

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord · March 29, 2026



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5781 Hendrickson Ave, Ferndale
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St Anne

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PARISH NEWS

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

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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!

CHURCH EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Heavenly Father, as we walk through this sacred week, our hearts are humbled by the depth of Your love and the power of Your sacrifice.

We pause in gratitude, remembering the journey of Jesus—from the palms of welcome to the cross of redemption, and finally to the empty tomb of victory.

The Parish office will be closed for Good Friday, April 3.

ST JOSEPH FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in any of the following volunteer opportunities please contact Jill Sawiki:

- **Teen Adoration Chaperones:** Wednesdays 4:30–6:00 PM.
- **MS/HS Catechists:** Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation.
- **OCIC Coordinator:** Focusing on children ages 8-17.
- **Confirmation Catechist:** Wednesdays 6:00–7:30 PM.
- **K-1st Grade Catechist:** Wednesdays 6:00–7:30 PM.
- **Baptism Prep:** Support for Ferndale, Blaine, and Lummi.
- **Sponsors for OCIA/OCIC:** Mentors for those entering the Church.

PHONE: 360-745-1654 EMAIL: Jill@stjosephferndale.org

ROOF RECOVERY APPEAL

Last fall we completed a necessary roof replacement to prevent further water damage and protect our parish facilities. This work was essential to avoid much larger, long-term repairs.

To recover financially we must raise \$73,000 in one-time gifts. Contributions are gratefully accepted. For full details, read Fr. Moore's complete letter on the [St Joseph Website](#).

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

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 farm-worker families in Whatcom County and grow in faith and community. For registration information, please contact Agape coordinator Jennifer Lautenbach. Registration deadline is May 1.

LEARN MORE: archseattle.org/agape

EMAIL: jennifer.lautenbach@seattlearch.org

PHONE: 206-382-4865

CRS RICE BOWL

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.

Donation of Cash or Check would be appreciated. Banks are limiting coin deposits.

LEARN MORE: crsricebowl.org/holy-week

RACHEL'S VINYARD HEALING RETREAT

SPANISH: Friday, June 5–Sunday, June 7

ENGLISH: Friday, Sept. 25–Sunday, Sept 27

MEN'S RETREAT: Saturday, Oct. 10–Sunday, Oct 11

All inquiries are confidential. *Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

ENGLISH: 206-920-6413 SPANISH: 206-450-7814

WEB: ccsww.org/projectrachel

EMAIL: projectrachel@ccsww.org

FACEBOOK: [@projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww)

WEEKLY ADORATION AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH

WHEN: Thursdays, 9:00AM to Fridays 8:45AM

WHERE: Assumption Church

*Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*

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 9:00AM continuing until Friday morning at 8:45AM, 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.

Contact Cynthia Bentley for information.

PHONE: 360-820-9594 EMAIL: CWithGod@yahoo.com

ST MARY'S GUILD LUNCHEON MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, April 1, Noon–2PM

WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale, Hall

Ladies, please join the St Mary's Guild monthly luncheon and meeting to discuss upcoming events and enjoy fellowship.

ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

DROP-OFF: Friday, May 15, 9am–2PM

SALE: Saturday, May 16, 8am–2PM

WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale Social Hall

Time to spring clean. Are there items in your home collecting dust or clothes you haven't worn in a long time? A good way to clear your home of clutter is to donate clean usable clothing and items.

We are unable to accept televisions, computers, electronics, baby car seats, Christmas trees, large furniture and appliances.

Hot dogs, sodas, and baked goods will be available. Sponsored by St Mary's Guild.

UPCOMING

Wednesday, April 1 — *Wednesday of Holy Week*

Noon St Mary's Guild meeting St Joseph Hall
4:00PM Confessions St Joseph

Thursday, April 2 — *Holy Thursday*

4:30PM Confessions St Joseph
7:00PM Mass St Joseph

Friday, April 3 — *Good Friday*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

4:30PM Confessions St Joseph
7:00PM Liturgy St Joseph

Saturday, April 4 — *Holy Saturday*

5:00PM Confessions St Joseph
8:30PM Easter Vigil St Joseph

Sunday, April 5 — *Easter Sunday*

8:30AM Mass St Joachim
9:30AM Mass St Anne
10:30AM Mass* St Joseph
11:30AM Easter Egg Hunt Assumption

*The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Mass.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

EASTER CLEANUP

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31, 10AM–2PM
WHERE: St Anne

We will be cleaning and weeding flowerbeds and trimming bushes, to beatify our grounds for Easter and to get them ready for the growing season. Lunch will be provided. Come and join us, it is a great opportunity to volunteer and get to know some of our wonderful parishioners. Volunteers are welcome. Questions may be directed to Nita Harksell.

PHONE: 360-380-6134

JESUS DAY CAMP

WHEN: June 22–26
WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale

Save the Date for Jesus Day Camp.

HE IS RISEN! EASTER RECEPTION

WHEN: Sunday, April 5, after 9:30AM Mass
WHERE: St Anne

Please join the St Anne's Altar Society in the Parish Hall immediately following the 9:30 AM Easter Mass on April 5th! We invite you to celebrate with a selection of pastries, coffee, and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

EASTER EGG HUNT

WHEN: Sunday, April 5th, after 10AM Mass
WHERE: Assumption

An Easter egg hunt will take place after the 10AM mass at Assumption on Sunday April 5th. We ask that you hold off on participating in the hunt until mass has ended and bring your own baskets or bags to collect eggs in.

LAMENTATION

WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 2026, 1–3PM
WHERE: Assumption School, Teacher's Lounge Room

Assumption Parish will host *LAMENTATION*, an eight-week grief ministry program written and led by Deacon Dale Pollard with the parish grief ministry team. The series is open to Whatcom Catholic parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Contact Dr. Kathy Ernst for information.

PHONE: 253-356-5523 EMAIL: kathy@whatcomcatholic.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WHEN: Sunday, April 12, 2026, 3PM
WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale

The parish will observe Divine Mercy Sunday with the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM at St Joseph Church in Ferndale. The chaplet is a traditional prayer of the Church associated with the feast.

ST JOSEPH ADOPT A FLOWERBED

Help care for our parish flowerbeds on your own schedule. Primarily weeding and light trimming. If you already maintain a bed or would like to adopt one, call Nita Harksell or speak with her after Sunday Mass.

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