www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or (206) 920-6413

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. **Contact:** apriljh@ccsww.org

Housing

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