

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2009

Preaching Next Week:
Fr. Chris Weekly, S.J.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for next Sunday

FIRST READING: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7
SECOND READING: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23
GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

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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From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend at the Saturday vigil mass, of course, Bishop Tyson presided over the blessing of our new altar and ambo, and the rededication of our restored, strengthened church.

This past week, the chain link fence and storage trailer vanished from our front lawn. The city signed-off on all the code-governed work, and the tower rooms were returned to us. And by the end of this coming week, all the stained glass windows will be finished. Except for an ongoing tweaking of sound and light issues – the long months of construction is pretty much done!

This work is being funded from the church's half of the \$5.5 million pledged for the Centennial Campaign. Of this total pledged amount, \$3.02 million has been paid to date. While the economic ground has shifted considerably since many of these pledges were made, I remain hopeful that – even if over a longer time – most of these commitments can be honored. Just as our forebearers did in 1930, we have come together in challenging times to set a lasting gift for our children and future generations. They will be able to look back and know that we tapped our gratitude to God for 100 years of parish life, and did this work as a testament to our enduring love of God and our neighbors here in Seattle.

The new altar is set directly under the oculus dome, at the exact meeting point of the east-west axis of the nave and the north-south axis of the transept crossing. Its top is fabricated of natural limestone, from Israel, the same type of stone Jesus walked upon in the Jerusalem temple. This stone is meant to emblemize Christ, the living stone, the rock of our faith. And the prayer for its dedication summarizes its importance to our lives:

*May this altar be the table of our unity,
a banquet of plenty,
and a source of the Spirit,
in whom we grow daily as God's faithful people.*

Each time we gather around this beautiful, dignified altar, may the radiance of the living God shine in our faces . . . and light our way in paths of discipleship!

In the light of Christ's holiness . . .

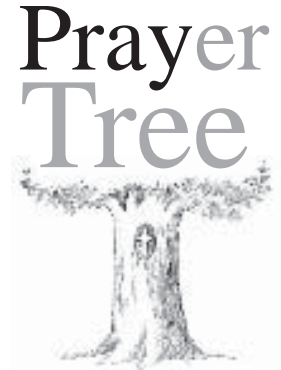
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Calendar

Sunday, February 1	Come to the Quiet ... 5 p.m. (before mass)
Monday, February 2	Sacred Silence 7 pm
Tuesday, February 3	Faith Conversation on Economic Crisis 7 pm RCIA 7 pm
Wednesday, February 4	Women's Spirituality Group 10 am Pathfinders 6 pm The VOICE 7 pm
Friday, February 6	First Friday Healing Mass 11:30 am Seniors Luncheon 12:30 pm Friday Worship 6:30 pm Seniors Playing Rummikub 2 pm
Weekend of February 7/8	Baptisms
Tuesday, February 10	Leadership Meeting 6 pm

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 Samantha who is at Children's Hospital, we pray the doctors can find out the cause and start the process to recovery . . . For Josephine Devine's well being . . . For a young man at Harborview Hospital who is in ICU, we pray for his strength to overcome his chronic illness . . . Gratitude for the sale of our house . . . For those who are out of work, we pray other resources become available.



*“Brother and Sisters:
I should like you to be
free of anxieties.” 1
Corinthians 7:32*

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

You're Invited

Faith Conversation On Economic Crisis

Tuesday, February 3

7 – 9 p.m.

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Animators: Steve and Tricia Trainer, Pat Kennedy, and Dave Spicer

Co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Pastoral Council and Social Justice Commission

This meeting will focus on ways we can *support* one another as a parish both spiritually and materially. For example, we all know 5-10 people personally who have lost their jobs and need work, housing, you name it, and other people who might have job needs or rooms for rent or other services that could help bridge the gap. The same must be true for others in the parish. So it seems to us we should be trying to do more, and to talk more openly if we can about this issue as a community, as well as developing ideas on how we can support one another during this increasingly challenging time. Some ideas that have been put forward include a bulletin board in the vestibule of the church, a website or facebook page, something similar to the Giving Tree at Christmas, or just hospitality/fellowship gatherings. Our parish is not only a great community; it is also a great network that we should be able to put to use in the service of the parish at large. Anyway, we hope as many of you will come as possible. Depending on numbers, we will probably need folks to lead small group discussions as well. Suggestions are always welcome also. Thanks, everyone.

For information contact Steve and Tricia Trainer at 323-3161.

Advocacy for this Week: Protect the Health of our Children

Tell your Senators to pass the SCHIP bill!

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), H.R. 2, was passed by the House on January 14 by a vote of 289-139. *Now the Senate needs to act.*

Tell your Senators to vote YES on S. 275 to reauthorize SCHIP, including the provision to cover health care for pregnant women and to children of immigrants who have legal status.

Talking or Writing Points: When children receive the health care they need, they are better equipped to do well in school. Census Bureau figures show that 8 million children are uninsured – and this was before the economic downturn and massive job losses of the past few months. Over 60% of uninsured children would be covered, if this reauthorization passes. As states lose revenue, children's health care is among programs first cut. Eligibility for SCHIP is set at 300% of the poverty level. Pregnant women and children of documented immigrant families deserve to receive the health care their tax dollars support. Covering uninsured children and pregnant women saves money by reducing the number of emergency room calls for treatment better given in clinics and doctor offices.

U.S. Capitol Switchboard: (202)224-3121

Make a call to Senator (D-Washington) Patty Murray's Office:(202) 224-2621 District Phone: (206) 553-5545

Make a call to Senator (D-Washington) Maria E. Cantwell's Office: (202) 224-3441 District Phone: (206) 220-6400

Parish Goes Green

Facilitated by Eco-Justice Ministry

Our mission statement:

Celebrating the sacredness and interconnectedness of creation, we nurture deepening spiritual and ecological consciences through prayer, education and action that serve a sustainable Earth community. *Next meeting Thursday, February 19, from 7 - 9 a.m.

Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation IV

May 1-2, 2009

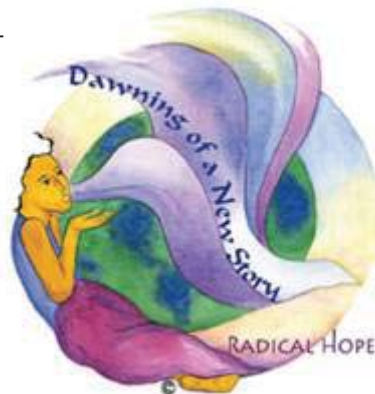
Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue WA

Please register early.

For more information:
206-223-1138 or www.

IPJC.org

Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center



Thank you from CCS!

Thank you for your generous support of CCS Week and for being a part of our Church's united response to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. We are especially grateful for your unwavering support despite the current tough economy. Your gifts will be used to help provide safety, stability and supportive connections to the vulnerable children and families who come to us in desperate need. As Archbishop Brunett reminds us, "Together, we must be living signs of hope to all those who are entrusted to our care." Thank you for your generosity. To see first hand how your gifts help to change lives, view the short video "Change Lives" at www.ccsww.org

Thank you Blood Donors!

Time to say Thank You, again, to all Donors, PSBC staff, Bakers and Volunteers who made the January blood drive a success! Forty-three donors were registered! More than 100 individuals will benefit from the blood donated at St. Joe's first drive of 2009! **Next drive in the Arrupe Room will be March 23.** Put it on your calendar!

CYO Baseball Registration

Registration has begun for 5th -8th Grade Boys' Baseball. Consent forms can be downloaded from school website at www.stjosephsea.org under CYO. Registration fee is \$55. Please complete consent form and return to the school's main office. The deadline to register is Friday, February 6, 2009. If you have any questions please contact Marisa Spooner-LeDuff, the baseball coordinator, at marisalsl@msn.com

Italian Dinner and Raffle to Benefit the St. Joseph Middle School Choir Tour Fund

Tickets are on sale now for the Italian Dinner and Raffle on **Saturday, February 21**, from 6-9 p.m. Immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass (music liturgy provided by the choir), please join the St. Joseph School and Parish community for a full-course spaghetti dinner, complete with your choice of marinara or meat sauce, Caesar salad, bread, dessert, and choice of beverage (wine, soda, water).

Tickets will be available for purchase from any choir member after masses, and at the door. You may also order your dinner and raffle tickets from the school's website, (linked to our website under school). Ticket prices are as follows: \$45 for family of four (2 adult, 2 children) with additional children just \$5 each; \$15 for a single adult; \$10 for a single child.

Following the meal in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria, there will be entertainment and raffle drawings in the auditorium. Winners need not be present to win. General Raffle tickets are being sold at \$10 with a chance to win a variety of prizes, including premium wines valued at over \$300 a bottle. For \$75 you have the chance to win the Grand Prize "Washington Wine Country Getaway" valued at over \$5000.

Friday Worship

COME ONE, COME ALL! February's Friday Worship will be led by Cathy Murray and Vince Herberholt, in what will be a special gathering.

We invite you to come to this parishioner led, informal prayer service followed by a potluck dinner. The intent of First Friday Worship is to create an uplifting, inclusive service that reflects one table and the one body of Christ. By offering our laity a chance to lead and share and reflect, we hope to deepen and strengthen our relationships, draw out our many gifts as a community and nourish each other as we strive to bring about the reign of God.

The Worship will be held on **Friday, February 13**, and will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the church. There will be a potluck immediately following in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. We ask that you bring either a main dish, salad or dessert and whatever you wish to drink.

Contact: Don Manning at 726-0599, donmanning@mac.com or Kelly Keydel at 325-3735, kellykeydel@mindspring.com

Seeking Singers!

The St. Joseph Music Ministry is seeking additional singers and is conducting auditions for the Lent and Easter choir during the next two weeks. We gladly welcome trained singers though this is not a requirement...all that is required is that you can sing in tune, have a pleasant voice, have a desire to share that voice in music ministry and can commit to regular Wednesday evening rehearsals. Please contact Director of Music Ministries, Bob McCaffery-Lent, at 329-5981 x109 or Rmclent@stjosephparish.org for more information or to schedule a time.

Yoga Classes

Led by parishioner and former Jesuit volunteer, Erin Daly, in the Mother Teresa Room of the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 7 to 8:15 a.m. and Thursday mornings (kids welcome for this session) from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Class length of one hour followed by 15 minutes of meditation. \$10 per class. Partial scholarships available. Please contact Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981 x106 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

It Has Been An Honor.

This Sunday, February 1 will be my last Sunday caring for St. Joseph's children. For the past 3+ years, I had the privilege and honor of caring for some of St. Joseph's youngest members. Thank you for the extraordinary trust and support you have given me during these past years in good times and bad, and for giving me wonderful memories of everyone that crossed my path. May God bless you and your children as much as he has me in my life. - Monica

Needed - Childcare Provider

We are looking for childcare help. Paid position. Must be 18. Contact Dottie Farewell at 329-5981 x112 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

SENIORS ON THE GO

First Friday Healing Mass - February 6 at 11:30 a.m. followed by **Seniors Luncheon**.

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. (2 p.m. on First Fridays)

Seniors next outing is Tuesday, February 17, at noon to the **FRYE Museum**. Call Renee at 324-2522 x100 to reserve a seat on the bus!