



**ST. JOSEPH**  
CHURCH ♦ LYNDEN  
**ST. PETER**  
MISSION ♦ DEMING  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**St. Joseph Mass Schedule:**

**Wednesday:** 6 pm Español  
**Friday:** 9 am  
**Saturday:** 5 pm / 7 pm Español  
**Sunday:** 11 am

**St. Peter Mass Schedule:**

**Monday:** 9 am  
**Sunday:** 8:30 am

**Confession:**

**St. Joseph:**  
Wednesday 5 pm / Saturday 4 pm  
**St. Peter**  
Monday 9 am / Sunday 8 am



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Closed 12-1pm for lunch

**Priest Office Hours**  
appointment only

**Emergencies Requesting A Priest**  
360 733 1388

**Prayer Chain**

St Joseph - 360 739 1983  
St Peter - 592 5713

**Horas de Oficina:**

Lunes a Viernes  
9am - 4pm  
Cerrado para el almuerzo 12-1pm

**Horario de oficina del sacerdote**  
solo con cita previa.

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**DAILY READINGS:**

**Sunday, February 23:**

1st reading-1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
2nd reading- 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

**Monday, February 24:**

1st reading- Sirach 1:1-10  
Psalm - 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5  
Gospel -Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 25:**

1st reading- Sirach 2:1-11  
Psalm -37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 26:**

1st reading-Sirach 4:11-19  
Psalm-119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175  
Gospel - Mark 9:38-40

**Thursday, February 27:**

1st reading- Sirach 5:1-8  
Psalm- 1:1-4, 6  
Gospel - Mark 9:41-50

**Friday, February 28:**

1st reading- Sirach 6:5-17  
Psalm - 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35  
Gospel -Mark 10:1-12

**Saturday, March 1:**

1st reading-Sirach 17:1-15  
Psalm -103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18  
Gospel -Mark 10:13-16

**MISSION STATEMENT**

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church and St Peter Mission recognizes that God is with us in our diverse parish family. We follow Jesus who said, "As the Father has Sent me, So I send you." Inspired by the lives of Mary and the saints, we love one another and serve those in need. We build our community by hearing, living, and sharing the gospel message of compassion, justice and peace.

Proud Member of the Archdiocese of Seattle archseattle.org

Iglesia católica romana de San José y la Misión de San Pedro reconocer que Dios está con nosotros en nuestra diversa familia parroquial. Seguimos a Jesús que dijo: "Como el Padre me envió, así también yo os envío". Inspirados por la vida de María y los santos, nosotros amarnos unos a otros y servir a los necesitados.

Construimos nuestra comunidad escuchando, viviendo y compartiendo la mensaje evangélico de compasión, justicia y paz.



**SOULS WE ARE PRAYING FOR:  
ALMAS POR LAS QUE ESTAMOS ORANDO**

Jimena Puentes, Gladys Libolt, John Zender, Luz Belvo, Marianne Olson, Jim Skillman, Ed Chase, Alredo Guillen, Harold Cronk, Ken Yarab, Bert Gendron, Lois Zender, Vera Todahl, Eusebio Pareja Ortega, Jennifer Rasavage, Rosemary May, Frank McCormick, Leonard Warner, Leslie Choquette, Sr. Maureen Plotts, Frank Sweeney, Louise Ehlers, Nancy Kuelz, Red Zender, Eliz Duran, Indelisa Duran, Tom Broz, Ruth Lyles, Mary Michael, Philip Howell, Elaine Olney, Fernanda Ortiz Velazquez, Mark Hildebrand, Evangelina De Perea, Ricardo Ortiz, Jose Angel Alvarez Rodriguez, Miguel Angel Godinez

**WEEKLY GIVING**

	St. Joseph	St. Peter
<b>Budget</b>	\$4,673.08	\$1,850
<b>Sacrificial Giving</b> Week of 02/09/25	\$4,882.18	\$642.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$209.10</b>	<b>\$1207.80</b>

**REGISTER FOR ENVELOPES**



Archdiocesan Campaign: March 2025

- March 1-2  
NW Catholic Magazine
- March 5- April 18  
CRS Rice Bowl
- March 29-30  
Catholic Relief Services

**PRAYER LIST/ LISTA DE ORACION**

Beth Merideth, Roachelle May, Karen Maas, Henry Thomas, Bertha Arreola, Kerensa Thomas, Ana Luisa Arreola, Apollo Green, Maira Ortega Martinez, Wyatt Zender, Guillermina Ortega Martinez, Noel Choquette, Athena Larsen, Carmen Minaker, Peter Sterbitzky, Troy Baisden, Mary Lindeman, Wilma Baisden, Elijah Hilgart, Stephan Panatex, Maria Lopez, Joseph Visbeek, Jaelyn Hilgard, Mary Michael, Jansma Family, Mary Ditolo, Roger Jarvis, Carol Vandergraft, Kathleen Hilgart, Jennifer Gassman, Sarah O'Donnell, Anna Gospodareva, Nicolas Kordich, Carolyn Blakeway, Francisco Santeclies, Judith Kopak, Margaret Perugini, Judith Boss, Chris Regis, Lucas Hilgart, Melissa Weiss, Kelli Larsen, Jesus Hurtado, Angela Cardenas, Heather Hodgson, John Major, Alenda Micheal, Gordon Sund, Shufequ Rahman, Mark Tyburski, Turner Family, Jose Galvez, Viales Jee, Fr. Sebastian Vincent, Michael McCormick, Fr. Mauricio Hurtado, Mona Romero, Tom Rippchen, San Farabou, Camila Sanchez Medin, Cory Plotts, Jenipher Schafer, Peggy Chase, Daisy Phillips, James Flavin and Apollo Green.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### Wednesday:

7-8pm - English Choir Practice

#### Thursday:

11:30 am - Patriotic Rosary  
3-5pm - St Peter Thursday Afternoon Friends

#### Friday:

pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet /  
Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

3rd Friday of the Month - Diaper  
Giveaway/sorteo de pañales: 3er  
viernes del mes

4th Friday PREPARES Play With  
Love 10:30-noon.

#### Saturday:

11am-12:30 - Little Giants--Teenager  
youth group / Pequeños Gigantes  
Juvenil edades

#### Sunday:

7-9 pm - Young Adult Group from (in  
the Parish Hall), Grupo de Jovenes  
Adultos.

### Rotating Whatcom Catholic Confessions:

We will be rotating 1st Friday  
Confessions,  
the next location will be at  
**Assumption - Bellingham**  
**Friday March 7**  
and we will have multiple priests  
available from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Habra rotacion de confesiones cada  
primer viernes del mes de 4:30 a  
5:30 en diferente iglesias. Habra  
varios padres disponibles para dar  
confesiones. Aqui tienen las fechas  
y iglesias donde se daran las  
confesiones.

04/04/25 Sacred Heart  
05/02/25 Ferndale  
06/06/25 Lynden

**Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and greeters needed:** We are in need of volunteers for all English St. Joseph English masses, weekday and weekend, please contact the front office to get involved.

**\*New\* English Liturgy Committee volunteers needed:** We are in need of English-speaking volunteers to join the liturgy committee, if interested please contact the front office.

**11am Mass:** We are in need of volunteers to turn on and off the live stream in the basement. Our 11am Mass is full to the brim and we need help providing more seating for parishioners! Thank you.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Faith Formation

Our confirmation teachers are needing English and Spanish volunteer to help quiz our confirmation students on their prayers. If you can help, please call the parish office.

#### Do you like Flowers?

Please join us in creating a prayerful environment arranging flowers in St Joseph Church. No experience necessary. Please call Diane Plotts 360 354 2480 or Lourdes Hurtado 360 201 770

**Cleaning Opportunities:** We are looking for more volunteers to volunteer to help clean the Church, this would be once a month, or less if we have more volunteers. If you are interested reach out to the front office.

Estamos buscando más voluntarios para ayudar a limpiar la Iglesia, esto sería una vez al mes, o menos si tenemos más voluntarios. Si está interesado comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

### ***ST PETER'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON MINISTRY***

What are the needs for our friends?

- ✓ Lightly used Men's clothing
- ✓ lightly used men's women's socks
- ✓ lightly used women's bras
- ✓ lightly used household items
- ✓ new or lightly used throws or blankets and sheets, please mark the size
- ✓ \*Feminine hygiene items
- ✓ \*paper products, cleaning supplies
- ✓ \*shampoo, bath wash
- ✓ \* the Dollar Store is a great place to buy these items

🧦🧦🧦 In January and February we distribute new warm socks to our adults each week ❤️ lots of sales on socks right now!

Thank you for always being so generous to our friends 🙏❤️

### Prepares News

Our next PREPARES 3rd Friday

GiveAway will be this coming Friday Feb 21 from 2-4:00. Diapers in all sizes and wipes will be available in the back of the Garage at 209 12th St (just north of St. Joseph's Church) and Miracle Food Network groceries at the front. Downstairs you'll find our Basement Boutique with twice as much clothing, shoes, books etc. available than we had room for previously in the Lion's Den. Thanks to Bulletin readers we now have a Spanish speaking co-teacher for our new Play With Love free monthly Preschool for kids and parents to enjoy together! Due to the weather we merely had a "soft opening" for the preschool last week, with the first real session coming up on the 4th Friday of February 2/28/25 from 10:30-noon. We have one possible opening left for either an English or Spanish speaking child 3-5yrs in age. Call Pam Ames at 360)510-2334 for more information on PREPARES, to tour the new facility, to register for the Preschool, or to volunteer in any capacity.

## Reminder: Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law, 1249-1252)

Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all eighteen years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their sixtieth birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.



Join us for the 2025 celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle  
**Immaculate Conception**  
**400 N 15th St Mount Vernon**  
**March 1st, 11 am Mass**  
with Archbishop Etienne, Bishop Schuster,  
and Bishop Elizondo  
Reception to follow



## Assumption School Announcements

### Auction Tickets Going Fast!

There are still some spots left, and we would love to have you join us at the Bellwether on March 1st, Saturday. Please check out the link on our school website to purchase tickets as that is the easiest way to reserve a spot. Check out the link here: <https://assumptionschool.ejoinme.org/2025growinggreatkidsauction>

A poster for 'St. Joachim Work Parties'. It features a photograph of a white wooden church. The text reads 'ST. JOACHIM WORK PARTIES' and 'MARCH 22ND: EXTERIOR CLEANUP 10AM-2PM'. There is a calendar icon with 'NEW DATE' written on it. At the bottom, it says 'WHATCOM CATHOLIC JESUS IS HERE' and 'JOIN US IN WORKING TO RESTORE THE OLDEST CHURCH IN WHATCOM COUNTY LOCATED ON THE LUMMI RESERVATION. ST. JOACHIM WAS CHOSEN AS A LOCATION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE 175TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE. WE ARE EXCITED TO JOIN TOGETHER AS WHATCOM CATHOLIC AND REPAIR THIS HISTORIC CHURCH. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP.' There is a QR code and the text 'scan me' with an arrow pointing to it. At the bottom right, there is a small icon of two people talking and the email address 'OLIVIA@WHATCOMCATHOLIC.ORG'.

*Fr. Moore Pastor Note*

*February 23, 2025*

The Washington State Legislature is threatening the seal of the confessional again. From the Feb. 14 WSCC bulletin:

SB 5375 Concerning the duty of clergy to report child abuse and neglect. This bill heads to the Senate floor for full debate. Despite ample evidence that mandating clergy reporting without exception has no positive impacts on curtailing child sexual abuse, the bill maintains the attorney-client privilege while denying the First Amendment rights of clergy and parishioners. Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote No on the bill unless it is amended. Our clergy are mandatory reporters on 99% of the church property and 99% of their time. We simply ask for the confessional to be exempt during the Sacrament of Confession.

I will point you to:

1. The op-eds I wrote when the Legislature tried to do this in 2023:

<https://frmoore.com/2023/03/28/editorials-on-sb-5280-hb-1098/>

2. The timeline I provided in 2023 about how our Senators and Representatives in this area voted:

<https://frmoore.com/2023/04/21/april-21-2023-pastors-note/>

3. The Representatives and Senators for both District 40 and 42 are the same as they were in 2023, so I would reiterate my request to encourage Sen. Shewmake to stay strong in her defense of the confessional, and to let the other five know where you stand on preserving the seal of the confessional.

I think the strongest argument here is that the attorney-client privilege is being exempted, but not the confessional. This is a very clear sign that our legislators believe that courts matter but religion does not.

May the Lord bless you always,