

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA
AUGUST 12, 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

Remember to tell us if you are coming to mission week with [this 60 second survey](#).

My constant refrain – what ought to be the constant refrain of every preacher – is that we are called to give our entire lives to Jesus, to make him the center and foundation of our lives, and to make him and the Catholic faith the standard by which we evaluate all of our decisions about money, time, and action. But as much as I preach this and believe this, I still find myself surprised – authentically surprised! – every time I see it lived out.

What do I mean? When someone takes the leap of faith, gives Jesus the proverbial wheel, and becomes a true disciple of the Lord, we should expect to see changes in their lives, especially in the way they use their time and money (the most limited and fixed resources someone has). With time specifically, we should not be surprised that such a person uses more of their time in prayer, in liturgy, in study of the faith, but also in living the faith out through different meetings, ministries, activities, apostolates, etc. And I am privileged to see the truth of this every day living and working at our parish. Every day, I see people maintaining our buildings and grounds, serving our liturgies, helping in our office, teaching different classes, hosting different groups. The fact of volunteerism has become the water I swim in – it is ever-present and inescapable where I live and work.

And yet, I am constantly surprised by it. I know why I am here every day: I gave my life to the Lord in the priesthood, and this is now the totality of my life. But why would a person with a spouse, a family, a home, hobbies, a long-term network of friends, disposable income, built-up vacation, etc. – why would such a person choose to spend time here, at church, giving of themselves and their talents and their efforts? What could possess a person to give so much back to their parish and their church community? As dedicated as I am the rest of the staff are to our jobs, do we really deserve all of the efforts people put in to help us?

The answer is obviously Jesus and what I said above – Jesus changes lives, and that change has a concrete expression. But even though I spend every day preaching the Gospel of Jesus, I am still surprised that it actually takes root in peoples' lives. Rather than surprised, I suppose the better word is "delighted". It is always a fresh experience and a fresh joy to know that people love the Lord enough to give their precious time away, week-in and week-out.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, who have responded so powerfully to the presence of Jesus in their lives! It would be impossible for this parish to carry out its mission of evangelization without you!

May the Lord bless you always,

J. Moore

Parish News

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 17 so the staff can be on retreat. We will reopen on Thursday, August 18 at 8:30 am.

Youth Ministry

Our youth group for 6-12th graders will take place on **Friday evenings** this year from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Sacred Heart parish hall and is separate from Confirmation formation. These Friday evening meetings are for middle and high schoolers that want to dive deeper into their faith and engage in regular conversations with their peers! Meetings will include food, games, faith conversations, and prayer experiences. We will also offer regular service projects, social events, and retreats. Contact our youth minister, April, to register: aprilj@assumption.org

Youth Group Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with our youth group this year! Volunteers must be Catholic, enjoy working with teens, and be available on Friday evenings. We need people of all ages and walks of life – young adults, college students, married people, retired people, parents of teens, grandparents, etc. Contact April to inquire or apply: aprilj@assumption.org

Protecting God's Children Class

The Archdiocese of Seattle provides a live training for **new volunteers and employees** called *Protecting God's Children*. This class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs, and schools safe. Anyone with an interest in the safety of children and vulnerable adults is encouraged to attend *Protecting God's Children*, however, it is required for new employees and volunteers. The class will be offered:

Saturday, Aug. 27, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the School Library

You must register for the class online by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions.

School News

School Office Hours

The school office is now open from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. There is space available in select classes. Kindergarten still has room for one, so we would invite you to schedule a tour. If you would like more information about any of the grade levels, you can call the office during regular business hours or email us at theoffice@school.assumption.org and someone in our admissions department will follow up with you.

For families who are currently enrolled, the Used Uniform Sale has finished. But if you missed it and/or need something, swing by the office during summer hours.

Employment

There is still a need for a part-time elementary instructional assistant. If you are interested, check out the information on the website or call/email the school office if you have any questions.

Fundraiser

Our 8th graders are having a **CAR WASH** on Saturday, August 20th, from 10-2pm. It will be in the school parking lot and funds go towards the Washington DC trip in 2023. Thank you for your support.

Affiliated Organizations

Hope House Needs Backpacks!

Help Hope House collect backpacks to give to families in need before the start of the school year. We also need new socks and underwear for school-aged kids. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, Aug. 13**
 - 6:00 pm – Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Appreciation, Gym
- **Sunday, Aug. 14**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour & Volunteer Appreciation, Gym
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour & Volunteer Appreciation, Gym
 - 1:30 pm – Coffee Hour & Volunteer Appreciation, Gym
- **Monday Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption**
 - 5:30 pm – Feast of the Assumption Mass
- **Wednesday, Aug. 17**
 - **Office closed** for staff planning
- **Saturday, Aug. 20**
 - 10:00 am – 8th Grade Car Wash
- **Sunday, Aug. 21**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour

Intentions

- **Saturday, Aug.13**
 - 5:00 pm, Angela Cotter, RIP
- **Sunday, Aug.14**
 - 8:00 am, Aimeline Edurese, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Augusta Vergel De Dios, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Pro Populo
- **Tuesday, Aug.16**
 - 5:30 pm, Margaret Daley, RIP
- **Wednesday, Aug.17**
 - 7:15 am, Aimeline Edurese, RIP
- **Thursday, Aug.18**
 - 7:15 am, Flaviano Reyes, RIP
- **Friday, Aug.19**
 - 8:15 am, Dominick Van Veen, 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.

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

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 chance to hear the testimonials of other parishioners. Each night: **Mass @ 5:30 p.m.**, **Dinner (free) @ 6:15 p.m.**, **Talk / Childcare @ 6:45 p.m.** Talks should conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Adorers

We have a great need right now for adorers, especially on **Wednesday at 10am, 1pm, and 3pm**. Can you find the time—just one hour—to spend with the Lord once a week? You will certainly find it very enriching and fulfilling. Call Belen Saturday, 360-676-9785, or Joe St.Hilaire, 360-671-4836. Thank you.



**CALLED TO
SERVE *as* CHRIST**
A campaign for our
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

We are continually grateful for the generosity of everyone who supported the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign. Over 23,000 families from every parish in the diocese contributed more than \$65,500,000 in gifts and pledges. To date we have received \$53,600,000 in cash and have dispersed it all. These gifts have made a tremendous impact on the Priest Pension fund, the Retired Priest Medical fund and for the Women Religious in the archdiocese.

For those who have completed their pledge and for those who are still providing gifts, your faithful generosity is greatly appreciated. For any questions and to learn more, please visit archseattle.org/called-to-serve or contact the Archdiocesan Development Office at 206-903-4620 or campaign@seattlearch.org.

Pledge Fulfillment



Distribution



Participation



Boletín semanal

BOLETÍN SEMANAL DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN EN BELLINGHAM, WA
12 DE AGOSTO 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

Mi estribillo constante, lo que debería ser el estribillo constante de todo predicador, es que estamos llamados a entregar toda nuestra vida a Jesús, a convertirlo en el centro y el fundamento de nuestras vidas, y a hacer de él y de la fe católica el estándar por el cual evaluamos todas nuestras decisiones sobre el dinero, el tiempo, Y acción. Pero por mucho que predique esto y crea esto, todavía me encuentro sorprendido, ¡auténticamente sorprendido! – cada vez que lo veo vivido.

¿A qué me refiero? Cuando alguien da el salto de fe, le da a Jesús la rueda proverbial y se convierte en un verdadero discípulo del Señor, debemos esperar ver cambios en sus vidas, especialmente en la forma en que usan su tiempo y dinero (los recursos más limitados y fijos que alguien tiene). Con el tiempo específicamente, no debemos sorprendernos de que tal persona use más de su tiempo en la oración, en la liturgia, en el estudio de la fe, pero también en vivir la fe a través de diferentes reuniones, ministerios, actividades, apostolados, etc. Y tengo el privilegio de ver la verdad de esto todos los días viviendo y trabajando en nuestra parroquia. Todos los días, veo personas manteniendo nuestros edificios y terrenos, sirviendo a nuestras liturgias, ayudando en nuestra oficina, enseñando diferentes clases, recibiendo diferentes grupos. El hecho del voluntariado se ha convertido en el agua en la que nado: está siempre presente e ineludible donde vivo y trabajo.

Y, sin embargo, me sorprende constantemente. Sé por qué estoy aquí todos los días: entregué mi vida al Señor en el sacerdocio, y esta es ahora la totalidad de mi vida. Pero ¿por qué una persona con un cónyuge, una familia, un hogar, pasatiempos, una red a largo plazo de amigos, ingresos disponibles, vacaciones acumuladas, etc., por qué una persona así elegiría pasar tiempo aquí, en la iglesia, dando de sí misma y de sus talentos y sus esfuerzos? ¿Qué podría poseer una persona para devolver tanto a su parroquia y a su comunidad eclesial? Tan dedicado como yo estoy, el resto del personal está a nuestros trabajos, ¿realmente merecemos todos los esfuerzos que la gente pone para ayudarnos?

La respuesta es obviamente Jesús y lo que dije anteriormente: Jesús cambia vidas, y ese cambio tiene una expresión concreta. Pero a pesar de que paso todos los días predicando el Evangelio de Jesús, todavía me sorprende que realmente se arraigue en la vida de las personas. En lugar de sorprenderse, supongo que la mejor palabra es "encantado". Siempre es una experiencia y una alegría fresca saber que las personas aman al Señor lo suficiente como para dar su precioso tiempo fuera, semana tras semana.

¡Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios, que han respondido tan poderosamente a la presencia de Jesús en sus vidas! ¡Sería imposible para esta parroquia llevar a cabo su misión de evangelización sin vosotros!

Bendiciones en el Señor,
J. Moore

Noticias Parroquiales

Oficina cerrada

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el miércoles 17 de agosto para que el personal pueda estar en retiro. Reabriremos el jueves 18 de agosto a las 8:30 am.

Noticias de la escuela

Horario de oficina de la escuela

La oficina de la escuela ahora está abierta de 8 am a 3 pm, de lunes a viernes. Hay espacio disponible en clases seleccionadas. El jardín de infantes todavía tiene espacio para uno, por lo que lo invitamos a programar un recorrido. Si desea obtener más información sobre cualquiera de los niveles de grado, puede llamar a la oficina durante el horario comercial regular o enviarnos un correo electrónico a theoffice@school.assumption.org y alguien en nuestro departamento de admisiones hará un seguimiento con usted.

Para las familias que actualmente están inscritas, la Venta de Uniformes Usados ha terminado. Pero si te lo perdiste y/o necesitas algo, pásate por la oficina durante las horas de verano.

Recaudación de fondos

Nuestros estudiantes de 8º grado tendrán un LAVADO de autos el sábado 20 de agosto, de 10 a 2 p.m. Estará en el estacionamiento de la escuela y los fondos se destinarán al viaje a Washington DC en 2023. Gracias por su apoyo.

Organizaciones afiliadas

¡Hope House necesita mochilas!

Ayude a Hope House a recolectar mochilas para regalar a las familias necesitadas antes del inicio del año escolar. También necesitamos calcetines y ropa interior nuevos para los niños en edad escolar. ¡Gracias de antemano!

Próximamente

Eventos

- **Sábado, 13 de agosto**
 - 6:00 pm – Helado Social y Voluntario
Apreciación, Gimnasio
- **Domingo, 14 de agosto**
 - 9:00 am – Hora del Café y Apreciación de Voluntarios, Gimnasio
 - 11:00 am – Hora del Café y Apreciación de Voluntarios, Gimnasio
 - 1:30 pm – Hora del Café y Apreciación de Voluntarios, Gimnasio
- **Lunes, 15 de agosto – Fiesta de la Asunción**
 - 5:30 pm – Fiesta de la Asunción
- **Miércoles, 17 de agosto**
 - **Oficina cerrada** para la planificación del personal
- **Sábado, 20 de agosto**
 - 10:00 am – Lavado de autos de 8º grado
- **Domingo, 21 de agosto**
 - 9:00 am – Hora del Café
 - 11:00 am – Hora del Café

Intenciones de Misa

- **Sábado, 13 de agosto**
 - 5:00 pm, Angela Cotter, RIP
- **Domingo, 14 de agosto**
 - 8:00 am, Aimeline Edurese, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Augusta Vergel De Dios, RIP
 - 12:30 pm, Pro Populo
- **Martes, 16 de agosto**
 - 5:30 pm, Margaret Daley, RIP
- **Miércoles, 17 de agosto**
 - 7:15 am, Aimeline Edurese, RIP
- **Jueves, 18 de agosto**
 - 7:15 am, Flaviano Reyes, RIP
- **Viernes, 19 de agosto**
 - 8:15 am, Dominick Van Veen, SI