

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

**Readings for
May 2, 2010**

FIRST READING: ACTS 14:21-27
SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-5A
GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

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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First Communion

*On the night of that Last Supper / Seated with his chosen band, /
He, the Paschal victim eating, / First fulfills the Law's command; /
Then, as food to his apostles / Gives himself with his own hand.*
~St. Thomas Aquinas

It is, of all the days I have received sacraments, the day I recall the best: my heart was filled with hope and expectation, my white clip-on tie an appropriate bit of solemnity for the occasion. We were the first class ever at St. Gregory Church to receive communion standing up—though it was still given on the tongue, in those days—but, even with this innovation, I could feel the joy of being part of something that so sustained my parents seemed to me the greatest miracle imaginable. And as the host melted in my mouth (the Sisters had reminded us not to chew but to let the host dissolve, something I still think a bit strange), I knew that Jesus Christ was there—really present in that host, in my mouth, in me, and I was overjoyed.

Years have passed since that day I received my first communion; years filled with philosophy and theology studies, with explanations and rationalizations of what exactly “*real presence*” or the “*body and blood of Christ*” might mean. I have read wonderful books by Thomas Aquinas and Edward Kilmartin on issues like transubstantiation and the history of the Eucharist in the West. I have studied such arcane issues as consubstantiation versus transubstantiation versus transignification, and I have eschewed the idea that the sacraments are some sort of magic—where we say the correct words and cause something to happen by our power. Yet, for all that, I have never found an idea or an explanation that gets me one step closer to that experience I had the first time I received the body of Christ on my tongue, or in any way matches up to the experience I have every time I look at that host and remember the love that brings it to me. The touch of God in that moment of sacrament remains illusive to my understanding, but so real to me that there are days I think my heart will break from it.

This weekend, more than 60 of our children will receive the Eucharist for the very first time. They will open their hands and take the bread that is no longer bread and drink the wine that is no longer wine—they will enter into the miracle of the presence of a God who refuses to be “*out there*” but wants to be in us, fully and finally, and without mediation. Perhaps, for some of them, this moment will be one of profound awareness; but, I imagine, for many it will be a moment that seems important, though they are not quite sure why (and in this, they will be no worse off than those disciples who first were given, at the hands of their Savior, the body and blood that would soon be spent on the cross for their salvation).

Yet, no matter what the level of their understanding, the grace of this sacrament—the presence of God in Christ, which surpasses all our theology and all our explanations—will be at work in them, as it is in us, drawing them ever deeper into love, giving them a promise that nothing that ever happens to them will separate them from the love of God and the community gathered by this table. Let's rejoice with them, and thank God that we share with them, today, this constantly unfolding mystery of food and love.



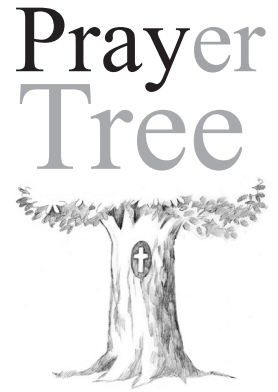
Calendar

Sunday, April 25	First Eucharist at 9 & 11 AM Masses
Monday, April 26	Sacred Silence, 7 PM, Church
Tuesday, April 27	OWLS Potluck, 6 PM, Social Hall
Wednesday, April 28	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM Arrupe Room Pathfinders, 6 PM, Social Hall The VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Saturday, May 1	St. Joseph the Worker Celebration, 5 PM Mass & 6 PM Dinner
Sunday, May 2	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Bapistry of the Church.

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

intentions: In thankfulness for the safe delivery of a healthy baby . . . For a friend whose melanoma has reappeared. . . For family and friends who have joint pain . . . For successful surgeries and recovery for Tom, for Kittie and for Katie . . . In gratitude for all those who participated in the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans . . . For Brenda and her family in the loss of a beloved daughter . . . For a young June bride-to-be whose fiancé just died .



*“When you are brokenhearted,
I am close to you”*

Psalm 34:18

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

Also, please remember in your prayers the family and friends of parishioner Dawn Lahti whose mother, Rev. Helen Lombard, recently passed away.

St. Joseph the *Worker* Celebration

Saturday, May 1st

**Mass at 5 pm
Dinner 6 pm
Social Hall**

We will honor Ignatian Award Recipient Mary Sepulveda for her years of dedication to St. Joseph Parish and School.
Please RSVP to Renee at 324-2522, x 100



Volunteers for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Currently, volunteers are needed for the 1st and 2nd Saturday volunteer teams. The expectation is that once a month you contribute one of the following: 2-3 gallons of milk, 25 sandwiches, a box of bananas, or help serve. To help, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

For Those Needing Assistance

Assisted Listening Devices ~ For those who need hearing assistance, please see an usher for one of our new devices.

A Lift For Our Parishioners ~ The elevator in the Parish Center is now fully accessible at all times. From the Parking Level, just push the button (no code required) and you can go to the 1st floor (18th Street level, in the Arrupe Foyer). This Foyer will now remain open at all hours, so that one can access the elevator to return to the Parking Level.

FAITH FORMATION

May First Friday Service Cancelled

May's First Friday Prayer Service will not be taking place, but we hope you will join us on June 4th and we invite all who are interested to take part in this laity driven gathering. The service is informal with a community building focus centered on prayer. Please watch the bulletin for details about June's gathering.

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.

Interested in Traveling to El Salvador?

The St. Joseph Sister Parish Ministry will be hosting an information night for those interested in joining a delegation to our sister parish in Arcatao, El Salvador. Please join us Sunday, May 2nd after the 5:30 Mass to learn more about representing St. Joseph's in El Salvador. Come for a light meal and presentation, and bring your questions! Contact Daniel Stoner (206-579-1557 or danielppd@gmail.com) for more information.

Ignatian Spirituality Center Presents Ignatian Eco-Spirituality Series

Thursday Sessions: April 29 - May 20, 7-9 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

Presenters: Christine Paintner & Joseph Carver, SJ
Registration Fee is \$25 / Total Program Cost is \$125

Some partial work scholarships are available
Make checks payable to "ISC" and send to 732 18th Ave E,
Seattle 98122

or pay online at www.IgnatianCenter.org
(click on "Programs")

Contact Christine with any questions
christine@ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824

Catholic Young Adults

There is a website for you! Visit www.sites.google.com/site/socialcya/ and access a calendar with events in the King County area as well as other resources of interest.

St. Joseph Women's Ministry Retreat "Mary of Nazareth, Prophet of Peace"

Saturday, May 1st

8:30 am - 3 pm

Parish Center, Arrupe Room

\$25 Registration Fee

The retreat facilitator will be Sr. Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, who will re-examine our images of Mary as Prophet and Peacemaker. Mary shows us how to become women of peace and compassion. We will celebrate Mary as our sister through the reflections from scripture, songs, rituals, quiet reflections and creative engagements.

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Scholarships are available for those who find the cost of attending a burden. If you are able to pay a little extra to assist others, it will be greatly appreciated. For additional information, please contact Candace Frankinburger at 206-617-8352 or hoopburg@comcast.net

St. Joseph Marriage Enrichment

"Partner Centered Marriage, Christ Centered Home"

Create Shared Meaning

Make Life Dreams Come True

Manage Conflict

The Positive Perspective

Turn Towards

Share Fondness and Admiration

Build Love Maps

Presented by Wendy Fisher

Saturday, May 15th, 2:30-7 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

Cost is \$50 per couple and includes dinner

For registration, questions, childcare costs and reservations,
contact Linda or Dick Ellis at 206-328-2228 or

linda.c.ellis@comcast.net

18th Annual NW Eucharistic Marian Conference

June 25-26, 2010

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

26900 - 78th Avenue NW

Stanwood, WA 98292 Adults: \$60 per person

Youth: Free (under age 18)

Meals: Saturday lunch \$10 per person

Saturday dinner \$10 per person

Schedule details at www.nwemc.org

COMMUNITY

SENIORS ON THE GO

St. Joseph Church & School Community Dinner

Date: Tuesday, May 18th

Time: 6 pm

Place: McGilvra's Bar & Restaurant
4234 East Madison Street

Owned by Parishioners and School Parents
Peter & Adrianna Johnson
(206) 325-0834

Are you being called?

Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council is an advisory and consultative (not governing) leadership body of parishioners that advises and makes recommendations to the pastor. The Council's purpose is to be a sign and witness of unity, to recommend parish priorities and directions, to promote community and to assist the pastor in pastoral planning. The Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from (6:00pm-8:30pm) and our current model is for all members to come on at the same time and serve for three years.

The current Pastoral Council ends its term of office this June. To that end, we are seeking interested persons who may want to nominate themselves or other parishioners to this council. We are seeking members who represent the diverse demographic realities of our community. Members must be:

- Baptized and confirmed Roman Catholics
- Registered and supporting members of the parish
- Committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure
- Not currently employed by the parish or parish school and not a close relative or in-law of someone living in the same household as a parish or school employee.

Soon you will receive a letter from Father John Whitney explaining in more detail the nature and purpose, criteria and process for selection for the Council. Please pray and reflect on your possible role.

If you are interested or would like further clarification, please e-mail current council members Nancy Kuester at mkkuester@aol.com or Susan Fox at sfox4601@msn.com

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday, April 27th - OWLS Monthly Potluck, 6 pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome - Please join us!

Friday, May 14th - First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon, 11:30 am in the Church (Note the date change).

👏 Acrylic Art Classes

Starting May 1st through June 5th

Saturdays: 10 a.m. - noon

St. Joseph Parish Center - lower room

Taught by Joanne Hansen. Joanne is an accomplished artist who has taught various art classes for 12 years including Gage Art Academy, Seattle Parks Dept., Central Washington University, Seniors Making Art, etc.

Cost: \$60.00. For additional information, contact: Peggy at 206-322-1234 for more information and supply list.

👏 Baby Corner

The board of St. Joseph's Baby Corner cordially invites you, our cornerstone Baby Corner Crib Community, to attend the 7th annual *Breakfast for Babies*, Wednesday, May 5th, Campion Hall Ballroom at Seattle University, 7:30-9 a.m.. Registration begins at 7:00. Breakfast is \$40, most of which will benefit the babies and families that together we serve. Whether you can join us or not, THANK YOU for your years of generosity and care for the littlest, most vulnerable among us. Your love matters. For additional information, call Liz Holz at 206-522-3870. To register by April 28th, visit www.babycorner.org

👏 Concert Featuring John Stuntebeck

John Stuntebeck, who often plays the organ and piano at St. Joseph Church, and is the accompanist to the St. Joseph Middle School Choir, is presenting a concert with soprano Laura Loge, cellist Emily Ann Peterson and violinist Christine Olason to present a program of works from Norway and Sweden featuring a piece for voice and organ improvisation based on an ancient Norwegian Stevstone and chamber works by Norwegian composer Egil Hovland. **Friday, May 21st at 7p.m. St. Joseph Parish** and Sunday, May 23rd at 4 p.m. Cross of Christ Lutheran, Bellevue. A suggested donation of \$15 will be collected at the door. Students and seniors, pay as able.