

Weekly Bulletin

ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN AND ST PETER, DEMING

January 18, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Part of the Whatcom Catholic Churches: For comprehensive information regarding all Catholic Churches in Whatcom County, including priest schedules, Mass times and locations, please visit whatcomcatholic.org.

New staff page launched on Whatcom Catholic Website: Be sure to visit www.whatcomcatholic.org/staff to look at the staff directory for the entire county. This streamlined directory will allow those across the county to get in contact with parish staff and access the contact information for parish offices.

Pastor's Note

Please visit: frmoore.com/category/pastors-note/ for this week's Pastor note.

Archdiocesan News

Letter from the Archbishops office

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Like many of you, I take time at the start of the new year to reflect on the previous year and pray about priorities for the future — not just for myself as your archbishop, but for the archdiocese as well. I take my ministry as your archbishop very seriously. While it can be challenging at times, I am grateful and honored to serve God and you in this way. This past year has been full — full of grace, of joy, of stress, of hardship, of laughter and many other emotions. I remain incredibly grateful to our priests, deacons and women religious, our staff, lay leaders and volunteers who selflessly serve the people of God. Our Church is not one of buildings and historic artifacts — rather, together we make up the mystical Body of Christ, living our faith in the world each day. There are clear signs that God is blessing our efforts of proclaiming Christ and forming more disciples to serve in his name. Here is an overview of a few major initiatives from this past year.

Read the full 2026 Annual Letter:

[2026-Annual-Letter-Final-min.pdf](#)

[2026-Annual-Letter-Final-Spanish-min.pdf](#)

Parish News

New Parish office hours

Parish office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 4pm. Closed from 12 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch and closed on Wednesday. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

Whatcom Catholic Moms Group

Moms with children 5 years old and under are welcome to join a new mom's group meeting at Sacred Heart in Fairhaven. We meet every Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the toddler room in the parish building. The

Whatcom Catholic Moms groups is a community for mothers with children five years old and under to gather in faith, support, and friendship. We seek to listen to the Spirit as He guides and strengthens us to bring God's love to our families, and through them, to the world. Contact Connie Schmidt (832) 210-3371 with any questions. We'd love to see you!

March for Life

Please join the Bellingham, Ferndale, & Lynden Knights of Columbus along with all Whatcom Catholic churches for a March for Life this coming Saturday, the 24th of January. It will start at the Church of the Assumption at 10 AM with Mass, followed by a procession on the sidewalks down to Planned Parenthood, praying as we go. We'll circle the block and come back to Assumption for a potluck lunch. Please bring your pro-life signs and a dish to share. Any donations may be made to Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, Prepares, or Project Rachel. See you there! Questions can be directed to Jason Cronk - jcronk228@gmail.com

Coffee Hour

Please contact Marilyn Wyss at (360) 961-1168 or wyssm@outlook.com.

Jesus Day Camp

Save the Date June 22-26, 2026, for Jesus Day Camp at St Joseph, Ferndale.

Claretian Bible Studies

Gospel Reflection on Fridays (Spanish)

at Ferndale Hall

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Taller biblico del Evangelio de Mateo / Bible Workshop of Gospel of Matthew (Spanish)

Monday February 16th to Friday 20th in Ferndale Hall

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Retiro para ministros y servidores / Retreat to Hispanic Ministers and Local leaders (Spanish)

Friday February 27th - 6:00pm to 9:00pm in Ferndale Hall

Saturday February 28th - 8:00am to 4:00pm in Assumption Hall? (Fr. Manuel will decide it)

Faith Alive

Saturday, January 24th from 7 pm to 9 pm

Sacred Heart, Bellingham

Please Join Father Tyler in the 6th session of Faith Alive – Marian Theology/Devotion.

Join Sister Maureen in session on Skills for Praying the Scripture

When January 20th & January 27th Tuesday 5-6 pm

Where: St Anne's, 604 H St Blaine, WA

OR

Join Sister Maureen in session on Skills for Praying the Scripture on ZOOM

When: January 20th & January 27th Tuesday 7-8 pm

Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85352386965?pwd=hnjcW7M3Sqwx0qYif5oaVmYsbpDmzG.1>

- January 20th: Ignatian Meditation
- January 27th: Ignatian Contemplation

School News

Assumption School Auction

When: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Where: Bellingham Golf & Country Club

Save the Date Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Assumption will be joining the national celebration of Catholic schools the week of January 25th - February 1st! Each day will have a different focus (students, teachers, parents, community), culminating in honoring our 2026 Distinguished Alumnus at the 8:15 am school Mass on Friday. ***Please see the attached*** for a full schedule and join us for Mass if you're able! We will also be celebrating first semester Honor Roll and our January Peacemakers.

In honor of Catholic school week, we will be having families from St Joseph, Lynden and St Peter Deming Participating with our Saturday and Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Lynden

Saturday January 24 Mass 7:00 Mass (Spanish):

Edith Ramirez Ortiz and her husband Jose Mateo (MateoRamirez family)

Sunday January 25th 11:00 Mass:

Jones Family

St Peter's Deming Sunday January 25th 8:30 Mass:

Hoza Family

OPEN HOUSE

Providing your child with a quality Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you could ever give them. As the only Catholic school in Whatcom County, Assumption is proud of our 112-year tradition of nurturing the children of our community in mind, body, and spirit!

Join us for a schoolwide **Open House** on **Sunday, February 1st from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**. Explore our wonderful programs, meet our dedicated teachers, and bring your questions. We're excited to welcome you and your family!

In case you missed it

PREPARES News

Profound Thanks to St. Joseph Parish for your participation in Angel Tree for our PREPARES Families! In that effort alone you helped 62 of our PREPARES families provide gifts for 96 of their children ages birth - five. In addition, your donations of diapers and money provided for 80 Families on our regular 3rd Friday GiveAway to benefit from 107 packages of diapers and wipes, 75 bags of groceries, 50 \$50.00 Grocery Outlet Gift Cards, 567 items from the Boutique, 151 gifts from our Christmas Shoppe and approximately 175 Surprise "poppers"!

While we all know Christmas is not about the "stuff"-we also know that the Christmas Season can be a time of great need for many of our neighbors. We are certain the Love of Christ is being felt through your efforts to

provide not just mere things, but the care with which you provide them.
Bless You All with all you need for an ever-closer walk with God in 2026.

Affiliated Organizations

Women's Connect

When: February 26, 2026, 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Hall

The Theme is "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit" Zelda Buck from Catholic Community Services is coming to show us their various ministries and Teresa Meurs will give a short testimony. Kerry Morton will lead us in song. More to add to our Liturgical Binder and another craft. It should be a great evening and we look forward to seeing you. RSVP to www.womensconnect.live.

Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic – Employment opportunity

We are currently seeking a Registered Nurse to join our medical team for 20 hours per week. We are looking for someone who is committed to serving women, men and families with compassion and empathy. This candidate must have strong interpersonal, communication, and client care skills and be able to work independently and with a team. Please contact Linda at lindab@whatcomclinic.com or call the clinic for more information at 360-671-9057.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 13-15, 2026, LaQuinta Inn, Tacoma, WA. Early registration is highly recommended. Please contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-903-2321. For more information and other dates please visit our website at: <https://wwme.org>

Rachel's Corner: Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreats

English Retreat - Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, 2026

Spanish Retreat – Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 7, 2026

English Retreat - Friday, Sept. 25 - Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026

English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)

Español: (206)-450-7814 (deje un mensaje confidencial)

Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!



Listening Session: Participant's Guide

“What opportunities and challenges exist for us?”

Process reminders

- The goal is to re-envision the parish family and how it moves forward. Everyone's voice is important.
- This confidential listening session is a “safe place” where people should feel free to share openly.
- For the listening session, each person will share in turn and there is no back and forth, response, agreement or disagreement. Everyone simply listens.
- The facilitator will keep time as needed.
- At the end of each round, everyone will be invited to share what was heard in the round.
- There will be time for free conversation at the end of the small group session.

Round One

What challenges do you see existing in the wider community? An example could be having a large homeless or undocumented immigrant population with specific needs.

This first question asks us to look at Whatcom County and establish what challenges us to respond to as Catholics. Homeless people, lack of church attendance, current cultural aspects that draw people away from a relationship with Christ, and any other challenges that come to mind.

Each person answering the question should reflect on their experience and knowledge to identify areas of concern and where we might be able to be involved in improving the situation.

Round Two

What challenges do you see exist in the parish? An example could be having families with teenagers but not being able to hire a youth minister.

This question refers to challenges and opportunities and is the one that asks us to reflect on the information that PFAC has provided on the following viability metrics:

Finances, Facilities, Demographics, Staff, Utilization/Mass attendance, and Evangelization

This question needs preparation ahead of time prior to the listening sessions. PFAC will be providing further information in the next weeks.

The answers given will be crucial to the decisions we must make when we enter the next phase of Partners in the Gospel, which is “What do we want to become.”

Round Three

Having heard information from the community demographics report, what opportunities do you see (in our parish and in the wider community) to more effectively serve and accompany others? Are there groups or individuals in Whatcom County that we can do a better job of reaching?

Since the demographic information comes from questionnaires filled by our fellow parishioners, the answer for this question will begin with the locations in Whatcom Catholic but is not necessarily limited there. Again, we are asked to consider all of Whatcom County and problem solve and dream about where we need to be more active and involved. Catholics have always been involved in outreach throughout the world. Where are we currently active and where else might there be an opportunity for service in Whatcom County. The answers given here will be necessary to effectively develop a vision of what want to become.

Upcoming

Sunday, January 18, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- St Peter – 8:00 am to 8:15am Confession
- St Peter – 8:30 am Mass
- St Joseph – 11 am Mass
- St Joseph - 5pm Spanish Rosary
- St Joseph – 7pm-9pm Youth Group

Monday, January 19

- St Peter – 9am Mass

Tuesday, January 20

- St Joseph – 9-11am Morning prayer group

Wednesday, January 21

- St Joseph– 5pm Confession
- St Joseph – 6pm Spanish Mass
- St Joseph – 6:30pm-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 22

- St Joseph –11:30am Patriotic Rosary
- St Joseph – 6:30pm-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes
- St Peter – 3pm-5pm Social Action

Friday, January 23

- St Joseph – 9am Mass
- St Joseph – 2pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday *January 24*

- St Joseph -11 am Little Giants
- St Joseph - 4pm Confessions
- St Joseph – 5pm Mass
- St Joseph – 6pm Spanish Rosary
- St Joseph – 7pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, *January 25, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- St Peter – 8:00 am to 8:15am Confession
- St Peter – 8:30 am Mass
- St Joseph – 11 am Mass
- St Joseph – 12:30pm – 2pm OCIA classes
- St Joseph– 5pm Spanish Rosary
- St Joseph – 7pm-9pm Youth Group

