



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



Easter Bulletin 2026

Fr. Moore Easter Note

Even though I rarely hike, or bike, or ski, or kayak, I still love living in the Pacific Northwest. View for view on a daily basis, I am not sure there is anywhere more beautiful in the world.

But I also love it because living here allows me to viscerally connect with the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. At the beginning of Lent, we are still deep into the cold, dark, gray, rainy season. In fact, we are six months into it, and our souls are ground down by so many months of oppression. I find I am always less energetic and mildly depressed around the time of Ash Wednesday, and entering into Lent is extremely difficult because I am not sure what else can be wrung out of the dry stone of my life. This is a profound analogy for sin and the way it slowly eats away at us until we are shells of our former selves.

Then, the closer and closer we get to Easter, the more the beauty of our natural Eden shows forth. The cherry buds blossom, we begin to have days so clear that you can see the mountains all the way up in Canada, and things begin to feel hopeful again. I can think of fewer experiences more like emerging from the tomb of death into eternal life. Living here most of my life, I cannot separate PNW Spring from Easter, and I am thankful for it: I can feel, in my bones the joy and exultation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Of course, there is overlap. In my ideal world, we would have unending rain right up through Good Friday, and then nothing but sun for the 50 days of Easter. That never happens. We start to see glimpses of Spring even during Passiontide, and locals know the rain does not disappear until at least July 05. And yet, that is the reality of life this side of the Resurrection: Even though Jesus has conquered death, we still experience the effects of sin and death in our lives; and even when we sin, the light of God pushes through. And yet, we know and believe that the Resurrection is as inevitable as the changing of the seasons, and praise God for that!

I hope you and your families have an incredible Easter. There is nothing more majestic than our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Fr. Moore

Whatcomcatholic.org

Whom to Contact

Our parish staff is here to help with whatever you need to grow closer to Jesus. The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays. (360) 354 2334

- Priests (priests@whatcomcatholic.org) – Confession, spiritual advice, anointing of the sick, Priest appointments
- Lorena Duarte (lorena@stjoseph-stpeter.org) – Location Manager, Front office reception, building scheduling, and everything else
- Marisol Esparza (marisole@stjoseph-stpeter.org) – Sacraments, faith formation, Hispanic ministry
- **Emergencies requesting a priest – (360) 733-1388**
- For Bulletin request email: Bulletin@whatcomcatholic.org

Whatcom Catholic Parish Family #2

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

Liturgical Offerings

Daily Masses

St Joseph

Wednesday: 6 pm Spanish
Friday: 9 am

St Peter

Monday: 9am

Weekend Masses

St Joseph

Saturday: 5 pm & 7pm Spanish
Sunday: 11 am

St Peter

Sunday: 8:30 am

Confessions

St Joseph

Wednesday: 5:00 – 5:45 pm
Saturday: 4pm – 4:45 p.m.

St Peter

Monday: 8:30 am
Sunday: 8:00 am

*(Coffee Hour offered after 11 a.m. Mass – St Joseph and 8:30 am St Peter)

First Friday Confessions

Every First Friday of the month from 4pm to 5pm at Assumption Church in Bellingham

Partners in the Gospel

Opportunities & Challenges Listening Sessions Register Online English: archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/7508/responses/new

The Seattle Archdiocese has begun the Partners in the Gospel initiative, which will bring the seven Catholic church locations in Whatcom County together as one Canonical Parish.

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is here to help guide this transition. Our goal is to gather your input and share information, ensuring every parishioner has a voice in shaping our parish family's future.

Over the next two years, we invite you to join us in supporting Fr. Moore and our community through active participation, prayer, and listening. This process will succeed only if we work together.

After Easter, PFAC will host listening sessions to discuss our opportunities and challenges as we unite.

Everyone is warmly invited to participate. Please use the links at the top of this document to select and register for the listening session of your choice.

Schools

Assumption Catholic School

Assumption Catholic School (360-733-6133) is a ministry of the parish in service to the Gospel, serving grades pre-K to 8th. We form our students in the Catholic faith, helping Catholics and non-Catholics alike understand the message of Jesus and how to live a virtuous life. More information can be found at our website <http://assumption.school.org> or by e-mailing theoffice@assumption.school.

Northern Deanery High School

Over the past two years, we've made great progress in building a strong foundation for our new Catholic high school located within Bellingham's Sacred Heart Parish Hall —confirming community interest, developing a sustainable financial model, designing a rich curriculum, securing Archdiocesan affiliation, attracting our cornerstone investor, welcoming our first team member, and selecting our initial location. For more information please visit our website ndhighschool.org

Whatcom Catholic Events

Whatcom County Hospitality Committee: We will be creating a county-wide hospitality committee to help plan events for Whatcom Catholic. Volunteers will help facilitate, plan, and set up county-wide events in conjunction with Location Managers, Church Coordinators, and the Regional Director of Operations. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and help engage with the greater Whatcom Catholic community.

Please fill out this form if interested: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5086/responses/new>

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Olivia at: olivia@whatcomcatholic.org

Faith Formation Opportunities

Infant Baptism Class/Information

We offer one 3 ½ hour class every other month in English and in Spanish. To register for the class or for more information contact Marisol Esparza (marisole@stjoseph-stpeter.org)

Sacramental Prep Classes

First Communion, Confirmation, OCIA **Contact:** Marisol Esparza (marisole@stjoseph-stpeter.org)

Marriage / Marriage Preparations

Contact: Anna Wittmershaus -Marriage Coordinator (anna@whatcomcatholic.org) 360-594-5791

Marriage Preparation Mentor Program

We are always seeking more mentors to support our engaged couples through marriage preparation. Married individuals or couples can mentor engaged couples by facilitating pre-marriage classes or providing one-on-one support. To learn more please contact: Anna Wittmershaus anna@assumption.org

Marriage Preparation

Holy Matrimony is a beautiful gift given by God and elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament for the baptized. Choosing to undertake this blessed adventure is a witness of love for the world. Marriage preparation includes formation classes, paperwork, and liturgy planning, through which parish staff will assist couples. We are happy to answer any questions regarding marriage and specific situations. We also assist Catholic couples who were married civilly outside the church to co-validate their marriage in a sacramental ceremony. Please contact Anna at least 6 months before the date you hope to be married. Contact: Anna Wittmershaus anna@assumption.org 360-594-5791

Consider Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Church is the community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to worship and follow the Lord in fidelity to the teachings of Jesus' Apostles and their successors. We believe that, despite our human failings which often obscure the truth, our Church is the Church that Jesus intentionally established before Ascending into Heaven. If you are considering becoming Catholic, please contact Marisol Esparza (marisole@stjoseph-stpeter.org) to join our Inquiry in OCIA and OCIA/C classes. Anyone is welcome to attend classes for as long as they would like to learn and ask questions, without having to make a commitment to the Catholic faith. **Contact:** Marisol Esparza (marisole@stjoseph-stpeter.org)

Adoration Opportunities

Whatcom Catholic Weekly Adoration At Assumption Church

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

Adoración Nocturna

El apostolado de adoración: Nocturna invita a todo quien quiera adorar a Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía durante la noche como en respuesta a la invitación de Jesús a permanecer despiertos durante la noche, como en el jardín de Getsemaní. La adoración es cada tercer sábado del mes después de la Santa Misa en español con la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento. El objetivo es fortalecer la fe de la comunidad y fomentar la oración Contacto: Jorge Prado (jpaviles73@gmail.com)

Adoration for youth:

Open for grades 6-12 and their parents will be open on Wednesdays in the St Joseph sanctuary in Ferndale from 4:30-6pm. We are offering this as a quiet time for teens who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus to have time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Pizza and drinks will be made available in the parish hall during this time to accommodate teens who are coming from school activities, sports practices or staying for faith formation. There will be Catholic faith inquiry and bible study opportunities available for high school aged students from 6pm-7:30pm.

Youth Groups

Youth Group

All youth ages 13–17-year-old are welcome to come and learn more about your faith, every other Sunday in St Joseph Lynden from 9 am to 10:45 am **Contact:** Veronica Charlton verlp13@hotmail.com

Tiny Giants

All youth ages 11–17-year-old are welcome to come and learn more about your faith in Spanish, every Saturday in St Joseph, Lynden from 11 am to 12:30 pm **Contact:** Maria and Julian Rodriguez (360) 441-4201 (Spanish)

Young Adults 18-25

Viking Catholic is open to all young adults ages 18-25. We offer Catholic community, bible studies, retreats, service opportunities, and more. Find your people, grow in faith. Check out our website www.vikingcatholic.org, our Instagram [@vikingcatholic](https://www.instagram.com/vikingcatholic), or join us on Wednesdays for Mass at 5pm and dinner after (714 N. Garden St.) or Sunday Mass at 5pm and dinner after at Sacred Heart (1110 14th St.). We can't wait to get to know you!

Mom's Group

Moms with children five years old and under are welcome to join a new moms' 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 group 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!

High School BLAST Nights – All Teens Welcome

If you have a high school student looking for community, connection, and a place to grow in faith, our BLAST Nights are an easy way to get involved. Students are welcome to join us for any of the upcoming events:

Steubenville Conference 2026

Dates: July 10–12, 2026

Who Can Attend: Current 8th graders through graduating seniors (high school students only)

Cost: \$500 per participant

Important: Space is limited. We have a set number of spots available and can open a few more if needed, but we need to know who is registering so we can manage the group properly. If you would like to learn more about our youth gatherings or inquire about small group availability, contact Daniel Prenosil at daniel@assumption.org.

Middle School BLAST Nights – All 6th–8th Graders Welcome

Our Middle School BLAST Nights offer fun, faith, and a welcoming community for all middle school students. Kids can join us anytime for the upcoming dates:

If you'd like more information about upcoming events or want to ask about small group availability, please contact Daniel Prenosil at daniel@assumption.org.

Parish News

Parish Office

The Parish office will be closed Thursday April 2nd Friday April 3rd to allow our team to spend quality time with their families. The office will resume its normal operations on Monday April 6th. We appreciate your understanding and support during this Easter Season. Thank you.

Faith Formation – St Joseph, Lynden

There will be no faith formation classes on April 1st and April 8th, Classes will resume on April 15th.

Archbishop Etienne Easter Message

<https://vimeo.com/1177515443/aa5696012f?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

Volunteer Opportunities

Coffee Hour

Worship happens in the community, and one of our primary community building opportunities is Coffee Hour after Sunday Masses. We would love assistance with set up and take down. **Contact:** Marilyn Wyss at (360) 961-1168 or wysm@outlook.com

Prepares

PREPARES is a nurturing response of the Catholic community, open to all, to provide meaningful, local and unconditional support to Washington mothers, fathers, and families as they nurture their children through pregnancy and early childhood. Our vision is that a mom or family can come to any Catholic community in the state and be served. Whatcom Catholic has two PREPARES programs. Bellingham Contact: Kathy Jenkis (kjenkis@hotmail.com) East county: Pam Ames 360-510-2334 or pamames@comcast.net

Choir & Liturgical Ministries

If you are interested in singing with the choir or becoming an altar server, sacristan, hospitality minister, lector, or eucharistic minister, please contact the following liturgical leaders or call the parish office 360-354-2334

St Joseph contacts

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Spanish - María Mejía &
Julián Rodríguez
English - Mira Battista

LECTORS

Spanish- Flor Morales
English - Jim Battista

SACRISTAINS

Spanish - Jorge Prado
English - Sharon Walsh

USHERS

Spanish - German Zavala
English - Martha Hagen

HOSPITALITY

Spanish - German Zavala
English - Martha Hagen

SECURITY

James Obermayer

ALTAR SERVERS

Flor Morales

MUSIC

English - Caitlin Creech
Spanish - Juan Ortiz

FLOWERS

Diane Plotts

St Peter Contacts

Music

Catherine Cronk

All other Liturgical Groups

Valerie Cronk

Payer and Bible Group

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is lead by Peggy Chase every Friday from 2 pm to 3 pm at St Joseph.

Patriotic Rosary

Patriotic Rosary is lead by Peggy Chase every Thursday from 11:30 am to 1 pm at St Joseph.

Spanish Rosary

Spanish Rosary is lead by Victor Ortiz every Monday at 6 pm at St Joseph and on Sundays at 6 pm lead by CERS.

Claretian Bible Study

Our Claretian priests have Spanish bible study every Friday from 6pm to 8pm at St Joseph, Ferndale.

Special Interest & Prayer Groups

Knight of Columbus

The [Knights of Columbus](#) is a fraternal organization that provides support for the Church, the parish, our bishops and priests, families, youth, seminarians, and the community. Catholic gentlemen 18 and older are invited to join.

Contact: Peter Cronk - petercronk8@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters of Americas – Whatcom Catholic

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) works to help women develop their spirituality by providing opportunities to share their faith with other Catholic women (spirituality), then live that out by helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ (service). CDA is open to Catholic women 18 and older. **Contact:** Michele King (michelea1438@gmail.com)

Women's Connect

Women's Connect is a women's group that gathers in the evenings for socializing, prayer, singing, personal testimony and discussion. For more information please visit their website : www.womensconnect.live

Rosary Makers

A group that meets to share faith and make Rosaries together, every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Stafford Room at Assumption Church (NW corner of the gym). Contact: Marilee Wilcox (marileewmail@yahoo.com)

Whatcom Catholic Businesses:

Do you own or run a business? If you are a small business owner, freelancer, professional service provider, or manage a home-based service, we have launched the Whatcom Catholic Business Directory. This directory helps promote and support the talents and services in our Catholic community. It allows parishioners to connect with one another for their professional skills, talents, and businesses across the county. Signing up for the directory is free. Contact: Jennifer Bernard at whatcomcatholicbusinesses.com.

Coracle Men's Group

Coracle Men's Group, led by Deacon Dale Pollard, meets Saturdays from 7:30-9am in the Stafford room at Assumption Church, with Adoration from 7:45-8:15am. We are an intentional group of men spurring each other on through deeper discipleship and transformation. The name "Coracle" comes from the hide-covered boat St Brendan used to sail to parts unknown to share the Gospel. Contact: Dcn. Dale Pollard (deacondale@shbham.org)

Filipino Ministry

The Filipino Ministry of Whatcom County shares Filipino religious and cultural traditions with the local Catholic community. We celebrate the Santo Niño Fiesta on the 3rd Saturday of January and the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila every September 28th. We also hold Simbang Gabi every 3rd Saturday in December. We invite all Catholics to enjoy the warmth and joy of Filipino culture. Our ministry volunteers also help build community by hosting coffee hours after Mass and creating welcoming spaces for parishioners to connect and collaborate. Contact: Teresa Bandolon at aprilband3@yahoo.com

Vietnamese Ministry

Prayer Group / nhóm cầu nguyện: A prayer group in Vietnamese that meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Stafford Room. Vietnamese New Year will be celebrated on Feb. 03. / Nhóm cầu nguyện bằng tiếng Việt họp vào Thứ Bảy đầu tháng lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều. trong phòng Stafford. Tết Nguyên đán của người Việt sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày 03/02. Contact: Thanh Nguyen (frankuv@yahoo.com) Vietnamese Mass / thánh lễ việt nam: The Vietnamese Mass is planned for 2026, and the exact date will be determined based on Fr. Khanh Nguyen's availability.

Español

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico (MFCC)

El Movimiento es una agrupación de familias Católicas que unen sus esfuerzos para promover los valores humanos y cristianos de la familia, para que esta sea en la comunidad: formadora de personas, educadora en la fe, consciente de su misión evangelizadora y comprometida en el desarrollo integral de la comunidad y de la iglesia doméstica. Contacto: Biler Galeana Arguello y Imelda Galeana Márquez a este correo electrónico (imeldamar28@gmail.com) o llamar para más información al (360) 595-8813 (360) 201-8735

Adoración Nocturna

El apostolado de adoración Nocturna invita a todo quien quiera adorar a Jesús en la Sagrada Eucaristía durante la noche como en respuesta a la invitación de Jesús a permanecer despiertos durante la noche, como en el jardín de Getsemaní. La adoración es cada tercer sábado del mes después de la Santa Misa en español con la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento. El objetivo es fortalecer la fe de la comunidad y fomentar la oración **Contacto:** Jorge Prado (jpaviles73@gmail.com)

CERS

Los CERS son una comunidad para la evangelización, la reconciliación y el servicio que ofrecen cursos bíblicos para todas las personas que estén interesadas en aprender más sobre la fe católica, también tienen 2 grupos de jóvenes. El grupo de **Jóvenes San José** de 18 a 30 años, y los **Tiny Giants** de las edades de 8 a 17 años. Para más información por favor **Contacto:** Fredy Pérez - freddy02az@gmail.com

Grupo De La Oración De La Renovación Carismática

El Grupo de Oración carismático, Jesús sacramentado ofrece cursos bíblicos, también se reúnen todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia para oración y alabanzas. Por favor **Contactar:** Agustín Díaz (209)600-5491

Temas Bíblicos

Los padres Manuel y Gerardo reflexionan el evangelio dominical en su contexto del siglo I con la ayuda de videos, fotos, mapas y comentarios bíblicos para entender mejor el mensaje de Jesús de Nazaret. Todos los viernes de 7-9pm, en la iglesia de San José ubicación: 5781 Hendrickson Ave, Ferndale, WA 98248. Estos temas bíblicos son para toda la familia. Para más información comuníquese con Padre Gerardo: frgerardo@whatcomcatholic.org

Grupos de Intercambio de Fe

Una reunión semanal para compartir sobre nuestra vida de fe, generalmente guiada por las escrituras dominicales. Los Domingos a las 10:00 am. Contactos: Doris Torres (hdmaria7@yahoo.com) o Pablo Ordoñez (pablochn@yahoo.com)

Spiritual Resources

Great Catholic Podcast

Ascension Press and Fr. Mike Schmitz offer both “Bible in a Year” and “Catechism in a Year” podcasts for those who want to read the Bible and the Catechism but can never find time to sit down and read. Search for them in your favorite podcast apps or download the Ascension app. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/ascension-app>

FORMED

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to an exciting new online platform: Formed.org. It provides 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere. Use it on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Containing informative and inspiring teaching from renowned speakers such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Edward Sri, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Tim Gray, Father Michael Gaitley, Teresa Tomeo, and many more! Multiple programs to address multiple parish needs: Adult Faith Formation, Marriage preparation and enrichment, scripture study, OCIA, Sacrament preparation, small groups, and much more!

Here's how easy it is:

Go to Formed. org.

Look for our parish by address: St Joseph, 205 12th St Lynden, WA 98264

Sign up following the prompts.

Questions? Contact the office at 360-354-2334

Pastoral Care Commission

The mission of the Pastoral Care Commission is to offer ministries for our parishioners through the support and development of local, regional, and Archdiocesan programs that pray for, care for, and lift those in physical, emotional, and spiritual need. The Pastoral Care Ministries are Consolation Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound, Faith and Light, Funeral Receptions, Grief Support Ministry, Health Ministry, PREPARES, Shoulder to Shoulder. Contact: Dr. Kathy Ernst at kathye@whatcomcatholic.org

Need Help?

St Peter Social Action

Open their doors each Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm to serve the community with kindness and fun as well providing many items! We offer shelf stable food, paper products, cleaning products, clothing, household items, diapers, feminine hygiene, personal care products, pet food. Once a month each family receives toilet paper and laundry detergent. We also serve the community with financial assistance, assisting families with household furniture, or other needs. In the Fall we work with Interfaith Coalition's Coat Drive which is held at St. Peter's Church. We have been serving the community with this ministry for 16 years! What a blessing to serve God's people. For more information please **contact:** Marie Valum – 360-393-1380

St Joseph Social Action

Through your generous contributions, the Social Action Committee is able to assist with rent, utility bills, and other necessities needed in and around Whatcom county. Social action also helps our neighborly partners: Prepares, New Way Ministries, Interfaith Coalition and Project Hope. If you have any question please **contact:** Marie Gillies mgillies950@gmail.com

For Those Considering Separation or Divorce

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on April 14-16, 2023, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Pregnancy

The Christian-supported pregnancy clinic in the area is the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. <https://www.whatcomclinic.com/>. Our Prepares Program is also ready to help expectant new mothers with necessary items. **Contact:** Pam Ames pamames@comcast.net

Healing After Abortion

Project Rachel ministers to those who have experienced the difficulty and trauma of abortion. <https://ccsww.org/get-help/specialized-services/project-rachel/> or (206) 920-6413

Hope House

Hope House is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides clothing and hygiene items to homeless and low-income families in Whatcom County. **Contact:** apriljh@ccsww.org

Housing

Catholic Community Services - Whatcom Family Center (360) 676-2164

Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul in Whatcom Catholic is a ministerial outreach to the poor of Whatcom County. Working at Sacred Heart Church and Hope House, we meet with and talk to members of our community who come to us for assistance. Our ministry is conducted by dedicated volunteers who see the face of Christ in the poor and strive to meet their needs. We can help the poor because of the kind generosity of our parishioners, whose continued support we greatly appreciate and encourage. If you would like to join our ministry and become a Vincentian, please contact us at 360-734-2722.

Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers needed:

St Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers to distribute financial assistance to our neighbors in need at Hope House on Fridays 12-1:30 beginning in January. Please call 360-734-2722 and leave a message if you are interested in this ministry.