

*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
**December 16, 2012**

**Reflection Next Week:**  
**Mary Ott**

**Readings for December 23, 2012**

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:1-4A  
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10  
GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45

**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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## St. Joseph Holiday Schedule



**Sunday, December 23**

No 5:30 pm Mass for Church decorating

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 24**

7:00 am, Daily Mass  
4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)  
6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening  
10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols  
10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

**Tuesday, December 25**

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

**New Year's Eve**

**Monday, December 31**

6:00 pm, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at Midnight

## Come help us prepare St. Joseph's Church for Christmas

Please join us Sunday, December 23rd, after the 11 am mass for cleaning and decorating our sacred space for the celebration of Christmas. If you can give us an hour or so (we will be in the church until 4 p.m.), it will make a difference. Hot lunch will be provided.



**Week Nine Stewardship Update**

**519 Pledges**

**\$1,085,737.00**

**Parish Goal: \$1,500,000.00**

# The Church of the New Chalcedon (Part III)

*The Church in the Mirror*

*The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, that through all the works of Christian men and women they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the perfection of him who has called out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*-The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, 10  
Documents of Vatican II-*

We talk of "the Church" in many ways and with many things in mind. Sometimes, it is that gigantic concrete building up the street, that grand museum on the banks of the Tiber. Sometimes it is the Pope flanked by an army of cardinals, or the pastor flanked by an uneven pair of altar servers. Sometimes it is the *Magisterium* pronouncing on issues of justice and morals, or it may be the crowd gathered for the pancake breakfast. After reading the last few articles, I hope "Church" is still all of these things to you; but now understood in a new way, not as a disparate amalgamation, not as either/or, but as the many ways in which Christ becomes Incarnate—the Church is all of these things, all at the same time. But there is one more element, perhaps the most important, to consider when thinking of the living Church. As you have thought about the Church as the embodiment of the Spirit of God, have you thought that it is, in that, the person you see in the mirror each morning? For, if the Church lives, it must be *you* and *us*, and not merely *them* and *it*.

For many Catholics, our understanding of the Church emerged from what Avery Dulles calls an "institutional model," in which the visible and hierarchical structures were the **essential** qualities of Church. The diocese and even the parishes became kind of "branch offices," established to govern the faithful and serve the needs of religious consumers. In such a model, the officers of the Church, i.e., clergy and religious, are seen, like officers of a monarchical state, to be specially empowered as mediators of God's salvation and redemption. Though this model has the advantage of clarity and unity, it reduces the mission of the Church to the mission of the clergy, and it reduces membership in the Church to being included by those in power. By emphasizing the top-down pattern of decision-making, the institutional model fails to see that Christ has endowed the whole body of the Church with life, not just the head; and Christ has made all women and men members of the Church through his grace, not through others' mediation.

In Vatican II, the institutional model of Church was challenged and amended by a greater appreciation that the mission of the Church is the mission of all God's "priestly people," who are "appointed by their baptismal character" (*Lumen Gentium*, 11) to become the Church in the world. Indeed, unlike any previous council, Vatican II produces a Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People in which, rather than rights and powers of the hierarchy, what is stressed is that, "In the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission" (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 2). In other words, you cannot find the whole Church in Rome or in the rectory, but only in the mirror and in the pew, as well. This is another way of speaking about the tension to which we have referred before, for what Vatican II tells us is that the life of the Church is like Jesus of Chalcedon: possessed of a universal Spirit, but incarnated in particular persons and forms.

When the Council, guided by the Holy Spirit, declares that lay men and women are called to be "participants in the function of Christ, priest, prophet and king" (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 10), a world of change is set in motion. From the vernacular mass to the English version of the Code of Canon Law, from RCIA to communion under both species, from Eucharistic ministers to lay parish administrators, the whole Body of Christ now hears their proper call to "cooperate in all the apostolic and missionary enterprises of their ecclesial family" (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 10). This call is not made temporarily, to supplement for a "priest shortage" (in fact, it was first made near the high-water mark for priestly vocations); rather, it is a renewed recognition that by our baptism and our confirmation we are all apostles of the Church, all incarnations of its Spirit, called to the service of the Kingdom right here in this parish, in this town, in this nation and culture.

It is, I think, appropriate to contemplate, in these final days of Advent, this 50-year-old call to "priesthood" made by Vatican II; especially as we see Jesus himself entering the lay estate for the service of the kingdom. Perhaps when you hear of Mary, opening herself to the Word of God, you might ask yourself about being a Lector. Or when you are told about the poverty of the shepherds at the crib, you might inquire about working with the Social Justice Commission or Baby Corner. Perhaps you might become an Usher, when you see the magi. Or perhaps it is some other gift of self or service which you alone might bring, but which the whole Church (that is, your Parish) needs. In this season of Jesus' greatest gift, we need to recall that the Body of Christ is not simply the bread received on Sunday; it is what we are called to be as people and as parish.





# Prayer

## Come & Pray with us, for Just a Little While

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an invitation to abide with Jesus, to take a single hour and 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, you will be amazed at the peace and 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 and yet spiritual form.

***Pray that your own life might be one with God.***

Thursday, January 3rd, 7:00 pm

## With Grateful Hearts

A sincere Thank You to all who gave to our Thanksgiving collection for St. James Cathedral Kitchen. Because of your generosity, we were able to give them \$2,318.00 to support their efforts to feed the hungry. That amount will serve 31 people a month of meals!



## Seniors On The Go

**Friday, January 11th** - Healing Mass, 11:30 am, with lunch following in the Parish Center  
(Note Date Change)

COLLECTION: DECEMBER 9, 2012  
TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00  
TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 15,027.50



## Sacred Silence

***A time for silent prayer and peace***

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice

works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at [jhoover3law@qwestoffice.net](mailto:jhoover3law@qwestoffice.net) or 206-286-0313.

## Prayer Tree



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

May the pulmonary specialist be able to help Sienna with her lung problems . . . May a beloved brother learn from his mistakes and grow into the man he can be . . . For Joyce whose back is hurting . . .

For Ann that the bones in her feet may heal properly . . . Thanksgiving for Meigon's successful job hunt . . . For Joan's recovery and for her well being . . . For those travelers who are visiting with family throughout the US . . . For the men and women in the armed services who are serving overseas, may God protect them on their missions to protect others . . . Let us continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas on this Gaudete Sunday.

*"Gaudete in domino semper; interum dico, gaudete"*  
***"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say Rejoice . . .  
Dismiss all anxiety from your minds . . ."***

***~ Philipians 4:4-5***

# *Blossoms & Brass*

*The Fund for Christmas Liturgies*



*Each year, St. Joseph Parish celebrates the Feast of Christmas  
with beautiful music & a beautiful environment.*

*This year we invite parishioners to help us to do this well,  
by supporting our Blossom & Brass Fund.*

*Using this fund, we will decorate the church with flowers & greenery  
& hire brass instrumentalists for the Children's Mass & Mass in the Morning.*

*Please help us make this celebration  
memorable with your gift!*

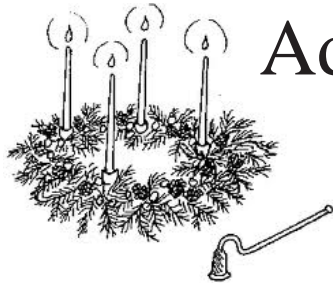
**Donation Envelopes Available  
in the Vestibule of the Church**

**or**

**Give Online At**

**[www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)**





# Advent at St. Joseph

## Women's Advent Bible Study

The St. Joseph's Women's Ministry invites you to join in our Advent Bible Study. As the Church prepares to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we will take a closer look at the role Mary, his mother, plays in our salvation history. Bring your bible and learn more about our beloved Mother, the Queen of Heaven, and why Catholics venerate her.

Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Center,  
December 19th.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Kaz Maras at [kjmaras@gmail.com](mailto:kjmaras@gmail.com) or 206.228.2674.

***Newcomers still welcome!***

## 2012 St. Joseph's Giving Tree



Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 16th

1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
3. Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph's Giving Tree or the Parish Center. The last day of our collection is Sunday, December 16th.
5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

## ISC Advent Prayer

We are delighted that so many members of St. Joseph's joined us for our Advent Evening of Prayer with Pat Twohy, SJ and Carla Orlando. In continuing the on-going spirit of graced partnership between the Ignatian Spirituality Center and St. Joseph Parish, we will be offering regular brief reflections and prayers in the Ignatian tradition and vision in the parish bulletin. As just a beginning, we offer:

Standing at the threshold of another Advent  
we begin our season of growth and expectation  
a time to secret ourselves with Mary, to join our hearts with hers,  
and to grow pregnant with God together.  
God invites us to a quiet place of reflection and bounty.  
This Advent, choose some time for silence.  
Make space within yourself to grow large  
with the abundance of God's favor.  
Make this a time to fill your lungs deeply with God  
so that you can breathe Christ into the world.

Thomas Hoffman



# Community

## Calendar

**Mon, Dec 17** Sacred Silence, Parish Ctr, 7:00 PM

**Tue, Dec 18** RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

**Wed, Dec 19** Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM  
Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM  
The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

**Fri, Dec 21** Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel  
Parish Center, 7:30 AM

## Pancake Breakfast Thank You's



Cristina & Aliyah Murphy, Mike & Lilly Theisen and Patrice and Ryen, Stacey, Mark, Finn & Audrey (Pathfinder-in-training) Donahue, Mike & Isaac Smith, Rowan French, Roman DeLaurentis, Will Battaglia & his older sister, Sophia, Parker Thompson, Ethan Freiburger, Charlie Whitson, Austin Savidge, Deirdre, Nicho, and Colin N., Terri Stewart, Olivia Taylor-Manning, and PF alum & older sister, Haley, Kelsi Cappelto, Ben Heymann (future PFER), Thomas, Cooper, & Richard Lappenbusch (new members!), Carmen Einmo, Beth & Katie Silverberg, Janet Hawkins, Christopher, Tessa, & Colette (PF-in-training as well) Campbell, Shannon, Erin, Dan, & Debra Tobin. YEAH!!

## Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Seattle area. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. The Catholic Alumni Club is non-profit, and is volunteer led. For more information, visit [meetup.com](http://meetup.com/Catholic-Alumni-Club/), <http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Alumni-Club/> or contact Allen at [allenengel@yahoo.com](mailto:allenengel@yahoo.com).

## The Tudor Choir and Players celebrate a Victorian Christmas

The Tudor Choir and Players presents VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS, a family-friendly concert of carols and seasonal songs for choir and brass plus classic seasonal readings. Saturday, December 29 at 7:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 5050 8th Ave NE, Seattle 98105 \$30 general; \$20 student/senior

Single tickets available online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or at [www.tudorchoir.org](http://www.tudorchoir.org), or by calling 206-323-9415.

## Alumni Mexico Mission Trek

Magis at Seattle University is excited to announce their newest global immersion program Mexico Mission Trek! A community of sixteen Jesuit-educated alumni will serve side-by-side in a week-long service immersion with a community in Tijuana, Mexico via Esperanza International, a non-profit agency which "cultivates global citizenship through international service experiences in working toward a better world." Alumni of the Mexico Mission Trek will:

- Explore what a faith that does justice means to them, along with social analysis on some of the issues impacting the local community pre-Trek.
- Work together for one week alongside the community in Tijuana in order to bring about a sense of being men and women for and with others.
- Reflect on the experience of service with each other via a post-Trek gathering and retreat.

Application deadline is Thursday, December 20, 2012. Cost for the immersion program is \$525 (includes lodging, transportation, site visits, and meals) plus cost of airfare to/from San Diego. Consider applying with a spouse/partner/immediate family member. For an application, or more information, visit [www.seattleu.edu/magis/programs/justice](http://www.seattleu.edu/magis/programs/justice).



**A special thanks to each of you for your charism of our community!**

**If you haven't already pledged, please do so. You can pledge online at our website [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or send in a pledge form to the parish center.**



A WORK IN PROGRESS . . .

La Conner Country Inn

*Partial scholarships available*

\*Saturday group dinner an additional \$35  
per person

Register with Deacon Steve by December 30  
206-965-1646 or [steveuw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steveuw@stjosephparish.org)



# Social Ministry

## St. Joseph's Epiphany Dinner

Sunday, January 6th

1 - 4 pm

Parish Social Hall

We will open our doors to anyone in the Community for a shared meal and fellowship. Similar to last year we are reaching out to our "Outreach Partners" such as Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Chief Seattle Club and Jubilee Women's Center to name a few. We will be providing transportation from several locations downtown. As is our tradition, we invite members of our community to provide cooked turkeys, hams, vegetables, potatoes, beverages, desserts and appetizers. Volunteers are needed to do the food prep, cooking, decorating, table hosting and clean-up. Please sign-up after Mass or by calling the parish center at 324-2522 ext 100 or by emailing Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)



## 3<sup>rd</sup> CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CLASSIC

**A MAJORITY OF PROCEEDS will support Catholic schools in w. Washington**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013, at 3:30 **PM** KEY ARENA, SEATTLE  
SEATTLE U. REDHAWKS vs. U. OF DENVER PIONEERS

### **TICKETS \$12 each**

SU ticket office: 206.296.2835 (mention your school)

Online: [fulcrumfoundation.org/basketball](http://fulcrumfoundation.org/basketball)

(add \$1 per ticket for online purchases)

Questions? Call  
Christen Lambert at  
206.219.5811.



## 2012 Year-End Giving

This is the time of year when daylight hours shorten and to-do lists lengthen. Amid the holiday hustle, it helps to quietly reflect on the past year and express our gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Many of us share our blessings through charitable giving.

Now more than ever, you may find your charitable intent is greater than the charitable dollars you have at your disposal. By carefully considering what you give and when you give, you may discover you can make gifts you previously thought were impossible.

Did you know that giving a charitable gift before the end of the year may help reduce the amount of taxes you will owe next April? If Congress fails to enact new tax legislation before the end of December, there will be many changes that may impact you beginning in January. These potential changes include personal income taxes, long term capital gains tax, a new Medicare tax, and the estate tax. For more information you may [click here](#) to download a document that summarizes potential tax changes in 2013.

The Archdiocesan Planned Giving Office is pleased to provide information to you and your advisors as you consider making year-end gifts. You may reach them at (206) 748-7984 or toll free at (800) 752-5902 or via email at [plannedgiving@seattlearch.org](mailto:plannedgiving@seattlearch.org). You are also welcome to visit their webpage at [www.seattlearchpg.org](http://www.seattlearchpg.org).

Wishing you an Advent season full of peace and warmth – blessings for a Happy New Year!

*"I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will declare all your wondrous deeds."* Psalm 9:2

## *The Third Week of Advent:* *Rejoice in the Lord*

### **An Examination of Consciousness for the Third Week of Advent**

- **TAKE 5 DEEP BREATHS:**  
Inhale saying, "Come." Exhale saying, "Jesus."
- **EXAMINE YOUR LIFE AT THIS MOMENT:**
  - What must I do to open my heart to the Lord?  
What must I set aside? What can I welcome?
  - What brings me the most lasting joy of any day?
- **ASK FOR YOUR DESIRE:**  
A SENSE OF JOY IN MY LIFE THAT OPENS ME TO OTHERS.

*Gracious God, all that you make in this world is gift,  
yet, so often I am caught by fears & anxiety,  
by work & duty, by the press of sorrow & inadequacy.  
Open these wounded places & let me be baptized anew.  
Let my heart feel joy in the cold beauty of this season;  
Let my eyes see you, not in the desires of many,  
but in the love of those you have sent to me.  
Let me become joyful in loving the world as you love me.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.*

*Our brokenness is the wound through which the  
full power of God can penetrate our being  
& transfigure us in God.  
Yes, through our wounds the power of God  
can penetrate us  
and become like rivers of living water  
to irrigate the arid earth within us  
Thus, we may irrigate the arid earth of others, so  
that hope & love are reborn.  
-Jean Vanier-*

