

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ

**Readings for
Sunday, January 24, 2010**

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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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An Urgent Appeal for Haiti

"Our life and our death are with our neighbor."

~St. Anthony the Great, 4th Century

I had planned, this week, to be writing about our baptismal mission—and will return to that theme next week—but this week's traumatic events in the nation of Haiti remind us again that the mission of Christ, our true baptismal mission, demands of us more than mere belief or even the best of rites; our faith demands, first of all, solidarity with and service to the world Christ has redeemed. It demands outreach, especially to the most vulnerable and anguished of our sisters and brothers.

Today, the nation of Haiti lies devastated by the worst earthquake in two centuries. Already the poorest nation in the hemisphere and suffering from repeated natural disasters (only last year it was hit by several hurricanes within a couple of months), Haiti and her people teeter on the precipice. Women and men are dead and dying beneath rubble, and those who have survived are often in the streets, without clean water, without adequate food, without basic medical care. Death hovers over them, and despair tugs at their hearts.

As a faith community, as women and men *ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve*, what are we at St. Joseph to do?

When we look at television and listen to the radio, we can imagine the nations of the world organizing their forces—billions of dollars are pledged, and the machinery of rescue is rushed in. It is tempting, in such a moment, to feel small and insignificant, to say that we cannot raise millions, cannot heal this broken land. We'll leave it to the professionals and contribute through our taxes.

However, the Eucharist, that small gift of infinite value, demands more of us. It demands that we not leave Haiti to the professionals or to governments alone, but that we enter into its sufferings and make them our own: that we enter with the redemptive and incarnate love of Christ for those in peril, a love that embraced the poor and accepted even the cross. This means that we must all hold the people of Haiti in our prayer; it means, for some, that we must make ourselves available to help with refugees or even to go as volunteers; and it means that we must give, not of our excess, but of our substance to help in this moment of utmost anguish.

With this in mind, our entire Parish collection from this weekend—every dollar and dime—will be given to Catholic Relief Services for Haitian relief. I encourage every member of our community to give, either through the Parish, or directly to CRS (*as outlined elsewhere in the bulletin*).

While there are, of course, many other fine charities, the on-site strength and well-run infrastructure of CRS offers a fast, safe, and efficient means to reach the most desperate and least served communities.

Whatever money that we raise this weekend will, in the world's eyes, be but a drop in the bucket. But buckets are filled by drops, and the Reign of God comes one voice, one heart, one life at a time. Let our love be sincere and our service genuine; let us give of ourselves unstintingly; let us trust that Jesus is at the center of it all—then not even death can conquer us, or conquer our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Calendar

Sunday, January 17	CFF Classes
Monday, January 18	Parish Center Closed for MLK Holiday Sacred Silence, Church, 7 PM
Tuesday, January 19	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center
Wednesday, January 20	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM, Parish Center Pathfinders, 6 PM, Parish Center VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Thursday, January 21	Parish Visioning Session, 7 PM, School Auditorium
Saturday, January 23	Family Mass and Dinner, 5 PM, Church & Social Hall
Sunday, January 24	Parish Visioning Session, After the 11 AM and 5:30 PM Masses, Parish Center 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.

“Ignited by the Eucharist to Love & Serve”

Last year, the community at St. Joseph came together to formulate a mission statement by which we capture the essence of our hopes and the call we have received. Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve, grounds our community in the heart of the Church-in the sacraments-yet also points us outward, toward the transformation of our world.

This year, our task is to take the next step in a three step process toward a comprehensive plan for the parish that is grounded in our mission and in the desires and gifts-the vision-of this community. In the next few months, leading up to Pentecost, our community of St. Joseph is invited to give specificity to our mission, to explore and develop what it means for us “to love and serve” as a Eucharistic people. This process of discerning conversation-which will produce a statement of direction that will then be supplemented, next year, with the development of a 5 year plan-needs to involve all parts of our community, all voices and visions by which the Spirit moves us.

Please join other members of the community in shaping the future of St. Joseph by attending one of the sessions offered. These 1.5 hour input sessions will give direction for Fr. John, for the Pastoral Council, and for all the programs and works of the Parish in the coming years. Bring your voice, and your heart!

There are three sessions planned: Thursday, January 21st, 7-8:30 pm in the School Auditorium and Sunday, January 24th, 12-1:30 pm or 6:30-8 pm in the Parish Center. Visit the parish website to sign up for one of the sessions. Simply click on the button “Mission-Next Steps”.

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

That each of us does what we can in the humanitarian aid and relief for the people of Haiti . . . For Sonia's surgery and recovery. . . For Maggie's well being . . . For Margaret and Catherine's comfort and the blessing of their caring families . . . To be able to do God's will regarding family, finances and work opportunities.

Prayer Tree



*“O Lord, you are our father;
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hands.”*

Isaiah 64:6

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

Haiti Earthquake Response

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 18th in honor of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Help Wanted at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a full time janitor to work late afternoons and evenings Thursday through Monday. If you are interested, please stop by the office to pick up an application.

January Family Mass, Dinner & Talent Show, Saturday, January 23rd!

If you have a talent you'd like to share—joke telling, magic, pet tricks, singing or something else—at our next Family Mass & Dinner on January 23rd, please contact Dottie Farewell & Liz McCarthy French at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org to audition. **Auditions are scheduled in the Parish Center for Sunday, January 17th following the 11 am Mass.** ALL ages and talents are welcome. Don't miss out on the fun!

CYO 5th-8th Grade Girls Volleyball

Registration for girls in the 5th-8th grades has begun. Consent forms have been distributed to the students through their home-room teachers. The consent form can also be downloaded off the St. Joseph School-CYO website. Please complete the form and return it to the main office. The fee is \$50. The deadline to register is January 19, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Wolfe at mtwolfe@stjosephsea.org

St. Joseph School Endowment

Annual Bowling Party - Save the Date

February 28th, 5-8pm @ The Garage (Madison & Broadway) Don't miss out on the fun. Details to follow.

Community Dinner - Save the Date

Our next Parish & School Community Dinner is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 16th from 5-10 pm at Olympia Pizza & Spaghetti House III**, 516 15th Ave E. Please join us for this fun, family centered gathering. Remember, there is no agenda, just social. The Olympia Pizza is owned by parishioners and school family Harry and Deirdre Nicoloudakis and their kids Christopher and Niko.

Blanchet High School

Do you enjoy live big band music? Join us for an evening of dancing and entertainment with music performed by Bishop Blanchet High School's Jazz Band and Jazz Choir. Saturday, January 23, 2010, 7-10 pm. Ernie Rose Activities Center, Bishop Blanchet High School, 8200 Wallingford Ave. N. Tickets: \$25 adults/ \$5 Students/ \$175 for Table of 8. Get tickets at the door or order tickets in advance by calling the Bishop Blanchet Activities Office at 206-527-7704. All proceeds from this popular annual event underwrite travel expenses for the students to attend the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. For more info, go to www.bishopblanchet.org and click on calendar for January 23rd.

Family Meals Ministry

What is The Meals Ministry?

Through a team of wonderful volunteers, we provide meals to church members in times of need. The meals ministry is an excellent way to meet other people from church and make a difference in someone's life, with a minimal time commitment, about once per year.

How Does It Work?

The meals ministry coordinator is made aware of a need, either through a direct request for help, or through referral by someone within the church. Volunteers are then contacted and asked to provide a meal (home cooked or purchased) and deliver it to the recipient's home.

Who Do We Serve?

Saint Joe's families and individuals in times of need.

- ... after the birth of a baby.
- ... after surgery or hospitalization.
- ... during times of crisis.

How Can I Help?

The meals ministry is an excellent way to meet other people from church and make a difference in someone's life, with a minimal time commitment. Meals DO NOT have to be homemade. In situations such as these, it is definitely "the thought that counts." The purpose is to help someone in need by providing a helping hand in meal preparation, not to dazzle anyone with your culinary skills. In times of need, a friendly face and a meal is a true gift.

Meal Guidelines:

- We provide a complete meal and deliver it to the recipient's home.
- It can be store bought, homemade, frozen or just about anything!
- Meal does not have to be fancy or gourmet.
- We attempt to accommodate allergies and food preferences.

We strive to work out a schedule that benefits the recipient the most while working with the schedule of the volunteer. Please contact Cara Kroenke at 206-283-2500 ckroenke@swyfs.org to help get this wonderful ministry started.

O'Dea Italian Dinner

The "Irish Go Italian"... The O'Dea High School Fathers Club is once again putting on their famous Italian Dinner on Saturday, January 30th, 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person, and tables for 8-10 people are also available. For reservations and information, visit www.odea.org or contact John McDonald at john@mcdonaldmccgarry.com or 425-774-4172.

JUSTICE

Catholic Advocacy Day

Tuesday, February 9th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Olympia, WA

To register:

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

Pro-Life Event On January 19th

On Tuesday, January 19th there will be a Pro-Life Mass celebrated at St. Michael Church, 1055 Boundary St. SE, in Olympia at 10 am followed by a procession from the Church to the State Capitol to participate in the Washington State March for Life.

For more information call St. Michael Church at 360-480-9329 or www.SaintMichaelParish.org

FAITH FORMATION

High School Confirmation

So, have you been considering the Sacrament of Confirmation? Here is your chance to join us on the journey as we begin the process as a faith community. If you are at least 16 years old and wish to be confirmed, we invite you and at least one parent/guardian to attend this information meeting on Sunday, January 31st, 4-5:30 pm in the Parish Center. Our weekly gatherings will begin after this introduction. Please RSVP to Randy Novak at RNovak@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1654.

Day of Contemplative Prayer -

A day of Contemplative Prayer for women and men will be held on Saturday, January 23rd, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue. The day will be led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP.

If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 am for an introduction. Free-will offering. To register or for more information contact Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

Peace Days for Women,

“Prayer in Everyday Life” led by Mary Thorne, CSJP. Wednesday, January 20th, 9:30 am - 2 pm 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

Discernment in Daily Life Series

Are you interested in developing a practice of listening for God in your life choices and responding in faith? Looking for an inner compass in confusing times? Thursday Evenings: January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, from 6:30 – 9 pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

This series is being presented by Marilyn Nash and Mike Bayard, SJ. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Program Fee: \$150 Contact Christine@IgnatianCenter.org to register or visit our website at www.IgnatianCenter.org

SENIORS ON THE GO

Seniors Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Brown Bag Lunch.

OWLS Potluck is set for Tuesday, January 26th at 6 pm in the Social Hall.

First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon is Friday, February 5th at 11:30 am.

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you 21-40? Do you play Cranium, Scrabble, or Spades? Would you like to enjoy a great evening of games, potluck food and libations? We have just the event for you! Join the YAG in Game Night on Sunday, January 31st following the 5:30 Mass in the Arrupe Room. Bring a favorite game to share and we'll have some there for the game-deprived. Please bring a hearty appetizer and a beverage to share with the crowd. Contact Allison Nackel at allisonnackel@gmail.com or Jennifer McKasson at jennifer.mckasson@gmail.com