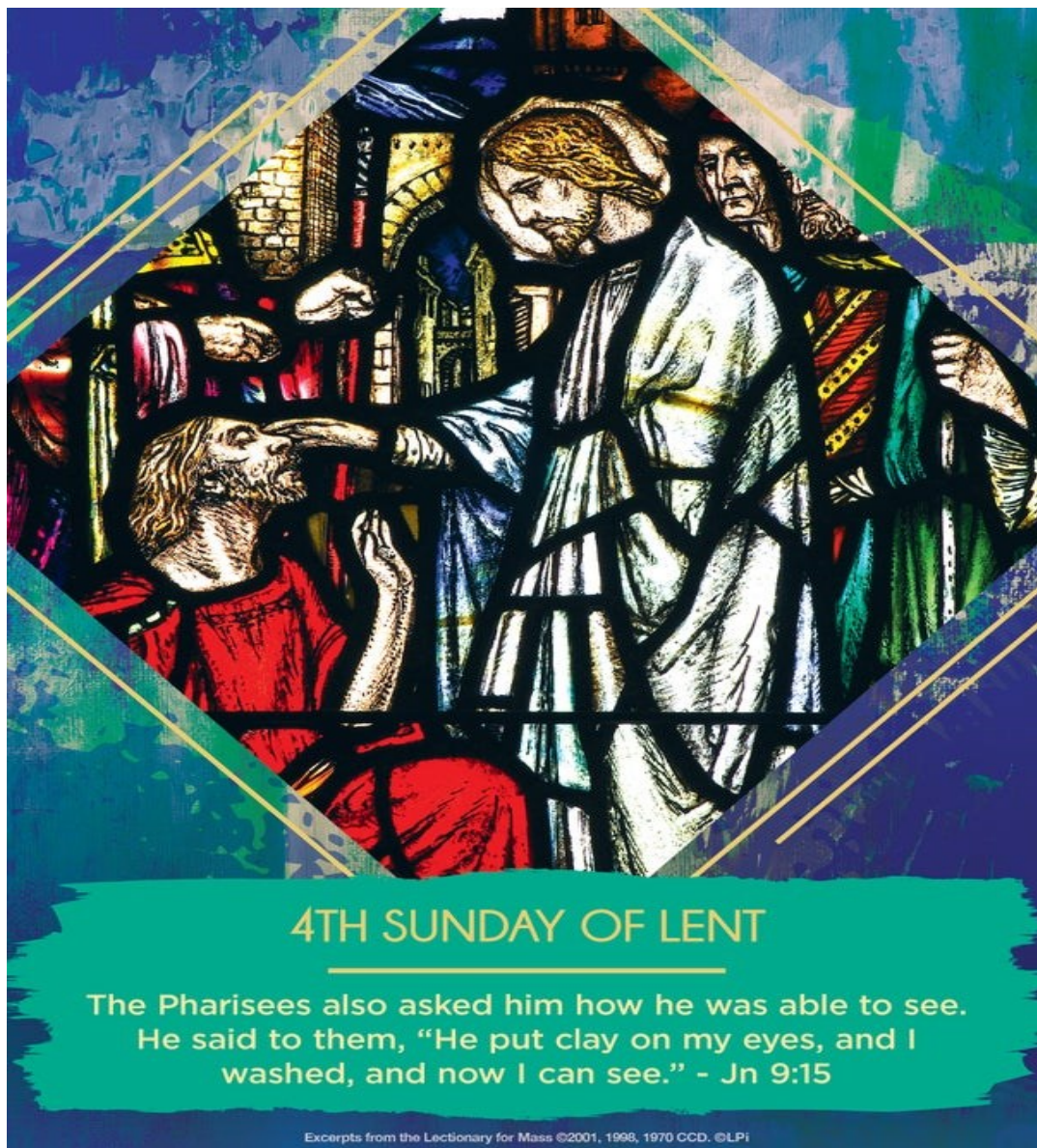


March 10, 2024

# Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Regional Ministry

*In union with Pope Francis in Rome and Archbishop Paul in Seattle*



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.  
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I  
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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### Immaculate Conception Regional School

[www.icrsweb.org](http://www.icrsweb.org), 360-428-3912

1321 East Division Street, Mount Vernon WA 98274

Principal: Sarah Rutherford, [rutherford@icrsweb.org](mailto:rutherford@icrsweb.org)

Secretary: Mrs. Gaby Oropeza, [goropeza@icrsweb.org](mailto:goropeza@icrsweb.org)

### New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish community! Please fill out a registration form found in the church entryway and place it in the collection basket to register for our parish.

### Afterhours Emergencies Requiring the Presence of a Priest:

Please call the Skagit Valley Emergency number:

360-419-4977. This line is reserved for critical

afterhours situations, including death and near death, where last sacraments are being requested.

Please notify the parish office for all other requests.

**Catholic Community Services Helpline** for Skagit County resources: 360-594-6446

### Parishes Served By:

**Fr. Tom McMichael, Pastor**

[frtom@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:frtom@skagitcatholic.org),

360-336-6622, ext. 122

**Fr. Victor Raj,**

**Parochial Vicar**

[frraj@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:frraj@skagitcatholic.org),

360-336-6622

**Fr. Paul Magnano,**

**Parish Priest**

[frpaul@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:frpaul@skagitcatholic.org),

360-336-6622

**Fr. Victor Olvida,**

**Priest in Residence**

[immaculate-](mailto:immaculate-heart@skagitcatholic.org)

[heart@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:heart@skagitcatholic.org),

360-855-0077

**Deacon Tony Cavazos**

360-336-6622

**PA for Administration and**

**Ministry Support:**

Shari Mentel,

[shari@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:shari@skagitcatholic.org)

360-336-6622, ext. 127

**PA for Music & Liturgy:**

Janette Strand,

[janette@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:janette@skagitcatholic.org)

360-336-6622, ext. 128

**PA for Finance:**

Jamie Cline,

[jamie@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:jamie@skagitcatholic.org)

360-336-6622 ext. 123

Planning on getting married?  
Couples are asked to contact  
their parish office at least 6  
months prior to  
their wedding.





## Skagit Valley Catholic Churches All-Valley News

SKAGIT VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

### Reconciliation Service and Confessions

Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

**Saturday, March 16th**

**10:00 AM**

**Bilingual**

Several priests will be available for  
confessions after the service until 11:30 AM

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para  
las confesiones después del servicio hasta  
las 11:30 a.m.



SKAGIT VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

### MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Do you need healing?

Join us for this special sacrament

¿Necesitas sanación?

Únase a nosotros para este  
sacramento especial



**Monday, March 18th**  
**10:30 am St. Charles, Burlington**

### TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICES

What are you doing for Lent?

We welcome you to come share in  
Taizé Prayer Services; for all peoples and all faiths.

Services will be on Mondays during Lent at 7pm  
February 19, 26 and March 4, 18, 25

What to expect? Taizé prayer services  
are contemplative with simple, meditative songs.  
We share in quiet prayer, scripture readings, and silence.  
Services last about 30 minutes.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mount Vernon

### Part Time Music Teacher

Immaculate Conception Regional School (ICRS) is  
seeking a Music Specialist. This is a part-time posi-  
tion of about 10 hours per week (M-W-F afternoons).  
The position begins in the Fall 2024.

For more information visit: <https://www.icrsweb.org/employment/>



[crrsicebowl.org](http://crrsicebowl.org) | [crrsplatodearroz.org](http://crrsplatodearroz.org)



### Free Books "Beautiful Eucharist"

**by Mathew Kelly**  
If you would like a  
copy of this free  
book, stop by your  
parish office during  
business hours and  
**pick one up.**



### SKAGIT VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCHES From Christmas to Calvary.

### From the Tomb to the World

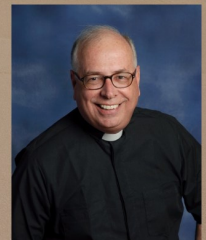
A Lenten Retreat

Presented by

*Fr. Tim Sauer*

March 11th-13th

Sacred Heart 9-11:30 am or  
Immaculate Conception 7-9:15 pm



**No reservations, just come join us!**

*Text SVCC to 84576 to Flocknote and receive a weekly  
newsletter from the parishes of your choice*



## A Note from our Pastor, Fr. Tom McMichael

As we reach the mid-point of our 40 day Lenten journey our Scripture readings and liturgies focus more and more on the Passion of our Lord Jesus. On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (March 24) and Good Friday (March 29) we come face to face with Jesus' terrible suffering and death but also the depth of God's love for us. These events—along with the Resurrection and Ascension that follow—are at the center of the mystery of God's saving work. St. Peter echoes the Prophet Isaiah when he writes of Christ's Passion "By his wounds you have been healed." [1 Peter 2:24]

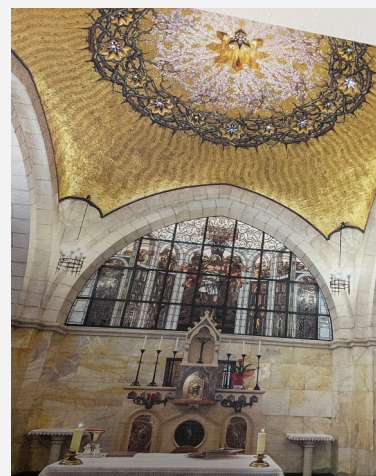
I'm including a photo of a photo recently given to me by Immaculate Conception parishioners Diane and Scott Giles of the powerful mosaic of the crown of thorns sprouting blossoms from the Church of the Flagellation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Station of the Cross, on the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Pilgrims from the Skagit Valley parishes saw this on our 2020 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I'm also including a photo of that pilgrimage group and our 2023 pilgrimage group. Please join me in praying for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and in all war-torn parts of our world. Fr. Tom

Carta de nuestro Pastor:

A medida que llegamos a la mitad de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma durante 40 días, nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras y de la liturgia se centran cada vez más en la Pasión de nuestro Señor Jesús.

En el Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor (24 de marzo) y en el Viernes Santo (29 de marzo) nos encontramos cara a cara con el terrible sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús, pero también con la profundidad del amor de Dios por nosotros. Estos eventos—junto con la Resurrección y Ascensión que le siguen—están en el centro del misterio de la obra salvadora de Dios. San Pedro hace eco del profeta Isaías cuando escribe sobre la Pasión de Cristo: "Por sus llagas hemos sido sanados". [1 Pedro 2:24]

También incluyo una fotografía que me compartieron recientemente los feligreses de la Inmaculada Concepción, Diane y Scott Giles, es del poderoso mosaico de la corona de espinas brotando flores de la Iglesia de la Flagelación, 2da Estación de la Cruz, en la Vía Dolorosa en Jerusalén. Los peregrinos de las parroquias del Valle de Skagit vivieron esto en nuestra peregrinación a tierra santa en el 2020. También incluyo una foto de ese grupo de peregrinos y nuestro grupo de peregrinación de 2023. Únase a nosotros para orar por la paz en Tierra Santa, Ucrania y en todas las partes de nuestro mundo devastadas por la guerra. Padre Tom



**Bethlehem Feb. 1st., 2020**

## Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday

8:30 am St. Catherine, Concrete  
 5:00 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
 5:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington  
 5:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
 7:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington SPANISH

#### Sunday

7:45 am St. Charles, Burlington SPANISH  
 8:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
 9:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
 9:30 am Sacred Heart, La Conner  
 10:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley SPANISH  
 11:00 am Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH  
 11:15 am St. Charles, Burlington  
 1:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon SPANISH

**Immaculate Conception**  
 400 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98274

**St. Charles**  
 935 Peterson Road, Burlington WA 98233

**Sacred Heart**  
 404 Douglas Street, La Conner WA 98257

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
 719 Ferry Street, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

**St. Catherine Mission**  
 45603 Limestone St., Concrete, WA 98237

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday

10:30 am St. Charles, Burlington

#### Tuesday

12:15 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

#### Wednesday

9:00 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
 6:00 pm St. Charles, Burlington

#### Thursday

12:15 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon (SP)

#### Friday

9:00 am Sacred Heart, La Conner

## Skagit Valley Catholic Churches Confession Times

#### Monday

10:00 am St. Charles, Burlington

#### Wednesday

9:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
 5:15-5:45pm St. Charles, Burlington

#### Thursday

6:00-6:45 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon

#### Friday

8:30 am Sacred Heart, La Conner by appt.

#### Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon  
 4:00-4:45 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley  
 4:00-4:45 pm St. Charles, Burlington





# Immaculate Conception Church

Church: 400 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98273 Office: 215 N. 15th Street, Mt. Vernon WA 98273

Phone: 360-336-6622 ext. 120 email: [icc@skagitcatholic.org](mailto:icc@skagitcatholic.org) website: [www.icc-mv.org](http://www.icc-mv.org)

Administrative Assistant: Sandra Ruiz Office Hours: 8:30am—4:45pm M-F (closed 12:30-1:35)

**Pastoral Council:** Mike Marker Laurie Kerley Rosario Brito Jose Antonio Velasco Maria Velasco  
Lomi Whitwer Adolfo Lucatero Kathleen Bullock Scott McMullen

## Weekly Calendar 4th Sunday of Lent

### Sunday, 3/10

**8am** Choir Rehearsal  
English, Church Upstairs  
Large Room  
**9am**—Mass  
**10:15am** Faith Formation  
English, Church Upper  
Rooms & Parish Center all  
main Floor  
**10:20am**—Rosary Spanish,  
Church  
**11am**—Misa  
**12:20pm**—Rosary Spanish,  
Church  
**1pm**—Misa  
**7pm** Vespers & Compline,  
Church

### Monday, 3/11

**6pm** Spanish Choir Church  
Upstairs Large Room  
**7pm** RICA Spanish Class,  
Parish Center  
**7pm** Valley Lenten Taize,  
Church  
**7pm** Fr. Tim Sauer's  
Retreat, Church

### Tuesday, 3/12

**11am** Divine Mercy  
Chaplet & Rosary, CH  
**12:15pm**—Mass  
**6:30pm** Spiritual &  
Scriptures studies with  
the Charismatic Group  
Spanish, all Parish Center  
**7pm** Fr. Tim Sauer's  
Retreat, Church

### Wednesday, 3/13

**10am** Ministry Blanket,  
Living Room  
**6:30pm** RCIA English,  
Upstairs Church  
**6:30pm** Sp. Rehearsal for  
Alive Station of the Cross,  
Basement  
**7pm** English Choir

Rehearsal, Church  
**7pm** Legion de Maria,  
Church Upstairs Small  
Room  
**7pm** Fr. Tim Sauer's  
Retreat, Church  
**7pm** All Valley Youth  
Group, PC & St. Joes  
**7pm** KofC Mtg. Basement

### Thursday, 3/14

**12:15pm** Mass  
**1pm** Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Church  
**6pm** Pastoral Council,  
Conference Room  
**6pm** Confessions, Church  
**7pm**—Misa

### Friday, 3/15

**9:30am** School Mass ICRS,  
Church  
**11am** Leadership  
Meeting, Conference Room  
**12:00 pm** Stations of the  
Cross English, Church  
**3pm** Stations of the Cross  
Spanish, Church  
**7-9pm** Stations of the Cross  
Spanish and Hispanic  
Charismatic Group, Church

### Saturday, 3/16

**7:00pm** Sacramentors,  
Library  
**10am** Lenten Reconciliation  
Service, Church  
**10am** Spanish class for  
Catechists, 1st Communion,  
Confirmation, Faith  
formation & Quinceaneras,  
all Parish Center, Church  
Upstairs, St. Joes, School  
**4pm** Choir Rehearsal  
English, Church Upstairs  
Large Room  
**4pm** Confessions, Church  
**4:15pm** Rosary, Church  
**5pm**—Mass  
**6:30pm** Sp. Children Choir,  
Basement

## Stewardship of Treasure

July—January  
Income: \$480,765  
July—January



Expense: \$387,831  
Net Surplus: \$92,934  
Loan Balance: \$1,058,527  
*Thank you for your gifts!*

**Viacrucis** Please join us for Stations of the Cross  
every Friday during Lent at Noon in English, and  
3pm and 7pm in Spanish.



## Divine Mercy Novena

March 29th at 11am  
(Good Friday)



Divine  
Mercy  
Novena

March 30th at 11am

March 31st Easter Sunday the (Church Upstairs Large Room)  
Novena should be said at home. April 7th at 2pm (Divine Mercy  
April 1st at 11am Sunday)

**Taize**, join us weekly on Mondays during Lent at 7pm in the  
church for Taize (“tuh-zay”), a prayer service with meditative  
songs, quiet prayer and scripture readings.

**Collection March 9-10** This week we take up The Catholic  
Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide  
food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring  
Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.



Next week, please give generously to the  
collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about  
the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Lenten Retreat**, Fr. Tim Sauer is offering a 3-day Lenten  
Parish Mission on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart  
9-11:30am and Immaculate Conception 7-9:15pm.



“For God did not send his Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but that the world might be saved  
through him.” Bring God into your marriage to honor  
Him by going on the next Worldwide Marriage

Encounter Experience on: April 12-14, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA,  
Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA, [Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA](http://Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA). For more information about Worldwide Marriage  
Encounter, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). For questions, or to find out more  
about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to  
contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321. Follow WWME on  
Instagram and Facebook!

**Free Volunteer Income Tax preparation** at St. Charles Church  
in Burlington on **April 11, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Tax preparation is by appointment only. Please call 360-230-9832  
between 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday—Friday.

Please scan the  
QR code to sign  
up for PushPay  
ONLINE GIVING  
platform!



**3/9 5pm** For the People  
**3/10 11am** Estefania Perez  
(18th Birthday Blessing)

**3/10 1pm** Dolores del Ojo  
(86th Birthday Blessing & wellness)

**3/12 12:15pm** Anthony West (RIP)

**3/14 12:15pm** Frances Strazicich (RIP)

**3/14 7pm** Grupo Legion de Maria



## Weekly Calendar

### Sun/Dom. 03/10/24

7:45am—Mass, Spanish  
9:45am—Bible Study  
11:15am—Mass, English

### Mon/Lun. 03/11/24

10:00am—Confessions  
10:05am—Rosary  
10:30am—Daily Mass  
6:30pm—RCIA Inquiry Class

### Tue/Mar. 03/12/24

5:30pm—Stations of the Cross  
6:30pm—RCIC Class

### Wed/Mie. 03/13/24

5:15pm—confessions  
6:00pm—Mass  
6:30pm—F.F. Class

### Thu/Jue. 03/14/24

10am—Funeral Mass  
6:30pm—Confirmation Class

### Fri/Vie. 03/15/24

10am—RCIA Inquiry  
5pm—Silent adoration/adoración  
8:30pm—Via Crucis

### Sat/ Sab. 03/16/24

4:00-4:45pm Confessions  
5:00pm—Mass, English  
7:00pm—Mass, Spanish

### Stewardship of Treasure

July-January  
Income  
**\$235,233**  
July-January  
Expenses  
**\$206,327**



# St. Charles Church

Church and Office: 935 Peterson Rd., Burlington WA 98233  
Phone: 360-757-0128 Administrative Assistant: Brenda Rocha  
email: stcharles@skagitcatholic.org website: www.stcharles-burlington-wa.org  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am—2:00pm,  
Wednesday 10:00am—5:00pm

**Pastoral Council:** Rudy Allen Garth Cray Paula Dey Peter McGowan  
Juan Peinado Yadira Rodarte



### Mass intention:

03/16/24—Benedicto Santana (7pm)  
For Mass intentions please call the parish  
office 360-757-0128.  
Para intenciones de misa, llamar a la  
oficina. 360-757-0128

## Stations of the Cross

Tuesday  
at 5:30pm

### Via Crucis

en Español Viernes a las 8:30pm

Free tax preparation through VITA.  
To make an appointment please call  
360.230.9832

Next available appointments:  
April 11.

Preparación gratuita de impuestos a  
través de  
VITA. Para programar una cita,  
llame al 360.230.9832 entre las 9 am  
y las 5 p. m. de lunes a viernes.  
Proximas Citas disponibles  
Abril 11

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world,  
to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But  
light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen  
darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk  
bravely in the light.



## Confirmation Retreat Retiro de Confirmación

March 23, 2024

8am-2pm

At

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Sedro-Woolley**

Please bring \$15 to St Charles Parish office to cover  
Lunch.

Favor de traer \$15 a la oficina de San Carlos para  
cubrir el almuerzo.

## Food Bank Story for the month of January 2024

**Thank you** to all the wonderful Skagit Valley parishioners and friends. **You have enabled the Food Bank to:**  
Distribute over **208,111** lbs of food which helped feed over **2,545** families through the drive-thru and home delivery  
programs and to help stock emergency shelters in the area. You also provided families with young children with over  
**345** packages of diapers. Over **100** volunteer warriors generously gave over **1,050** hours of their time to prepare and  
distribute all the food and diapers.

**If you have not seen what is happening at the food bank on Saturdays, please join us**  
**Again, thank you for helping families.**

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church/ St. Catherine Mission

Church: 719 Ferry Street, Sedro-Woolley WA 98284 Phone: 360-855-0077

Church: 45603 Limestone Street, Concrete WA 98237

email: immaculateheart@skagitcatholic.org website: www.ihm-sw.org

Administrative Assistant: Leslie Cornwell Office Hours: 9:30am—1:30pm M-F

IHM Pastoral Council: Dave Strachila Karen Green Doug Hutter Arturo Lopez Steve McCart Sharon Pawlowicz

St. Catherine Pastoral Council: Yvonne Eagleburger Jan Brovan Nancy Glass David and Georgia Lang Philip and Virginia Moran Diane Young

## WEEKLY CALENDAR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday, March 10th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

8:30 am Mass, English  
9:30 am Coffee Social  
10:00 am Mass, Spanish

### Wednesday, March 13th

6 to 8:00 pm Eucharistic  
Study Group in Hall

### Friday, March 15th

7:00 pm Bilingual  
Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday, March 12th

10 to 5 pm Knights Blood  
Bank  
3:00 pm Faith Group  
7:00 pm Spanish Rosary

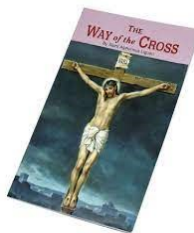
### Saturday, March 16th

**Saint Catherine  
Concrete**

8:30 am Mass  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm English Mass

### Wednesday, March 13th

9 to 4 pm Knights Blood  
Bank  
9:00 am Daily Mass  
9:30 am Confessions



Each Friday evening during the Lenten Season at 7:00 P.M. Doug Hutter and Amparo Corona from the Knights of Columbus will be leading bilingual Stations

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish a Mass said remembering a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the Parish Office #360-855-0077



### INTENCIONES DE MASA

Si desea celebrar una Misa recordando a un ser querido fallecido o por una intención especial, comuníquese con el Oficina Parroquial 360-855-0077

### IHM MASS INTENTIONS

3/10 8:30 am For the People  
10:00 am Repose of Soul the of  
Timoteo Nolasco-Adrian  
3/13 9:00 am For 1st Communion  
Class  
3/16 5:00 pm Healing of Kathy  
Sieber

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD THERE  
IS NOTHING I SHOULD WANT**

### Stewardship of Treasure 2023/2024

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

July-January Income \$124,324  
July-January Expenses \$129,892  
Net Shortfall \$ (5,568)

#### St. Catherine Mission

July-January Income \$ 16,465  
July-January Expenses \$ 15,111  
Net Surplus \$ 1,355

**Thank you for your generous gifts**

## Sacred Heart

Church: 404 Douglas Street, PO Box 757, La Conner WA 98257 Phone: 360-466-3967

email: lori@skagitcatholic.org website: www.sacredheartchurchlaconner.org

Ministry Coordinator: Lori Hansen Office Hours: 11:00am—2:00pm M-Th

**Pastoral Council:** Denny Doneen Richard Doerflinger Chad Lemrick Ann Gerner Ran Hinrichs  
Julie and Robb Anderson Denice Gardner Steve Miller

### Weekly Calendar:

March 10th: Sunday Mass 9:30am; Catholic Relief Services collection; Faith Formation making pretzels! Coffee hour .  
Mar. 11th–13th Lenten Parish Retreat 9am Mass followed by the presentation in the Church until 11:30am  
Mar. 15th: Friday Mass 9am.  
March 15th: Church wedding.  
Mar. 17th: Mass 9:30am; Faith Formation & coffee hour.

### Happy Birthday!

Mar. 10. Carla Simonis  
Mar. 11. Luke Donchez - Caroline Earley  
Mar. 13. Will Sladich  
Mar. 14. Tina Roney  
Mar. 15. Pat Buckley - Adison Engles  
Mar. 16. Peter Sladich

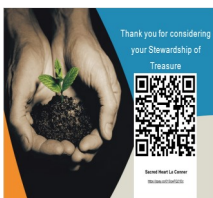
### Stewardship of Treasure 2023-2024

July—Jan. Income \$159,328

July—Jan. Expenses \$142,217

**Net Surplus: \$ 17,111**

**Thank you for your Stewardship!**



### Lenten Parish Retreat

**“From Christmas to Calvary; From the Tomb to the World”**

**March 11th, 12th, and 13th**

**Sacred Heart Parish Led by Fr. Tim Sauer**

9am—11:30am in the church

Mass 9am, & presentation with a refreshment break.

**No registration necessary.**

“Jesus is the definitive revelation of God, and of God's plan and will for our lives. In our three days of retreat we will focus on what Jesus has done for us, how we come to know him, and how we are called to share his Good News with others. We will reflect and meditate on the Cross of Jesus, his Resurrection, and our call to be his enthusiastic witness in the world.”

