

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2010

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

**Readings for
August 15, 2010**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FIRST READING: REVELATION 11:19A;12:1-6A;10AB
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-27
GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

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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Three Cheers for Women Religious

When I was growing up in California, my grade school was run by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), who had come to northern California from Los Angeles to help in the Catholic schools. However, in about 4th grade, I remember, the Sisters were suddenly gone, replaced by lay women (for the most part), some of whom had been members of the IHM's only the year before. It was many years until I discovered and understood that this religious order had been disbanded because of an argument with the Archbishop of Los Angeles regarding their work for social justice. Since they were a diocesan order, the Archbishop was empowered effectively to "de-commission" them—which he did.

Some years later, when I was already a Jesuit, I happened to meet my first grade teacher, Sr. Patrice, at a workshop, and spoke to her about what had happened. She told me that some of the Sisters remained together after their suppression, working for the Church, though not as an officially canonical order. Despite all that she had been through, her first thoughts were not of the injustice of past actions, but of the opportunities she and her companions had received to work among the poor and the forgotten, to bring education to immigrants and refugees—which is what they were now doing.

As I have read more and more about the Apostolic Visitation (i.e., investigation) of the Women Religious of the United States, I have thought a great deal about Sr. Patrice and the other amazing Sisters who taught me and who I have come to know. I have thought of the Franciscans and the Benedictines, with whom I worked in Oregon, of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and the Sisters of Providence, of the Carmelites in California and those in north Seattle, of the Mercy Sisters and Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and (perhaps most of all) I have thought of the Sisters of the Holy Names, whose spirituality is so connected to the Jesuits and who have meant so much to this Parish. And in all of these thoughts, I have found myself filled with gratitude and amazement at what the women religious of the United States have done for the Church—and a bit of worry that Roman understandings may not recognize this gift, and may follow the course of that misguided Archbishop of Los Angeles and the IHM Sisters.

Far more than in Europe, the Catholic Church in the United States has been built upon the dedication and the labor of women religious. While priests would come and ride circuit, it was the Sisters who came and planted roots in immigrant communities and mining camps, who taught catechism and built schools, who cared for the sick and broadened the faith in ever-widening circles of support and ever-deepening movements of spiritual growth. Religious women took the lead in implementing collaboration with laity, opening the door to teachers and nurses who would, to some extent, mark the decline of their own religious communities (for once a lay woman could hold these roles, women's vocations became rooted in spiritual realities and not educational opportunities). Though priests and religious men did much for the American Church, it was women religious who led the way on almost every issue: education, health care, civil rights,

Calendar

Monday, August 9	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Sunday, August 15	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM
Thursday, August 19	Seniors Planning Meeting, 11:30 AM

ecumenism, lay leadership, etc.—even at the cost of their own resources, and though it led many orders to poverty and has left many begging for the care of their elderly.

For all the jokes about nuns with rulers, or bumper stickers like “I Survived Catholic Schools,” American religious women made possible the phenomenal rise of Catholics into the mainstream of American life—and then went back to help those left behind, and continue to help there, even today. If there were sometimes disagreements about ecclesiology or liturgy, the heart of religious life remained true; and remains a small but essential component of the American Church, in a way unimagined in Europe.

We, at St. Joseph, have a wonderful history with women religious. I hope each of us will offer our thanks, whenever we can; and I hope many of us will support the religious women we have known by going on the website of the Apostolic Visitation or the Leadership Council of Women Religious (LCWR) and sending a note of support.



Come and See

***What the Catholic Faith has to offer!
Tuesday, August 24th, 7:30-8:30 pm, Parish Center***

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?***
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?***
 - If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.***

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981x106 or stevew@stjosephparish.org . We would be happy to meet with you and provide further information.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Elizabeth Thomas in her recovery and healing from recent surgery

. . . For wisdom in making voting decisions in the upcoming elections . . . For the kindness and goodness extended to family, friends and strangers . . . For the economy and for those who can make a difference in helping others . . . For the donor and the recipient of a kidney transplant, may all go well for both following the operation.

*“Wherever your treasure lies,
there will your heart be.”*

Luke 12:34

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of parishioner Edward Boone whose funeral was last week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Prayer Tree



Fr. Jack's Jubilee Journey

Many of you have expressed your appreciation for Fr. Jack O'Leary over the last few weeks as we have been celebrating his 50th year of priesthood. There have also been some queries about how the parish could further honor his service. One of Fr. Jack's unfulfilled hopes has been to visit Ireland. So, we are soliciting gifts to help him make this journey. If you would like to support this trip, please send your gift to St. Joseph Parish with the note "Fr. Jack's Jubilee." Thank you again for all the ways you have made Fr. Jack part of the St. Joseph family!

For Those Needing Assistance

Assisted Listening Devices

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

Agape 2010

Please keep the following youth and adult mission trip participants in your prayers this week.

They will be spending the week working with the migrant workers in Whatcom County.

Maggie McDonald

Fiona Campbell

Aidan French

Keenan Leary

Dominic Herkes

Elliott Janney

Clare O'Connor

Katie Fallon

Natalie Wong

Kate Moran

Joey Woletz

Aidan Lopez

Nathan Wolfe

Bryce Goldsen

Cole Harned

Caroline Sweeney

Tenaya Goldsen (Junior Leader)

Kelda Byrne (Junior Leader)

Rebecca Ramos (Junior Leader)

Hannah Stewart (Junior Leader)

Tessa Campbell

Christopher Campbell

Chuck Woletz

Steve Wodzanowski

Sally Sue McDonald

Dottie Farewell

Seniors on the Go ...

- Thursday August 19th Seniors Planning meeting–
11:30am- 1:00pm Brown Bag Lunch – Parish Center

Pictures, pictures, pictures!

First Communion Pictures and Discs The following families can pick up their pictures at the Parish Center in the reception area:

Dore/Jundawan, Kirtland, Rothmeyer, Scroggs, and Soukup.

St. Joseph Directory and Day of the Dead photos are available to be picked up as well.

We will only hold these photos through the end of September.

Social Justice Commission: Recruiting New Members

We are looking for a few good people with community organizing and promotional skills to join the Social Justice commission. If you are passionate about justice and want to lend a hand with the social outreach mission of the parish please let us know. Commission members will be available after the Masses on August 7th and 8th. For more information contact Vince Herberholt @ 206-524-7856 or Kathy Fawthrop @ 206-322-8402

Duwamish River Ecojustice Boat Tour

St. James Cathedral and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, along with other downtown Seattle faith communities, will lead a boat tour of a five-mile stretch of the Lower Duwamish. On the tour, we will learn about the state of Seattle's major river, and religious leaders will offer prayers and reflections about our call to practice environmental justice.

Saturday, August 14th, 12 to 2 pm, \$15 per person
Reservations required. Contact Rachael Ross 206-903-4629 or at rross@stjames-cathedral.org.

For additional information contact Cathy Murray
at clmurray2@comcast.net

Co-Sponsored by St. James Cathedral, St. Joseph's Eco-Justice Ministry, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, St. Mark's Cathedral, Plymouth Church Seattle, Seattle First Baptist Church, Earth Ministry and Interfaith Power and Light

Holy Hour for Life

The St. Joseph Choose Life Group invites you to a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, August 15th, 7-8 pm in the Church. We will say the Rosary together, hear short reflections on the sanctity of life and share prayerful silence together. If you are unable to attend, we invite you to join in prayer from wherever you are. Questions? Call Tom Cannon at 322-4819 or Jackie Quinn at 324-1780.

Safe Environment Program: Called to Protect Class

This is the initial 3-hour onsite class required of all Parish and School volunteers employees. If you plan to volunteer during the 2010-2011 school year and have not taken *Called to Protect*, this is your opportunity to be ready at the beginning of the school year.

Friday, September 3
9:00 AM -11:30 AM

or

Monday, September 13
6:30 PM -9:00 PM

St. Joseph School Auditorium
Sheree Fisher, Trainer

Please register for the *Called to Protect* class online:

- On the Internet, visit www.seattlearch.org
- Click the Safe Environment Program box on the right side of the screen
- Click "Register Here"
- Click "Register for Classes"
- Find the class you would like to register for
- Click "Register Here" (located on the right-hand side of the class description)
- You will be asked to enter your own personal information as you register for the class to create your profile. **BE SURE THAT YOU CHECK THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOX (not the church/parish box) if you are volunteering in the school.**

Safe Environment Program Armatus Online Update Class

The Archdiocese of Seattle requires that all volunteers update their Safe Environment Program training **annually** by taking an online Armatus class. If you have already taken the initial 3-hour Called to Protect training, please make sure you are up to date with your online classes. Go to www.seattle.setanet.org to check your training status (under My Obligations). You may not volunteer at school in 2010-2011 unless your training is up to date.