



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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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
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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.***

**Emergencias Requiriendo un
Sacerdote**
360 733 1388

Social Action:
360-354-3848

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www.stjoseph-stpeter.org

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**Online Giving/
Donaciones en línea:**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 30, 2025**

DAILY READINGS:

The bulletin will no longer reflect the daily readings
Please visit
bible.usccb.org
for daily audio and visual bible readings

WEEKLY GIVING

	St. Joseph	St. Peter
Budget	\$4,673.08	\$1,850
Sacrificial Giving Week of 03/23/25	\$3,987.72	\$1,498.14
Total	\$685.36	\$351.86

REGISTER FOR ENVELOPES



Archdiocesan Campaign: March 2025

March 5- April 18
CRS Rice Bowl

March 29-30
Catholic Relief Services

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, Petra Ramirez, Barbara Howell, Hector Olivarez, Michael McCormick, Noel Choquette

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, Athena Larsen, Carmen Minaker, Peter Sterbitzky, Troy Baisden, Mary Lindeman, Wilma Baisden, Elijah Hilgart, Stephan Panatex, Maria Lopez, Joseph Visbeek, Jaelyn Hilgart, Mary Michael, Jansma Family, Mary Ditolo, Roger Jervis, 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, Shufeqe Rahman, Mark Tyburski, Turner Family, Jose Galvez, Viales Jee, Fr. Sebastian Vincent, , Fr. Mauricio Hurtado, Mona Romero, Tom Rippchen, San Farabou, Camila Sanchez Medin, Cory Plotts, Jenipher Schafer, Peggy Chase, Daisy Phillips, James Flavin, Apollo Green, Jose Ona, Annie Ona, Bernie Hilgart, Elijah Hilgart, Aiden Hilgart

Rotating Whatcom Catholic Confessions:

March and April rotating confession have been canceled

We will be resuming rotating 1st Friday Confessions, in May and the next location will be at
St Joseph - Ferndale
Friday May 2
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.

05/02/25 Ferndale
06/06/25 Lynden

A 33 Day consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

If you are interested in signing up for a 33 consecration to the blessed Virgin Mother please contact Danila Van Veen. The consecration will take place from April 28th to May 31st concluding with a mass followed by a reception. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church, or you can email Danila at: danilavanveen@gmail.com or call her at 360-612-2212."

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday:

7-8 pm - English Choir Practice

Thursday:

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

Friday:

9:30 am & 5pm Stations of the Cross - English
7:00 pm Via Crucis - Español
3pm - 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Services

Funeral Services for Noel Choquette will be held at St Joseph Lynden on Thursday April 3 at 11 am and Graveside Services on Friday April 4 at 10 am at Greenacres Moles.

Stations of the Cross

St Joseph, Lynden

Stations of the cross will be every Friday of Lent after 9 am Mass (9:30ish) and 5 pm in English and 7 pm in Spanish here at St Joseph.

***Confessions will be available during 9:30 am and 5:00 pm stations of the cross if a priest is available.**

St Peter, Deming

Soup suppers will start at 6 pm with stations of the cross at 7 o'clock every *Wednesday of Lent*.

If you would like to sign up to make a soup, please contact Kelli Larsen or Tanna Larsen

St Peter Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will have the Salmon dinner at St. Peter's at 5:30, and Stations of the Cross at 7 on April 11

Knight's of Columbus Fish Fry

St Joseph, Ferndale 5:30 pm

Friday March 14th

Friday March 21st

Friday March 28th (Youth Shadow Stations 7:00 pm)

Friday April 4th

Friday April 11th

LIVE Stations of the Cross

St Joseph Lynden will be having Live stations of the Cross in Spanish on Friday April 18 and need volunteers to be part of the stations. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the parish office.

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.

PREPARES News

The "stats" for last Friday's GiveAway

Thank You Parish for your generosity in providing:

554 items to 45 Families including 6 new Babies, 4 new pregnancies and 3 new Families, since last month! Due to Holy Week, April's GiveAway is scheduled for the 4th rather than third Friday, 2-4:00 4/25/25 at 209 12th Lynden (the Giving Garage just N. of the Church).

Noting that attendance is down, we fear that it is because of the long waits in the wind and rain. We have the funds, and are hoping for a problem solver who could research, procure and install an awning to attach to the outside of the garage, that us older women can open easily. We hope that could alleviate at least some of the discomfort during the wait. We've tried popup type tents, but they are even a little too much for old shoulders. Please call Pam with ideas/solutions 360)520-2334.





Focus on First Grade!

Admissions season is in full swing, and we're excited to share an update. With so many families returning next year and strong interest from new applicants, we anticipate that all but one of our classes will likely be full. It's a blessing to see our community grow and thrive!

The exception is our 2025-26 first grade class, where we still have several spots available. This aligns with a lower-than-average demographic for this age group across many local schools. If you know a family seeking an excellent school for their First Grader, please connect them with Mrs. Dennis (ddennis@assumption.school). She is happy to answer any questions and arrange a no-obligation tour!

Mother's Day Flower Baskets

Please support the class of 2025 and love the moms in your life by purchasing Mother's Day baskets! We are excited to partner with Van Wingerden Greenhouse in Blaine again this year. They offer many different varieties of baskets and now offer your choice between sun and shade varieties at the time of order. Pick up early for the best selection! If you have questions, please contact Dayna Dennis dwdennis72@gmail.com. For your convenience, order forms are available at school or your parish gathering spaces, but online ordering is also available! Share with your family and friends:

<https://vwfundraiser.com/org/assumptioncatholic>
Orders are due on Friday, April 18th. Don't miss your chance to nab a beautiful basket for a great cause! Funds raised will support the class spring retreat and graduation. The Class of 2025 thanks you in advance for your support.

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.

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^[OBJ], 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 🙏❤️

Fr. Moore Pastor note

March 30, 2025

New School Principal

Last week we made an offer – which was accepted – to Mr. E. Omar Ramos to serve as the next principal of Assumption Catholic School. This week's Pastor's Note is a brief biography and note from him:

“My name is E. Omar Ramos, and I am very excited about being selected and named the new principal of Assumption Catholic School. I have over 40 years of experience in education, and I am looking forward to sharing my experience and expertise with the students, staff and parents of ACS. I consider myself a leader who collaborates with senior staff to grow people within any given organization. My key strengths are leadership development, teacher training and development, coaching, mentorship, data analysis, conflict resolution, and project planning, management and evaluation. I have also provided leadership training opportunities to students and youth groups over the years.

I started my career as a classroom teacher and stayed in that position for 11 years. I taught speech communication, theater arts, reading and government. I was also in charge of the speech and theater groups at all the schools I worked at and always succeeded in creating high performing and award-winning teams. I then moved into the area of professional development and trained teachers in instructional strategies, lesson planning and instructional delivery, reading in the content areas, cultural diversity, student learning styles.

I served as a campus principal in the Fort Worth School District for over 18 years. The school where I served the longest (15.5 years) was Trimble Tech High School, a comprehensive high school and the district's main career and technology center. At TTHS, our overall mission besides being a high performing school was to also graduate students with not only a high school diploma but an industry-based certification that would assist students in going straight to work upon graduation in high paying industry jobs. Many of my Health Science Technology students went on to work as phlebotomists, EMT's and certified nurse assistants. These jobs allowed them to work their way through college and earn a degree.

Besides being a campus administrator, I also served Fort Worth as Director of Secondary Schools, where I supervised 12-15 secondary school administrative staffs. I worked collaboratively with the district's curriculum and instructional department to oversee the implementation of instructional initiatives and district curriculum, collaborated with Human Resources on campus staffing patterns and school policies, collaborated with the department of advanced academics and CTE departments to increase student achievement of all students through research, design and implementation of Choice Programs around the district.

At the superintendent's request, I accepted his offer to go back to Trimble Tech High School in January 2013 and re-establish operational processes and reignite the instructional program to get TTHS back to high performing status. In 2019, the second year that the state of Texas issued numerical and letter grades to schools for their academic performance, TTHS earned a state grade of 86 (B) and earned 5 out of 7 academic designations for our overall performance during the 2018-2019 school year. During the 2019-2020 school year we were on par with being the first Fort Worth high school to possibly earn a grade of (90 or better) and continue with our academic designations, but Covid 19 shut us down. The staff and I worked hard to keep our students academically engaged those last 3 months of the school year. We were successful in graduating over 98% of seniors and promoting our undergraduate students as well. My last administrative position was that of Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership for a charter school in the Dallas area. I retired from Texas public schools in August 2024. Since my retirement, I have had time to reflect on my career and have concluded that I still have more to give staffs, students and parents but not in a public-school setting but in a catholic school setting. I want to spend the next few years giving back to the church for all the blessings that have been bestowed on me and my family. My wife and I have discussed moving to the pacific northwest for the last several years and so in December I investigated principal positions with the Archdiocese of Seattle and found the posting with Assumption Catholic School.

My wife Judy is a public relations practitioner, having spent her career in various public and private organizations in the fields of tourism, public education communications, and freelance writing and consulting. She currently works in corporate communications in Fort Worth.

Judy and I have a young adult son, John-Ross, who has special needs and who lives with us. The three of us spend our free time together and enjoy traveling, nature walks and hiking, as well as attending sporting events, concerts, and other activities. We are grateful to our present church in Fort Worth, Texas for its support of its special needs families. It was through our association with our priest that we were able to get our son and other special needs students the sacraments of first communion and confirmation. We also attend a special needs mass on the second Saturday of each month.

My family and I are looking forward to moving from DFW to Bellingham to begin a new chapter in our lives as we get to know our new church, the school, and our new community. We all love new adventures and with God's blessings, we are in for the greatest adventure of our lives. We are blessed and excited.”