

Ascension of the Lord
May 16, 2010

Homily Next Week:
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

**Readings for
May 23, 2010**

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7,12-13
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

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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A Vision of Tomorrow

The Eucharist and the poor are but one love for me.

~Teresa of Calcutta

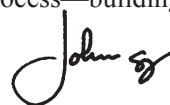
Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.

~Mission Statement of St. Joseph Parish

I stood in the ruined athletic center, my camera slung over my shoulder, and watched as these young women and men—some wearing athletic shorts and tennis shoes, other in blue jeans, and all in masks to protect themselves from the mold spores and dust—tore into the rotting wood with crowbars, or swung sledges at the water-damaged walls. I stepped lightly in the oily slime of the floors, and took photos of petite girls, wrestling with huge weight machines, and lanky boys, twisting themselves into the ceiling to remove tiles and cut down supports. Then, those photos taken, I jumped into my rental car and drove to the next site—to a small house, where a crew of young women was laughing and painting (often, each other, as well as the wall), or where young men were squeezed into a closet, trying to fit floorboards just right. I went to the old ruined Catholic school—Our Lady Queen of the Angels—and thought of St. Joseph School, and what a loss this closure was; then I saw more of these boys and girls, and their chaperones, sweeping and scraping, sanding and wrenching debris from the walls. And grace descended on me, like the dust from the sanders, and I knew that hope and love are stronger than rising waters and rotting wood; they are as strong as a 17 year old's shoulders, and unconquerable as a 16 year old's smiling face.

Since returning from New Orleans, I have been working almost non-stop on drafting and editing the St. Joseph Vision Statement, which will be distributed on Pentecost. I have handed it out to various groups for feedback and critique and have poured over notes from listening sessions—and I have prayed for wisdom, to speak a word of hope and encouragement, a word that can help us see the light of Christ amid the shadows and anxiety of our days. But in all this work, my mind runs back to those boys and girls, those young men and women in New Orleans. In their hearts and hands is the key to our vision, the key to understanding the gospel we proclaim, the key to knowing why it is important for us to be a community on mission together in the Church. Though they may not be able to fully articulate what drew them to New Orleans—to this poor and ravaged land—and though most of them would not think of themselves as “religious,” yet, in them, I could see the Spirit breathing over the land, renewing it for the reign of God.

Words without deeds are empty—thus, any vision statement that doesn't connect to the energy and generosity, to the active community of these young people will mean very little. Yet, at the same time, deeds without words are blind—and without reflection and discernment, our deeds remain just individual moments, without integration into our lives and the life of our community. Vision—real vision—must be like the Incarnation of Jesus: an embodied moment of Spirit, which helps us to see beyond the horizon, but which also reminds us that we are here, in this world, today. I hope, as we unveil our Parish Vision Statement next week, is that it will speak to our dreams but also give voice to the practical grace embodied in those young people, tearing up boards and painting walls and—in the process—building the kingdom of God.



Calendar

Sunday, May 16	CFF Classes Ministry Fair, After All Masses
Monday, May 17	Confirmation, 7 PM, Church Reception Following Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Wednesday, May 19	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM Arrupe Room Pathfinders, 6 PM, Social Hall The VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Saturday, May 22	All Parish Pentecost Mass and Celebration, 5 PM
Sunday, May 23	Ministry Fair, After All Masses 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday, May 17th at 7 pm

Celebrated with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Tyson
Please join us as our youth confirm their faith in the
Catholic Church
Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Pentecost

All Parish Mass and Celebration
Please wear red.

Saturday, May 22nd at the 5 pm Mass
Following Mass there will be hotdogs, chips and
rootbeer for all on the lawn.

Welcome Newcomers!

If you are new to our parish, join us for our
**Newcomers Gathering on Sunday, June 6th 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. Joseph has to offer you.

*St. Joseph Community
extends its prayers and
hopes for the follow-
ing intentions:* Healing
for Alyce Metzger
Scalzo . . . For 8 year
old Cameron in his re-
covery from cancer . . .
For a family whose 20
year old daughter died
unexpectedly.

Prayer Tree



*“One day I will wipe
away every tear from your eyes . . . “*

Revelation 21:3-4

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

ACA Update

Thank you to all who have pledged to the 2010
Annual Catholic Appeal. As a parish, we have
received pledges of over \$67,000 toward our
\$129,000 goal.

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 Parish-

ioners As part
of our effort
towards mak-
ing the church
more acces-
sible to people
with mobility
challenges, 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 Park-
ing Level. To get to the other floors (Basement
or 2nd Floor) one will need an access key.

FAITH FORMATION

Pathfinders Cinco de Mayo Celebration Dinner at Recovery Cafe

Thank you to everyone who helped with last week's dinner. Recovery Cafe was so appreciative of the food & the company; all were fed...through our stomachs and in our hearts! Thanks especially to Katie Larsen, Maggie Chambers, Marlow Harris, Mike & Maggie DeLaurentis, Mary Emer-ton, Beth Peterson, Nancy Hurlbut, Leona DeRocco, Becky Schwaegler, Liz McCarthy French, Jeanine Snowden, Karen Hogan, Tracy Janney, Mary Karges, Suzanne Liff-ring, Anne Moran, Sara Snowden, Michael Karges, Sean Peterson, Elliott Janney, Calli Liffing, Analise David, Georgi Grimm, Ryan Greeley, Katie Fallon, Jack Schwaegler, Angelo DeLaurentis, Sam David, and Emmitt McCarthy, as well as all St. Joseph parish school 1st graders (and teachers Beth Peterson, Mary Doquilo and Aimee Meier) for making the placemats!!

And From the Recovery Cafe...

From the hand drawn place mats from the first graders to the hand delivered beverages and all the festive food in between, we owe a giant thank you to all the St. Joe's students and community members involved with Pathfinders who prepared and served the Cinco De Mayo meal at Recovery Café! Thank you for creating and providing a special evening for we who struggle with homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges. Your presence and attentiveness remind us what joy there is in sharing and celebrating together, and help us build Recovery Café as a place of belonging, healing and learning.

Spirituality on Tap

SEYA Program (Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults Ages 21-35)

"Spirituality of Play"

Thursday, June 3rd, 7-9 pm
Alki Beach, West Seattle

We'll meet in the grassy area across from 61st Ave SW between the mini statue of liberty and bathhouse. It's across from the Celtic Swell. Email with any suggestions of games to play... waterballoon toss, limbo, etc. Followed by s'mores and a bonfire on the beach!

IF IT RAINS!! We'll go to the Beverage Place Pub (6413 California Ave SW, 98136) for some darts, pool, skittles, foosball and shuffleboard.

Hosted by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

For more info: email Deb@Ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org

El Salvador Anti-Mining Teach-In

Monday, May 24th at 7 pm in the Parish Center

St. Joseph has supported our sister parish, San Bartolome, in Arcatao, El Salvador by pressuring Pacific Rim Mining Company to stop their plans to mine gold in El Salvador. The government of El Salvador has responded to grassroots organizing in El Salvador and to international solidarity by refusing to grant mining permits to Pacific Rim. Now, Pacific Rim is suing the government of El Salvador under the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) for thwarting its ability to exploit the economy and environment of El Salvador. Come learn more about this complex issue, how it affects our sister parish, and what you can do to help make a difference. This educational event is being hosted by St. Joseph Sister Parish Ministry and will be presented by Seattle's Anti-Mining Coalition and Seattle CISPES. For more information contact Nancy Uding at uding@comcast.net or Deacon Steve at 965-1646

Called to Protect for Parents and Families

Thursday, May 20th, 7 pm

St. Bridget Catholic Church

4900 NE 50th St.

This class does not fulfill any training requirement for employment or volunteer service. This is more informational about child abuse and how to recognize it.

Contemplation and Care for all Creation May 21-23

Sr. Linda Haydock, Executive Director of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will lead this faith sharing retreat for men and women. Caring for the earth is a critical part of Catholic Social Teaching. The Palisades is a perfect setting for a retreat on this theme. In addition to presentation, faith sharing and communal prayer, there will be ample opportunity to take enjoy the beauty of nature. Come be part of the first group to be on a retreat with a focus on our relationship to the environment. For more information or to register, call the Palisades Retreat Center at 1-800-330-7622 or visit www.seattlearch.org/palisades

COMMUNITY

Blood Drive Monday, May 17th

Your help is needed for a successful drive! All blood types needed. The Blood Drive will be **Monday, May 17th, 1 to 7 pm in the Parish Center in the Mother Teresa Room** (closed for staff lunch 3-3:45 PM). Signup sheets will be in the vestibule during weekend Masses or walk in. “*Give the Gift of Life*” by donating and making a difference.

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

SENIORS ON THE GO

Upcoming Events...

Monday May 17th – Senior Outing to Poulsbo. Tour the town, have lunch and visit the casino. Meet at Parish Center 10 am. Return around 4 pm. Sign-up with Renee at the front desk.

Thursday May 20th - Card-Making with Becky Buettner 10:30 am – Noon; Parish Center – Free! Sign-up with Renee at the Front Desk.

Thursday May 20th Seniors Planning meeting - 12-1 pm. Brown Bag Lunch – Parish Center

Tuesday May 25th - O.W.L.S Monthly Potluck 6 pm – Parish Social Hall. Prof. Robert Harmon will be speaking about his WWII experiences in Germany. (An addition to our dinner - entree, salad, dessert - would be appreciated.) *All are welcome!*

(If cost is ever an issue for you to attend a senior event, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 and we’ll try to assist.)

The Good ol’ Fashioned Lemonade Stand and Tomato Plant Sale Today

Today, Sunday, May 16th, 11 am - 3 pm at Fred Lind Manor. Stop by for free lemonade on the corner of 17th and Howell. Jones Creek Farms will also be there offering their famous organically grown, heirloom tomato plants. These sturdy tomato starts are specifically cultivated to do well in the Pacific Northwest.

Hospital Pastoral Care

If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or an Eucharistic Minister to visit you, please notify the hospital or call Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at (206) 965-1646. HIPAA -- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient’s presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so.

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 stevevw@stjosephparish.org if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.