

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

JULY 29, 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

It is always a big deal when a Pope comes to North America, but this last week's visit of Pope Francis to Canada is unique even amongst this already rare occurrence. Rather than a state visit or a celebration of an event like World Youth Day or the World Meeting of Family, Pope Francis has described this trip as a "penitential pilgrimage" – something relatively unheard of in the history of papal travel. Specifically, he has come to Canada to apologize for the role of Catholics in the indigenous boarding school system in that country. I recommend Crux's reporting ([here](#) and [here](#)) or the Pillar's [analysis](#).

I preached on these schools [a year ago](#), and I think those reflections are still valid. In addition, this section of one of Crux's articles caught my eye.

Although the residential schools were a government project, Catholic institutions had a leading role in running many of them.

"For this reason, I express my deep shame and sorrow, and, together with the bishops of this country, I renew my request for forgiveness for the wrong done by so many Christians to the Indigenous peoples," the pope said.

"It is tragic when some believers, as happened in that period of history, conform themselves to the conventions of the world rather than to the Gospel," Francis said.¹

We should have known better. Had we been true to our faith – a faith that has always deeply valued the integrity of the family and evangelized *through* culture, not in opposition to it – we could have avoided the need for this pilgrimage. Instead, we gave ourselves over to "the conventions of the world", the latest and most enlightened societal program, which made us complicit in serious, intergeneration harm to an entire culture. The Gospel will always make us holy; the World, less so.²

Nevertheless, even, and especially if "everyone was doing it," Pope Francis' witness is prophetic. If someone has been harmed – *sinned against* – then the excuses and reasons do not matter. The apology, without caveats or backtracking, matters. We only have control over ourselves, and if we have sinned, we must show contrition and do penance for that sin, in big sins, like systemic abuses against Indigenous Peoples, and in small sins, like against those in our own household.

May the Lord bless you always,

F. Moore

¹ These sentiments match recent comments by Canadian bishop Scott McCaig [[full video](#), or comments [beginning at 2:02](#)].

² In that same vein, George Weigel wrote an entire book on how being *more* Catholic would have saved us from the sex abuse crisis. <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-courage-to-be-catholic-george-weigel/1111639300>

Affiliated Organizations

Hope House

Hope House is in need of food items for our homeless snack bags! These are filled with snack items to help hold our homeless clients over between meals and are highly requested. Please consider donating any of the following items to help us keep these in stock:

- bottled water
- juice boxes
- granola bars
- fruit cups
- tuna/crackers
- beef jerky
- beanie weenies
- snack sized chips
- peanut butter crackers
- apple sauce cups
- pudding cups

Donations can be dropped off in the collection bin in the gathering space, or at Hope House during their open hours.

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, July 30**
 - 12:15 pm – Community Meal
 - 1:00 pm – Wedding (Cruz/Carrillo)
- **Sunday, July 31**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour
- **Friday, Aug. 5**
 - 10:30 am – Funeral (Sally Lubetich)
- **Saturday, Aug. 6**
 - 4:00 pm – Rosary in Church

Intentions

- **Saturday, July 30**
 - 5:00 pm, Pro Populo
- **Sunday, July 31**
 - 8:00 am, Cesar Afaible Sta. Cruz, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Gopez (60th Anniversary), SI
 - 12:30 pm, Rosa Eugenia Demangel, RIP
- **Tuesday, Aug. 2**
 - 5:30 pm, Mary St. Hilaire Sella, RIP
- **Wednesday, Aug. 3**
 - 7:15 am, Guillermo Lorca, RIP
- **Thursday, Aug. 4**
 - 7:15 am, Eugenia Cerda, RIP
- **Friday, Aug. 5**
 - 8:15 am, Pauline Simon, SI

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.

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.

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.

In Case You Missed It

Fr. Moore is zealous about not repeating information in the bulletin. However, a compromise has been reached for organizations requesting to be in the bulletin for more than one week. Everything in this section will always be a repeat, so if you read the bulletin every week, you can rest assured you have already seen this information.

Mission Week

August 23 – 25

Guest speaker Kendra de Ramos will be at Assumption speaking about discipleship, evangelization, and what both concretely look like. The final evening will be a change to hear the testimonials of other parishioners. All nights will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a provided (free) dinner in the gym. We are working to make sure childcare is provided. Talks should conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Agape School Supplies

Our Assumption and Sacred Heart Youth Ministry will be collecting School Supplies and Backpacks to hand out at the Agape Food Bank during their Service Camp August 1-3. If you can donate any of the items listed new or gently used, we would be so grateful as would the Agape Community! Please look for a drop box in the gathering space or drop off at the Church office. In need of packs of #2 pencils, blunt tip scissors, bottles of white glue, glue sticks, 24pk of crayons, 10pk of markers, packs of blue or black pens, packs of colored pencils, large erasers, spiral notebooks, packs of notebook paper, zipper pouches, rulers, folders, and backpacks. ¡Gracias!

Boletín semanal

BOLETÍN SEMANAL DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN EN BELLINGHAM, WA
29 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

Siempre es un asunto importante cuando el Papa viene a América del Norte, pero la visita del Papa Francisco a Canadá de la semana pasada es única incluso entre esta ocurrencia ya rara. En lugar de una visita de Estado o una celebración de un evento como la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud o el Encuentro Mundial de la Familia, el Papa Francisco ha descrito este viaje como una "peregrinación penitencial", algo relativamente inaudito en la historia de los viajes papales. Específicamente, ha venido a Canadá para disculparse por el papel de los católicos en el sistema de internados indígenas en ese país. Recomiendo el informe de Crux ([aquí](#) y [aquí](#) en inglés) o el análisis del [Pilar](#) (en inglés).

Prediqué sobre estas escuelas [hace un año](#), y creo que esas reflexiones siguen siendo válidas. Además, esta sección de uno de los artículos de Crux me llamó la atención.

Aunque las escuelas residenciales eran un proyecto del gobierno, las instituciones católicas tenían un papel de liderazgo en la gestión de muchas de ellas.

"Por esta razón, expreso mi profunda vergüenza y dolor, y, junto con los obispos de este país, renuevo mi petición de perdón por el mal hecho por tantos cristianos a los pueblos indígenas", dijo el Papa.

"Es trágico cuando algunos creyentes, como sucedió en ese período de la historia, se conforman a las convenciones del mundo en lugar de al Evangelio", dijo Francisco.

Deberíamos haberlo sabido mejor. Si hubiéramos sido fieles a nuestra fe, una fe que siempre ha valorado profundamente la integridad de la familia y evangelizada a través de la cultura, no en oposición a ella, podríamos haber evitado la necesidad de esta peregrinación. En cambio, nos entregamos a "las convenciones del mundo", el último y más ilustrado programa social, que nos hizo cómplices de un grave daño intergeneracional a toda una cultura. El Evangelio siempre nos hará santos; el mundo, menos.

Sin embargo, incluso, y especialmente si "todo el mundo lo estaba haciendo", el testimonio del Papa Francisco es profético. Si alguien ha sido perjudicado, - *pecado en contra* -, entonces las excusas y las razones no importan. La disculpa, sin advertencias ni retrocesos, importa. Solo tenemos control sobre nosotros mismos, y si hemos pecado, debemos mostrar contrición y hacer penitencia por ese pecado, en grandes pecados, como abusos sistémicos contra los pueblos indígenas, y en pecados pequeños, como contra los de nuestro propio hogar.

Bendiciones en el Señor,

F. Moore

Organizaciones afiliadas

Casa de la Esperanza

¡Hope House necesita alimentos para nuestras bolsas de bocadillos para personas sin hogar! Estos están llenos de bocadillos para ayudar a mantener a nuestros clientes sin hogar entre comidas y son muy solicitados. Por favor, considere donar cualquiera de los siguientes artículos para ayudarnos a mantenerlos en stock:

- Aguas embotelladas
- Cajas de jugo
- Barras de granola
- Tazas de frutas
- Atún/ galletas saladas
- Cecina de res
- Gorros de gorro
- Papas fritas de tamaño de un bocadillo
- Galletas de mantequilla de maní
- Tazas de salsa de manzana
- Tazas de pudin

Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el contenedor de recolección en el espacio de reunión, o en Hope House durante sus horas de apertura.

Próximamente

Eventos

- **Sábado, 30 de julio**
 - 12:15pm – Comida Comunitaria
 - 1:00 pm – Boda (Cruz/Carrillo)
- **Domingo, 31 de julio**
 - 9:00 am – Hora del Café
 - 11:00 am – Hora del Café
- **Viernes, 5 de agosto**
 - 10:30 am- Funeral (Sally Lubetich)
 - 7:00 pm – Grupo de Oracion
- **Sábado, 6 de agosto**
 - 4:00 pm – Rosario en la Iglesia

Intenciones de Misa

- **Sábado, 30 de julio**
 - 5:00 pm, Pro Populo
- **Domingo, 31 de julio**
 - 8:00 am, Cesar Afaible Sta. Cruz, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Gopez (60 Aniversario), SI
 - 12:30 pm, Eugenia Cerda, RIP
- **Martes, 2 de agosto**
 - 5:30 pm, Mary St. Hilaire Sella, RIP
- **Miércoles, 3 de agosto**
 - 7:15 am, Guillermo Lorca, RIP
- **Jueves, 4 de agosto**
 - 7:15 am, Eugenia Cerda, RIP
- **Viernes, 5 de agosto**
 - 8:15 am, Pauline Simon, SI

Por si te lo perdiste

El P. Moore es celoso de no repetir la información en el boletín. Sin embargo, se ha llegado a un compromiso para las organizaciones que solicitan estar en el boletín durante más de una semana. Todo en esta sección siempre será una repetición, por lo que, si lees el boletín cada semana, puedes estar seguro de que ya has visto esta información.

Campamento para Familias

Todas las familias están invitadas a participar de este evento en el Campamento Don Bosco para dos días de entretenimiento, oración, compartir y aprender. Para más información o si tiene preguntas contactar hispanicministry@seattlearch.org.