

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2009

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

**Readings for
Sunday, September 27, 2009**
FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:25-29
SECOND READING: JAMES 5:1-6
GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-43,45,47-48

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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God In All Things:

The Teachers We Know (and Are)

"Seek God in all things and we shall find God by our sides."

-St. Peter Claver, SJ-

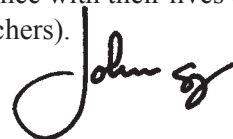
Last week was the feast of St. Peter Claver, a young Jesuit who risked everything to serve the slaves brought into the Colombian port of Cartagena in the 17th century. Each day, after work at the Jesuit school, Claver would go to the port to meet the slave ships. Entering into the dark horrors, he would find the African slaves, chained and stacked, lying with little food or water, and no sanitation, as they had been their entire voyage. Claver would bring food and water, bought at his own expense, and would teach them to pray or baptize those near death. Radical for his humanity, Claver saw in these women and men the image of God, and so bound himself to them as he would to Christ. It was not the ministry he intended to have, but the slave ships of Colombia became a place of grace for Claver that transformed him.

But it was more than his own initiative that brought Peter to Cartagena; *"the slave of the slaves,"* as he became known, was inspired to leave the comfort of Europe and go to the missions by an unusual and unofficial teacher he encountered during his philosophy studies on the island of Majorca, off the coast of Spain.

Alphonsus Rodriguez was an old Jesuit Brother, sent to school at Majorca as its porter, who would answer the door for strangers and guests. Each day, he sat at the porter's desk and answered the bell when it rang, always praying his rosary as he walked and reciting his simple prayer, *"I'm just coming, Lord!"* Yet, for all his simplicity and lack of importance, Alphonsus had a great attraction for the young Jesuits, studying at Majorca. They would come to the old saint and listen to him speak of God and prayer, and hear his encouragement in the midst of their studies. Above all, he encouraged them to be generous in their gifts, and to seek God in the most difficult and remote places. Many young men, like Peter Claver, were inspired by this *"insignificant"* old man to change their lives and go to the missions of Asia and Latin America; and many, like Claver, ended up dying there, in service to the God whom they found beside them, always.

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, with blessings for those educated and skilled members of our community, who dedicate themselves to teaching young and old how to seek God in all things, and find all things in God. There are many such Peter Clavers here, who go into the world to teach and serve, raising hearts and minds to God. But there are, also in this parish, many Alphonsus'—who have no formal training or education, but inspire by word and work all those they meet. Let us be grateful for both, this weekend. And let us pray that God will continue to raise up among us teachers who proclaim God's presence with their lives (and pray, perhaps, that we might all be such teachers).

Yours in the Lord,
John D. Whitney, SJ



Calendar

Sunday, September 20	Altar Server Training, 12:30 PM
Monday, September 21	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Tuesday, September 22	OWLS Potluck Supper, 6 PM Social Hall
Friday, September 25	Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30-11 AM Loyola Chapel, Parish Center
Saturday, September 26	Fr. Whitney's Installation Mass, 5 PM Reception Following (Arrupe)
Sunday, September 27	Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass)

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:

For Lisa's successful surgery and recovery . . . For Veda Jo Byrne's medical treatments and for her husband, Terry . . . In thanksgiving that Mary has been successfully treated for melanoma . . . For Phil's well being and comfort . . . For new beginnings as people make plans for their future.

Prayer Tree



"Withhold not, O Lord, your compassion from me; may your kindness and your truth ever preserve me."

Psalm 40:12

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

For Those Who Cannot Eat Gluten . . .

An Invitation to Eucharist

If you have celiac disease or a severe gluten allergy, you may receive the Eucharist in a gluten-free form from the Presider, who will have the consecrated host in a pyx. Please tell him that you need a gluten-free host, and he will allow you to remove it from the pyx in a safe manner. Remember: this pyx will only be with the Presider, so go to him.

Thank You Blood Donors!

A great resounding thank you to all who participated in the blood drive last Monday! Fifty-one donors registered, 45 donated blood. Nearly 140 individuals benefited from the blood donated that day! Thank you to the donors - parishioners, neighbors, folks driving home from work, others who saw the signs or responded to email messages, PSBC staff, bakers, and volunteers! Mark your calendars for November 9th for the next blood drive in the Parish Center. See you then!

Food Offering

Please remember to bring a box or can of food for the offering each Sunday. All donations will certainly have an impact in the lives of those in need. *Thank you!*

Fr. John Whitney's Installation as Pastor

Please join us next Saturday, September 26th, as Archbishop Alex Burnett formally installs Fr. John as our new pastor. Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

Catechetical Sunday is TODAY!

This Sunday, September 20th at the 9am mass we will bless our religious educators. Please make sure to say thank you to the many volunteers and school teachers and staff that support our community by educating our children and adults in the faith!

RCIA

Come and See

"What the Catholic Church has to offer"

Tuesday September 29th

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org We would be happy to meet with you and provide further information regarding our inquirers' sessions. All are welcome in this journey of faith. Come join us.

shirts across america.org

St. Joe's high school youth community, The VOICE, continues to grow its outreach to the Gulf Coast. The group has created the non-profit entity Shirts Across America and has partnered with the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans. SAA has donated over \$50,000 to SBP since January and has moved five families out of FEMA trailers and back into their homes.

As part of our ongoing efforts, Shirts Across America welcomes CNN Heroes of the Year and co-founders of the St. Bernard Project Liz McCartney and Zack Rosenberg to Seattle. As part of the 4 NOLA Tour they will be speaking to the student bodies at Seattle Prep, Holy Names, O'Dea, Blanchet and Tumwater high schools. If you are interested in hearing from these two incredible speakers, join us on Thursday, October 1st, at 7pm at Pigott Auditorium on Seattle University's campus.

The VOICE

The high school youth group will begin meeting on Wednesdays, starting 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 or 206-965-1654.

Pathfinders

The junior high youth group (6th - 8th grades) will begin meeting on Wednesdays, starting September 30th from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

First Friday Worship

What grew out of discernment sessions and the desire for an intimate, parishioner led service, is now about to start its third year at St. Joseph's Church. Together we have built a strong community centered on sharing our spirituality and the gift of prayer with each other, and it is our hope that you will take part in this special gathering.

Please join us on Friday, October 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center Arrupe Room as we continue to celebrate the feast of St. Francis. Our theme for October's gathering is "Care for Creation" with a reflection to be given by Cathy Murray. As we have done in the past, we will have a pot-luck dinner immediately following the service. We ask that you bring food or beverage to share. Families are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Quinn-Shea at quinn-shea@msn.com or Mary Beth Hribar-Deitz at Marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Ministers

During early fall we will be having a series of gatherings for all Eucharistic Ministers in the parish. You should have received an email from the EM captains Leona DeRocco and Mary Sepulveda alerting you to the time and place of your particular event. The schedule is reprinted below for your convenience. If you cannot make the one for your particular mass time, please DO come to one of the other ones. We look forward to gathering with everyone this fall! Please RSVP to Leona DeRocco at fallon_derocco@comcast.net or 206-328-8186.

5 PM Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30 pm, Church Vestibule

9 AM Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday, October 20th, 6:30 pm, Church Vestibule

11 AM Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday, October 4th, 12 Noon, Arrupe Room

5:30 PM Eucharistic Ministers: Sunday, October 4th, 6:30 pm, Arrupe Room

Family Mass and Dinner

Our first Family Mass & Dinner of the year is Saturday, October 3rd at the 5pm Vigil. All our welcome to come together for a great meal from Olympia Pizza & Pasta House after mass in the Social Hall. *Family Masses are part of our CFF and Sacramental Preparation programs, so come and learn about the Saints and complete your first project!*

St. Joe's Got Talent

Have a talent you want to share? Were you inspired by the most recent "Talent" contestants (maybe you're the next Recycled Percussion)? Then come to an audition next Friday, September 25th, at 3 pm in the Parish Center Arrupe Room to share your comedy, music, jump roping, juggling, singing, or other unknown talent with our "judges." All will be able to participate at our upcoming Family Masses & Dinners, but only 3 will get to perform in Round One of our FIRST EVER "St Joe's Got Talent" on October 3rd at 7pm!! Sign up to audition or if you have questions, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Altar Server Training

New and Current Servers in the Church

All 4th graders and older are invited to join the Altar Serving Team. The final training will be Sunday, September 20th, at 12:30 pm for current and new youth and will take approximately 1 hour to complete. Contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 965-1652.

Seniors on the Go

Harriet Barrett's 99th Birthday

Wednesday, September 23rd, 10:45 am – 2 pm (meet at the Parish Center at 10:45 am) Mass at Mt. St. Vincent Chapel at 11:30 am with Fr. Jack O'Leary presiding followed by a no host lunch and birthday cake in the Mt. St. Vincent cafeteria. To sign-up for a ride in the parish bus, please call Renee at the parish center 324-2522, ext. 100 or stop by. Space is limited. If you can drive, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646.

OWLS Over 50 Potluck

We love a good time! The seniors' monthly potluck dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd at 6 pm in the Social Hall. Please join us for good food, conversation, and occasional surprise entertainment! Any questions or if you need a ride, please call Mary Ott at 206-324-7459 or Delores Dorn at 206-322-2259. We hope you will join us.

First Friday Mass and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon scheduled for October 2nd, at 11:30. Mass will be in the church with lunch following in the Parish Center.

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 steve@stjosephparish.org if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

Eco-Justice Ministry

Ring a Bell for Climate Action on Monday!

This Monday, September 21st, join thousands of individuals around the world in a Global Wake Up Call on Climate Change. Make noise, ring bells between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. to tell our leaders we need them to Wake Up and create a bold international climate agreement in Copenhagen this December. Find out more or join an event via www.tcktkctck.org

Looking for Housing

Former parishioner and graduate of St. Joseph School, Mary Mead Smith is trying to help a recent Friday Harbor High School graduate find housing while she attends Seattle Community College. She is willing to be a part-time nanny, help with housework, and cook in exchange for room and board. Please contact Mary Mead Smith at 360-378-2728 or meadsmith@centurytel.net for more information or if you or someone you know might be interested in helping.

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 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. (Co-sponsored by St. Joseph with the South Seattle Deanery) For information, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org



Divorce and Beyond

Divorce and Beyond is an excellent program for divorced and divorcing Catholics beginning Monday, September 21st, at St. Thomas More in Lynnwood. It examines what happens to most people going through the breakup of a marriage, dealing with stresses and strains and understanding emotional responses, including hurt and anger, leading to the eventual restructuring of their lives. Fee materials: \$20. For information or to register, contact Christine at cmacdonald5@verizon.net or 425-741-0917 or Luciann at 425-743-2929 or lucianm@stmp.org



Natural Family Planning

Did you know couples who use natural family planning have a divorce rate under 5%! Come to a complete natural family planning course to be held at Saint Brendan's Parish in Bothell. Learn about your Catholic faith and discover a modern, natural method of family planning that is 99% effective. The course consists of three sessions on the following Sundays: Oct. 11, Nov. 1 & Nov. 22 at 6:30 pm. Total cost is \$135. For more information and to register, call Marie and Scott Elmenhurst at 425-788-2453 or nota.bene@verizon.net



Adoption through CCS

Catholic Community Services believes that "every child should grow up in a safe, loving and nurturing environment." Catholic Community Services of Western Washington (CCSWW) is looking for prospective adoptive parents who are interested in learning more about infants available for adoption from South Korea. For more information about our South Korean and other adoption programs, please call the Adoption Unit at 206-328-5921 or visit our website www.ccsww.org