

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2010

Homily Next Week:

Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for

June 20, 2010

FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 12:10-11,13:1

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:26-29

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:18-24

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 Sacrament of Marriage

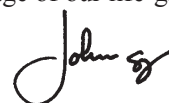
It has begun again, the marriage season, when couples “*plight their troth*” and begin that wondrous journey of covenantal love called “*marriage*.” Indeed, I will be assisting at two weddings this weekend (and that is what a priest does at a wedding: *assist*. The ministers of the sacrament are the couple, not the priest). Thus, with June upon us, I thought it a good time to continue my occasional forays into sacramental theology and talk about the sacrament of marriage.

Though rooted in the experience of Jesus at Cana, the designation of marriage as a sacrament does not come definitively until the Council of Trent in the 16th Century. Yet, the sacredness of human loving and human community represented by marriage goes to the very origin of Christianity. Used by St. Paul as an image of Christ and the Church, marriage was seen as something holy, even when the apocalyptic beliefs of many early Christians held that one was better not to marry because Jesus’ return was just around the corner. While celibate sects often arose in Christianity (indeed, one might think of the Shakers in the US), celibacy never becomes a sacrament; yet, the embodied love of a committed couple does.

Traditionally, Catholicism defines sacrament as *a visible sign instituted by Christ to give grace*. In the sacrament of marriage, the “*visible sign*” is not just the vows made on the day of a wedding. While it is fundamental that a couple declare their free and complete choice of one another and gift of themselves, the “*visible sign*” of marriage is the *living* of those vows through emotional support and physical intimacy, by forgiveness and reconciliation, by openness to new life and willingness to share even that which is painful. The grace of marriage, given both to the couple and to the world, is that lifetime of love, which reveals the very nature of God, whose life-giving love, likewise, unfolds across time in material ways.

In saying that marriage is a sacrament, signified across a lifetime of self-gift and self-reception, we also say it is a *covenant* and not just a *contract*. When a couple marry, they do not just meet across a table to offer this for that; rather, like Christ, who comes into the world to give his whole self to us and to ask us to give our whole self to him, a married couple offer everything they are and everything they have to one another. Not 50-50 but 100-100. And this means that they must give not just the attractive parts of themselves—the graciousness and joy, the kindness and strength—but also those parts that we all long to keep hidden from the world—the fear and the sorrow, the scars of past hurts and the shadows of insecurity. This sacrament deepens as each of the ministers, husband or wife, receives the other more fully and gives more full their own self in a lifetime communion of love.

Much more could be said about this sacrament—and, indeed, no sacrament takes as much space in Canon Law or has as much written on it—but I would add only one more element: mission. Every sacrament has, within it, a missioning; thus, those forgiven in Confession are called to forgive, those fed at Eucharist are called to feed others. In marriage, the mission is to love in a way that gives life to the community. Even for couples who never have children, marriage is meant to bring life to the world, by revealing the life-giving love of God, who glories in the intimate and active communion of persons together. May all married couples live this mission, and so bless us with an image of our life-giving God!



Calendar

Sunday, June 13	Baptism Sunday
Monday, June 14	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18	Parish Staff Off-Site
Sunday, June 20	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: For healing of a very sore ankle . . . For upcoming surgery to replace a broken kneecap . . . We pray for safe journeys for our St. Joseph students, teachers and staff as they begin their summer vacations and for others who will be travelling near and far.

Prayer Tree



“He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.”

Psalm 1:3

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

FYI...

From Wednesday through Friday this week, June 16-18th, the parish staff will be working off-site. Please call Renee in the Parish Center and she will forward messages to staff members. Thank you!

ACA Update

Thank you to all who have pledged to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. As a parish, we have received pledges of over \$107,000 toward our \$129,000 goal. If you have not had the opportunity to pledge, envelopes are in the Parish Center or you may visit our website for the ACA link.

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.

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!*

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

Altar Server Training

Altar server training will be this Monday, June 14th at 10 am in the church. This is for youth going into 4th grade and older in the fall of 2010. Once trained, serving will begin immediately for our summer months of June, July & August. Also available to current servers interested in becoming lead servers. Training will take approximately 45 minutes. For those still in school who would like to be trained at a different time, or if you have questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Healing Mass at St. Michael's Olympia

All are invited to a Healing Mass sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal this coming Wednesday, June 16th, 7 PM, at St. Michael Church in Olympia with Fr. Richard McAlear. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed before Mass at 6 PM.

Women's Ministry Gathering

Join the Women of St. Joseph's for a gathering Friday, June 25, 6 p.m. at KerriLyn Vander Heyden's home, 1927 E. Miller. There will be a prayer ritual at 6:30 followed by dinner and social time. Join us for a spirit-filled and relaxing evening. For more information contact Candace Frankinburger at 617-8352 or hoopburg@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

The Ignatian Spirituality Center

Summer Day of Ignatian Reflection

Saturday, June 19, 2010
Exploring the Heart's Frontiers:
An Examen of Life's Hidden Graces
9 am - 3 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

We live busy lives, serving good purpose, but perhaps not really allowing the time and space to slow down.

Join us for a day in which you can:

- prayerfully ponder the important matters of our hearts and lives
- allow your soul to savor time for quiet listening and soaking silence
- consider possible next steps in your life and service of the Gospel

Facilitated by Mary Hartrich, MM
Director, Ignatian Spirituality Center

Please Register by June 16th

Fee: \$45 - includes lunch

(some partial scholarships available).

For more info: (206) 329-4824 or info@ignatiancenter.org

Cabrini Ministry Training

If your spiritual journey is leading you to grow deeper in faith and to become more active in ministry, and you desire training and guidance...Cabrini Ministry Training is just for you!

CMT has been training lay ministers in the Catholic tradition for the last 19 yrs. CMT does this by providing training, guidance and ministerial support to those lay people who feel the special call to develop their skills and deepen their faith in service to God's people. Our training is available in English and Spanish.

Plan to attend an Information Meeting on Monday, June 14th from 7 – 8:30 pm at St. James Pastoral Care Center (Mother Cabrini Room – look for our signs). Please RSVP (or for more information) to Tom Curran at 206-760-0583 Ext 4 or tomcurran@cabriniministry.org
Graduates – please go to our website and take the survey!

COMMUNITY

SENIORS ON THE GO

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.

St. Martin de Porres Bakery Run

Looking for a family service project? We have an opening for a family who would like to join the St. Martin de Porres Bakery Run!

We pick up donated baked goods from the Madison Park Bakery, on Saturdays at 5:30 pm and deliver them to the Shelter on the waterfront, next to the Coast Guard station. The opening is for the 5th Saturday of the month, so it only falls 4-5 times a year. The service takes about an hour.

If you have any questions call Sheri Andrews 325-7128 or email sandrews@stjosephsea.org

Retreat: Footsteps of St. Francis with Fr. Ed White in Italy

Fr. Ed White is leading a *Retreat in the Footsteps of St. Francis* from September 21st to October 1, 2010 in Italy. Six spaces are still available on this journey.

If you are interested, then please contact Kathleen G. Tansey, Group Travel Arranger immediately at 253-630-7755 or kathleen@travelcenter4u.com

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.

Almost Boomers Presents: Red, White, and Blue Boomers' BBQ

Tonight, Sunday, June 13th from 5-9 PM

At the home of Nancy O'Brien

1244 20th Ave E

All are Welcome..single (again?)

Married (again), 45-65+ yrs...

Bring something to grill and a salad/dessert to share

Plus BYOB Drinks

RSVP O'Brien's 206-325-8836 or Baker's 206-324-3695

Thank You From Erin Oliver Neault

Dear Community,

Thank you so much for your healing prayers, bringing Eucharist, delicious meals, company and gifts when I broke my bones.

Truly you have been the living face of Christ for me and I am grateful. God's blessings on your summer!

Auction of the Angels

Angelorum Pregnancy Services (a pregnancy crisis assistance center) is hosting the 9th Annual Auction of the Angels on Saturday, June 19th at St. Matthew Parish in Seattle.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. Twelve Baskets Catering will be providing a delicious meal with your choice of garlic brandy chicken or braised fresh wild salmon. Please join us for an evening of silent and live auctions, dinner, wine and a celebration of life! Reservations can be made online at www.angelorum.org, or by calling Kathy at 425-329-4569; we ask that reservations be made by June 11.

If you would like to sit at a table with fellow St Joseph parishioners, please indicate "ST JOSEPH GROUP" on the reservation form.

Host Families Needed

USMD (United States with Meetings and Discoveries) is looking for host families for French teenagers, July 10th to 30th. There are two boys, ages 13 and 15, and two 17 year old girls and one 18 year old girl. Please visit their website for additional information at www.sejour-linguistique-usa.com/host-family.php or contact Ellen Taft at actorshandbook@etaft.net or 206-323-0599.