

ST. HUBERT CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR MISSION

As Roman Catholics centered in the Eucharist, our mission is to live Christ's Gospel message to love, teach, pray, and serve.

OUR VISION:

St. Hubert, the heart of South Whidbey's Catholic community, is the magnet which draws us together as a welcoming body alive in our faith. Led by the Spirit through our laity, we work to realize God's kingdom on earth through joyful worship, inclusivity, and service to others.

The Second Sunday of Lent; February 25, 2024

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. Psalm 19 (18):8



Church Hours

Open for private prayer: Monday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Sunday: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:00 am. Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm. Wednesday: 10:30 am. Livestream Link

Communion Service

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am.

The glory of the risen Lord and all the baptized is foreseen in his transfiguration before the disciples.



Lent is a graced time for spiritual transfiguration. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "the Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own Resurrection." The Gospel account of the Lord's transfiguration invites reflection on this momentous event in Jesus' earthly life and our participation in this event.

When Jesus tells his disciples he will suffer greatly, be killed and then raised on the third day, a shadow of doubt marks the disciples' act of faith. They must learn to see with eyes of faith what their minds and hearts cannot imagine or understand. Jesus' transfiguration becomes a mysterious glimpse, a foretaste of the Lord's future and glorious resurrection.

Jesus took the apostles Peter, James and John to a mountain where he was transfigured before their amazed eyes. Jesus is bathed in brilliant heavenly light while Moses and Elijah appear on either side of his radiant form. A heavenly voice from the clouds declares Jesus as the Son of God.

Why does Jesus show himself in transfigured form? At his Transfiguration, Jesus sows seeds of hope in the hearts and minds of the disciples. And Jesus is removing the horror of the crucifixion from the disciples' hearts. To prevent their faith from being understandably disturbed by the humiliation of his passion, Jesus offers a foretaste of his glorified body.

Jesus shone the radiant light of faith, hope and love into the hearts and minds of his disciples. God's word invites us to the same "life transfigured by the Holy Spirit." And the graces of the Lenten season invite a renewal in the new life in Jesus we received at baptism.

Faith in Jesus, the Son of God, opens a life of hope in God's love and mercy. We are given a new way of seeing the world. After the experience of Jesus' transfiguration, the disciples gradually begin to see and to understand, with eyes of faith, the saving gift of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. And they receive the grace to see, in faith, their own participation in his paschal mystery.

Faith in Jesus transforms life. Our Lord's transfiguration transforms the disciples' hearts and minds. And He desires to transfigure our lives too, if we are open and humbly approach Jesus in faith as we pray, "speak to me, Lord."

https://catholiccourier.com/articles/scripturereflection-for-feb-25-2nd-sunday-of-lent/

Please also see Archbishop Etienne's brief video on the ways that we can encounter Jesus during Lent this year. Click on the image below to watch.



Encounter Ways of encountering Jesus... Sacraments Prayer

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



When: On the first Saturday of the month through June.

Where: At parishes and Newman Centers throughout the Archdiocese.

What: An evening Holy Hour for youth filled with prayer, learning, and worship music.

6:30 Arrival 6:45 Talk 7:00 Adoration 8:00 Ice Cream/ Cookie Social

3/2/24 Middle School Encounter (Burien) and UW Newman Center (Seattle). 4/6/24 St. Mary Magdalen (Everett).

FAITH FORMATION

The Prayer Corner

The prayer corner is being revamped.

We are trying to ensure that we are not missing anyone who is in need of prayers and to celebrate those who no longer need our prayers.

In two weeks time the prayer corner will be renewed. The intention is not to exclude anyone from our prayers, but to ensure that no one is missing and to celebrate the prayers that have been answered.

There will now be a procedure to add or remove someone in the prayer corner. To add or remove someone please fill out the form on our website, come into, or call the Parish Office during working hours and we will help you.

Rite of Scrutinies

After attending the Rite of Election our candidates will be preparing for the sacraments of initiation by participating in the Scrutinies during the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. During these Sundays the readings are taken from Year A, not the regular readings for this liturgical year.

The Scrutinies are designed to help uncover hindrances to recognizing sinfulness. The candidates are then able to move toward conversion and acceptance of Christ's redemption and salvation. Please pray for Aodhan O'Boyle and Chuck Dunigan as they prepare for receiving the sacrament at the Easter Vigil.

Eucharistic Adoration March 1st

Conforming our will to the will of God is a lifelong adventure. Consider coming to Adoration to utilize this "one on one time" with the Lord to praise Him, adore Him, and ask for help from Him. Come from 9 am (right after Communion Service) to 1 pm and help us make sure that someone is always in His presence during this time. Please sign up for your Holy Hour on the sheet in the Narthex. Thy will be done, Lord, thy will be done!

Marriage Encounter

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: April 12-14, 2024, at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, and on Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA, and finally on Apr 26-28, 2024, in Everett, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register please visit: www.wwme.org.

The Temptations of Jesus- Self Knowledge

Sr. Genevieve Osayame, EHJ will be speaking on the Temptations of Jesus on February 27-29 at 5-8 pm at St. Mary's Anacortes, and on March 1st at 6:30-9:00 pm at St. Paul Parish in Swinomish.



Living Light Prayer Group

You are invited to pray with us on Tuesdays at 3 pm in the church. We offer songs of praise to the Lord, sit in quiet to be ready to hear him, we listen to each others' concerns and we pray for them. We listen to teachings of the scriptures and encourage openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray for our parish and for all the special intentions in our prayer box.

The prayer support and encouragement from our fellowship in the Lord are a source of strength and encouragement to all of us. We grow in our concern for one another which sustains us through many struggles. We welcome everyone to come and see. Tuesdays, 3 pm in the church. For more information contact Jean Beers at jbeers@whidbey.com or Becky Williamson at haggis@whidbey.com.



Synodal Listening Sessions

In reading the Synod Synthesis Document, you're seeing how this new way of being Church is starting to take shape. This document summarized the thoughts of a month of listening and respectful

comments; it's an amazing illustration of faith and hope and charity.

On our website are highlights of all three parts. Please take some time to look at them; they give a flavor of the conversation and the document. <u>Synod - St. Hubert Catholic Church</u> (sthubertchurch.org)

In March, there will be two opportunities to talk about this document, learning how others responded to the ideas and proposals in it. The first will be on Sunday, March 3 after Mass, around 10:30 am for about an hour. The second will be the next day, March 4th at 5:30 pm.

A week later, there will be two listening sessions, following the format of Holy Spirit listening (that which we did for feedback on Partners in the Gospel). Those are scheduled on March 13. The first one is right after Soup lunch, about 11:45 or 12 noon. The second one is later that day at 5pm. The general theme is the co-responsibility of the baptized. The three questions from the Archdiocese that we will respond to are on the website.

COMMUNITY

Girl Scout Cookies

This Sunday after Mass Maddy French will be selling Girl Scout Cookies. She will have cookies on site, and they will be \$6 a box. Please support our local Girl Scout Troop!

The Roaring 20s Afternoon Tea

St. Mary Magdalen in Everett will be offering a Roaring 20s themed high afternoon tea on Saturday April 20th. There will be tea, a fashion show, and a silent auction. To reserve tickets please contact Bernie Houghton at houghton1@frontier.com or 425-337-3077.

CNN Summit

On March 16th at 9 am-4 pm join the Creation Care Networking to pray, learn, and to act on our collective commitment to environmental justice. <u>https://ipic.org/let-justice-and-peace-flow-</u> <u>registration/</u>

Shred-It Truck and Parking Lot Sale!

Save the date for the Parking Lot Sale and the Shred-It Truck happening on July 20th! Bring all of your old files and important documents for a safe and reliable way to dispose of your documents.

The Parking Lot Sale will also be happening on the same day. Please begin considering saving anything that you wish to sell.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER Spaghetti with meatballs

(Gluten free spaghetti is available) Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverages (Wine available to purchase).

Mystery Weekend – Sunday, February 25

5 to 8 pm Tickets: \$10 individual, \$25 family.

The "Memories" art display, by Maria Kelly, is currently showing inside of the Freeland Library through February 29th.



All you who are thirsty, come to the water. ~Isaiah 55:1

St. Anthony's Kitchen Service

Wednesday Soup Lunch, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Thursday Meal Service – A Smile & A Meal. Email sthubert@whidbey.com or call the parish kitchen at (360) 221-5303 by Tuesday and leave a message to request the Thursday meal service. The menu is on our website. The entrée choice for February 28 is Chicken and Pasta. A Gluten free option is available upon request.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Changes are coming to our online giving platform The Archdiocese is moving to a new service provider. Pushpay is fully integrated with our office software, reducing our workload. Additionally, Pushpay's fee schedule is lower than our current service provider, Vanco, so more of your donation will come to us rather than the service provider.

For now, we will be using both services. However, for those of you that are currently giving electronically we would like to transition as many of you as possible over to the new platform. If you are not donating electronically, please consider doing so. It's a wonderful timesaver for both you and the office.

DONATE

Have You Made Your Pledge for 2024?

Please fill out and return your pledge card or go to the parish website <u>sthubertchurch.org/stewardship</u> and make your pledge there.



Green Team

In Old English was the word Lencten, meaning 'spring season'. Over time, that was shortened to lente and then to Lent. So, while we know Lent to be the 40-day penitential and spiritual reflection season before Easter, its name speaks to the time of year AND the possibility of new life. The Green Team invites you to ask yourself – what

dimension of new life is slowly forming in your heart and soul? It's a worthy question as we prepare for Easter and the abundance of new life that Springtime offers.

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

3/2 Kennedy Catholic High School



3/8-14 All Parishes (On Line Event)



For more information on events, or to register visit <u>Events List - Archdiocese of Seattle</u> (archseattle.org)



Each year during Lent Rice Bowls are filled with spare chance and bills. Once Lent is over, they are then collected by the Archdiocese and the money is distributed to communities all over the world. 75% of the money is sent to communities in El Salvador, Uganda, and Indonesia. These funds are then distributed to help impoverished families provide for themselves.

Please consider either using a personal Rice Bowl, which can be obtained in the Narthex, or using the donate button to donate your money directly to CRS.



DONATE

Prepares was founded in October of 2014 to help support new families or impoverished families with the birth of their new baby. Ten years later, in 2024 Prepares has expanded to reach all over Washington State. As of last year, Prepares has served a record number of 14,120 families across the state.

Please join us in donating to Prepares to support families in need. Your small donation will help make a big change in a young child's life. To donate visit the link below or pick up an envelope in the Narthex.



SORROWFUL MYSTERIES ROSARY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Please join the St. Hubert community on Thursday mornings during Lent at 10am to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary as written in The Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska. God is calling all to His unfathomable mercy and eternal love by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet (a short but very powerful devotion asking our Lord to envelop the whole world with His fountain of mercy) each DAY at 3pm, the hour of Mercy. On Good Friday, He asks us to start the Divine Mercy Novena (more info to come). On Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) Catholics around the world are asked join in prayer at 3pm in saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet to rejoice in God's blessings and mercy on all His children.

Instructions on how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet are listed below. For more information please visit <u>thedivinemercy.org</u>.

April 30, 2000: IDivine Mercy Sundayl

Before some 250,000 pilgrims and the television cameras of the world, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska, "the great apostle of Divine Mercy." But he also "canonized" the Divine Mercy message and devotion by declaring the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday" for the universal Church.

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION

What is Divine Mercy?

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

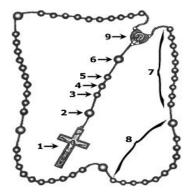
Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades.

The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint

Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.



1. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. OPENING PRAYER: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. **REPEAT 3 TIMES:** O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. THE OUR FATHER:

Leader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Everyone: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. THE HAIL MARY:

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Everyone: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. THE APOSTLES CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6 THE ETERNAL FATHER (On the "Our Father" Bead): LEADER: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, **EVERYONE:** in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Sall Beads of Each Decade: LEADER: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion **EVERONE:** Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. **Repeat for the remaining decades:**

8. EVERYONE: THE HOLY GOD (Repeat three times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

9. EVERYONE SAYS CLOSING PRAYER TOGETHER: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

10. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: In the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Amen



What is Stephen Ministry? Who does it serve?

Stephen Ministry is a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of St. Hubert volunteers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to members of St. Hubert and the broader community experiencing life difficulties.

Stephen Ministry provides all the guidance, materials, training, and other resources necessary to ensure the success of the program.

The ministry is led by Stephen Leaders who are trained to implement all elements of the Stephen Ministry system.

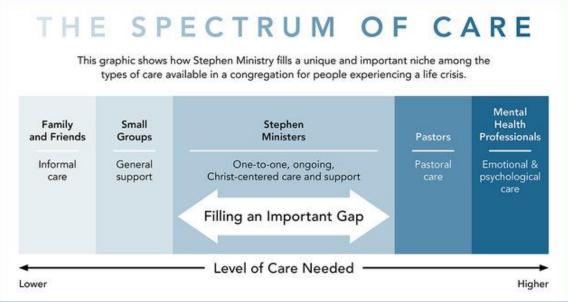
What do Stephen Ministers do?

Trained Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers undergo extensive initial and then, ongoing training. They are asked to make a two-year commitment to the program.

When matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.



Their role is to listen and care, not counsel or advise. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists.



OH, THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW! FROM THE STEWARDSHIP CHAIR (KATHY CHILDS) TO YOU

It is time for you to consider the innerworkings of our parish and community. Here is a sampling:

We all pray together at Mass on Sundays, but there are other opportunities to gather in prayer at St. Hubert. The *Living Light Prayer Group* meets on Tuesdays at 3 pm each week in the Church. There is *Adoration* on the first Friday of the month. The *Rosary and the Divine Mercy* are offered after Mass on Wednesdays. On Fridays the *Rosary* is prayed at 10am and on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30Pm. We hold *Taizé*, an ecumenical service, on the first Wednesday of every month.

Members of our Parish provide **Pastoral Care**, visiting the homebound as often as weekly. Communion to the homebound is provided to many. **St. Anthony's Smile and a Meal** volunteers prepare and package meals once a week. The meals are delivered to parishioners and those in our community who are not able to cook for themselves or are aging and in need of help. The delivery team began with the Knights of Columbus and has grown to include other members of our parish.

We have a wonderful Women's club, **Women of St. Hubert (WOSH)**, who craft together, raising funds for various community help services, including our very own parish. These women have also been instrumental in providing beautiful receptions for our grieving families and friends following a Funeral.

The *Knights of Columbus Council* sponsor community activities. Every fifth week of the month they prepare breakfast burritos or a pancake breakfast. They are called upon regularly to help people who are alone. They raise money for 'Coats for Kids'. Their Potato Bagging project provides community shelters and kitchens with 10-pound bags of potatoes. Each year, thousands of pounds of potatoes are bagged and donated to places across the island.

Following Sunday Mass, our *Hospitality Ministry* graciously provides us with yummy after Mass coffee and treats. It is a tremendous community builder and is a most wonderful weekly gathering of parishioners.

There are many more ministries at St Hubert that we could identify and honor that have a place for you. Please consider being part of one of them.

For all information on what is available to you or just to have a conversation about Stewardship. Please email me, Kathy Childs at: <u>kathycchilds@hotmail.com</u>.



PRAYER CORNER

Please see the Faith Formation Section for an announcement about the Prayer Corner.

Luca Ashburn, Kaitlyn Ashburn, Eamonn Boyle, Tex Bunney, Nora Busby, Bill Carruthers, Bailey Desrosiers, Terri Desrosiers, Carol Doering, Arthur Donham, Rick Egge, John Flagg, Estelle Foster, Patrick Golden, Eric Grant, Doug Green, Jim Grilliot, Anthony Hall, Trish Hallgreen, Claire Hesson, Catherine Holman, Ben Hunt, Gordon Jesmer, Joe King, Chris Knapp, Danielle LaGrandeur, Georgia Loe, Gene Malm, Jim Miller, Genie Murphy, Katie Olson, Russ Pabarcus, Dale Polka, Maria Rudman, Andy Shea, Shirley Shea, Linnea Sichel, Fr. Rick Spicer, Lori Stewart, Amy Stuart, Tom Sulich, Phil Swinkle, and Bobbie Weitzel.

REST IN PEACE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May They Rest in Peace:

Donna Chan, Merrill Cleave, Kevin Conroy, Cody Crowley, Lois Haynes, Karen Johnson, Elsie Mullinaux, John O'Phelan, Jonathan Spitzer, Barbara Williamson, Dorea Woods, Jose Zuardi and Jean Duffy, Bill Good May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Communion for the Homebound is available! Please call the parish office at: (360) 221-5383 to arrange to have communion brought to you.

TAIZÉ

Please consider joining the Taizé prayer service group on the first Wednesday of the month. The prayer service is livestreamed and can be joined by using this link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88142620837



ST. HUBERT COUNSELING SERVICES

We all find ourselves at a point in our lives when we need help coping. It may be relationship problems; death or illness of a loved one; difficulties with children; or feeling sad, anxious, or depressed. Professional counseling can provide the support and help needed to get to a place of mental, emotional, and spiritual health. To make an appointment with Alice Thull, please call her at: (360) 221-0746. All fees are on a sliding scale.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 1:00 pm. No RSVP necessary.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

February 25th-March 3rd

Sunday 2/25 8:15 am: Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am: Sunday Mass (RIP Claudia Ramsey) 10:00 am: Coffee Hour

Monday 9:00 am: Communion Service 4:00-5:30 pm: RCIA

Tuesday

9:00 am: Communion Service12:30 pm: WOSH Crafting3:00 pm: Living Light Prayer Group3:00 pm: Call/Email to reserve Smile & Meal

Wednesday

10:30 am: Wednesday Mass Mass Intention: Zoltan Cseesinonts & Family 11:00 am: Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 11:00 am-12:30 pm: Soup Lunch 6:30 pm: Rosary

Thursday

9:00 am: Communion Service 10:00 am: Divine Mercy Rosary 1:30-3:00 pm: Stephen Ministry Info Session Smile and a Meal Pickup/Delivery 3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Writers Group 6:30 pm-7:30 pm: Choir Practice

Friday

9:00 am: Communion Service9:00 am-1:00 pm: Friday Adoration10:00 am-10:30 am: Rosary3:00 pm: Stations of the CrossThe parish office is closed.

Saturday

11:00 am: Funeral Mass - Bill Good 4:00 pm: Confession 4:15 pm: Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm: Mass

Sunday 3/03 8:15 am: Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am: Sunday Mass 10:00 am: Coffee Hour 10:30 am: Synodal Listening Session 10:30 am-12:00 pm: Youth Group

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Closed on Fridays – Voicemails and emails are monitored. Due to limited staff, please, make appointments when possible.

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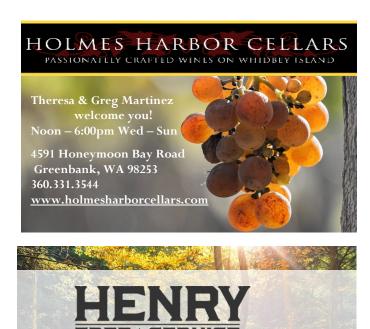
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