

Pentecost
May 23, 2010

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

**Readings for
May 30, 2010**
FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8:22-31
SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-5
GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

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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Pentecost

For fifty days after Easter it is granted to us to live in the paschal joy, to experience time as the feast. And then comes the 'last and great' day of Pentecost and with it our return into the real time of this world.

~Alexander Schmemmann

I must admit, I know very few people who have spent the last 50 days as though it were a feast of paschal joy. Indeed, after the celebration of Easter, most of the people I know have been going full tilt—running hither and yon in a style even crazier than other times of the year. There are those doing the college cycle—taking their son or daughter around the country to look at schools—and those chaperoning trips or running off to spring break. Some have been looking for new jobs, or getting their annual physicals, or starting to plant (in between storms) the gardens they hope to have in June. And some have just been enjoying the change of seasons and the growing light of morning, blessed by the occasional sunny day, on which Seattle promises things she will not deliver quite yet. All whirlwinds of activity, and rarely a moment of calm—rarely a moment to recognize the incredible wonder of this season in the Church's year, rarely a moment to recall all that has transpired because God has loved us with such a passionate intensity.

But at Pentecost, we should take a breath to realize what is coming to a close and what is opening. In the forty days of Lent, we recalled how Jesus empties himself in love—giving himself away and setting himself up for his enemies, by all his acts of fidelity and care for those who were least powerful. At the Last Supper, knowing that his enemies were about to take his body and spill his blood, he gives it to us, instead. In the Eucharist, he calls us to eat his body and drink his blood, so that we can become him—and then he goes off to die. Giving his body to us and his spirit into the hands of God, Jesus receives back everything and more, rising from the dead as the first born of creation. For forty day, he walks the earth to show himself to his friends, and then returns to the Father, so that we can become Christ (by the anointing of the Spirit). The gift is given, the gift is given back, the gift is given with even greater grace—life, death, resurrection; resurrection, ascension, coming of the Spirit—it is a repeated cycle into which we enter by the grace of God.

The 50 days of Easter (longer than Lent, since the period of celebration is always longer than the period of preparation) remind us to live as part of this cycle: to receive the gifts of God that are given to us, to return them to God by our generous living, and to receive them renewed and consecrated, through the gift of God's Spirit. In other words, Pentecost reminds us that our life is part of the divine life, and the divine circle of love that is the Holy Spirit.

We may not always feel it—we may still be caught up in traffic and car pools, in papers and reports, in food preparation and home repair—but our lives are part of the divine life all the time. Spend your gifts in service and love, and your gifts will return to you blessed and resurrected, for God won't be outdone in generosity. Open your heart—letting go of the ego that takes up the room—and God's own Spirit comes flooding in, to fill the space, and consecrate this offering with new life. Become Pentecost, by letting go and letting in, and the world will be transformed by your actions—or rather, by the actions of all of us, in this upper room, whose hearts are touched by fire.

John SJ

Calendar

Sunday, May 23	Ministry Fair, After All Masses
Monday, May 24	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Tuesday, May 25	OWLS Potluck, 6 pm, Social Hall
Wednesday, May 26	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM Arrupe Room The VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Sunday, May 30	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.

Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation Monday evening!

Lucas Bench, Reilly Bench, Brandon Boehm, Nick Busto, Lauren Byrne, Brady Flies, Peter Haskins, Clare McReynolds, Faith Nolan, Alex Pavelich, Sarah Pollnow, Adrian Rodrigues, Mary Colleen Sauter, Annie Sauvage, Michael Sauvage, Sarah Schwaegler, Mary-Elizabeth Sierra Lanham, Carmen Taylor-Uding, Shannon Tobin, Nora West

Thank you to those who helped with making the evening special for those receiving the sacrament.

The St. Joseph Parish Choir
Altar Servers Emma Delucchi, Ana Delucchi and Freya Helton
8th Grade Greeters and Reception Hosts Keegan Boehm, Katie Fallon, Nathan Wolfe, Michael Doquilo, Kate Moran, Caroline Sweeney, and Grace Haskins.
Lectors Sofia D'Aniello and Pyper Scharer
Eucharistic Ministers Emily Feijoo and Sarah Kilmer
Chrism Bearer Erin Tobin

Blessing of All Graduates

Next weekend we will be blessing all graduates at all the Masses. After all the hard work and congratulations, come and be sent forth as the journey continues.

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 following intentions: For all those preparing for exams, we pray for their knowledge and inner peace.

"I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine"
Ephesians 3:20

Prayer Tree



Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Mary Gregory, grandmother of parishioner Kevin Farewell, who died last Sunday, May 16th in California.

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 \$75,000 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 Parishioners As part of our effort towards making the church more accessible 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 Parking Level. To get to the other floors (Basement or 2nd Floor) one will need an access key.



FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Thank You from Dottie Farewell

Thank you to the following catechists (Sunday school teachers!) who made this past year's Children's Faith Formation program an enjoyable and enriching place for our children: *Dawn Perkins, Jane DePaulo, Kelly Keydel, Colene Jablonski, Diana Einmo, Stacey Donohue, Monica Alquist, Greg Fimmano and student volunteers Adrienne, Dominic, & Maddie.* Our parents deserve praise as well for their help as classroom assistants and helpers.

Finally, thanks go to *Sue Ringer, Annette Raubvogel and Tana Gall* for substituting and helping so much when needed; *Lori Schwebel* for sharing her musical gifts; and *Cristina Murphy and Linh Dam* for helping set up classrooms and assisting in a variety of ways throughout the entire year.

We look forward to the Fall program. Online Registration will be soon. Look to the bulletin for more details to come!

Childcare Continues

Children between the ages of 1-4 years old seeking a place to gather, play and make new friends may meet during the 9am mass. Our childcare provider, Dawn Gomez and helpers, do a terrific job in caring for our little ones. Please drop off your child before mass and pick her or him up by 10:20am. Childcare will move to the PreK classroom in the social hall, which is on the righthand side of the stage.

Pathfinders

Thank you to the following adult volunteers for their dedication and support of our middle school youth: *Elena Donoso, Ian Brown, Mike DeLaurentis, Pat Grimm, Maggie Chambers, and Katie Larsen.* You rock!

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.

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart?
Retrouvaille, a Catholic program, can help!
Details at helpourmarriage.com
Next program begins July 9-11th
Call 206-706-2608 for additional information

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

First Friday Prayer Service

The last First Friday before we break for summer is coming up! Please mark your calendar for **Friday, June 4th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Center Arrupe Room and plan to join Don Manning, who will be leading June's First Friday Prayer Service.

There will be a potluck immediately following and we ask that you bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, and whatever you wish to drink. 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

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. *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

COMMUNITY

SENIORS ON THE GO

St. Joseph School White Elephant Sale

Friday, May 28th
School Auditorium
9 am - 2:30 pm
Proceeds for Mombasa

Great time to do your *Spring Clean!*

Bring in all your “gently” used items, games, toys, puzzles, books, for the St. Joseph School White Elephant Sale. Please bring in by May 27th to the school office.

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 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!*

Friday, June 4th - Healing Mass 11:30 am. Following the Mass there will be an outing to the Bellevue Art Museum and lunch. Sign up with Renee in the Parish Center. *(There will not be a luncheon in the Parish Center.)*

Susan Fox Presents

**“How a nice girl like me
wound up in a place like this
(and how I got out)”**

In advance of her forthcoming book, Susan Fox, former executive director of Jubilee Women’s Center, invites you to join her as she shares in a 30-minute presentation her personal journey.

An innocent childhood. An ambitious career. A rocky descent. A grace filled spiritual journey toward hope and transformation.

Tuesday, May 25, 7-8 pm, Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. RSVP: sfox4601@msn.com. Refreshments provided.

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