

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



*“My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord; my spirit rejoices
in God my savior.”*

Luke 1:46-47

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Weekdays 8:00am Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri
Wednesday School Mass at 8:45am
Rosary before Daily Mass
Holy Days announced in bulletin
Confession Saturday 3:30-4:30pm;
Wednesday 4:30-5:30pm
(or by appointment)
Adoration Wednesday 9:30am-5:30pm

Assumption Parish School

Principal—TJ Romano 328-1115

Pre-School—Kindergarten—Grades 1-8

www.assumptioncatholic.org

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for with God you are never alone”*

Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist — Contact the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick — Contact the Parish Office

Marriage — Contact the Parish Office.

(Diocesan requirements include at least 6 months of marriage preparation)

Parish Council

Christine Anderson Carolyn McCanna
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Bill Watson

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Frank Reichert Craig Soehren
Sue Van Hout

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SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

8:00am

TUESDAY

8:00am

9:00am

6:30pm

7:00pm

WEDNESDAY

8:45am

9:30am

4:30pm

5:30pm

THURSDAY

8:00am

FRIDAY

8:00am

SATURDAY

7:00am

3:30pm

5:00pm

SUNDAY

9:00am

4:30pm

7:00pm

12:00am

MONDAY

10:00am

DECEMBER 17

Mass + Coffee & Donuts

Mass + Coffee & Donuts

DECEMBER 18

Mass

DECEMBER 19

Mass

Ladies Bible Study

JR High Youth

SR High Youth

DECEMBER 20

Mass

Adoration

Confessions

Benediction

DECEMBER 21

Mass

DECEMBER 22

Mass

DECEMBER 23

Men's Bible Study

Confessions

Mass

DECEMBER 24

Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass

Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass

DECEMBER 25**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Mass



12/17 Sunday

8:00am

Kyle Erwin +

10:30am

People of Assumption Parish

12/18 Monday

Michel Ann Foster +

12/19 Tuesday

John Sullivan

12/20 Wednesday

Excelsior Community

12/21 Thursday

Dwayne & Darlene Berens+

12/22 Friday

Delores McDaniels +

12/23 Saturday

Kyle Erwin + / family

12/24 Sunday

Mae Swagel +

John Kiernan, JR +

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will not meet on Thursday, December 21st. The next meeting will be January 4.



FOR UNTO
US A
CHILD
IS
BORN
UNTO US



Please pray for: Clara Fischer, Joan Richards, Fr. Ty Schaff, Helen Black, Stacey Hastings, Mike Schauble, Gerrine Njenga, Jamie, Susan, Peg Walsh, Sean, Dick Henrichs, Anita Brennan, and all who are sick or recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please call Barbara Rice (327-8124) or Kathryn Overland (328-8523).

December 10, 2017: \$ 13,872.00 Needy: \$2,348.00



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10)



DECEMBER 17, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent



Our week begins with “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

*Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope
which his presence will bestow.*

Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

Our celebration of the coming of our Savior in history, is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in Glory.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

(from Creighton University “Online Ministries” website)



SIGN UP SHEETS are available by the door of the sacristy for the weekends of December 23-24, Christmas Eve and Day, as well as New Years weekend.

Ushers are especially needed at each Mass as well—we welcome both men and women. Thank you for the gift of your time.

CHRISTMAS PATROL— We will have members of the ARM who will be patrolling the grounds during each of our Christmas masses.

CARITAS OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Items needed: Peanut butter, jelly, syrup, canned meats.

Necessities: Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, band aides, anti-bacterial ointment.

Volunteers are always needed. Please call 326-2249 for information or to volunteer.



TREE OF SHARING

Items do **not** need to be wrapped — you may bring them to church or drop them off at the Parish Office by **Monday, Dec 18th** so we may get them to the agencies before Christmas.

HEARTS ON FIRE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

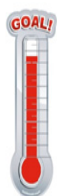
January 27, 2018
Mirabeau Park
Spokane Valley

Register at dioceseofspokane.org
Or call 509-358-7314

Keynote speaker: Jon Leonetti
Jon is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

WHOLEHEARTED 2018 Warmth from the Heart, Light to the World February 10, 2018 St. Thomas More Parish

Join this inaugural gathering of Catholic women in the Inland Northwest. Sr. Clare Hunter and Heather Renshaw will be the speakers. Register and find out more information at wholeheartedcatholic.org



ACA UPDATE Our Annual Catholic Appeal goal is \$95,612. As of Thur, Dec 7, we have **\$83,044** pledged - 87% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. If you have not given, envelopes are available in the foyer of the church and Parish Office. Donations are still accepted online at www.dioceseofspokane.org and click on the "Annual Catholic Appeal" logo.

There is a link to the diocese on our website as well.



ASSUMPTION PARISH SCHOOL
TJ Romano, Principal

"Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless, for with God you are never alone" (Joshua 1:9)

ST. NICK'S FESTIVAL was a wonderful celebration for our community. I am so grateful for Jen Lebret, Marie Romano, and Alicia Lauth and the rest of our volunteers for their dedication to Assumption. Thank you to Karen Round and the Gonzaga Prep's Ancilla group for help with cookie decorating and Santa Express. Thank you to the many parishioners who donated items for our Country Store. I would also like to thank the Assumption students who gave their time and talents on Sunday to provide a great experience for our community. I received many compliments from Assumption Parishioners about the manner in which our students conducted themselves.

A special thank you to the Parishioners who gave their time (and blood) for our blood drive. We exceeded our goal of 30 donations! We will be hosting one more blood drive this year on May 14th! Assumption is so grateful for your support.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER CHORE SERVICES has a big need for volunteers to drive elderly and disabled clients in your area to doctor appointments. If you would be willing to drive even once or twice a month to help them get to an appointment, please contact Paula at Catholic Charities Volunteer Chore Services: 459-6171 or email ptindall@ccspokane.org

PARISH LIBRARY

Joseph Blenkinsopp provides an outstandingly readable, informative, and comprehensive guide to a literary masterpiece in *The Pentateuch: An Introduction to the First Five Books of the Bible*. Shelves under **Old Testament**. See the parish website under **Faith Formation** for open hours, book lists, etc.



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Your gift saves lives. Have a blessed Advent season!

(There is also a link to Catholic Charities on our website.)



*"There can be no strong Catholic Charities without
a strong Diocese and strong parishes first!"*

Rob McCann, President & CEO