

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 22, 2010

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

**Readings for  
August 29, 2010**

FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A  
GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1,7-14

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday** - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Monday - Friday** - 7 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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## Passing Days

*Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?*  
-Mary Oliver-

I have been thinking of mortality.

In part, this is the product of time and circumstances: it is nearly the end of summer vacation; I have just completed my first year at St. Joseph; my eldest niece, whose birth I remember distinctly, is to marry in a few weeks—the first in her generation; I have just presided at five funerals in about three weeks, of people whose lives were important graces to their family and this community. Then, last night, as I was about to go out to celebrate the 25th birthday of my sister's oldest child (who birth I attended, two days after my first vows as a Jesuit), my e-mail buzzed and I received a message. One of the last friends of my parents, still living, had suffered a major stroke, and was near death. The message, sent from her son, brought back all the memories of the phone call by which I learned of my own mother's stroke and death. He accompanied the note with photos of his parents, young and exuberant in their days before children. Sitting with my sister and her daughter later that night, I couldn't help but reflect on the power of time, which blesses us and wears us down, and moves us along with inescapable power and speed.

I suppose I am thinking of mortality, as well, because of the homily I gave a few weeks ago, which spoke of our tendency to hold onto things, to grasp in fear to possessions of powers we think can be a lifeline against the flood of time, but which are really just anchors, dragging us down without helping us live. The only answer is to let go. To hold things lightly and with grace, trusting that the One who has authored our life wants us to read it deeply to the last possible page—and then wants to help us enjoy it for eternity.

That can be hard to do; but, if we don't, what is the alternative? As Scripture says, "*Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life span?*" (Mt. 6:27). We cannot slow down time by consumption (there is not *ap* for that), nor can we overcome its passage by working harder or getting more done than the person beside us. Though, given the response to my homily, I know I am not alone in trying that route.

So, watching my parents' generation die and realizing I just moved to the front of the line, a line that the changes in my nieces' lives reminds me is going forward, whether I like it or not. . . doesn't that seem an awfully depressing way to spend the last days of summer? Even given my faith in everlasting life and in Christ, how do I face all this? Denial (which, as the saying goes, is not just a river in Egypt) only makes more powerful and painful the realization of change when it comes. But, if not denial, then maybe a stoic resolve is what is needed? I can't help but think many of us try one or the other (or perhaps alternate between them).

## Calendar

Sunday, August 22	Summer BBQ on the Green, 6:30 PM
Monday, August 23	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Tuesday, August 24	RCIA Information Night, 7:30 PM, Parish Center
Friday, August 27	Night at the Mariners Game, 7 PM Safeco Field
Sunday, August 29	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM

But then, as I was praying about all of this, two events came as graces to help me understand, I think, more about this “*problem*” of mortality: the return of Fr. Jack and a call to Harborview for an anointing. For me, Fr. Jack O’Leary remains a beacon of hope and light. Fully conscious of his own mortality, he pours out his heart in great and small ways. Far from stoic, Fr. Jack expresses a joy in living that is, itself, an embrace of his mortality by being alive each day. That was the same message I received at Harborview, when called to bless a woman who had been taken off a cruise ship just before it left for Alaska. Traveling with her four sisters, this 62 year old woman—who was raising the children of her deceased son, and lived with her husband in western Montana—was taking time to be with her sisters before school started, when she was mortally stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Talking to her sisters, I realized, in the midst of this tragedy, how totally she was living until the moment that she died. And, as I prayed last night for my parents’ friend, I returned to that moment, knowing that it held the answer: to live in the face of mortality, it is necessary only to live fully.

May you, may all of us, live today to its full, pouring out with profligate joy “*your one wild and precious life.*”



## Children’s Faith Formation

Online Registration for Sunday Childcare (“Pre3s”) and Children’s Faith Formation classes PreK thru 8th Grade is available now! Visit the parish website at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) and click on “Ministries” then “Children’s Faith Formation” for all the important information. The online registration button is at the bottom of the page.

Contact Dottie Farewell for questions or assistance via email at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) or phone at 206-965-1652.

*Please remember that our preparation classes for receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a two year program. Enrolling and completing CFF1 (Year 1) is a requirement before participating and receiving both sacraments in CFF2 (Year 2).*

*St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:* For the well being of Helen, Doug, Karol, Betty and Creg . . . For those who are facing economic challenges . . . For acts of kindness that have been extended to others.

## Prayer Tree



*“Probe me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.”*

*~ Psalms 139:23*

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers, Eileen Cecilia Scallon-Evans, a former parishioner and kindergarten teacher at Stevens school who passed away. May eternal light shine upon her.

## 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](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

## For Those Needing Assistance

### Assisted Listening Devices

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

## COMMUNITY

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

**Mariners vs. 1st Place Minnesota Twins** this Friday, 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.

### 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](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) to volunteer or for questions. It's a fun way to get involved and meet people-- please sign up today!

### Pictures, pictures, pictures!

**St. Joseph Directory and Day of the Dead photos** are available to be picked up at the Parish Center.

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

### Fall Blood Drive.

It's that time again - boy, the weeks just fly!!!  
Monday, September 13th in the Arrupe Room, 1 - 3 pm and 3:45 - 7 pm.

Every two minutes, someone in Western Washington needs a transfusion. At least 800 people must donate blood through the Blood Center every weekday. Your donation is critical in helping the community maintain a stable blood supply for emergencies. So invite a friend or family member to join you when giving blood. Remember, Give Blood, Get Cookies! See you there!

### 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](mailto:sueginwa@hotmail.com) for details.

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### SENIORS ON THE GO

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#### Healing Mass: Friday, September 3rd, 11:30 am.

The October Healing Mass will be followed by the Seniors Luncheon, so mark your calendars for October 1st! Please watch the bulletin for additional upcoming Fall events.

## Annual All School/Parish Picnic!

### Sunday, September 12

1 to 4 p.m., Parking Lot and Upper Green

School/Parish will provide refreshments, hot dogs, sno-cones, ice cream and cotton candy.

Carnival games for kids, including Dunk tank, Crazy Karts, Inflatable rides and more.

(Please bring a salad or side dish to share.)

*To volunteer contact:*

Linda Wilgis (games) at 206-550-7960 or [lindamason\\_wilgis@hotmail.com](mailto:lindamason_wilgis@hotmail.com)

Randy Novak (set-up/clean-up) at 965-1654 or [rnovak@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rnovak@stjosephparish.org)

## ***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.*

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



**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](mailto: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.*

## **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](http://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.

**For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Jane Mueller at [jmueller@stjosephsea.org](mailto:jmueller@stjosephsea.org)**

## **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](http://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.