

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009

Preaching Next Week:

Fr. Joe Nguyen, S.J.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for next Sunday

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 3:3b-10; 19
second Reading: 1 COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: JOHN 1:35-42

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Loyola Room of
Parish Center or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Friday - 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Tree Health/ Pruning

After a month of wild weather, we need to address growing concerns regarding our landscaping. The two patriarchs of our campus have not stood up well so far this winter. I am referring to the two Cyprus Cedars that stand between the Church and Parish Center. In the last few weeks we have lost several large limbs. We called in an arborist three years ago when the northern tree lost one third of its branches – narrowly missing the parish bus loaded with teens. They thinned the tree and wired several trunks together. This seemed to help until this winter. I have asked that we once again consult with arborists to measure the health of these trees. It might be time to consider replacing these trees with younger plants that will stay a more modest size. As we progress through this winter, we will keep you informed of the deliberations



Parish Goes Green

I have come to terms with the future. From this day onward I will walk easy on the earth. Plant trees. Kill no living things. Live in harmony with all creatures. I will restore the earth where I am. Use no more of its resources than I need. And listen, to what it is telling me. MJ Slim Hooey

We are all familiar with the Three R's of caring for the earth **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**. Well here are 3 more to consider when celebrating at events at our St. Joes community:

RECALL that Ecotainer cups, napkins, and corn utensils in addition to food waste are all compostable.

We **REQUEST**, if you bring in your own goods you bring in Chinet plates, plain napkins, and that utensils and cups are purchased from Cedar Grove <http://www.cedar-grove.com>. This insures that we keep garbage out of our compost and recycling.

Use **REAL** non-disposable utensils, plates, cups and linens whenever possible.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GREAT JOB WE ARE DOING TO CARE FOR OUR EARTH, AND YOU'RE PATINCE WITH THE PROCESS

Yoga Classes

Led by parishioner and former Jesuit volunteer, Erin Daly, in the Mother Teresa Room of the Parish Center on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings from 7 to 8:15 a.m. starting Tuesday, January 13. Class length of one hour followed by 15 minutes of meditation. \$10.00 per class. Partial scholarships available. Please contact Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981 x106 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Calendar

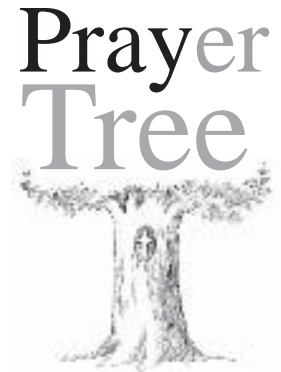
Sunday, January 11	Baptism of the Lord
Monday, January 12	Sacred Silence 7 pm
Tuesday, January 13	RCIA 7 pm
Wednesday, January 14	Pathfinders 6 pm
	The VOICE 7 pm
Thursday, January 15	Spirituality on Tap 7 pm
Friday, January 16	Seniors Playing Rummikub 1pm
Sunday, January 18	Sister Parish Meeting 4 pm
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
	Parish Center Closed

Note: Daily mass will continue in the Arrupe Room and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Loyola Room (the old rectory chapel) both located in the Parish Center.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For parents as they face the challenges of illness and recovery . . . Grateful for the daily gift of family . . . For the happiness of a newly engaged couple . . . Safe travel for friends and family . . . Thankful for early detection of heart disease and breast cancer and successful surgery on each.

“Let the Word of Christ . . . find a home with you . . . with gratitude in your hearts sing . . . songs to God.” Col. 3:16-17

If you are interested in having someone placed on the prayer tree, please contact Renée Leet at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org



Parish Directory



Last chance to have photo taken for parish directory!

Saturday, January 10 6-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 11 10-11:30 a.m.
Noon-1 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

If you don't want to have your family photo taken, please upload the photo you would like to be included in directory to our parish website: www.stjosephparish.org You can also bring photo to Parish Center to be scanned. For all scanned photos you will need to fill out a contact information sheet.

Questions? Call Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981 x106 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Women's Spirituality Group

The Winter Session begins Wednesday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the St. Joseph's Women's Spirituality group (WSG) is to look at new ways to inspire, encourage, and affirm each other. Through the process of personal and spiritual growth, women will have the opportunity to clarify their values, claim their own gifts, and bring these new strengths to their family, relationships and the Christian community. First session will be presented by Kathleen Pape on Roles & Expectations for Modern Women - How to balance without shattering ourselves. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Giselle Pavlovec at 329.7122 or via e-mail gisellepavlovec@msn.com or Tracy Janney (janney@mac.com).

SENIORS ON THE GO

Seniors Playing Rummikub

Interested players please join our game every Friday at 1 p.m. in the Xavier Room of the Parish Center. Please bring a snack to share.

Seniors January outing to the movies is Wednesday, January 14. Call Renee at 325-2522 x100 for showtime and theater or if you need a seat on the bus!

Advocacy 1: Immigrant Reform

A Story of Two Immigrants

Mary de Rosas and Paul Peterhans are raising money for 2 young immigrants Mary met through her work as an immigration paralegal. These 2 individuals, Barbara and Kolby, have no family. Barbara, a native of Haiti, was recently granted asylum in the US, after spending 2 years in US immigration detention while her asylum application was pending. Her family fled to the Dominican Republic and Cuba. She is aggressively job-hunting and working on nursing school prerequisites. We are raising money to help her pay her life expenses until she gets on her feet.

Kolby is a 20 year old Romanian man who lived in one of the infamous Romanian orphanages for the first years of his life. His adoptive US family never finalized his adoption papers, which left him with no legal right to remain in the US, no authorization to work, and ineligible for any financial aid for school. He has applied for asylum in the US and hopes to attend film school once he has obtained legal status. All money raised for Kolby will be used for his support until he obtains a work permit.

Both Barbara and Kolby are very much in need of affordable, centrally located housing in Seattle. Barbara is also searching for part time work. There are many ways to help! Anything offered will be so deeply appreciated!

Mary or Paul will be available after the Masses selling Chinook coupon books (coupons for local businesses, services, and products with an emphasis on sustainability and community) and can answer any questions about these 2 young people and the Chinook books. You can also email Mary and Paul at mpcd4730@yahoo.com to order books or for more info- we will bring books to Mass as needed.

Sister Parish Ministry

Next Sr. Parish Committee meeting Sunday, January 18, at 4 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation IV

May 1-2, 2009

Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue WA

Please register early.

For more information: 206-223-1138 or www.IPJC.org
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center

Advocacy 2: Letter Writing

Gaza Violence

Escalating violence between Hamas, the Palestinian party that controls Gaza, and Israel has caused death, destruction and great suffering in recent days among Israelis and Palestinian civilians. Unjustified rocket attacks on Israeli civilians and the disproportionate Israeli military actions causing unacceptable casualties among Palestinian civilians will have serious negative effects on any progress in peace negotiations and risk a wider war.

WHY SHOULD CATHOLICS CARE ABOUT THE HOLY LAND? Our Catholic faith teaches us to be peacemakers. The U.S. Bishops wrote in *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, "Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus."

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has called on the international community to help Israelis and Palestinians to discard the "dead end" of violence and pursue instead "the path of dialogue and negotiations." Immediate, visible and decisive U.S. leadership is urgently needed.

You can join Bishop Howard Hubbard, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Ken Hackett, President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and a group of prominent Christian leaders in signing a letter urging President-elect Obama to make achievement of Israeli-Palestinian peace an immediate priority during his first year in office.

For more information contact: Dr. Stephen Colecchi, Director, USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace, scolecchi@usccb.org, 202-541-3196 or Tina Rodousakis, Grassroots Advocacy Manager, CRS, trodousa@crs.org; (410) 951-7462.

Catholic Advocacy Day

Tuesday, February 24

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Olympia, WA

To register:

Contact Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center at www.IPJC.org or 206-223-1138 before January 23.

COMMUNITY

Pathfinders - Welcoming the New Year!

Begins Wednesday, January 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Pizza and treats. For more information, please call Dottie Farewell at 329-5981 x112 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

CYO 5th-8th Grade Girls Volleyball Registration for girls in the 5th-8th grades has begun. Consent forms can be downloaded from the school website www.stjosephsea.org Please complete the form and return to the school's main office. The fee is \$50. The deadline to register is Monday, January 19. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Wolfe at mtwolfe@stjosephsea.org.

CYO 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Registration has begun for 8th grade boys interested in joining the 8th grade boys volleyball team. This will be the first year St. Joseph has started boys' volleyball and we are beginning with 8th grade. The schedule will conflict with Pony League baseball but will not interfere with CYO baseball. If you have questions, please contact Meg Wolge at mtwolfe@stjosephsea.org.

Spirituality on Tap

Googling God - *Downloading God's Possibilities for Me*

Thursday, January 15, at 7 p.m., Casey Commons, Seattle University. **If you ever wonder what you should be doing with your life, this Spirituality on Tap is for YOU!** Come, gather in community for a conversation with the author of *Googling God* and co-founder of BustedHalo.com, Michael Hayes. Hayes will present on the meaning of life choices and the value of pursuing our own personal calling in life - professionally and spiritually. He aims to give you access to tools for discerning along your life journey. The evening will include a presentation by Michael Hayes, a prayer experience, small group sharing, and small reception. *Hosted by Ignatian Spirituality Center, Archdiocese of Seattle, and by Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission, Campus Ministry, Student Development, School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University.* PLEASE RSVP via email magis_rsvp@seattleu.edu or visit www.seattleu.edu/magis For more information contact Deb Lucas, SEYA Coordinator 206-329-4824 or deb@ignatiancenter.org

Lightworks

Experience a "lighter" version of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. "This experience really helped me re-charge my commitment to prayer!" "The presenters and small group experience helped bring the exercises to life!"

12 sessions Thursdays, January 15 through May 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. \$180 total cost for the series. Give yourself a gift of prayer this Christmas - register early. *For more information on either prayer opportunity, contact Christine Paintner at 329-4824 x3. Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center.*

The Marriage Feast

An Annual Couples Weekend sponsored by St. Joe's Marriage Enrichment Team.
Weekend with the one you love! February 6-8, 2009
La Conner Country Inn, La Conner, WA.

Includes:

Two nights lodging and continental breakfast
Saturday afternoon free in La Conner
Saturday evening Mass at St. Paul's Church, Swinomish Reservation
followed by salmon dinner in the parish center.

Cost: \$300 Register by Dec 30. Please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

For additional information contact: Linda Ellis at 206-328-2228 or lindac.ellis@comcast.net or Dave Spicer at 206-229-7568 or DaveS@agros.org

January traditionally ends with Catholic Schools Week. This year, we are participating in a broad archdiocesan wide appeal for support of not just St. Joseph School but broader issues of Catholic education. To begin the conversation, we will take a look this week at where the Catholic church was 30 years ago.

Catholic Schools

For decades in Seattle, Catholic schools were operated by parishes, run by women and women religious, and operated pretty much on a shoestring budget. Tuition was nominal. Students were squeezed into the classrooms. The educational standards were some of the best around. About thirty years ago things began to change. Enrollments declined due to the end of the baby boom years. The women who ran our schools, began refocusing their missions. So, teetering on the edge of survival are eight (10?) southeast Seattle Catholic Schools. Faced with declining enrollments each school began dealing with the crisis in their own ways. There are teachers available – willing Catholics – not necessarily trained teachers but adults willing to work, for now, to keep schools open and running. The decades of women religious instilling service values in 2nd and 3rd generation immigrant children bore fruit in the form of lay teachers.



At St. Joseph Fr. Hurley turned to a young teacher, George Hofbauer, to encourage him to do what he could to keep the school open and the mission clear but with little direct support from the parish. Many innovations were tried, most succeeded. St. Joseph saw the use of buses to transport children from throughout southeast Seattle to school. An endowment fund was set up. Efforts were made to create an independent school – which did not totally succeed. However, these efforts are reflected in today's unusual parish/school collaboration. The school has its own Finance Council, other school consultative bodies rarely converse with parish consultative bodies. The school finances its own maintenance and capital budgets.

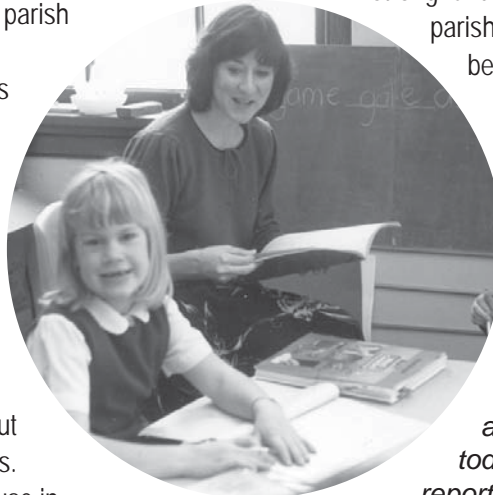
In southeast Seattle, a coalition of parishes formed after three of the eight schools closed: Immaculate, Mt Virgin, (Immaculate, Cathedral,) and St. Mary. The Rainbow School coalition supported Catholic schools in the region and allowed families of parishes without schools access to these schools as if they were parishioners. St Joseph School is the most financially secure. Looking across the Archdiocese of Seattle, St. Joseph has developed to be a model of how a school can become successful.

Catholic Parishes

Our parishes were the center of our lives: our community, our friendships, whole neighborhoods revolved around the parish and its school. The Pastor was often the leader not only of the parish but of the neighborhood. Each parish had a pastor. Often those pastors were appointed for life. Our approach to Mass was very different. Missing Sunday Mass was a serious sin.

As Vatican II changes to liturgy and theology began to be implemented, our attitudes began to change, too. Many of us are more concerned about our spirituality than the rules. By our behavior, missing mass is hardly a sin at all.

While our school had consistent leadership over these last 30 years, the parish has rotated through several pastors. Where in prior times a pastor was assigned to a parish for life, the tradition now is for shorter terms. Each pastor brought their own gifts and talents. We have had outstanding preachers, strong administrators, visionaries, and teachers. But each one had learning curves. Each transition created a pause in mission and vision; never a good strategy



for building and maintaining community or developing a strong funding base. Most of the 11 southeast Seattle parishes faced similar transitions – the exception being the Cathedral with Fr. Ryan.

All 11 southeast Seattle parishes are open. However, only St. Joseph and St. James have the traditional leadership structure. Each parish faces issues of maintaining funding, community, and parish programs.

Next week we will look more closely at the St. Joseph parish and school of today in the form of an extended annual report.

