

# Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA

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*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

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In 10 days, I am headed down to Dallas for a priest and deacons conference being put on by the Evangelical Catholic (<https://evangelicalcatholic.org/>), the organization our parish has been consulting with since shortly before COVID. This is the group that has provided the materials and guidance for our Missionary Training (small group leader) programs, who put on the first two nights of our parish retreat last summer, and who provided the Next Step program we went through this Fall. They are also currently working with two members of our Hispanic Community to offer a Missionary Training in Spanish.

I love two things about the EC. First, they are deeply grounded in the Second Vatican Council's reemphasis of lay mission. *By their baptism*, all Christians have a mission to preach the Gospel, but in many eras of the Church that mission has been entrusted exclusively to a professional class, sometimes priests and religious, sometimes paid parish staff. But the fact of the matter is that *all* Christians must preach the Gospel, and the EC's programs are entirely oriented towards giving laypeople the tools they need to carry this mission out. [I suppose it is ironic that, given this commitment, the EC would offer a conference exclusively for priests, to which they later added deacons; but even if all Christians have a mission, it is the job of the clergy to call people to that mission and to help guide that mission, so you do often have to start with the priests who run parishes.]

The second thing I love about the EC is that they are *competent*. They produce a lot of materials, all of which seem grounded in pastoral experience and a real understanding of the path of discipleship. With my background in engineering, I love a good system. The EC is deeply systematic, and their systems seem to *work*. When I am frustrated with slow progress or lack of results in my work with the EC, it almost always ends up that the struggle comes on my end, from failing to implement their system as rigorously as they are suggesting.

We are two-and-a-half years into our work with the EC, so you might be wondering why you haven't seen any effect on our parish if I am this invested in them. The answer is that the EC system – and really any good parish program – is not evaluated by fliers or advertisements or even awareness; it is evaluated by lives brought into deep relationship with Jesus Christ. If there has been any effect, it will be seen in the prayer life and devotion of your fellow parishioners, in their dedication to the Lord Jesus, and in their increased frequency in inviting their family and friends into conversations about faith and salvation. If you desire any of these things for yourself, maybe start with the Next Step cards, which are still in the backside of our bulletin board kiosk.

And stay tuned. Right now, we are in a season of solidifying the work we have already done with the EC, but this conference may help me discern what happens after that.

May the Lord bless you always,

*F. Moore*

# Archdiocesan News

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## Celebration of Light

**January 27 at 5:30 p.m. | Sheraton Grand Hotel, Seattle**

Join the Fulcrum Foundation for a night of celebration and fundraising in honor of Catholic education! More information can be found at <https://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/get-involved/celebration-of-light>.

## Chinese New Year celebration

**January 29 at 1 p.m. | St. Monica, Mercer Island**

Join the Seattle Chinese Catholic Community for a Chinese New Year celebration, beginning with Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, Father Kurt Nagel and Father Joseph Tran. Mass will be followed by an ancestral veneration ceremony and a reception.

## Parish News

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### No Mass/Office Closed on Wednesday

There will be no 7:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and the parish office will be closed that day. Fr. Moore and many members of the parish staff are headed down to Tacoma for an Archdiocesan convocation.

### Annual Donations Letter

The annual letter of your 2022 donations to our parish will be mailed by January 31st. This letter will automatically be sent to anyone who has donated a total of \$250 or more this past year. Please be patient while we finish recording all the 2022 gifts and prepare the letters. There will be notice in this bulletin when the letters are mailed.

### Welcome Baby Project is Back!

Now that Covid has simmered down, St. Joseph's Hospital is allowing us to resume this project. We take 5 baskets of boy items and 5 baskets for girl babies to the nursery, each month. If any of our faithful sewers and knitters have continued to store up quilts, receiving blankets, burp clothes and knit caps, we are ready to gather them. Monetary donations are also welcome so that we can buy onesies, sleepers, socks, books, and washcloths. To donate, one can write a check to Assumption Parish and note in the lower left space WELCOME BABY PROJECT.

For more information, please contact Mary Chambers by phone at (360) 319-7516.

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**3rd Saturday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room | 18+ Women Welcomed**

The integration of "Spirituality and Service" is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop their spirituality by giving members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women, then live that out by helping others through charitable acts and service in the spirit of Jesus Christ. For information contact Michele King, [micheleking@kingspace.us](mailto:micheleking@kingspace.us) or (360)820-3815.

## School News

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### Winter Ride

At Assumption Catholic School we started our Winter Ride program last Tuesday that includes skiing or snowboarding at Mt. Baker and ice skating at the Sportsplex. We are so excited to see this tradition continue here for the middle school students.

Fr. Moore made an appearance at the Sportsplex! Also, we are welcoming a new staff member to our preschool classroom. Miss Jaqueline Stephens has been hired as our preschool assistant teacher. She has been a substitute and an EDP staff member since September. She will be a wonderful addition to that program. Mrs. Veronica Flores will be missed, but this is a great continuation. Reminder: School is closed on Monday, January 16th.

## Affiliated Organizations

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### Hope House Needs Donations

The return from the holidays has brought a large increase in clients at Hope House and we have a great need for the following items...

- Queen- or king-sized warm blankets or comforters
- Sleeping bags
- Toilet paper

Donations can be dropped off in the collection container in the church gathering space or brought directly to Hope House during open hours. Thank you for thinking of us!

#### **Volunteers**

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join our team who are comfortable interacting face to face with clients. We are hoping to train a few more people to work the front desk and conduct intake interviews! We especially have a need for volunteers that speak Spanish. Please contact April Jordan-Hulsey for more details: [apriljh@ccsww.org](mailto:apriljh@ccsww.org).

## Health-Related

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### Give Blood!

Our local blood supply has hit **emergency levels!**

Did you know the number one reason people give for not donating blood? No one asked them. **So this is us asking!** If you're feeling healthy – especially O negative and O positive donors – schedule your donation today to come in over the next few weeks, ASAP. Our local blood supply has hit emergency levels and every donation makes an impact. Schedule your donation today at [schedule.bloodworksnw.org](https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org) or 800-398-7888.

Less than a 24-hour blood supply is all that remains on the near-empty shelves at Bloodworks.

**Thank you for all that you do to ensure patients in our community have access to a safe and reliable blood supply!**

### Stop the Bleed

Whatcom County EMS is offering a Free STOP THE BLEED® Course.

January 30, 2023 | Garden Room 322 N. Commercial St. Bellingham | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3gXNTVV>

Face Mask: Optional

Contact: Steve Cohen at [scohen@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:scohen@co.whatcom.wa.us) for information or questions.

#### **Who Can Take the Course**

A STOP THE BLEED® course is for people who are interested in learning this lifesaving skill. The American College of Surgeons STOP THE BLEED® campaign has trained over 1 million people including students, teachers, and community groups. We are committed to training anyone who is old enough to understand what the course teaches and is interested in learning how to STOP THE BLEED® and save a life.

## What You'll Gain from the Course

The person next to a bleeding victim may very well be the one who's most likely to save him or her from bleeding to death. By learning how to STOP THE BLEED®, you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control bleeding once you learn three quick techniques. Take the STOP THE BLEED® training course and become empowered to make a life-or-death difference when a bleeding emergency happens.

## What You'll Learn

What stops bleeding? In a STOP THE BLEED® course, you'll learn three quick techniques to help save a life before someone bleeds out: (1) How to use your hands to apply pressure to a wound; (2) How to pack a wound to control bleeding; (3) How to correctly apply a tourniquet. These three techniques will empower you to assist in an emergency and potentially save a life.

If you are unable to take this course, there is an online course to help prepare you to stop life threatening bleeding:

<https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>

## Upcoming

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### Events

- **Saturday, Jan. 14**
  - 1:00 pm – Hamilton/Gail wedding
- **Sunday, Jan. 15**
  - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
  - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour
- **Monday, Jan. 16**
  - Martin Luther King Day
- **Wednesday, Jan. 18**
  - **No 7:15 am Mass**
  - **Parish Office is closed**
  - 10:00 am – Women's Scripture Study (Stafford Rm)
- **Friday, Jan. 20**
  - Mothers & Children (Stafford Rm)
- **Saturday, Jan. 21**
  - 2:00 pm – Catholic Daughters of America, Stafford Room
- **Sunday, Jan. 22**
  - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour
  - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour

### Intentions

- **Saturday, Jan 14**
  - 5:00 pm, Tim O'Connor, RIP
- **Sunday, Jan. 15**
  - 8:00 am, Paul Textor, RIP
  - 10:00 am, Eduardo Cabanero, RIP
  - 12:30 pm, Pro Populo
- **Tuesday, Jan. 17**
  - 5:30 pm, Christopher Paul Maguire, RIP
- **Thursday, Jan. 19**
  - 7:15 am, Eleanor Day, SI
- **Friday, Jan. 20**
  - 8:15 am, Gerard Dempsey, RIP

## Open Positions

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The parish's needs at any given moment.

### Bilingual Receptionist

#### Employee – Part-time

Assumption Parish seeks a part-time, bilingual receptionist who has excellent communication skills, and the ability to read, write and speak in both English and Spanish. Some computer experience is required. Familiarity with Microsoft products such

as Word and Excel are preferred. The job is 24 hours per week. Go to [www.assumption.org](http://www.assumption.org) to see the job description and application. Send your application or any questions to [karenz@assumption.org](mailto:karenz@assumption.org).

## Custodian

### **Employee - Part-time**

Assumption Parish is looking for a part-time custodian who can work evenings and some weekend hours. The job is 15-20 hours per week and the hours are flexible. To find out more, go to our website and download the job description and application. For any questions, contact [karenz@assumption.org](mailto:karenz@assumption.org).

## Mailing Preparation

### **Volunteer – Thursday, January 26 at 9:00 am**

Please help us prepare the annual donation letters for mailing. The job includes stuffing and labeling envelopes and running them through the postage machine. Attention to detail is VERY IMPORTANT for this work. Contact [parishoffice@assumption.org](mailto:parishoffice@assumption.org) if you can help.

## Whole Family Catechesis—3rd Grade Catechist

### **Volunteer – Sunday mornings**

If you are willing to work with a small group of 3rd graders in our WFC program this year, please contact Gina DePalma at [ginad@assumption.org](mailto:ginad@assumption.org) or (360) 733-1380.

## Coffee Hour Volunteer

### **Volunteer - Sunday mornings**

Parish volunteers needed for help hosting Coffee Hours on Sundays. If your name can be added to Coffee Hour correspondence emails, please email the Coffee Hour Coordinator, Holly Zech, at [hkzech@gmail.com](mailto:hkzech@gmail.com).

## Wedding Sacristan

### **Volunteer – Saturdays, maybe twice a month, usually noon to 3:00 p.m.**

We need a volunteer to set up for weddings when they happen. This means setting up for Mass, but also arranging the church and preparing the space in ways that are unique to weddings. Fr. Moore will provide training.

# Boletín semanal

BOLETÍN SEMANAL DE LA PARROQUIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN EN BELLINGHAM, WA  
13 DE ENERO DE 2023

*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

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En 10 días me dirijo a Dallas para una conferencia de sacerdotes y diáconos organizada por el Católico Evangélico (<https://evangelicalcatholic.org/> en inglés), la organización con la que nuestra parroquia ha estado consultando desde poco antes de COVID. Este es el grupo que ha proporcionado los materiales y la orientación para nuestros programas de Capacitación Misional (líder de grupos pequeños), que organizó las dos primeras noches de nuestro retiro parroquial el verano pasado, y que proporcionó el programa Next Step que pasamos este otoño. También están trabajando actualmente con dos miembros de nuestra comunidad hispana para ofrecer una capacitación misional en español.

Me encantan dos cosas de la CE. En primer lugar, están profundamente arraigados en el nuevo énfasis del Concilio Vaticano II en la misión laical. *Por su bautismo*, todos los cristianos tienen la misión de predicar el Evangelio, pero en muchas épocas de la Iglesia esa misión ha sido confiada exclusivamente a una clase profesional, a veces sacerdotes y religiosos, a veces personal parroquial remunerado. Pero el hecho es que *todos* los cristianos deben predicar el Evangelio, y los programas de la CE están totalmente orientados a dar a los laicos las herramientas que necesitan para llevar a cabo esta misión. [Supongo que es irónico que, dado este compromiso, la CE ofreciera una conferencia exclusivamente para sacerdotes, a la que luego agregaron diáconos; pero incluso si todos los cristianos tienen una misión, es el trabajo del clero llamar a las personas a esa misión y ayudar a guiar esa misión, por lo que a menudo hay que comenzar con los sacerdotes que dirigen las parroquias.]

Lo segundo que me encanta de las CE es que son *competentes*. Producen muchos materiales, todos los cuales parecen basados en la experiencia pastoral y una comprensión real del camino del discipulado. Con mi experiencia en ingeniería, me encanta un buen sistema. Las CE son profundamente sistemáticas y sus sistemas parecen *funcionar*. Cuando me siento frustrado por el lento progreso o la falta de resultados en mi trabajo con la CE, casi siempre termina la lucha de mi parte, por no implementar su sistema tan rigurosamente como sugieren.

Llevamos dos años y medio en nuestro trabajo con el CE, por lo que tal vez se pregunte por qué no ha visto ningún efecto en nuestra parroquia si estoy tan involucrado en ellos. La respuesta es que el sistema de la CE – y realmente cualquier buen programa parroquial – no es evaluado por volantes o anuncios o incluso conciencia; se evalúa por vidas llevadas a una relación profunda con Jesucristo. Si ha habido algún efecto, se verá en la vida de oración y devoción de sus compañeros feligreses, en su dedicación al Señor Jesús y en su mayor frecuencia al invitar a sus familiares y amigos a conversaciones sobre la fe y la salvación. Si desea alguna de estas cosas para usted, tal vez comience con las tarjetas Next Step, que todavía están en la parte posterior de nuestro quiosco de tablón de anuncios.

Y estad atentos. En este momento, estamos en una temporada de solidificación del trabajo que ya hemos hecho con la CE, pero esta conferencia puede ayudarme a discernir lo que sucederá después de eso.

## Noticias Parroquiales

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### No hay misa y la oficina está cerrada este miércoles

No habrá 7:15 a.m. Misa el miércoles 18 de enero y la oficina parroquial estará cerrada ese día. El P. Moore y muchos miembros del personal de la parroquia se dirigen a Tacoma para una convocatoria arquidiocesana.

### ¡Bienvenido Baby Project está de vuelta!

Ahora que COVID se ha calmado, el Hospital St. Joseph nos permite reanudar este proyecto. Llevamos 5 canastas de artículos para niños y 5 canastas para niñas a la guardería, cada mes. Si alguno de nuestros fieles alcantarilladores y tejedores ha continuado almacenando edredones, recibiendo mantas, eructar ropa y gorros de punto, estamos listos para reunirlos. Las donaciones monetarias también son bienvenidas para que podamos comprar monos, durmientes, calcetines, libros y paños. Para donar, uno puede escribir un cheque a la Parroquia de la Asunción y anotar en el espacio inferior izquierdo WELCOME BABY PROJECT.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Mary Chambers por teléfono al (360) 319-7516.

## Noticias de la escuela

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### Paseo de invierno

En la Escuela Católica de la Asunción comenzamos nuestro programa Winter Ride el martes pasado que incluye esquí o snowboard en Mt. Baker y patinaje sobre hielo en el Sportsplex. Estamos muy emocionados de ver que esta tradición continúe aquí para los estudiantes de secundaria. ¡El P. Moore hizo una aparición en el Sportsplex! Además, estamos dando la bienvenida a un nuevo miembro del personal a nuestra clase de preescolar. La señorita Jaqueline Stephens ha sido contratada como nuestra maestra asistente de preescolar. Ha sido suplente y miembro del personal de EDP desde septiembre. Ella será una maravillosa adición a ese programa. La señora Verónica Flores será extrañada, pero esta es una gran continuación. Recordatorio: La escuela está cerrada el lunes 16 de enero.

## Organizaciones afiliadas

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### Hope House necesita donaciones

El regreso de las vacaciones ha traído un gran aumento de clientes en Hope House y tenemos una gran necesidad de los siguientes artículos ...

- Mantas o edredones calientes tamaño Queen o King
- Sacos de dormir
- Papel higiénico

Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el contenedor de recolección en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia o llevarse directamente a Hope House durante las horas de apertura. ¡Gracias por pensar en nosotros!

#### **Voluntarios**

Estamos buscando algunos voluntarios más para unirse a nuestro equipo que se sientan cómodos interactuando cara a cara con los clientes. ¡Esperamos capacitar a algunas personas más para trabajar en la recepción y realizar entrevistas de admisión! Especialmente tenemos una necesidad de voluntarios que hablen español. Póngase en contacto con April Jordan-Hulsey para obtener más detalles: [apriljh@ccsww.org](mailto:apriljh@ccsww.org).

# Próximamente

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## Eventos

- **Sábado, 14 de enero**
  - 1:00 pm – Boda Hamilton/Gail
- **Lunes, 16 de enero**
  - Día de Martin Luther King
- **Miércoles, 18 de enero**
  - **No 7:15 am Misa**
  - **La Oficina Parroquial está cerrada**

## Intenciones de Misa

- **Sábado, 14 de enero**
  - 5:00 pm, Tim O'Connor, RIP
- **Domingo, 15 de enero**
  - 8:00 am, Paul Textor, RIP
  - 10:00 am, Eduardo Cabanero, RIP
  - 12:30 pm, Pro Populo
- **Martes, 17 de enero**
  - 5:30 pm, Christopher Paul Maguire, RIP
- **Jueves, 19 de enero**
  - 7:15 am, Eleanor Day, SI
- **Viernes, 20 de enero**
  - 8:15 am, Gerard Dempsey, RIP

## Posiciones abiertas

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*Las necesidades de la parroquia en cada momento.*

### Recepcionista bilingüe

#### **Empleado – A tiempo parcial**

Assumption Parish busca una recepcionista bilingüe a tiempo parcial que tenga excelentes habilidades de comunicación y la capacidad de leer, escribir y hablar tanto en inglés como en español. Se requiere cierta experiencia en informática. Se prefiere la familiaridad con productos de Microsoft como Word y Excel. El trabajo es de 24 horas por semana. Vaya a [www.assumption.org](http://www.assumption.org) para ver la descripción del trabajo y la solicitud. Envíe su solicitud o cualquier pregunta a [karenz@assumption.org](mailto:karenz@assumption.org).

### Custodio

#### **Empleado - A tiempo parcial**

La parroquia de la Asunción está buscando un custodio a tiempo parcial que pueda trabajar por las noches y algunas horas de fin de semana. El trabajo es de 15-20 horas por semana y las horas son flexibles. Para obtener más información, visite nuestro sitio web y descargue la descripción del trabajo y la solicitud. Para cualquier pregunta, póngase en contacto con [karenz@assumption.org](mailto:karenz@assumption.org).