

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2010

Reflection Next Week:

Julia Peters

Readings for

August 22, 2010

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

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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Our Lady, Our Mother, Our Hope

There is one saint in the calendar of the Church who has never been associated with the idea of punishment; even justice is alien to her; compared with the ideas of mercy and love. She is the one whom Catholics know as Our Lady.

~Graham Green

On the feast of the Assumption, when we remember the mother of Jesus (who was, in that, also Mother of God) being received at last into the arms of her beloved Son, I feel a closeness to Mary that I have rarely felt, a sense of her presence and her example that is sustaining me in days that seem filled with loss and struggle—not my own, so much as the loss and struggle of people whom I love and about whom I find myself praying a great deal.

Part of this has to do with the numerous deaths in the St. Joseph community—five funerals in the last three weeks—and part with the number of people I have met recently who are suffering from or are caring for those suffering from cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Part of it has to do with the war in Afghanistan and the news that my nephew, who graduated from the Naval Academy as a Marine, will be stationed “somewhere” in February. Part of it has to do with the institutional Church, which I serve but which seems often tone-deaf to the reality of the human heart; and part of it has to do with my country, which I love but for which I cringe when I hear railing against the poor or threats to repeal the 14th Amendment or protests about the building of mosques. So much pain and harsh judgment; so much fear and brokenness; so much sorrow to absorb!

Yet, in the midst of this whirlwind, I have been reading a book called *Mother of God* by Miri Rubin, about the history of Marian devotion. Though I am still not sure it is a great book, it has turned me back to Mary just in time for this feast day, and has invited me to reflect upon her place in my prayer, and in our Church.

I imagine Mary not as the docile and demure maiden of the Middle Ages, nor as the goddess of some modern interpretations, but much like the women I know who inspire me every day by being who they are—who, like Dorothy Day or Mother Teresa, don't have time to be ostensibly heroic or noble, but are both because they are human beings, fully alive and fully open to the pain and graces around them. I imagine sometimes the young Mary, who faced possible death at the hands of her espoused husband because she was called to bear the child she would not refuse; and sometimes the older widow, who wept as hard as any mother when called to bury her child. I imagine the woman of determination, who knew her son well enough that, even when he said, “Woman, my hour is not yet come,” she still told the servants at Cana, “Do whatever he tells you.” I smile in thinking of her, not fully understanding what Jesus was doing, but trusting her heart, and the way she had raised him. It was this trust, this mother's faith—more than some divine foreknowledge—that made her willing to walk with him and with his somewhat goofy friends all the way to the end.

Calendar

Sunday, August 15	Holy Hour for Life, 7 PM
Monday, August 16	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Thursday, August 19	Seniors Planning Meeting, 11:30 AM
Sunday, August 22	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM Summer BBQ on the Green, 6:30 PM

In her last years, I imagine the widow Mary watching the growth of the Church—missing her son, but proud and kind to his friends and disciples. And, these days, I think it is she to whom I most often go in prayer: the older woman, who buried a son and a husband; who has seen so much struggle and loss, but who trusts (as she always has) in the truth that keeps her going. With an experience of love that frees her from judgment and fear, I find her smile consoling; and I feel her willingness to stand with me (not as a wonder-worker, but as one who knows about struggle and loss) an amazing grace. Behind the wrinkles and gray hair, where the eyes of that young and courageous girl still shine, I sense in the Mary of the Assumption graces that welcome me and let me know that mercy and love, when quietly spoken and constantly embraced, will always, at last, bring us—and all those we love—into the arms of a God who so clearly takes after his Mother.



Summer On The Green Potluck BBQ! Sunday August 22nd after 5:30 Mass

Please join JVC Northwest and St. Joseph's Parish for a community BBQ to welcome the 2010-11 Jesuit Volunteers!

Julia Peters from JVC Northwest staff will be giving the reflection at all the Masses.

*There will be live music, beer/wine, burgers/hot dogs.
We invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

If you're available to help with set-up/clean-up, please contact Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Katie and her unborn baby . . . For Desiree's health challenges . . . For Julia on her 30th birthday . . . For Evonne and for her mother who is seriously ill, we pray for strength and guidance.

Prayer Tree



"The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be expressed in speech."

Romans 8:26

Please remember in your prayers, Tom Sifferman, husband of Bette and a long-time parishioner who was buried from St. Joseph's last week. May Eternal Light shine upon him and may his family be comforted with our prayers.

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.

For Those Needing Assistance

Assisted Listening Devices

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

Through Baptism we welcomed into our faith community on August 7th and 8th the following:

Andrew Wakefield Blankenship
Claire Florence Burgess
Eric Pedro Fromm
Gabriel James Godfrey
Julian Sean Godfrey
Frances Kern Hauge
Liam James Kirk-Briley
Mack Green Youngblood Farrell
Ruby Kathleen Martineau
Erin Grace Robinson O'Neill
Kate Aileen Robinson O'Neill
Tabitha London Pokorny
Chiara Anne Riggio
Caroline Rose Tessin
Benjamin Thomason, Jr
Shepherd Thomason
Seneca Eleanor Yates

Seniors on the Go ...

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

Sunday Hospitality

We are in need of coffee and donut hospitality help after the 9 am mass on the 5th Sunday of this month, August 29th. Please contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or email dfarewell@stjosephparish.org to volunteer or for questions. It's a fun way to get involved and meet people-- please sign up today!

Baby Corner is on the move....

Volunteers are needed now more than ever.

As mentioned in previous notices we have lost our current space at 900 Boylston and are scheduled to move to our new space by the end of this month! We are closed this month for serving our clients, but are going through surplus inventory and giving it to other partner organizations in order to make the move to our new site more efficient and perhaps less work. *Please help make this move easier by volunteering this month, Monday thru Friday, 9 am - 12 pm*, so that we can be ready to re-open in September. To volunteer contact Liz Holz at lholz@msn.com or 206-979-2531. We are grateful for any amount of time you can give. *P.S. We will be having an open house for all of our friends at our new site once we are all settled.*

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.

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.

St. Joe's at the Mariners & Ichiro Bobblehead Night

Mariners vs. 1st Place Minnesota Twins on August 27th at 7 PM. Join us by purchasing tickets on the parish website. Just check the Calendar for more information. See the bulletin flyer for additional ticket information.

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.

UW Summer Chorale Concert

Perhaps the only thing more powerful than the stories we tell is the stories we sing. Join the University of Washington Summer Chorale as they present "Storytelling", a concert of stories from around the world. Presented on Thursday, August 19th at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Parish Church. There will be a \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more information contact Bret Amundson at bret.amundson@me.com

St. Martin de Porres Shelter

We are still collecting linens for St. Martin de Porres. The shelter is in desperate need of large towels, washcloths, and men's bathrobes. We will be collecting these every Sunday through the summer. Please bring these items from your linen closet and help those who are living on the streets feel the love of our congregation. **You can place them in the laundry bins in the church vestibule through Sunday August 29th.** Contact: Sue Georgulas 206-910-7418 or sueginwa@hotmail.com for details.

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.