

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010

Parish Reflection Next Week:
Sheri Andrews

**Readings for
Sunday, February 21, 2010**
FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10
SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13
GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

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 Origin & Meaning of Lent: Ash Wednesday (part 1 of 2)

*"Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you."
~Zechariah 1:3*

This Wednesday our community begins the liturgical season known as *Lent* (from the Old English Word for *Spring*). This season is one of preparation and prayer, of giving up things so as to be free and giving to others so as to be bound to them. Throughout the world, the Church becomes a penitent and a catechumen, preparing and repairing ourselves in anticipation of the Lord's great gift, manifest in the Easter *Triduum* (literally *three days*). This journey to Jerusalem is the first act in the great play of salvation, the "*Paschal Cycle*" which comes to fullness in the establishment of the Church at Pentecost (fifty days after Easter).

There are actually two traditions for when the liturgical season of Lent begins. In one, it begins on the first Sunday of Lent and goes to Holy Thursday evening, when the brief season of Triduum begins. In this tradition, the days from Ash Wednesday to Sunday are a pre-Lenten preparation period and the forty days of the season are inclusive of all days from Sunday to Holy Thursday. However, an older tradition says that Lent begins with a "*universal day of fast*," on Ash Wednesday, when Christians mark themselves with ashes as a symbol both of the passing nature of life and of the need for repentance. In this tradition, the forty days of Lent are marked from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, *excluding* Sundays, which exist outside of the Lenten discipline—and the fasts.

Although the use of ashes on the head as a sign of repentance goes back many centuries preceding Christianity, the Ash Wednesday custom came along several centuries into the Christian experience. Originating in the liturgical traditions of France and North Africa, the placing of ashes on the head as part of a regular Church ritual was at first practiced only by those in the "*order of penitents*"—i.e., those who, because of transgressing one of the three major sins of adultery, heresy, or murder were required to do a long public penance before returning to the sacraments. However, in the face of the many plagues and disasters in the West, a growing sense of sinfulness arose, leading to a more penitential understanding of Church. In this atmosphere, signing with ashes became a popular devotion for many Christian. Such devotion was institutionalized when, in 1091, Pope Urban II made the reception of ashes a part of Lenten preparation, ordering that the ashes be distributed on the Wednesday before the First Sunday of Lent.

Nor was the choice of Wednesday accidental: for Wednesday and Friday were traditional days of Christian prayer since the second century, when the expulsion of Christians from the synagogues led to the creation of new customs. As the Jews had traditionally prayed on Tuesday and Thursday, Christians chose to change these days of prayer, making them relative to the new day of celebration on Sunday. It is still customary, especially during Lent, for Christians to fast and/or pray on Wednesdays and Fridays.

As we are marked this Wednesday, then, let us reflect on the history into which we enter—our connection to our Jewish origins and our role as pilgrims, seeking the healing love of Jesus on the way to Jerusalem. Let us leave behind what hinders us, through fasting and penance, and help others to walk with us, through the giving of alms. This is the promise and structure of Lent.



Next Week: Sources of Lent—Jesus and the Catechumen

Calendar

Sunday, February 14	CFF Classes
Monday, February 15	Parish Office Closed-Presidents' Day Sacred Silence, Church, 7 PM
Tuesday, February 16	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center
Wednesday, February 17	Ash Wednesday Masses: 7 AM & 7 PM Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM, Parish Center
Thursday, February 18	Seniors Planning Lunch, 11:30 AM, Parish Center
Saturday, February 20	Family Mass and Dinner, 5 PM
Sunday, February 21	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.

Ash Wednesday Masses
Ash Wednesday is February 17th
and St. Joseph will have the
following Masses:
7 am in the Church
9 am School Mass
7 pm in the Church

SU Hoops for Haiti:

Raise Funds to Help Haiti Rebuild

Seattle University Men's Basketball Game vs. Cal. State Bakersfield at Key Arena Saturday, February 27th at 7:10 pm.

Receive a voucher to purchase a ticket for only \$10 to the SU Men's basketball game vs. Cal. State Bakersfield. 100% of ticketing revenue from this offer will be donated by Seattle University to Catholic Relief Services for their rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Join us for a night of great Seattle University Redhawk basketball and in supporting Catholic Relief Services. **For a discount voucher, stop by the Parish Center to pick one up or print your own by visiting the Bulletin section of the parish website, www.stjosephparish.org**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For those whose acts of kindness are known only to them and God . . . For those who visit the sick and make a difference by their presence . . . For a family in times of uncertainty...

Prayer Tree



“Light your world, let the love of God shine through in the little things you do”

NewSong

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

FYI . . .

- The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.
- There will be no Pathfinders or The VOICE on Wednesday, February 17th so that the youth can attend the 7 pm Ash Wednesday Mass.

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!*

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.

COMMUNITY

CYO 5th-8th Grade Boys Baseball

New on-line registration for boys in the 5th-8th grades has begun. Go to the St. Joseph website <http://stjosephsea.org/>. Click on CYO and then the new online BASEBALL Consent form. You will need to set up a new account through ClubSpaces and be able to sign-up for baseball. All registration costs will be billed to your account. Payment arrangements for non-school families can be made by contacting Jordan Howell at jhowell@stjosephsea.org. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 17th.

Family Mass Dinner and Talent Show

The next Family Mass, Dinner, and Talent Show will be Saturday, February 20th beginning with 5pm mass. Our theme for this month is Lent—we will be decorating flower pots, and all families will receive a packet of dirt and seeds to grow during Lent. We ask all CFF families to respond via the Evite—thanks!

Talent Show auditions will be Friday, February 19th at 3 pm in the Parish Center of by appointment with Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Yoga Classes Available

Lenten preparation of body, mind & spirit enhanced with yoga! Led by parishioner and former Jesuit volunteer, Erin Daly, in the Mother Teresa Room of the Parish Center. Tuesday & Thursday from 7-8 am followed by opportunity for meditation (adult class). Tuesday & Thursday from 10:30-11:30 am followed by opportunity for meditation (kids of all ages welcome so parents without childcare can attend). Bring a mat if you have one, all ability levels welcome. \$10 per class. Partial scholarships available. Please contact Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981x106 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

👏 St. Edward's 2nd Annual Multicultural Celebration

St. Edward's school community is throwing a huge party to celebrate its diversity and to raise money for the students of St. Edward Catholic School. The school is located in the heart of the Rainier Valley and provides an exceptional education to an economically and culturally diverse community. There will be wine and appetizers prepared by the various ethnic communities, fabulous items to bid on during the silent auction and performances by the students of St. Edward. Please join us Saturday, February 27th at 6:30 pm, St. Edward Parish Hall, 4200 South Mead St. Tickets: \$20/Person (Purchased by February 22) \$25.00/Person (Purchased Day of Event) To order tickets, please contact the school office at 206-725-1774.

St. Joseph Community Dinner

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. 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.

SENIORS ON THE GO

Seniors Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Bring your lunch!

Almost Boomers Pasta Bistro

Single? Single again? Married? Married again? Marital status is irrelevant. The Almost Boomers are St. Joseph parishioners born 1940-ish to 1960-ish. Join the fun at the Pasta Bistro, an evening of good food, good company, and good song at the Parish Center. Almost Boomers Pasta Bistro Saturday, February 20th, 5:30-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. Bring a hearty appetite, your choice of hot pasta with sauce OR a big salad OR dessert to share. B.Y.O.B., of course. This is a Boomerfest. Enjoy a convivial time with Dean Martin, Italian opera, and Almost Boomers almost trying to diet after Christmas. CIAO BELLA! Volunteers needed for set up and some decoration. Call Carolyn Baker to help (206) 324-3695.

OWLS Potluck Supper is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd at 6 pm in the Social Hall. If you need a ride to and from, please call Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org for arrangements.

FAITH FORMATION

Novena of Grace

Free Our Hearts

A Nine-Day Preached Retreat

March 4-12, 2010

Weekdays

Noon - Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle U
7 pm - St. Joseph Church

Saturday

1 pm - St. Joseph Church

Sunday

1 pm - Seattle U Chapel
5:30 pm - St. Joseph Church

Presenters: John Whitney, SJ, Patty Repikoff
& Joe Orlando

For information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org

Lenten Day of Reflection

For Women and Men

“The Healing Power of Forgiveness”

Led by Fred Brandauer, CSJP-A and Marie Materi, CSJP-A

Saturday March 6, 2010

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch

Free-will offering

To register or for more information contact Carmel Little,
CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

Day of Contemplative Prayer

For Women and Men

Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP

Saturday, February 27th, from 9 a.m.-12 noon

at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel

If you are coming for the first time to

Contemplative Prayer

please arrive at 8:30 a.m. 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

Liturgical Minister Day of Retreat has

been postponed... Attention all Eucharistic ministers, ushers and lectors... The Liturgical Day of Retreat originally scheduled for February 27th has been postponed. Please watch the bulletin for a new date.

Men's Lenten Gathering

Calling all men... Please join us for a Lenten morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship on Saturday, February 20th. Coffee, bagels, juice in Social Hall at 8:30 am and prayer, reflection and sharing in the Church from 9-11 am. For details contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or any of the planning team: Joe Gaffney, Ken Barroga, Matt Sweeney and Tim Reilly.

Foundations in Faith ~ Church and

Christology Sunday, February 21st, 1:30-5:30 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall. This four hour class focuses two hours on the Church and two hours on Christology. Please bring your Bible and copy of the Catechism to the class. Cost: \$5 per class. (Co-sponsored by St. Joseph with the South Seattle Deanery) For information, contact Greg McNabb at 965-1648.

YOUNG ADULTS

Spirituality on Tap

SEYA Program

(Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults)

of the Ignatian Spirituality Center

“Diving into the Mystery”

Gather for an exploration into how we journey in our interior life. Leave behind the surface world of the rational and its illusion of control to go deeper.

Facilitated by Jack Peterson, President of Bellarmine Prep, this is a conversation grounded in Christian Scripture and his own personal journey, its challenges and graces, into the mystery of God. Our evening will include time for quiet reflection and sharing of practical tools that help us become more aware of what in our daily lives contains the potential to bring depth to our experience. For young adults aged 21-35ish.

February 18th, 6:45-8:45p.m. St. Patrick Parish Social Hall
2702 Broadway East, Seattle 98102

Young Adult Potluck 6-6:45 pm

Come early if you can and let's have some food!!
Please bring something to share if you are able.

For more information email deb@ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org Co-sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center and St. Patrick Parish.