

The Abundance

*"I came so that they might have life & have it more abundantly."
—John 10:10-*

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 30, 2012

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

Readings for October 7, 2012
FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:9-11
GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday - 7 am
Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours
Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm
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Bulletin Cover: St. Francis of Assisi in the
Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi, Assisi, Italy

I love to train Eucharistic ministers. In part, this is because they are such wonderful people—generous, involved, filled with love of Christ and of the Parish—and in part because I am just perverse enough to enjoy turning on their head some of the expectations with which these ministers come. For many people, ministry is about helping, and the guiding principles of such help are efficiency and clarity. But the truth is, the celebration of Eucharist, and especially its distribution, are intentionally inefficient and, in a very profound way, unclear. When I tell Eucharistic ministers this for the first time, they usually look puzzled, and perhaps a bit angry—and often, in their eyes, I can see that expression that harkens back to an old television sit-com: *"What you talkin' about, Fr. John?"*

In our culture, efficiency is one of the great virtues: we pay bills by computer, and talk through instant messages; we like to DVR so we can zip through commercials, and dine at the drive through so we don't have to leave the road. And with all the time we save, we can spend more time answering e-mail while watching *The Bachelor* and having one of those quality moments with our spouse on the cell phone—who is running to pick up the kids from soccer practice, so they can get home to start their homework by 10. All so efficient that we can have twice the obligations in just half the time.

But Eucharist is different from that. It asks us to let go of efficiency, for just a moment, and be present—wholly present—to a single moment. Were we really to seek efficiency, perhaps we would have a buffet, where each person could go up and grab what they need; but we do not. Instead, hand reaches out to hand, one person's eyes engage those of another, and the voice of the minister offers the gift: *"The Body of Christ"* and awaits the voice of the communicant in response: *"Amen."* Surely, sometimes it may feel rushed—with children clamoring or the line behind swelling—but the essence of that moment is to declare: *"This moment is all time. This moment is the beginning and the end. This moment is just you and I and God here together."* Terribly, wonderfully, humanly, divinely inefficient. Exactly like the salvation offered us in Christ Jesus.

Furthermore, the moment of Eucharist is not only plagued with inefficiency but with uncertainty—at least if its done right. When someone comes to communion, the minister, holding the host before her, says, *"The Body of Christ."* All well and good, you might think, for the Catholic faith teaches that, by the prayer of the Church, Christ is really present under the form of bread and wine. Thus, what is held in the hand of the minister and consumed in the mouth of the communicant is, truly, the Body of Christ. Yet, if that is all that is meant by the minister's words, then why do we not say, *"This is the body of Christ"* or even *"Receive the Body of Christ"*? Why does the Church tell us to say but a fragment of one of these sentences? Is it just bad grammar? Or, is some deeper truth given in this ambiguity?

"The Body of Christ" is, in part, a reference to the host itself. For Christ, true to his promise, comes to us in the form of bread and wine whenever the Church gathers around the minister and the community. And that form is true: it is what we reverence in the tabernacle

and what reminds us of God's unwavering commitment and covenant love when we gather before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and prayer. But the phrase, given in the celebration of the liturgy means more than that one meaning; it is intentionally undesignated because its object could also be other things, or other people. *The Body of Christ* might refer to the person addressed ("You are the Body of Christ") or the person making the address ("I am the Body of Christ") or a combination of the two ("We are the Body of Christ"). Or it could be a description of the moment itself ("This—this moment, this communion—is the Body of Christ.") All of which are legitimate understandings of this quite unclear sentence fragment.

Yet, what if the lack of clarity is precisely the point? What

if, instead of asking what *one thing* the Eucharist means, we were to accept that it means all sorts of things at once? In one grandly inefficient moment—saying something very imprecise—we are declaring the heart of the gospel, the profound mystery of life, the essence of grace, the lasting gift of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ: *you* are the body of Christ; *I* am the body of Christ; *this Church*, all of us together, serving and being served, is the body of Christ; *this action* of giving and receiving, of blessing and being blessed, is the body of Christ; and *this abiding presence*, given in the form of bread and wine, this is the body of Christ. To be a minister of the Eucharist is to surrender to the great efficiency and the great imprecision, and to become a part of all that God gives in Christ—part of the Mystery, part of the Abundance.

John

Upholding teaching on marriage is good for all

On Nov. 6, we will be making a very important decision regarding the definition of marriage in our state. Voters will be asked to "approve" or "reject" a new law that completely changes the definition of marriage.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we face a decision that is about much more than one's politics, party affiliation, or one's feelings. Our vote on Referendum 74 is about what we believe God has been doing from the creation of the world and how he invites us to be partners in continuing his work until the end of time.

We love and cherish the ancient gift that is marriage between one man and one woman. Such a gift, which is the foundation of all human society, must be protected, nurtured and held as sacred by us all.

The gift of marriage

Marriage cannot be *redefined*. It is the foundational unit of all human society. The vocation of marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they come from the creative hand of God.

In fact, just as God is the creator of man and woman, so is he the author of marriage. Thus, marriage is not a purely human institution. It springs from God's own plan for the world, for the good of married couples, for the birth and rearing of children and for the good of all society.

By redefining marriage as a mere contract between two persons, the new Washington state law would legalize marriage between couples of the same sex. In effect, this new law is saying that the loving, permanent and faithful



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union of a man and woman in marriage, the unique pattern of spousal and family love, and the generation of new life are only of *relative* importance rather than being *fundamental* to the existence and well-being of society as a whole.

It is important to state that the Catholic Church's stance on Referendum 74 is not "against" anything, and especially not "against" anyone.

To the contrary, it is our stance "for" the gift of marriage, "for" God's plan for human society, "for" husbands and wives, "for" children. To suddenly change the God-given and time-honored understanding of marriage would be a very harmful thing for our state and for the world.

Centuries of common law

Put simply, it is not in the compelling interest of the state to change the definition of marriage. There are many ramifications of such a redefinition. Suffice it to say that should marriage be redefined in our state, the very foundational nature of marriage for the good and strength of human society would be harmed beyond repair.

I join with all the Catholic bishops of Washington in saying that as teachers and Church leaders, we reaffirm the need to recognize and defend the

At the request of the Archbishop this article is included in the bulletin. For a piece by Fr John on voting your conscience go to our website www.stjosephparish.org

rights of all people. We sincerely regret the unjust discrimination, bigotry and even violence that many people with same-sex attraction have experienced for many years.

However, as we stated in our pastoral statement "Marriage and the Good of Society," redefining marriage as a means of dealing with important issues of equality and respect for all persons will not achieve the goal of defending the rights of all and would overturn centuries of common law.

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purpose is a positive one: to support the legal definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman in order to promote the common good.

We urge our Catholic people to uphold our consistent teaching on marriage for the good of the Church, society, husbands and wives, and their children. Therefore, we bishops *reject* the redefinition of marriage as a "civil contract between two persons."

I recognize that the issue before us is a sensitive one, one that touches many families and many individuals. My heart and my prayers go out to you all as you pray about your vote on Referendum 74.



Social Ministry

Hospital Eucharistic Ministry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to provide Catholic prayer presence and sacrament of Eucharist to patients and their families at Harborview Medical Center and Virginia Mason Hospital. Previous experience being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist preferred, but not required. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, Diocesan Safe Environment Training, background checks and complete Orientation/Training sessions and personal interviews. Time expectation is once a week, 3-4 hour shift, plus gatherings every other month for reflection and support. There is flexibility with regards to specific day and time of volunteering. To volunteer at Harborview please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646/stevew@stjosephparish.org or to volunteer at Virginia Mason contact Fr. Don Perea at 206-383-8935 donaldperea@msn.com

Sisters & Brothers in Christ: Faith Journeys of LGBT Catholics

Panel presentation followed by group discussion
Thursday, October 18, 7 - 9 PM, Arrupe Room,
St. Joseph Parish Center.

Being Gay or Lesbian and Catholic presents a menu of challenges and LGBT people often work hard to reconcile being who they are with their Catholic faith and their love of the Church.

For details contact: Rebecca Brown, rebecca.brown@goddard.edu or Christa Gray, cgray@alumni.nd.edu

Please take a Survey!
Please return the Survey!

Annual Tulip & Daffodil Bulb Sale

Please stop by the Social Hall after the 9:00 mass today and purchase beautiful bulbs for your garden. This sale is presented by the Ierne Hanley & Lilly Peabody Circles. All proceeds benefit children's programs of CCS!

Parish Blood Drive *Imagine Saving A Life*

Every two minutes someone in Western Washington needs a blood transfusion. Help ensure this precious resource is available for ill and injured people in our community by giving blood through the **Puget Sound Blood Center**.

Monday, October 1st, in the Arrupe Room, Parish Center
1:00 to 3:00 and 3:45 to 7:00 pm.

Sign up in the vestibule following mass, or with Renée at rleet@stjosephparish.org. Invite a friend to join you!

PAB Needs your help!

St. Joseph School families are needed to assist with preparing and serving coffee and donuts after mass the first Sunday of the month. This is a great way to get volunteer hours. Hopefully families could commit to at least 6 - 8 Sundays out of the year.

Please contact Mary Freiburger at (206) 412-6279 or maryfreiburger@comcast.net

Pathfinders Begins Now!

Our PATHFINDERS youth group begins Wednesday, October 3 from 6-7:30 pm in the basement of the Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room). Open to all 6th thru 8th graders. Our motto is "***making our way through faith, friendship and service.***" Registration forms may be found on our Parish website under "Children/Youth."

Come and check us out!

Men's Ministry

Friday, Oct 12th – 14th – Fall Retreat at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. ***Why Are We Catholic: Reconciling My Faith and My Community with the Church and the World.*** Cost is \$130 per person and includes two nights lodging (double occupancy) and four meals. Partial scholarships are available. Check out the flyer in the vestibule of the church.

For details, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



Community



Come and see what the Catholic Faith has to offer

- Are you a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life?
- 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.

We meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. If you are interested, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!



This Week On the Willis...

Both of today's voluntaries on the organ are based on the hymn tune *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*, which can be translated from the German as "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" or even "A Safe Stronghold Our God Is Still."

This is a paraphrase of Psalm 46 that was written along with the hymn tune by Martin Luther sometime between 1527 and 1529. This hymn was considered one of the most popular that sprung out of the Protestant Reformation and its popularity persists today. It is even found in our Gather Hymnal (#607).

Due to its popularity in Protestant churches, there are many different settings of this tune that have been written for the organ. The version by Pachelbel is a small and short fugue (counterpoint) and the one by Praetorius is a longer fantasy, which is just a type of musical form that takes the hymn tune melody and embellishes upon it.

Next week on the Willis...music by Johann Gottfried Walther and Heinrich Scheidemann.

John Stuntebeck, Principal Organist and Pianist

Welcome to the newly baptized little ones!

Briggs, Molly Margaret
Evanson, Jack Loren
Rodriguez, Patrick Wallace
Rosauer, Matthew Mason

Welcome Choral Arts!

When I arrived at St. Joseph four years ago (has it been that long already!?) one of the things we were hoping to do was to re-establish St. Joseph as a place where the arts would be celebrated and flourish. A light on the hill where, in addition to a wonderful liturgical life, hopeful and challenging homilies, a vibrant school, steadfast outreach and social justice programs in the community and the wider world, the church would resound with the sounds of beautiful music to be heard amidst the physical beauty of our church space.

To this end, two years ago we re-established the staff position of Principal Organist/Pianist and hired the brilliant young musician John Stuntebeck. Last year we established the role of Artist-in-Residence, filled by long time parishioner and artist Julie Olsen who has, over the years, created the spectacular banners that hang in our space that help us, through color and design, to beautify the space and help us to know when the liturgical seasons change. Also last year we established the **Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam** Concert Series and hosted a wonderful series of concerts in the church throughout the year.

This year, for the first time, we welcome Choral Arts as our "Choir in Residence."

Choral Arts is a well known local chamber choir that is celebrating their 20th season. Originally founded by Dr. Dick Sparks and now directed by Dr. Robert Bode Choral Arts has been acclaimed throughout the years as one of the finest choirs in the Northwest and beyond receiving numerous national awards.

The first concert in our parish concert series features Choral Arts and is on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm. With a pre-concert talk at 7 pm. The concert is titled "*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*" and features a capella choral masterworks by Bruckner, Britten and Rheinberger and features the world premier of local composer Rick Asher's "*Of Stars and the Heavens*."

Check out the parish website for ticket information as well as the full contingent of concerts throughout the year.

"THE SINGING THING"
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON THE MUSIC WE
USE AT ST JOSEPH'S
~ROBERT McCAFFERY-LENT

COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 12,726.92



Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Susan and others who are seeking employment . . . For Danny to grow stronger with each day . . . For Aunt Mary's cancer to continue to be in remission . . . For Jimmy in his recovery from surgery . . . For the overall well being of our senior parishioners . . . For the thoughts we hold in our hearts.

Prayer Tree



"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go."
~ Joshua 1:9

Calendar

Mon, Oct 1	Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM
Tue, Oct 2	RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 3	Pathfinders, Mother Teresa, 6:00PM Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Thur, Oct 4	Blessing of the Animals, Church 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Fri, Oct 5	Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel Parish Center, 7:30 AM Healing Mass, Church, 11:30 AM Followed by lunch in the Parish Center

Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will be Thursday, October 4th, at 8:30 am in the Church.

This will be with the school community.

There also will be a blessing at 6:00 pm on the Front Lawn.

All are welcome!

Just Matters

Please join us this fall for an eight week series on Thursday nights 7-9 pm in the Parish Center, starting on Thursday October 4th.

Just Matters will explore our faith and social justice by starting a new Just Matters module. We have chosen ***"In the Spirit of St. Francis and the Sultan: Muslims & Christians Working Together for the Common Good."*** This module teaches the basics of the two faiths, clarifying and respecting the faiths' commonalities and differences. To register or more information contact Abigail Campbell at Abigail.campbell27@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 965-1646. Because we need to order materials and make other preparations, we need your response as soon as possible. For more information, please consult the JustFaith website at <http://www.justfaith.org>

Ignatian Spirituality 101

Thur, October 4th | 7-9 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center

What is Ignatian spirituality all about? If you would like to know more, this evening of introduction to the basics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality is for you! Come learn more about the life of St. Ignatius and key elements of Ignatian spirituality, experience Ignatian prayer, and learn how this rich spiritual tradition is kept alive locally. People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome. For more info or to RSVP, contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824 x3. No cost.

Baby Love

October is designated as the Month for Life in the Catholic Church. To honor this month, we are offering a new opportunity for prayer.

If you have a child or grandchild, born in the current year, please send us her/his name and we will offer a prayer of thanks in the Prayers of the Faithful. We will be

gathering the names and praying for all those from the year throughout the month; and then, at the end of October, we will continue with any newly born baby.

E-mail names under "Baby Prayers" to Fr. John: jwhitney@stjosephparish.org, or drop the names off in the Parish Office with Renee.



*Every day, within the tabernacle of our Church, the Body of Christ is present
—a living witness of God's love, a sacrament of God's constancy.*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an invitation to abide with Jesus,
to take a single hour to quiet your heart from all that is rushing past, so
that you might know that which lasts forever.*

*If you have never prayed before the Blessed Sacrament before, you will be
amazed at the peace & the grace that comes from allowing yourself to sit in
the presence of Christ, from opening yourself to his love, given in this very
physical & yet very spiritual form.*

*In this Month of Life, which begins with the Feast of St. Francis & the
blessing of the animals, we come to pray with this great sacrament, in
which we recall that God chose life—chose to live in this world as one of
us, & to feed us with his life.*

COME & PRAY WITH US, FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE

PRAY FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

PRAY FOR THE LIFE OF THOSE ON THE MARGINS.

PRAY THAT YOUR OWN LIFE MIGHT BE ONE WITH GOD.

THURSDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 7:00 PM

ST JOSEPH CHURCH

