

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

JULY 15, 2022

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

On July 01, the Archdiocese released its official synthesis of the many Synodal Listening Sessions that happened over the last year ([English](#) | | [Español](#)). Before commenting on it, I want to thank again our five Synod Coordinators – Annie, Dan, Mary, Paula, and Rose. Our parish had an extremely robust participation in this process, and it was entirely due to their initiative and passion. I have heard from many parishioners about their deeply positive experience in the listening space provided by these five. I would also like to thank Tim Hunt at the Archdiocese who was responsible for summarizing around 130 parish reports.

Regarding the synthesis itself, none of it surprised me (either in our parish synthesis or the Archdiocesan one), and I am supremely thankful for that. Parish priests are profoundly ineffective if they do not know what the people in their parish and Archdiocese struggle with, believe, and desire – so to have actual data against which to check my assumptions and experiences is really consoling and helpful. The major categories of Community, Leadership, and Youth were a particularly effective and accurate way to summarize much of what I have heard from parishioners.

Second, just because it was not surprising does not mean it was not hard to read. Our faithful are deeply divided about a great many things, and it is hard to see that division laid bare in black and white. In addition, it is hard to read that the same faith which has brought me so much joy and peace has, for some, brought pain and disappointment. I did not expect to feel particularly well represented in the synthesis (given that only 37% of respondents were male and only 10% were in my age bracket), but it was a good reminder that no one is going to feel particularly well represented when 11,000 unique and profound stories have to be summarized. It was a good reminder that stories matter more than summaries, and we need to be dedicated to the stories.

That said, reading the synthesis was important for me and, I think, for all of us. It will not resolve any differences, and it may well inflame them, but one of the aims of Synodality is to have an *open* conversation about faith with each other, and these listening sessions were nothing if not open. Even if we disagree, for example, about what to do regarding LGBTQ issues (some advocating for a shift in Catholic teaching, others arguing that a shift is not possible and that catechesis is needed), the synthesis highlights well that this, and many other issues, *are* tensions that we cannot just sweep under the rug. *If* a tension exists in our Catholic community, it is healthier to charitably discuss it with each other than to pretend it does not exist.

How our parish builds on this Synod process is an open question. The realm of doctrine and discipline is certainly Rome's and not ours, so much of this discussion is not actionable for us. On our part, I think the most effective thing we can do is to intentionally try to grow closer to Jesus together. He is the source of our unity, and the more we study his Word and pray together, the more our unity in faith will grow. We will certainly continue our increasing emphasis on small faith sharing groups, as a way to provide the open and vulnerable listening spaces modeled so well by our Synod coordinators. And we have included a testimonials night to our Parish Mission. But, in the spirit of Synodality, if you have other ideas while reading the synthesis, please let me know.

May the Lord bless you always,

F. Moore

Parish News

Communion Reception

As Fr. Moore mentioned at Masses last weekend, we recently found a host in the women's bathroom. In order to prevent this from happening again, Fr. Moore and the EMHCs are redoubling their efforts to make sure they see every host go into a person's mouth. Please make sure to receive the host before walking away from the communion station. Thank you!

Junk E-mail

We have been finding that e-mails from our staff and to our staff are ending up in the "Junk Mail" or "Spam" folder recently. These spam filters are run by artificial intelligence, and sometimes the algorithm is too aggressive. Our staff has been instructed to check their "Junk" folder every two weeks to make sure nothing from parishioners has accidentally been sent there. However, it would be good for parishioners to check their "Junk" e-mail, too. If you feel like you have been ignored by the parish staff or cut out of communication, there is a good chance the e-mail just ended up in "Junk."

EMHC Training

Our next EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) training is scheduled for Tuesday, **July 26th at 6:15 p.m.** in the church. This training will cover both EMHC to the homebound and EMHC at Mass. Anyone is welcome to come and get trained. Fr. Moore asks that you read [his letter on EMHCs](#) before the training.

Shuttle Timing

For parishioners who rely on shuttles or buses to get to Mass on the weekends, **please request pickup 90 minutes after the start of Mass.** Our Sunday Masses are often 75 minutes, and it is better to wait around for a little bit than to miss a shuttle.

Rebuilding Our Choral Ministry

We are continuing to do our best to bring back our parish choir and need members! If you are interested in singing in Assumption Choir, whether you are a brand-new member or were a member before the pandemic who now feels more comfortable to re-join the choir, please email our Director of Music and Liturgy, Dr. Mabalot at drmabalot@assumption.org

Annual Discipleship Commitment

There have been some questions about the "Annual Discipleship Commitment" that Fr. Moore distributed and preached about on [May 08](#). That letter and commitment form were specifically for [evaluation](#), so that parishioners could pray about it and provide feedback. Parishioners will be asked to consider signing it in November, but it is helpful to know *now* if there are tweaks that would make it easier for people to feel comfortable signing it. If you have feedback, please let Fr. Moore know via frmoore@assumption.org.

Paschal Candle

We have been hearing worries from parishioners about whether our Paschal Candle is going to make it to Easter. Last year we switched from a national company to an independent artist to create our Paschal Candle, and she is trying to preserve the idea that the Paschal Candle also *counts down* to Easter. The idea is that it should burn all the way down to the line by Easter time. She asked for exactly how much candle we burned last year, but since this is our first year with this method, we are still only mostly certain that it will make it to Easter. Nevertheless, its short stature is by design.

Community Events

Prayer Vigil for Peace in The Middle East

On **Monday July 18**, Christ Lutheran in Ferndale (5904 Vista Dr. 98248) will host the monthly Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East (and wherever peace is needed i.e., Ukraine) beginning at 5:30 PM.

Afterwards at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall, their youth and family life minister Tamar Haddad will do a presentation on her book "The Future of Palestine: How Discrimination Hinders Change."

For many years, churches in Whatcom County would host a Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East on the 18th of each month. Sacred Heart hosted several times when Fr. Qui-Thach (Marion) and Fr. Joseph were here. Assumption has also hosted as recently as December 2021. All are welcome to join.

Upcoming

Events

- **Friday, July 22**
 - 10:30 am –Funeral (Sadie Schnell)
- **Sunday, July 24**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour, Gym
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Gym

Intentions

- **Saturday, July 16**
 - 5:00 pm, Manuel Octavo, RIP
- **Sunday, July 17**
 - 8:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 10:00 am, Terrence Reily, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Jesse Lopez, RIP
- **Tuesday, July 19**
 - 5:30 pm, Ken Koenig, RIP
- **Wednesday, July 20**
 - 7:15 am, Cesar Affable Sta. Cruz, RIP
- **Thursday, July 21**
 - 7:15 am, Robert McGroven, RIP
- **Friday, July 22**
 - 8:15 am, Andres Barba Garcia, RIP

Open Positions

We are going to start a new, permanent section of opportunities at the parish, both paid and volunteer, so that parishioners looking to get involved know exactly what the parish needs at any moment.

Catechists for Kindergarten – 5th Grade Faith Formation

Volunteer, Sundays, September – May, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Parishioners who love to share their Catholic faith and enjoy teaching and learning with younger school-age children are encouraged to contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or (360) 733-1380 to learn more about the parish needs for this coming program year and discuss if this is a charism you would like to explore.

Coffee Hour Coordinator(s)

Volunteer

Coffee Hour after the 8am and 10am Masses offers a time and a place for parishioners to meet and get to know each other, which is why it is important that it be to be offered consistently. Each coffee hour is run by a different parish group, but scheduling and coordinating these groups takes work. We are looking for an organized parishioner who enjoys planning and

logistics, who would be willing to coordinate with our various coffee hour groups to make sure this weekly event continues to be successful.

Please contact Kathy Ernst, kathye@assumption.org, for further information, including a detailed job description.

Collection Counter(s)

Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collections. The counting is done in a group setting, and the math is very easy. We would need 2-3 hours per week of your time. If you are detail-oriented and have an interest in or experience with handling money, please contact Karen Zuther at karenz@assumption.org for more details.



FAITH ON FIRE

CATHOLIC FAMILY WEEKEND



August 5-7, 2022

St. Mary's Catholic Church 12th Annual Faith on Fire Family Weekend

Faith on Fire is the signature Catholic event of the Pacific Northwest! A spiritually transformative celebration of Catholic fellowship, family, prayer, and vocations celebrating the joy and beauty of our Catholic Christian faith, and facilitating authentic encounters with Jesus Christ for mission in the 21st century.

Featured Guests:

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Edward Sri

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to tens of thousands of people from around the world, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity. He has written several best-selling books. He is the host of the acclaimed film series Symbolon. He is also a founding leader with Curtis Martin of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), where he currently serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach.



Guest Speakers: Amanda Koppes and Michele Heitzmann of Ruach Ministries

Ruach Ministries' vision is simple – to compel hearts, deepen faith and inspire people to witness to the Truth with love.

- Amanda Koppes has 15 years of experience working in Youth Ministry through a variety of methods, and has been featured at many Catholic events throughout the Western US. Her love of Christ and His Church continues to drive her to find new ways to spread the Good News to teens, families and her community.
- Michelle Heitzmann currently serves St. Nicholas Parish in Gig Harbor, WA as the Pastoral Assistant for Parish Life. Michele has a special heart for youth and women's ministries and enjoys speaking on a variety of topics, and she enjoys sharing with others the truth, beauty and love our Catholic faith encompasses.



Praise and Worship Music: Daniel Oberreuter

Daniel's life work is to write and perform powerful songs of faith with strong Catholic themes. Daniel stands out from the crowd as one of a very select group of Catholic artists fully devoted to music as a way of life.



Faith on Fire venue will be held under the big tent on the lawn, in Anacortes, WA. There will be Youth and Teen tracks, thought-provoking presentations, evening healing service, and closing Mass on the grass on Sunday. Sign up to register at <https://stmaryanacortes.org/Registration>

Boletín semanal

BOLETÍN SEMANAL DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN EN BELLINGHAM, WA
15 DE JULIO DE 2022

Vayan, pues, y hagan discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que les he mandado; y ¡recuerden! Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo. -Mateo 28, 19-20

Nota del Pastor

El 1 de julio, la Arquidiócesis publicó [su síntesis oficial](#) de las muchas Sesiones de Escucha Sinodal que ocurrieron durante el último año. Antes de comentarlo, quiero agradecer nuevamente a nuestros cinco Coordinadores del Sínodo: Annie, Dan, Mary, Paula y Rose. Nuestra parroquia tuvo una participación extremadamente sólida en este proceso, y se debió enteramente a su iniciativa y pasión. He escuchado de muchos feligreses sobre su experiencia profundamente positiva en el espacio de escucha proporcionado por estos cinco. También me gustaría agradecer a Tim Hunt en la Arquidiócesis, quien fue responsable de resumir alrededor de 130 informes parroquiales.

Con respecto a la síntesis en sí, nada de eso me sorprendió (ni en nuestra síntesis parroquial ni en la arquidiocesana), y estoy supremamente agradecido por eso. Los párrocos son profundamente ineficaces si no saben con qué luchan, creen y desean las personas en su parroquia y Arquidiócesis, por lo que tener datos reales contra los cuales verificar mis suposiciones y experiencias es realmente consolador y útil. Las principales categorías de Comunidad, Liderazgo y Juventud fueron una forma particularmente efectiva y precisa de resumir gran parte de lo que he escuchado de los feligreses.

En segundo lugar, el hecho de que no fuera sorprendente no significa que no fuera difícil de leer. Nuestros fieles están profundamente divididos acerca de muchas cosas, y es difícil ver esa división puesta al descubierto en blanco y negro. Además, es difícil leer que la misma fe que me ha traído tanta alegría y paz ha traído, para algunos, dolor y decepción. No esperaba sentirme particularmente bien representado en la síntesis (dado que solo el 37% de los encuestados eran hombres y solo el 10% estaban en mi grupo de edad), pero fue un buen recordatorio de que nadie se sentirá particularmente bien representado cuando se tengan que resumir 11,000 historias únicas y profundas. Fue un buen recordatorio de que las historias importan más que los resúmenes, y necesitamos dedicarnos a las historias.

Dicho esto, leer la síntesis fue importante para mí y, creo, para todos nosotros. No resolverá ninguna diferencia, y bien puede inflamarlas, pero uno de los objetivos de la sinodalidad es tener una conversación abierta sobre la fe entre sí, y estas sesiones de escucha no fueron nada si no abiertas. Incluso si no estamos de acuerdo, por ejemplo, sobre qué hacer con respecto a los temas LGBTQ (algunos abogando por un cambio en la enseñanza católica, otros argumentando que un cambio no es posible y que se necesita catequesis), la síntesis destaca bien que este, y muchos otros temas, *son* tensiones que no podemos simplemente barrer debajo de la alfombra. Si existe una tensión en nuestra comunidad católica, es más saludable discutirla caritativamente entre nosotros que fingir que no existe.

Cómo nuestra parroquia se basa en este proceso sinodal es una pregunta abierta. El ámbito de la doctrina y la disciplina es ciertamente el de Roma y no el nuestro, por lo que gran parte de esta discusión no es procesable para nosotros. Por nuestra parte, creo que lo más efectivo que podemos hacer es tratar intencionalmente de acercarnos más a Jesús juntos. Él es la fuente de nuestra unidad, y cuanto más estudiemos su Palabra y oremos juntos, más crecerá nuestra unidad en la fe. Ciertamente continuaremos nuestro creciente énfasis en los pequeños grupos de intercambio de fe, como una forma de proporcionar los espacios de escucha abiertos y vulnerables modelados tan bien por nuestros coordinadores del Sínodo. Y hemos incluido una noche de testimonios a nuestra Misión Parroquial. Pero, en el espíritu de la sinodalidad, si tiene otras ideas mientras lee la síntesis, hágamelo saber.

Bendiciones en el Señor,

J. Moore

Noticias Parroquiales

Recepción de comunión

Como el P. Moore mencionó en las misas del fin de semana pasado, recientemente encontramos un anfitrión en el baño de mujeres. Para evitar que esto vuelva a suceder, el P. Moore y los EMHC están redoblando sus esfuerzos para asegurarse de que cada huésped entre en la boca de una persona. Por favor, asegúrese de recibir al anfitrión antes de alejarse de la estación de comunión. ¡Gracias!

Correo electrónico no deseado

Hemos estado descubriendo que los correos electrónicos de nuestro personal y a nuestro personal están terminando en la carpeta "Correo no deseado" o "Spam" recientemente. Estos filtros de spam son ejecutados por inteligencia artificial, y a veces el algoritmo es demasiado agresivo. Nuestro personal ha recibido instrucciones de revisar su carpeta de "Basura" cada dos semanas para asegurarse de que no se haya enviado accidentalmente nada de los feligreses allí. Sin embargo, también sería bueno que los feligreses revisen su correo electrónico "basura". Si siente que ha sido ignorado por el personal de la parroquia o cortado de la comunicación, hay una buena posibilidad de que el correo electrónico termine en "Basura".

Capacitación EMHC

Nuestro próximo entrenamiento EMHC (Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión) está programado para el **martes 26 de julio a las 6:15 p.m.** en la iglesia. Esta capacitación cubrirá tanto EMHC para los confinados en casa como EMHC en Misa. Cualquier persona es bienvenida a venir y capacitarse. El P. Moore le pide que lea [su carta sobre los EMHC](#) (en inglés) antes de la capacitación.

Horario del transbordador

Para los feligreses que dependen de autobuses o autobuses para llegar a misa los fines de semana, **solicite la recogida 90 minutos después del inicio de la misa.** Nuestras misas dominicales son a menudo de 75 minutos, y es mejor esperar un poco que perder un servicio de transporte.

Compromiso Anual de Discipulado

Ha habido algunas preguntas sobre el "Compromiso Anual de Discipulado" que el P. Moore distribuyó y predicó el [8 de mayo](#). Esa carta y el formulario de compromiso fueron específicamente para [evaluación](#), para que los feligreses pudieran orar al respecto y proporcionar retroalimentación. Se les pedirá a los feligreses que consideren firmarlo en noviembre, pero es útil saber ahora si hay ajustes que facilitarían que las personas se sientan cómodas firmándolo. Si tiene comentarios, informe al P. Moore a través de frmoore@assumption.org.

Cirio Pascual

Hemos estado escuchando preocupaciones de los feligreses sobre si nuestro Cirio Pascual va a llegar a la Pascua. El año pasado cambiamos de una compañía nacional a una artista independiente para crear nuestra Vela Pascual, y ella está tratando de preservar la idea de que la Vela Pascual también cuenta para la Pascua. La idea es que se quemara hasta la línea en Pascua. Ella preguntó exactamente cuánta vela quemamos el año pasado, pero dado que este es nuestro primer año con este método, todavía estamos seguros de que llegará a la Pascua. Sin embargo, su baja estatura es por diseño.

Eventos de la comunidad

Vigilia de oración por la paz en Oriente Medio

El **lunes 18 de julio**, Cristo Luterano en Ferndale (5904 Vista Dr. 98248) organizará la Vigilia de Oración mensual por la Paz en el Medio Oriente (y donde sea que se necesite paz, es decir, Ucrania) a partir de las 5:30 PM.

Después, a las 6 PM en el Fellowship Hall, su ministra de juventud y vida familiar, Tamar Haddad, hará una presentación sobre su libro "El futuro de Palestina: cómo la discriminación obstaculiza el cambio".

Durante muchos años, las iglesias en el condado de Whatcom organizaron una Vigilia de Oración por la Paz en el Medio Oriente el 18 de cada mes. El Sagrado Corazón fue anfitrión varias veces cuando el P. Qui-Thach (Marion) y el P. Joseph estuvieron aquí. Assumption también ha sido sede en diciembre de 2021. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse.

Próximamente

Eventos

- **Viernes, 22 de julio**
 - 10:30 am – Funeral (Sadia Schnell)
- **Domingo, 24 de julio**
 - 9:00 am – Hora del Café, Gimnasio
 - 11:00 am – Hora del Café, Gimnasio

Intenciones de Misa

- **Sábado, 16 de julio**
 - 5:00 pm, Manuel Octavo, RIP
- **Domingo, 17 de julio**
 - 8:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 10:00 am, Terrence Reily, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Jesse Lopez, RIP
- **Martes, 19 de julio**
 - 5:30 pm, Ken Koenig, RIP
- **Miércoles, 20 de julio**
 - 7:15 am, Cesar Addable Sta. Cruz, RIP
- **Jueves, 21 de julio**
 - 7:15 am, Robert M^cGroven, RIP
- **Viernes, 22 de julio**
 - 8:15 am, Andres Barba Garcia, RIP