

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2009

Homily Next Week:
Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J.

**Readings for
Sunday, October 11, 2009**
FIRST READING: WISDOM 7:7-11
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-13
GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-30

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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Respecting Life: Reconciliation as Mission

In her poem, *To Live in the Mercy of God*, author and parishioner, Denise Levertov offered this description and reminder: "Thus, not mild, not temperate, / God's love for the world. Vast / flood of mercy / flung on resistance."

On Respect Life Sunday, this vision of God's love as a "vast flood of mercy flung on resistance," seems particularly appropriate. Christ has come into the world to give us life and hope, to challenge structures of fear and power, to overturn hierarchies that cling to privilege and ground themselves in oppression, to give even his blood and body so that we might be fed with mercy. . . and yet, we seem to resist. Today, our sons and daughters patrol the dangerous streets of Afghanistan and drive the roads of Iraq; ranchers and poor farmers burn the Amazon forests for pastures and to make charcoal to cook their food; young girls are sold into slavery and old men live without health care or suitable housing; the most vulnerable in our society face abortion by fear-filled or wounded mothers, or choose suicide because fear of illness overwhelms them. In prisons, apartments, fields, and our hearts, darkness hardens and makes us resist—but still the flood comes, to wear away the stone and free us.

In our culture, being pro-life is too often reduced to political stands against abortion or euthanasia. But, the gospel is not about opposition, but resurrection; it is not about political coercion, but about personal and communal conversion that can only come when we know life and know it in abundance. This Sunday is not about one issue or another, but about immersing ourselves in the flood of mercy, which is God's love, and about helping others to give up their resistance and become part of the flood. As God's people, we can never do what God refused to do: force others to respect life; rather, we must do as Christ did, give our lives—live our lives—in a way that heals the hearts of the world and opens them to the awesome and intemperate love that is life. Rather than separate, we must reconcile (as Christ did) through our choices and our actions.

At the 35th General Congregation of the Jesuits, we wrote of three reconciliations that are part of our call today: reconciliation with God, reconciliation with one another, and reconciliation with the earth. Here, I think is the gospel of life offered to St. Joseph, as a parish in the Jesuit tradition. Let us grow in prayer, to find the courage to receive God's love; let us grow in compassion, to draw those tempted towards death to ourselves and to undermine the structures of death in our culture; and let us grow in our union with all creation, to know the fullness of life both within and beyond ourselves. Today, and every day, let us be reconcilers, let us be life-givers, let us be those who give way to that "vast flood of mercy" that alone can save our world.

Yours in the Lord,

John D. Whitney, SJ

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Calendar

Sunday, October 4	Blessing of Animals, 12:30 PM
Monday, October 5	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Wednesday, October 7	Pathfinders, 6 PM, Social Hall VOICE, 7 PM, Arrupe Room
Friday, October 9	Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30-11 AM Loyola Chapel, Parish Center
Sunday, October 11	Children's Faith Formation Classes 9-11 AM, Social Hall 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.

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 4th- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi 12:30 pm
Front Lawn of Church

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this:

*"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!
Amen."*

As the prayer is offered, the pet is gently sprinkled with holy water.

The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Alison and Aaron as they cope with the loss of their unborn son, may they find in their sorrow comfort through faith, family and friends . . . For Desiree's medical condition to be correctly diagnosed so the healing and recovery can begin . . . For the various challenges that Emily, Paul, Ron and Terri are facing, may they have hope and God's grace in the directions they are being led . . . For Fernando who is 90, we pray for his well being as we do for Diane's . . . For a great job opportunity for Kristyn to be realized.

Prayer Tree



"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born."

Isaiah 44:2

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

Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to our parish, mark your calendars for our next *Newcomers Gathering* -- Sunday, October 25th in the Parish Center following the 11 am Mass. Come meet some of the parish staff and other parishioners over a light brunch and see what St. Joe's has to offer you. For more information, contact Anne Moran at 965-1656 or amoran@stjosephparish.org

Calvary Cemetery Mass

The monthly celebration of the Eucharist will be celebrated at Calvary Cemetery on Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 am.

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.

CFF Reminders

All Children's Faith Formation classes will begin Sunday, October 11th.

Pre-K and K will begin at 9 am - please meet in the social hall prior to Mass.

This program is for *all* St. Joseph School *and* Parish kids.

CFF 1-5 will begin following the 9 am Mass and hospitality at approximately 10:15 am. Please gather in the social hall.

This program is for all Parish kids *not* enrolled at St. Joseph School.

(Childcare is going to be available from 8:45-11 am in the social hall ~ details to follow.)

Dates to Remember

October 17th, 9 am - 12 noon CFF1 workshop

October 24th, 9 am - 12 noon CFF2 workshop

These workshops are for all St. Joseph School and Parish children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist either this year or next year.

Please gather in the church for these workshops.

Eco-Justice Ministry

Free Advocacy Training

The Beyond the One Night Count (BONC) Fall Advocacy Training will be offered October 10th, 10 am-12 pm at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. We will learn about the City and County budgets this fall and how they will impact housing for those with very low incomes. Nancy Amidei, a nationally known advocacy trainer and professor of social work (UW retired) will make advocacy simple, approachable and fun. Please join us for this engaging training! The St. Joe's Social Justice Commission participated in this training and it is excellent. To register, please visit www.faihadvocracy.org

CYO Basketball Registration

CYO Basketball is coming soon! CYO Basketball sign-ups for 4th thru 8th graders will be due on October 9th. The season will run from mid-November through January. To register, visit the school website at www.stjosephsea.org for all CYO information.

Spirituality on Tap

SEYA Program (Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults)

“The Examen as a Living Practice”

October 15th, 7-9 p.m.

Piccora's NY Pizza

1401 E Madison St,

Seattle, 98112

Facilitator: Joseph Carver, S.J.

For young adults aged 21-35

Please RSVP for Pizza

Come join Joseph Carver, S.J. as he explores the Ignatian Examen. The “Examen of Consciousness” comes to us from the Ignatian tradition in the Roman Catholic Church. It liberated contemplative prayer from the walls of the monastery and encouraged women and men everywhere to seek God in the details of their daily lives and find God in all things.

For more information, contact Deb Lucas at de@ignatian-center.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

Come and see where God might be calling you!

We invite single Catholic women (21-45 yrs.) to come for a visit with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace to consider a call to religious life. Come for a day, a weekend or join us for one of our Reflection Days. For information, please contact Sr. Jo-Anne Miller, CSJP at jmiller@csjp-olp.org or 425-451-1770, ext. 118.

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

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.

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 965-1654.

Pathfinders

The junior high youth group will begin this Wednesday, October 7th with a pizza and game night. All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come! It will be in the social hall from 6-7:30 pm. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 965-1652.



Providence Mount St. Vincent

Providence Mount St. Vincent will host their annual Legacy Community Luncheon on Wednesday, October 7th, benefiting residents who have outlived their financial resources. Dr. Ronan Tynan, one of the founding members of The Irish Tenors, Paralympic athlete and physician will speak on overcoming obstacles and will grace the audience with his singing. Tickets are \$50 and the event will be held at the downtown Seattle Westin. For more information, please contact Colleen Cremin at 206-938-6194 or visit www.providence.org



God and Golf

What do God and golf, the Lord and the links, the Spirit and the sport have in common? St. Joseph parishioner and author Gary Graf will be available after all masses on October 3rd and 4th to sign his latest book, *And God Said, "Tee It Up!"* You'll learn about golf's great courses, tournaments and players, as well as the many connections the Good Book and great game share.

St. Joseph Parish Dance Survey

Do you enjoy music, dancing and socializing? We are conducting a survey from our adult St. Joseph parishioners (18 yrs and older) to see if there is an interest in hosting monthly no partner required dances in our Social Hall.

There would be a variety of dances including rock-n-roll, swing, country, ballroom, and others. Our goal is to bring affordable fun to our St. Joseph community without being a fundraiser! Please let us know if you are interested in attending the dances, or perhaps would you like to volunteer to join the "Dance Team" to actively plan and organize these fun-filled events? Parishioners Tom Cannon, Ellen Kam and Sheila Marie are coordinating this effort. For a St. Joseph Parish dance survey questionnaire email Sheila Marie at SheMar49@comcast.net

Build Hope Collection

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development 2009 grants, which were recommended to and approved by Archbishop Brunett, were funded from the Build Hope collection held in every parish in September 2008. The average grant was for \$2500. Some of the recipients included: *Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League, Tenant's Union, Women's Justice Circles, The leadership Development and Civic Engagement Academy, Statewide Poverty Action Network, Interaction Transition.*

This past September's collection for Build Hope within the parish raised over \$1500. Thank you for your generosity and helping to fund these programs.

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

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 if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S WINTER SHELTER

On October 1st the Winter Shelter started its 18th year. It has continued to serve homeless men ONLY because of the volunteers that spend the night once a month. Unbelievably, most of these volunteers have been doing it for years!

The men are very appreciative of the safe place and kind people that work the shelter. They also love taking with them in the morning a "meal bag" for the day. The meals are provided by another group of dedicated volunteers that take their time and money to put together 14 lunches once a month or every six weeks. The feeling of having something to eat for the day is over-whelming. The following are the people that are "walking the walk". If you see a name you know and wonder how they can do it – ask them and also say thank you!!! A number of the following are not even parishioners.

Over Night Hosts

Joe & Ryan Anderton	Dan Little*
Ed Baker	Leo Lyons
Hugh Bangasser	Royce Morrison
Bob Baur & Family	Tom Morton
Ron Beard	Allison Nackel
Tom Cannon	Mike O'Brien
Peter Cline	Michael Ostrem
Judy Duvall	Maria Ochoa
Steve Etter	Joe & Michael Paton
Gary Fallon*	Scott Peterson
Brad Fisher*	Joe Piper & Family
Kevin Gaffney	Fred Raney
Patrick Gemma	Tim Reilly
Dick Hagen	Rose Schwartz
Edgar Haimerl	Dave Sharp
Bill Herkes	Sam Smith
Doug Hobkirk	Joseph Spadaccini
Peter Holmes	Marti & Dave Spicer
Darrell Jesse	John Sullivan
Jerry Johnsen	John Tardif
Katherine & Henriette Klauser	Frank VanDusen*
Doug Kimball	Dennis West
Bob & Ryan Kupyn	Greg Witter
Don Linde	Brigette Yates
	Julie Yates
	Greg & Blake Zeman

Meal Providers

Christy Allen
Jill Allen
Ann Arnold
Shelley Buhler
Quinn & Luc Carlin
Bridget Carney
David Christensen
Teresa Collins
Leona DeRocco*
Sheree & Cole Fisher*
Ellen Flies
Mary Beth Gemperle
Pat Gemplerline & Jan Dwight
Kate Goodwin & Family
Mary Hartrich
Nan Henderson
Julie Little*
Jill McCormick & Family
Colleen McShane & David Batchelder
Jeff & Sharon Montgomery
Dawn Perkins & Kids
Ann Regimbal
Carol Sauter
Andy Seiple
Patty & Kati Spencer
Kristine, Matt, Caroline & Drummond Sweeney
Erin Swezey & Tim, Patrick, Keenan Leary
Patsy & Jim Thomas
Leigh Anne VanDusen*
Susie & Paul Wyckoff

The Winter Shelter is in need of Meal Providers and Over Night Hosts. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Taffy McCormick at taffymccormick@comcast.net

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Fall Session begins Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 9:30am

The St. Joseph's Women's Spirituality Group (WSG) was created to bring together women looking to connect in a spiritual way. We meet weekly throughout the school year and have a variety of speakers and topics. WSG creates the opportunity for women to explore values, new ways of looking at spirituality and ways to bring their gifts to various relationships and the Christian community.

The speakers & topics for the Fall Session are subject to change:

October 14th – Introductions / spiritual goals

October 21st – Jennifer Manlowe – Making the 2nd Half of Your Life the Best Half

October 28th – Lori Sawyer – Your Personality, Your Spirituality

November 4th – Carla Loucks – In between: Caring for Your Family & Your Parents

November 11th – NO GROUP – Veterans Day

November 18th – Fr. John Whitney – My Story & discussion

November 25th - NO GROUP – Thanksgiving break

December 2nd – Mary Ellen Webber - The spiritual practice of surrendering: what it is and what it isn't.

December 9th – Sr. Linda Haydock - Advent

WHEN: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am – Social/childcare check-in 9:30-10:00am
Speakers will begin promptly at 10:00am.

WHERE: St. Joseph Parish, Parish Center Main Level – 732 18th Avenue East

COST: The cost is \$40 for those with no childcare and \$50 for those who require childcare. Scholarships are available. Please bring your payment to the first meeting. Checks are payable to St. Joseph Parish & please indicate "WSG" in the memo section.

Please feel free to join our group at anytime during the session.
If you have questions or concerns, please contact
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