

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2010

Reflection Next Week:
George Hofbauer, Principal

**Readings for
Sunday, January 31, 2010**

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13
GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

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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Baptism (part 2): Our Baptismal Mission

"I shall contemplate myself in you. And I shall clothe myself in your eternal will."
~Catherine of Siena

On the wall of a woman I know, who works as Youth Minister in a California Parish, was a small, framed document, which I leaned in to read. "What is this?" I asked. "That's my license to minister," she said.

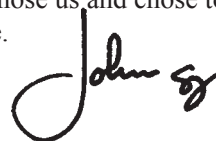
As I looked closer, I saw it was her baptismal certificate.

Like all sacraments, baptism is not merely a blessing for the individual, but also a commission for the good of the community. In passing through the waters of death and life, in rising again with Jesus and becoming part of the community of faith, the individual receives both the right and the duty to become what Jesus is: servant and gift for the salvation of the whole world. The Church—which is, first of all the community of the baptized—distinguishes various ministries within its ranks, but notes that all of us are ministers by virtue of the one Spirit that unifies us with Jesus and each other.

The symbols of baptism make clear that we are about something more than individual blessing or personal salvation. As discussed previously, the common nature of water ties us to one another and to all of creation; but even more, the other elements of baptism remind us that this bond of life entails service and witness. The candle, lit from the Paschal candle, reminds us that our light comes from the light of Jesus, to be carried out into the world. Evoking both the Scriptural admonition against hiding our light under a bushel, and the Creed's description of Jesus as "*Light from Light*," the giving of a candle reminds us to give to the world as we have received. But more than this, the candle itself, which shines by a process of self-giving (i.e., the candle burns itself out to give off its light), reminds us that we are called to illumine the world not passively, but by emptying ourselves in love, as Jesus did.

Likewise, the use of *chrism*—the oil from which the title "*Christ*" i.e., "Anointed One" comes—reminds the baptized that she is now a "*Christ*" herself—united, always, to the one Christ. Anointed, as Jesus was, the baptized is empowered and symbolically commissioned as Priest—to pray for the People—as Prophet—to speak the truth of God's covenant—and as King—to serve the common good. This is the mission of Jesus as Anointed by the Spirit, and of the followers of Jesus who have been "*christed*" through the sacrament.

Such complex symbolism, all of which operates at the same time, does not always come to consciousness—nor should it, since it moves us in ways we cannot fully conceive. Further, any study of what the Church wants to proclaim in this sacrament may help us recognize more fully who we are called to be and what we are offering others, but it cannot reveal the true meaning of the sacrament. At best, it only points towards that meaning. For such meaning is deeper than concepts or understanding, and lives in the human experience of death and life, of hope and promise, of community and mission, of grace and love poured out in water and in blood by a God who chose us and chose to become one of us in this world. How lucky we are.



Calendar

Sunday, January 24	CFF Classes Parish Visioning Session, After the 11 AM and 5:30 PM Masses, Parish Center
Monday, January 25	Sacred Silence, Church, 7 PM
Tuesday, January 26	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center
Wednesday, January 27	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM, Parish Center Pathfinders, 6 PM, Parish Center VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Sunday, January 31	Catholic Schools Week Begins School Open House, 10:30 AM-Noon 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 the father of Diane Irvine, Robert Raupp, who had a stroke, we pray for his well being . . . For Catherine's healing from wrist surgery . . . Gratefulness in the support that St. Joseph parishioners showed for the plight of the people of Haiti last weekend.

Prayer Tree



*“ . . . yours are the eyes,
Through which He looks,
Compassion on the world . . . ”*

St. Teresa of Avila

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

Funeral Hospitality

St. Joseph's Parish is looking for people who would like to help out with hospitality for funerals at the church. Bakers are needed, as are a few people who can help serve and clean up in the Social Hall at these events. Although fairly infrequent (once every couple of months, in general), this is a form of church and community support that is important to provide. The Parent Association Board at St. Joe's is collaborating with the parish in creating a list of people that would like to be called upon by Mary Ott, the church coordinator of these events, as they arise. Please contact Karen Hogan at KarenHogan860@gmail.com or 206-720-1418 if you would like to volunteer to be of service in this way.

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.

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.

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

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that we thank you for your support of the relief effort in Haiti. Because of your generosity during last weekend's Masses, we are contributing \$28,330 as a parish to CRS.

Please continue to pray for the people of this ravished nation.

COMMUNITY

February First Friday Prayer Service

February's First Friday prayer service will take place on the *second Friday* in February, and we invite you to join us. This parishioner led service is a wonderful way to share scripture and prayer with others in a quiet, intimate setting. Join us Friday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center's Arrupe Room. A potluck dinner will immediately follow the service, also being held in the Parish Center. We ask that you bring a food item or beverage to share. 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

"Covered with Love" Quilting

"Covered with Love" quilting will take place on Saturday, January 30th, hosted at St. Joseph's Parish Center in the Arrupe Room. Our quilts have "covered" children from Nepal, Romania, Afghanistan and even Katrina's victims, and now to include children from Haiti, "with love". Please join us from 9 am until 4 pm. Please call Roslyn Duffy for more details or additional information at 206-367-9120.

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.

Chief Seattle Club Speaker Series

The Urban Indian Experience

February 19th at 7 pm – Coll Thrush, author of *Native Seattle*

April 24th at 7 pm – Sherman Alexie (Spokane tribe), author/speaker

Both to be held at St. Joseph. The series benefits CSC with a donation at the door. For additional information, please call Tricia Trainer at 206-323-3161.

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"...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@mcdonaldmcgarry.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

Eco-Justice Ministry Care for Creation Update

What's different about recycling/composting at St.

Joe's? Recycling Now Includes: Rinsed Coffee Cups, Plastic Cups, Clean and Plastic Coated Paper Plates, Plastic Bottles (all colors) and Plastic Food Containers i.e. "Clam Shells". **No Liquids!**

Compostable Items Include: Compostable Coffee Cups, Compostable Clear Cups, Chinette Paper Plates, Compostable Utensils (brown or beige), Waxed Dixie Cups, Napkins, Food-Soiled Paper and Food-soiled Cardboard. **No Liquids!**

Trash Includes: Plastic Cup Lids, Food- Soiled Aluminum Foil and Corks. **No Liquids!**

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.

Liturgical Minister Day of Retreat

Attention all Eucharistic ministers, ushers and lectors... Please set aside Saturday, February 27th, 9 am-12:30 pm for a morning of reflection with our pastor Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Bob McCaffery-Lent at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 965-1649.

Also, this is a reminder for lectors to stop by the Parish Center to pick up your copy of the 2010 Lector Workbook if you have not done so already. Thanks!

Pathfinders

Pathfinders is meeting Wednesday evenings in the Parish Center from 6-7:30 pm. Pathfinders is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We welcome and encourage new members throughout the year. The goal for Pathfinders is to grow and experience our faith together through acts of friendship, service, and fun. Please join us on our journey. For additional information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652

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

YOUNG ADULTS

SENIORS ON THE GO

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.

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