

Weekly Bulletin

March 29, 2026 –Palm Sunday

ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN AND ST PETER, DEMING

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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

Part of the Whatcom Catholic Churches: For comprehensive information regarding all Catholic Churches in Whatcom County, Family #2, including priest schedules, Mass times and locations, please visit whatcomcatholic.org.

Scheduling a priest appointment – 253-356-5522 / priests@whatcomcatholic.org

Emergency requesting a priest – 360-773-1388

Vatican News

Please visit www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html for all Vatican News.

Archdiocesan News

Experience a Life with the Holy Spirit Retreat

When: Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Where: St Jude Parish – Redmond 10526 166th Ave NE

Spend the day on a personal journey with Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through teaching, personal stories, discussion and prayer together, you can experience what life with the Holy Spirit looks like and be better equipped to use the Gifts bestowed on you at your Sacramental Baptism.

Register early online at wwccr.org or call 206-364-2272. Suggested donation \$30

Parish News

Pastor's Note

Chrism Mass

I am writing this note immediately before heading to the Chrism Mass at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. This is a lovely (and ancient) annual Mass at which the bishop blesses the holy oils to be used at each diocesan church at Easter and throughout the year.

This Mass is traditionally held on the morning of Holy Thursday (the day on which Christ instituted the Eucharist and therefore also the Priesthood), so the Chrism Mass is also when the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises in front of the bishop and people of the diocese. I took my promises gravely seriously on my way to ordination, so this renewal is deeply meaningful to me each year.

PFAC Report

The PFAC has been working overtime this week to get our Viability Metrics report published before this weekend. Please keep an eye out for a separate e-mail from our parishes with this report. Please also make sure you click through on many of the links. They hold vast, hidden resources, like [this facilities report from the Archdiocese](#).

Please also do not forget to register for a listening session [at this link](#)! We had almost 500 people participate in our previous sessions, but only about 75 are signed up for this round. I would also encourage you to sign up for a session at a church you do not normally visit. These sessions are most fruitful when we have parishioners from different churches talking with each other.

Holy Week Confessions

Every year, we cancel confessions on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday (because we have rather a lot going on those days), leaving us without scheduled confessions for two full weeks. To remedy this, we are trying an experiment of offering a bunch of extra confessions during Holy Week. Please look for a calendar at your local churches or use our online calendar [here](#).

I suspect that we have scheduled too many hours of confessions for this year, so the priests are going to evaluate which times and locations were most popular and make a more realistic schedule for next year.

No Announcements or Bulletin

As a reminder, we do not make parish announcements on Palm Sunday (because of the way the liturgy begins) or Easter. And our Easter bulletin is a special edition, listing our parish ministries for visitors and returning parishioners. So read this week's bulletin carefully, since we are cramming in three weeks' worth of information. I hope you all have a holy and blessed Holy Week and Easter!

May the Lord bless you and your families

F. Moore



More information at: <https://www.whatcomcatholic.org/about-the-process>

Or follow us on Facebook: "Whatcom Catholic Fellowship"

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586701240099>

Register for Opportunities & Challenges Listening Sessions!

Please do so as soon as you can so we can prepare and plan. Register Online English:

During the past weeks, PFAC and Staff have been compiling information into a final comprehensive report that will provide helpful insights necessary for upcoming listening sessions.

This report is now in its final form and will be made available to you in several ways, among them direct email, Facebook, and posted on WhatcomCatholic.org under Partners in the Gospel "Reports" tab. We intend this to be done by this weekend's Masses.

There will be no PFAC ambo announcements for the next two weekends so please utilize the bulletin information and WhatcomCatholic.org for Partners updates.

We also draw your attention to the questions to be asked during the listening sessions. These exist in a "**participants guide to the listening session**" that will also be posted under the same tab.

In response to questions about the One Parish Planning Process, we are also posting a rather long and complete Q&A document from the archdiocese that goes into most commonly asked questions and things often misunderstood about the One Parish Plan. We would recommend that you take an opportunity to view that information on the website.

PFAC wishes you all God's blessing as we finish our Lenten journey and come to Holy Week and the Easter Liturgies. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

Daily Mass Change for Holy Week

Please note that **daily Mass times will change during Holy Week**, and each of our priests will be offering **additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Schedules will vary by location, so parishioners are asked to check **WhatcomCatholic.org** for the most accurate and up-to-date Mass and confession times.

Please be aware that **there will be no Wednesday evening Spanish Mass in Lynden – 9am Mass instead, and no Mass at Lummi on Holy Thursday.**

St Joseph Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday April 1st – after 9 am Mass – 9:45 am to 10:45 am

Thursday April 2nd- 5 pm to 6 pm

Friday April 3rd – 5 pm to 6 pm

Saturday April 4th- 5 pm to 6 pm

Live Station of the Cross

When: Friday April 3 at 1pm

Where: St Joseph, Lynden

The Spanish community of St Joseph Lynden will be having LIVE stations of the Cross in Spanish on Friday April 3rd at 1pm. Stations will start in front of the church and proceed around the church block and end with the crucifixion in front of the reginal office. All are welcome to join.

Holy Week Schedule

St Joseph, Lynden

- April 2nd, Confessions 5pm-6pm
- April 2nd, Holy Thursday, 7 pm – Bilingual Mass
- April 3rd, **LIVE** Stations of the Cross – 1pm – Spanish
- April 3rd, Stations of the Cross – 3pm - English
- April 3rd, Good Friday Confession, 5pm to 6pm
- April 3rd, Good Friday Service, 7pm – Bilingual Mass
- April 4th, Confessions 5pm – 6pm
- April 4th, Easter Vigil, **8:30pm**
- April 5th, Easter Sunday, 11 am

St Peter, Deming

- April 5th, Easter Sunday, 8:30 am
- ***For the full Holy Week schedule in our parish family, please see whatcomcatholic.org.***

Parish office closure

The parish office will be closed on Thursday April 2 and Friday April 3 for Holy week preparations.

Wednesday Mass

There will be no Spanish Mass on Wednesday, April 1st at 6 pm, Mass will be celebrated at 9 am in English and confessions at 9:45 am

Blender Needed for Fr. Gerardo:

Fr. Gerardo is in need of a new or gently used blender. If you have one you would like to donate to the church, please contact the Director of Operations, Olivia Phillips, at olivia@whatcomcatholic.org. Please do not drop the blender off at the parish office without contacting Olivia first.

Faith Formation

There will be no faith formation classes on Wednesday April 1st and 8th and Thursday April 2nd and April 9. Classes will resume on April 15

Whatcom Catholic Weekly Adoration At Assumption Church

When: Thursdays 9am until Friday 8:45am

Where: Assumption Church, Bellingham

COME AND BE RENEWED BY THE PRESENCE OF JESUS!

24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Whatcom Catholic is held at Assumption Church after 8:15 a.m. Mass, every Thursday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. continuing until Friday morning at 8:45 a.m., ending with Benediction. We are looking for new adorers who will start their hours at mid-hour times (:30) to secure attendance for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The rewards are simply divine! Interested or have questions? Call or email Cynthia Bentley 360-820-9594 CWithGod@yahoo.com

New Phone Tree Coming to Assumption and Sacred Heart:

A new phone tree will be implemented at Sacred Heart and Assumption parishes on April 8th. This phone tree will direct callers to the department that they wish to speak to. This will further allow Assumption, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph Ferndale, and Whatcom regional staff to directly transfer calls within the phone system, making for a more fluid and easy system for parishioners and staff alike. St. Joseph's Lynden phone system will be transitioned in the coming months.

Rachel's Corner: Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreats

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

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

Men's Healing Retreat – Saturday, Oct. 10-Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026

To leave a confidential message please call

English: (206) 920-6413

Spanish: (206)-450-7814

Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at cwww.ccsww.org/projectrachel or

www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

PREPARES St. Joseph Lynden Needs:

The St. Joseph, Lynden PREPARE program serves 50-70 families once a month with diapers, wipes, a children's clothing boutique, food from Miracle Food Network, and other household essentials. If you are interested in donating any of these items, please contact PREPARES volunteer Beatriz at bvizcaya@gmail.com.

- iPad x3 (This will be used to register clients and communicate with participants, allowing for a more streamlined experience)
- Washer (This will be used to wash donated clothes)
- Tent canopy x2 (This will be used to shield those who stand in line to enter the boutique during the winter and summer)
- Tent canopy weights

The program is so thankful for the continued generosity of the community in helping those in need.

School News

Spring Break April 5-10th

The school and office will be closed for the week of spring break. We pray for all families to have a restful and relaxing time off with friends and family.

When students return it will be exciting things coming up one after another: Celebration of the Arts/FUN RUN/Mother's Day Baskets/Class of 2026 trip to Washington DC and finally Graduation.

Annual Mother's Day Baskets For Sale

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these baskets, \$50 each, please use the QR code, or send an order into the school office.

Cash or checks made payable to Assumption Catholic School. These purchases help to fund the 8th grade retreat in the spring. Orders due April 17th.

Thank you for supporting us. See flyer for more information.

Affiliated Organizations

Are you unhappy in your marriage?

It doesn't have to be that way! Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Whether you need a refresher or a rescue, we can help. Our next program starts April 10-12, 2026. To learn more, go to www.marriagehelpnw.com or call 206-706-2608

Agape Service Project: Spots still available!

Middle and high school youth can still sign up for the Agape Service Project this summer to serve local farmworker families in Whatcom County and grow in faith and community. For registration information, please contact Agape coordinator Jennifer Lautenbach at jennifer.lautenbach@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4865. **Registration deadline is May 1.**

Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be

bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

In case you missed it

St Joseph Choir – Volunteers needed

We are looking to welcome new members. All voices are needed and welcomed! Whether you have experience in a school or other parish choir, sing in the shower or in the car, or have been feeling a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit to offer your voice in service to Our Heavenly Father, we invite you to consider joining us! No prior experience is required. God works with each of us and does not simply call a select few to sing. In Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians, he urges the faithful to sing 'psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.' Brothers and sisters, your voice matters! If you'd like more information or would like to "trial" the choir and see how the Holy Spirit may work through you. Please call the parish office if you would like to join our choir or have any questions.

Agape Service Project - Now Hiring!

We are seeking enthusiastic, faith-filled individuals to join our seasonal staff this summer. We have current opening for Agape Program Coordinator - YR 1, Head Cook, Assistant Cook, Language Access Specialist (Spanish). Job details can be found at archseattle.org/careers (search "Agape"). Agape operates out of Assumption Parish and School with encounter experiences in Lynden, Everson, and Ferndale. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Lautenbach, Agape Project Coordinator at jennifer.lautenbach@seattlearch.org or (206) 382-4865.

Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom / Flood victim donations needed

Interfaith Coalition is collecting essential items to help some of our neighbors that have been affected by the current flooding around Whatcom County. Please visit their website for more information and a list of items that they are needing <https://www.interfaith-coalition.org/item-donations>



PREPARES - Retreat for the Soul
April 18th 2026 | 9:00am to 3:30pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary | Community Room
719 Ferry St, Sedro-Woolley, WA

Remember, Be Grateful, Grow

Register by April 3rd, 2026 to attend: [Click Here](#) | Discounted overnight accommodations: [Click Here](#)



Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday**
- St Peter – 8:00 am to 8:15am Confession
- St Peter – 8:30 am Mass
- St Joseph – 11 am Mass – **Ray & Evelina Nombrado- Healing**
- St Joseph – 12:30pm – 2pm OCIA classes
- St Joseph– 5pm Spanish Rosary
- St Joseph – 7pm-9pm Youth Group

Monday, March 30

- St Peter – 9am Mass

Tuesday, March 31

- St Joseph – 9-11am Morning prayer group

Wednesday, April 1

- St Joseph – 9am English Mass – **NO** 6pm Spanish Mass
- St Joseph– 9:45am – 10:45 am Confession
- St Joseph – 6:30pm-7:30pm **NO** Faith Formation Classes
- **St Joseph – 5pm to 6pm Lenten Confessions**

Thursday, April 2- Holy Thursday

- St Joseph –11:30am Patriotic Rosary
- **St Joseph – 5pm to 6pm Lenten Confessions**
- St Joseph – 6:30pm-7:30pm **NO** Faith Formation Classes
- St Joseph – 7pm – Holy Thursday Mass - Bilingual
- St Peter – 3pm-5pm Social Action

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

- St Joseph – 9am **NO** Mass
- St Joseph – 1pm **LIVE** stations of the Cross - Spanish
- St Joseph –3pm Stations of the Cross
- **St Joseph – 5pm to 6pm Lenten Confessions**
- **St Joseph – 7pm Good Friday service - Bilingual**
- St Joseph – 2pm **NO** Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday April 4 – Easter Vigil

- St Joseph -11 am Little Giants
- **St Joseph – 5pm to 6pm Lenten Confessions**
- St Joseph – 5pm **NO** Mass
- St Joseph – 6pm **NO** Spanish Rosary

- St Joseph – 7pm **NO** Spanish Mass
- **St Joseph – 8:30pm EASTER VIGIL**

Sunday, April 5, Easter

- 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 **NO** OCIA classes
- St Joseph– 5pm Spanish Rosary
- St Joseph – 7pm-9pm **NO** Youth Group

