

Weekly Bulletin

ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN AND ST PETER, DEMING

February 8, 2026 – 5th 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.

May the Lord bless you and your families

F. Moore



Earlier this month, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne opened the new year with his annual letter summarizing the happenings of 2025 and sharing the vision for 2026. Here is an excerpt from his letter about Partners in the Gospel:

“This Partners in the Gospel process is our highest priority this year. Creating a strong faith community in the new parish family, celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming God’s Word and practicing charity in all its forms — this is what we are called to do amid today’s world and realities. The world changes, but Christ and his Church are always one and the same through the ages. But in every age, we must be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit seeks to form us into the Body of Christ in specific places and concrete situations — and those are the changing realities we are facing. I encourage everyone to participate in the parish family consultation sessions that will take place over the next few years. Conversations may be difficult, but respectful, prayerful listening and dialogue provide the opportunity to rethink this present moment – to think about the larger Catholic community and the capacity of our resources, human and spiritual. We will need to let go of some of our own desires and comforts to courageously embrace a new way of fulfilling the Church’s mission. In the coming year, we will be asked to set aside our personal desires and listen attentively to the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the process, we will discover God’s dream for us and make that dream our new reality!”

Parish News

Parish office Closures

Parish office will be closed on the following days in the month of February, Monday February 9th, Monday February 16th, Thursday February 26th, and Friday February 27th.

Volunteers needed

St Joseph Lynden is need of volunteers to join our greeter and usher ministries. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

Stations of the Cross

We will be having stations of the cross every Friday of Lent after the 9 am Mass in English and at 6 pm bilingual. We will be having soup supper after the 6 pm stations of the cross. Signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall if you would like to bring your favorite soup or no meat dish to share. We are planning to start soup supper on the 6th of March.

St Peter Stations of the Cross

Wednesday – 7:00 pm

Soup supper at 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come and bring your favorite soup to share. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Coffee Hour

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour at St Joseph Lynden after the 11 am Mass, please contact Marilyn Wyss at (360) 961-1168 or wyssm@outlook.com.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:15 am—Mass—Sacred Heart, Bellingham

7:15 am—Mass—St Joseph, Ferndale

8:00 am—Mass— St Joseph, Lynden

10:00 am—Word and Ashes—Assumption, Bellingham

12:30 pm - Mass—Assumption School

12:30 pm—Mass - St Anne, Blaine

5:00 pm—Mass—WWU Campus

5:00 pm—Mass—St Joachim, Lummi

5:30 pm—Word and Ashes—Assumption, Bellingham

5:30 pm—Mass— St Joseph, Ferndale—Spanish

5:30 pm—Mass— St Peter, Deming

5:30 pm—Word and Ashes—St Joseph, Lynden

Middle School BLAST Retreat

Saturday, March 14th

Camp Lutherwood - 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

A day of faith, fun, games, and community for all middle school youth. Email daniel@assumption.org to get registration info directly.

High School BLAST Retreat

Saturday, March 7th

Camp Lutherwood 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

A day of faith, fun, games, and building healthy relationships for all high school youth.

Email daniel@assumption.org to get registration info directly.

Catholic Daughters of America

Saturday February 7 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: ACS, St Rita Room (next to Library) Assumption, Bellingham

Will meet to discuss St Valentines Day and their fist community project for Spring Creek- Bonaventure Senior Living. If you have any questions, please contact: juniorcatholicdaughters@gmail.com

Year to Date Giving Summary through January

	24-25 YTD	25-26 YTD	% Change
Assumption	633,230.10	641,323.29	1%
Sacred Heart	387,687.15	378,548.40	-2%
St. Joseph - Ferndale	169,859.86	195,808.67	15%
St. Anne	94,628.55	101,074.27	7%
St. Joachim	36,370.90	41,841.65	15%
St. Joseph - Lynden	181,552.03	174,502.58	-4%
St. Peter	85,989.55	73,135.54	-15%

Extra Collections Remitted During January

Church in Latin America	1,499.00
Priest Pension	510.00
Catholic Relief Services	60.00
Peter's Pence	50.00
Holy Land	50.00
NW Catholic	35.00
Rice Bowl	25.00

School News

The second semester has begun for all our students in K-8th grade. This week our volleyball and wrestling sports season has started for middle school students.

And please note that this week the "all school mass" will be on Thursday, February 5th at 8:15am because the school will be closed on Friday for a teacher in service professional development day. Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, staff, coaches, and for the success of our auction.

Affiliated Organizations

Interfaith coalition events

Community Meal

When: February 8th

Where: First Christian Church, Bellingham

Starting February 8th, First Christian Church will be hosting monthly community meals open to anyone in need of a hot plate and a friendly face. They are looking for other congregations or members of congregations who might be interested in volunteering in collaboration with them. Please call interfaith coalition for more information. Jen at executivedirector@interfaith-coalition.org

Spring Music Feast

When: March 7th, 3:00 pm

Where: First Congregational Church, Bellingham

Interfaith Coalition Volunteers/ Assistance needed

As you may know, we are assisting families that are dealing with flood recovery. Some of the needs requested this week include:

- Plumbing assistance
- Twin Bed Frame
- Queen/Full size bed

If you can assist with any of these, please contact Jen at executivedirector@interfaith-coalition.org

In case you missed it

A Well-Ordered Society Rooted in Truth, Justice, and Peace

A Pastoral Letter by Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
+January 26, 2026, Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In these turbulent times — marked by conflict abroad, fragmentation at home, and profound questions about our shared moral life — the Church once again lifts high the Gospel as the light by which we must walk. [The Second Vatican Council](#), [Catholic Social Teaching](#) and the [Jan. 9, 2026, address of Pope Leo XIV](#) to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See illuminate our path with clarity and a renewed urgency. In his address, the Holy Father framed the challenges of our age through the lens of St. Augustine's "[City of God](#)," offering a deeply Christian vision of peace, justice, and right order.

I wish to reflect with you on these themes, especially as they touch two essential pillars of any Christian society:

1. Charity — love of neighbor

2. Respect for the rule of law

These do not stand apart from the principles of our social teaching, but they flow directly from them.

Our Catholic Social Teaching makes clear that rights also come with corresponding duties. Every person has the right to what is necessary for human decency — food, work, safety, health care — but also the responsibility to ensure these rights for others.

The purpose of this pastoral letter is to help us understand these basic principles and to commit ourselves to building a better society.

Continue reading Archbishop's Pastoral Letter: [PDF](#) | [Flipbook](#)

MFCC Valentine Invitation Friday

February 13th, 2026

Assumption Gym in Bellingham Starting at 7 p.m.

The MFCC (Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico) invites everyone to a gala dinner called: "A Night of Love with Love"

Upcoming

Sunday, February 8, 5th 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, February 9

- St Peter – 9am Mass

Tuesday, February 10

- St Joseph – 9-11am Morning prayer group

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

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

Saturday February 14

- 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, February 15, 6th 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



2026 Open Your Heart Appeal



Where Urgent Need Meets Mercy & Love

PREPARES is not simply a service or a charity. **It is our pro-life Catholic Church showing up.** Not at a distance. Not with conditions. But with **real-life** essential needs, compassionate accompaniment, and life-affirming mercy and love. It is our promise that no child, no mother or father in need, will walk the parenting journey alone.



"Your help means everything, especially not being judged – just loved. It's so scary to feel alone. Thank you for helping me and for telling me that I'm a good mom. You give me and my baby hope."

A life-affirming Promise of Support

The PREPARES Ministry is a parish-based partnership with your local Catholic Charities providing families in need, free of charge and regardless of beliefs, the following:

- ♥ English and Spanish services
- ♥ Ministry expansion to all statewide parishes
- ♥ Diapers, clothing, toys, and books
- ♥ Parenting and Life Skills Classes
- ♥ Safe car seats
- ♥ One-on-one Companions
- ♥ Parent support groups
- ♥ Play groups
- ♥ Baby showers
- ♥ Referral network for medical, housing, employment, and counseling

Please Give

Now, more than ever, the requests for help from struggling families is growing and urgent. Your gift today becomes the love and support that stays with a mother who feels isolated and forgotten. It becomes justice that walks with a family navigating crisis. It becomes hope that accompanies a woman choosing life despite her fear. Your generosity does more than fund a ministry – **it transforms lives and reveals the hands and heart of Christ.**

Volunteer, Assist, or Organize

- ♥ Become a PREPARES Volunteer, Companion, or Support Group member.
- ♥ Assist in sponsoring a parish PREPARES needs drive.
- ♥ Create a clothing closet for infants and young children.
- ♥ Provide age-appropriate 'PREPARES Bags' for infants and toddlers.
- ♥ Help organize a PREPARES Ministry in your parish.

Pray

Ask God's grace and blessing on the PREPARES families who have chosen the precious gift of life, and the parish volunteers who support this ministry.

PREPARES STATEWIDE 2025

— 27,218 —
Family Encounters

— 197 —
Participating Parishes

— 1,070 —
Volunteers
& Companions

— 14 —
FTE Ministry Team
Members

— 36 of 39 —
Washington Counties
Served



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