

23st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2009

**Homily Next Week:**

Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J.

**Readings for**

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4C-9A

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

GOSEL: MARK 8:27-35

**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 Church  
or by appointment

**Parish Center Hours**

**Monday-Thursday** - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday** - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

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## The Shutter Bug's Confession

In the first chapter of St. John's gospel, we are told that "*the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,*" but the truth is, that isn't what the text really says. In the Greek, it says that the Word—i.e., the second person of the Holy Trinity—became flesh and *pitched his tent among us*. It is a great image, graphically illustrating the intimacy of the Incarnation (as anyone who has ever gone camping with others understands) and reminding us that Jesus comes not just to make one part of our life holy but to redeem everything we are and everything we do. He came to show us that reality is a sacrament, meant to give us the grace of God.

I thought of that during this last week or so as I ran from event to event—usually camera in hand—and celebrated with this community the grace and madness of a new academic year and a renewed liturgical life. At the baseball game or on the first day of classes, I looked around and saw Christ "*in ten thousand places, / Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his*" (to quote the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins). Students, teachers, parents, grandparents, friends and relatives gathered to enjoy and begin anew the life we share as a community. It was a great time to be a photographer, since everywhere was the Word enfleshed and apparent.

And the thing is, what made the photos so wonderful is what makes being in this church each week so much a gift, and that was the variety and proximity of all these different people and ages. We are not the same, except in this: that each person is gospel—good news that is meant to be proclaimed, meant to challenge and invite, meant to be seen as precious in the midst of this assembly. Only when everyone's gospel is honored and proclaimed do we hear the fullness of the Word and know the true message of Christ. Only when we see each other, not simply across the church or the playground, but in the eyes and in the heart, do we begin to understand what it means to have a God who has "*pitched his tent among us.*"

I came to this community—pitched my tent among you—only about seven weeks ago. Yet, in the intimacy of these days, I think we have begun to know one another, begun to see how Christ works, and how he calls us to work together for the building of the kingdom. There is still much to learn—an infinite amount—but I pray we will do it with open eyes (and maybe snapping shutters) and hearts that embrace not only our little corner of a pew, but every part of this parish. Let us know that whether or not we have children at the school, it is our ministry. Whether or not we have teenagers in the Voice, it is our work they do. Whether or not we are sick or elderly, it is we who are anointed on the first Friday of each month. Let us take our place in the camp and know that it is we who live and labor here. For we are the body of Christ, just look around and see.

Yours in the Lord,



John D. Whitney, SJ  
jwhitney@stjosephparish.org

## Calendar

Monday, September 7	Labor Day, Parish Office Closed Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Wednesday, September 9	Altar Server Training, 4 PM
Friday, September 11	Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30-11 AM Loyola Chapel, Parish Center
Sunday, September 13	Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass) Parish/School Picnic, 1-4 PM

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM 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:* Thanksgiving from Maggie for your prayers of support – her body is beginning the healing process and other challenges have been leveled . . . For Jackie’s upcoming surgery, we pray that all goes well . . . For Cregan whose fall has injured his body, we pray for hope and courage one day at a time for him and his family . . . For Joanna’s health and her prayer intentions . . . Kathy shares her gratitude in finding a part-time job that suits her well.

## Prayer Tree



## Called to Protect Class

If you plan to volunteer at St. Joseph School/Parish during the 2009-2010 school year and have NOT taken the **required** 3-hour Safe Environment Program “Called to Protect for Ministries” training class, there will be a “Called to Protect for Ministries” class scheduled at St. Joseph School this fall on **Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph School auditorium.**

Class size is limited to 150, so register early. Pre-register online at [www.seattle.setanet.org](http://www.seattle.setanet.org) If you have completed the 3-hour class, you may need to take the on-line renewal class, which takes about 10 minutes. To verify your status, visit [www.seattle.setanet.org](http://www.seattle.setanet.org) under the “My Obligations” tab. For more information or any questions, please contact Jane Mueller at [jmueller@stjosephsea.org](mailto:jmueller@stjosephsea.org) or 329-3260, ext 226.

## St. Joe’s Night at the Mariners Game

The night at the Mariners Game was a huge success and a great way for our community to welcome Fr. John Whitney. Over 430 tickets were sold, raising funds and awareness of the 4th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Sheryl Sperry represented us well throwing out the first pitch to kick off the game.

## Let’s Get Together!

This year the St. Joseph Parish & School community plans to have monthly dinners at different restaurants. The restaurants are owned by parish & school families. This is NOT a fund-raiser, rather it is a fun-raiser. We want to build community and help people get to know each other. Families are always welcome, or couples can sneak away for a night out without the kids.

The first dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 6 pm at Peter Johnson’s restaurant McGilvra’s, located at 4234 E. Madison in Madison Park. There is no agenda. It is simply social. Please join us! These gatherings will take place each 3rd Tuesday of the month (except for December). Please watch the bulletin for upcoming locations!

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”***

***Proverbs 3:5***

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

Please remember in your prayers the family of Joan Metzger, former parishioner and teacher at Holy Names Academy and St. George’s School. Her funeral mass is this Thursday, September 10th, at 2 pm here at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome to attend the Mass and reception following in the Parish Center.

## FYI

The Parish Center Office will be closed Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day.

## Calvary Cemetery Mass

Calvary Cemetery Mass is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th, at 10:30 am.

## Communion for the Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact Fr. Jack O’Leary 206-329-5981, ext 101 or Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

## Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

### Sacramental Prep

Parents of all 1st and 2nd grade parishioners, regardless of where you attend school, need to register this September for CFF1 and CFF2 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Registration forms are also available in the vestibule.

#### Dates to Remember:

October 17th 9 am-12 noon CFF1 Workshop  
October 24th, 9 am-12 noon CFF2 Workshop  
First Reconciliation is December 5th  
March 27th, 9 am-12 noon CFF2 workshop  
First Eucharist is April 24th & 25th

Please visit our website at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) under "Ministries" and "Children's Faith Formation" to register, for calendars, volunteering needs, and details regarding all workshops and class schedule.

### CFF2 Lead Teacher and Assistants Needed

The CFF2 program is in need of one lead teacher and, ideally, 3 assistants. Parents volunteer in the classroom as well. The teacher and assistants will receive training in September. All lesson plans, as well as classroom and workshop activities are provided.

Classes begin October 11th and end May 23rd. There are 20 Sunday school classes total, 2 Saturday workshops, 2 evening rehearsals, and First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This is a great way to catechize others and yourself! You will learn so much by sharing your gifts and faith with children during Sunday school.

### CLOW Volunteer Meeting:

If you volunteered for CLOW last spring, or if you would like to start this fall, please come to a CLOW volunteer meeting on Sunday, September 13th. We will meet after the 9 am mass at Coffee and Donuts. Contact Dottie Farewell with questions or to sign up at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1652

### CFF Wish List:

\*2 small coffee or end tables (used as prayer tables)  
\*4 area rugs for "circle/prayer" time

### Volunteers needed:

\*Classroom cleanup help & pizza party! 4 classrooms, hallways, and stage need thorough dusting & mopping. Tuesday, September 8th at 5pm. Food and drink provided.

\*Family Mass Hospitality Crew: help plan Family Mass dinners and assist with special activities (example: set up and clean up for Advent Wreath Making).

\*Sacramental Preparation Team: meet to facilitate CFF1 & CFF2 activities.

### CFF3-5

Registration is also taking place for children in grades 3-5. Please visit the website for more information [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org), or fillout a registration form found in the vestibule.

## Altar Server Training

### New and Current Servers in the Church

All 4th graders and older are invited to join the Altar Serving Team. Training will be for current and new youth and will take approximately 1 hour to complete. Contact Dottie Farewell at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1652 to sign up for a day and time from below:

Wednesday, September 9th at 4pm  
Monday, September 14th at 3pm  
Sunday, September 20th at 12:30pm

## The Voice

The high school youth group will begin meeting on Wednesdays, beginning October 7th, from 7-8:30 pm in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. For more information, contact Randy Novak at [rnovak@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rnovak@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1654.

## Adult Faith Formation

### Foundations in Faith

What does the Catholic Church believe and what difference does it make in my life? Using the Bible, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Church documents, this adult enrichment program will explore the Catholic interpretation of scripture, key theological concepts, and the history of the Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity for an in-depth look at Catholic teaching and its implications for our everyday lives. Classes this year include Israel's Sacred History, Morality, Christology and Church, Sacraments and Liturgy, Gospel of John, and Council of Trent/Vatican II. You can come to one or all classes.

Classes take place on 9/20/09, 10/18/09, 11/22/09, 2/21/10, 3/7/10, 3/21/10 and 4/18/10 at St. Peter's on Beacon Hill from 1:30-5:30 PM. Cost: \$5 per class. (Cosponsored by our parish with the South Seattle Deanery) Information, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

## First Friday

Have you heard of First Friday here at St. Joseph's? If not, we hope you'll take a look at this opportunity to deepen your connection with fellow parishioners in this laity led prayer service held monthly at St. Joseph's Church.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about First Friday and also to join the planning committee on **Thursday, September 10th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.** If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact: Kelly Keydel 206-310-5189 or [kellykedel@mindspring.com](mailto:kellykedel@mindspring.com), Karen Quinn Shea at [quinn-shea@msn.com](mailto:quinn-shea@msn.com) or Mary Beth Hribar Deitz at 206-854-8525 or [Marybeth\\_hribar@yahoo.com](mailto:Marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com)

## JustFaith

*JustFaith* focuses on social justice issues through the lens of Catholic social teachings and the mission of the Church. It offers an in-depth spiritual journey as well as an opportunity for you to become closer with the St. Joe's community. If you have contemplated participating in *JustFaith* in past years, then this is the year to do it! If this sounds like a program that would enrich your life, please come and join us for reflection, study and prayer!

*Join us for an informational session scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. We hope you can join us to learn more about the program. Classes begin September 30th.*

For additional information contact Greg Zeman at 206-660-6302 or [gzeman@virtusllp.com](mailto:gzeman@virtusllp.com) or Sara Dittmer at 360-931-3442 or [sara.dittmer@gmail.com](mailto:sara.dittmer@gmail.com)

## JustMatters Programs

### Immigration

St. James Cathedral is planning to offer the JustMatters Module on migration called, "Crossing Borders: Migration, Theology, and the Human Journey." The module will be offered on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 15th and will run for 8 weeks. If you would like to participate, please contact Patty Bowman at 206-382-4515 or [pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org) or visit [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org) under "JustMatters Programs" for additional information.

### Mission Based Communities

St. Joseph is planning to offer the JustMatters Module titled, "New Wineskins: Forming Mission Based Communities" and will be offered on Thursday evenings, beginning October 8th and will continue for 8 weeks. If you would like to participate, please contact Vince Herberholt at 206-524-7856 or [vherberholt3@comcast.net](mailto:vherberholt3@comcast.net) or visit [www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org) under "JustMatters Programs" for additional information.

## Emergency Financial Assistance for Parishioners

The St. Joseph Parish Emergency Fund is ready to help parishioners in need. All calls to our dedicated phone line will be completely confidential, as will any assistance we provide. Funds are administered by St. Vincent de Paul. Our confidential number is 206-499-2082.

## Fall Blood Drive.

It's that time again - boy, the weeks just fly!!!  
Monday, September 14th in the Arrupe Room, 1 - 3 pm and 3:45 - 7 p.m.

Every two minutes, someone in Western Washington needs a transfusion. At least 800 people must donate blood through the Blood Center every weekday. Your donation is critical in helping the community maintain a stable blood supply for emergencies. So invite a friend or family member to join you when giving blood. Remember, "Give Blood, Get Homemade Cookies!" See you there!

## Cabrini Ministry Training

If your spiritual journey is leading you to grow deeper in faith and to become more active in ministry, and you desire training and guidance...Cabrini Ministry Training is just for you!

Our goal is to provide parishes and local institutions with capable, confident, faith-filled lay ministers who have grown in their self-awareness, and who possess effective pastoral listening skills. We accomplish the goals by inviting lay people called by reason of their baptism, to recognize and use their gifts in service to the Church.

We offer quality training that includes 5 months of weekly sessions with emphasis on pastoral skills, along with ethics, self-awareness, and more. CMT graduates are ministering in parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons; giving solace to the elderly, persons with special needs, the homebound, the homeless, the dying, and many more.

There will be an information meeting on September 14th, 7-8:30 pm at St. James Cathedral Place or on September 17th, 7-8:30 pm at St. Madeline Sophie. To RSVP or for more information, call Tom Curran at 206-760-0583 or [tomcurran@cabriniministry.org](mailto:tomcurran@cabriniministry.org)

## Council of Catholic Women

Do you study the word of God?  
Do you pray the Rosary?  
Do you advocate for the Unborn?  
Do you serve the poor?  
Do you care for the sick?  
Do you speak out against injustice?  
Do you support priests & seminarians?  
Do you donate to Catholic Relief Services?  
Do you give to Pregnancy Aid?

Then you are following the tenants of the Council of Catholic Women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. The National and Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Women provide networking beyond the local parish, connections with Catholic women worldwide, and information about Catholic Women in today's world.

Come and learn more about the Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, September 10th, at St. Stephen the Martyr, 13055 SE 192nd St. in Renton. The gathering begins at 5 pm in the church Narthex with a general meeting followed by a light dinner at 6 pm and an informational program at 7 pm. For more information, contact Kathleen G. Tansey, Central Deanery President, at 253-630-7755 or psj1350@comcast.net

## Peace Days for Women

“Who is my neighbor – sharing our gifts with others”  
Led by Beth Taylor, CSJP. Wednesday, September 16th from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue.

Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. To register or for more information contact Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail [peace@csjp-olp.org](mailto:peace@csjp-olp.org)

## Respect for Life Presentation

Deacon Burke-Sivers, a dynamic international speaker, will return to our area and give a presentation at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey on Saturday, September 26th after the 5 pm Mass, entitled “*Your Law is Truth: The Formation of Conscience and the Gift of Life.*” The event, sponsored by area Respect Life, will include a delicious multi-cultural buffet provided by Sacred Heart's Chamorro, Filipino and Hispanic Communities.

Tickets are \$15 or \$3 for children ages 6-12; children under 6 are free and childcare will be provided during the presentation. Please purchase your tickets early by calling 360-480-1898 or 360-412-1675, and put this date on your calendar—you will not be disappointed!!

## Eco-Justice Ministry

*“It is to the Creator of the universe, then, that we are accountable for what we do or fail to do to preserve and care for the earth and all its creatures.”*

- US Catholic Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*, 1991, p. 6.

### Mission of Prayer

Do you have a desire to share in the mission of Jesus through care for Creation? Interested in greening our parish campus? Eco-Justice Ministry invites you to join us in our mission of prayer, education and actions that serve a sustainable Earth community. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 17th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Questions? Contact Cathy Murray [clmurray2@comcast.net](mailto:clmurray2@comcast.net) or 206-524-7845, or Steve Wodzanowski at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1646.

### Legislative Update:

*“This fall is the most important time in a generation for the faith voice to be raised for Creation.”*

– Jessie Dye, Earth Ministry

September will be a huge month for national climate legislation. While the House passed historic climate legislation recently, the focus is now on the Senate. The Boxer-Kerry Senate draft climate bill is expected to be released September 8th. Look for more information in the coming weeks about contacting Senators Murray and Cantwell about this very important legislation.

International Climate Talks: This December 9th, world leaders will gather in Copenhagen to hopefully make progress on a meaningful international agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Check out [www.tckctck.org](http://www.tckctck.org) - an organization created to gather together grassroots voices across the globe, telling our leaders the world is ready for bold climate action. Add your voice!

## Financial Hope: Budgeting 101

On Wednesday, September 23rd, get down to basics and straighten out your financial life with “Budgeting 101,” presented by Blessed Sacrament Church's Office Manager Debbie Gonzalez and Business Analyst and Knight of Columbus member Joe Labore. The workshop is free, and starts at 7 pm in Blessed Sacrament Church's Parish Hall, 5050 8th Avenue NE. For more information, contact Christopher Murray at 206-732-7342 or [info@bspwa.org](mailto:info@bspwa.org)

# The Ignatian Spirituality Center

## ***The Way of Companionship***

*“the capacity in us all and a calling for us all, a way of approaching each other as human beings and souls of infinite worth and value.”*

Craig Rennebohm  
D. Min., Street Chaplain,  
Author of “Souls in the Hands of a Tender God”

Saturday, September 12th  
9 am-12 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center, Mother Teresa Room  
732 18th Ave East, Seattle

Craig Rennebohm is a mental health chaplain who has worked with people on the streets for over 25 years. He has developed a clear language and compassionate approach to companionship. The presentation has applications for individuals and any group or community.

Suggested Donation \$20

For more information or to register, contact The Ignatian Spirituality Center 206-329-4824 [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) or [carolyn@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:carolyn@ignatiancenter.org)

## ***Spirituality on Tap***

SEYA Program (Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults)  
of the Ignatian Spirituality Center

Being Green: the underlying spiritual  
wisdom of the Green Movement

Come and take a deeper look, an Ignatian perspective, at  
why we try to “be green”.

Thursday, September 17th  
7-9 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center, Mother Teresa Room  
732 18th Ave East, Seattle

Program for young adults aged 21-35  
Facilitator: Jeanie Robinson, M.A. in Theology

For more information, email [deb@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:deb@ignatiancenter.org) or  
visit [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org)

*Watch the bulletin for more information about the various programs and spiritual exercise opportunities offered through the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Visit [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) for more information.*

# Our Lady of Fatima's **BACHTOBERFEST 2009**

*BACH IN BLUE JEANS*

September 18th, 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of “light classics” by the Bach Family of Composers. Sit at a table with family and friends; enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or espresso; wear a t-shirt and your favorite pair of blue jeans if you like ... all the performers will be!

Musical pieces include *J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata* • *W.F. Bach's Duet For Two Violas* • *J.N. Bach's Orchestral Suite*  
• *C.P.E. Bach's Sonata for Harpsichord* •  
*J.S. Bach's Suite for Unaccompanied Violoncello in d minor* and more...

Featuring the OLF Chamber Choir, Baroque Orchestra,  
OLF Youth String Quartet and the OLF Student Organist  
Scholarship Recipient.

General Seating

Advance purchase: \$15

At the door: \$17

(Visa/Master Card accepted)

For more information, call 206-352-4587

## St. Benedict's Wurst Festival

St. Benedict School presents The 2009 Great Wallingford Wurst Festival, Friday, September 25th from 4-10 pm and Saturday, September 26th from 10 am-10 pm. Admission is free to this family-friendly event located at 48th and Wallingford Avenue North.

There's great food, inflatable rides, games and prizes, craft vendors and live music. It's a great and affordable way to spend your weekend. For additional information visit [www.stbens.net](http://www.stbens.net)

## **Reminder!**

**Please bring a box or  
can of food for offering  
each Sunday.**

All food collected is distributed to those in need by St. Francis House. During these extremely difficult times, if every family donates one food item, we will surely have an impact on the current shortage and help make a difference in the lives of those in need.