

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
**December 23, 2012**

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

**Readings for December 30, 2012**  
FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28  
SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24  
GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

**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

### New Year's Day

### Tuesday, January 1

10:00 am, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### Week Ten Stewardship Update

**534 Pledges**

**\$1,106,757.00**

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



# A Psalm for Sandy Hook

O God, we seek you!  
O God, we long for you!  
Like travelers in the dark, our lamps gone out,  
we stumble on,  
seeking, ever seeking the light.

We recall the cold of morning and the sad, soaked ground,  
the puddles widening with the icy rain,  
and the children's voices: giggles and snorts,  
songs and laughter, cries and whispers.  
Silenced.

O God, we seek you!  
O God, we long for you!  
Like travelers in the dark, our lamps gone out,  
we stumble on,  
seeking, ever seeking the light.

These were no angels, on loan from heaven,  
but flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone.  
In them was the joy of ice cream and football,  
weekends on horseback and books before bed.  
They sat on our laps and fought with their siblings,  
and pouted, and smiled, and held our hands.  
They were our hearts outside our bodies;  
all promise and possibility,  
all wonder and excitement.

O God, we seek you!  
O God, we long for you!  
Like travelers in the dark,  
our lamps gone out,  
we stumble on,  
seeking, ever seeking the light.



"IGNITED BY THE EUCHARIST TO LOVE & SERVE"



But then they come, the shepherds and the magi,  
the witnesses and guides,  
the martyrs, whose blood shimmers with starlight,  
and burns with love greater than death;  
whose sacrifice redeems the way for us to hope.  
Six hearts aflame with a teacher's love,  
who lead us across the barren landscape of despair,  
to a brilliance we cannot conceive,  
a radiance we almost miss amid the swirling dark.  
Yet, there it is, not in your power, God,  
but in the weakness of those you choose  
to bear the light and become the light  
and pass the light along.

O God, we seek you!  
O God, we long for you!  
And in the lives of these,  
your daughters, we find you:  
In Victoria Soto and Anne Marie Murphy,  
In Dawn Hochsprung and Mary Sherlach,  
In Lauren Rousseau and Rachel D'Avino.

In all those teachers who lay down their lives  
for the lives of your children,  
who guide us, like a star, to that manger,  
where shines a Light, that, born in darkness,  
the darkness cannot overcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John" followed by a stylized flourish.



# 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, Church

## Prayer Tree



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Remember to hold all of our precious children in our hearts and to love one another. For Jesus said, "this is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another"...May we all be truly grateful for family, friends and all of our blessing during this Holy Season...For Christopher and his family as they go through a difficult time....For Renee as she recovers from surgery.

***"For unto us a child is born."***

***~ Isaiah 9:6***

## Joining in an "Advent of the Heart"

More than just preparing us for Christmas, Advent is a spiritual process, a way of life. Jesus proclaimed that our personal, social and historical circumstances, even suffering, offer us entry into the true Advent, our personal journey toward a meeting and dialogue with God.

What this celebration (of Christmas) is about is the founding of a final order for the world, a new center of meaning for all existence. *We are not celebrating some children's holiday, but rather the fact that God has spoken His ultimate Word to the world.* Christ is the ultimate Word of God to the world. One must let this idea really sink in these days when people are seeking new values. If you take God seriously--this relationship between God and the world--and if you know how important God is to society as well as to private life, then this has to touch you. The ultimate Word of God to the world! God does not contradict Himself and does not repeat Himself. One must use every ounce of willpower to comprehend this, and let this concept sink in: Christ, as the ultimate Word of God to the world.

(and so...)

**May we impart the goodness. May we attend to humanity again, and witness to the Lordship of God again, and know of His grace and mercy, and have gentle hands for other people again. And may we go away from Christmas Eve with the consolation that we mean so much to God that no external distress can rob us of this ultimate consolation. Our hearts must become strong, to make the divine heartbeat into the law of life again.**

These words are taken from the Christmas Eve Homily of **Alfred Delp, SJ**, (1907-1945) a German member of the Society of Jesus, who was executed for his resistance to the Nazi regime.

May it be so!! From all of us at the Ignatian Spirituality Center





# Community

## Mark your Calendar for these Adult Faith Opportunities in the New Year:

**A Three part series Studying Luke's Gospel** - January 17, 24 & 31. 7-9 pm – Parish Center. Led by Father John Whitney, SJ

**Listening and Love** - A workshop presenting the essential skills of attending to self and others

Featuring Brian DesRoches, MSC, MHA, MBA, Ph.D. to benefit Cabrini Ministry Training Saturday, January 19th, 9:30-noon at St. Joseph's Parish Center. Suggested donation \$20.00 (all proceeds go to support scholarships for CMT). To register contact Deacon at [SteveW@stjosephparish.org](mailto:SteveW@stjosephparish.org)

**Parish Lenten Retreat** – Feb 22-24, 2013 at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. Led by Fr. John, Deacon Steve, Bob McCaffery-Lent and parish planning team.

## Seniors On The Go

**Thursday January 3rd** – Senior Outing to MOHAI (Museum of History and Industry) at South Lake Union followed by Lunch. Museum admission is free.. lunch is BYOL. Meet at Parish Center at 10:00 am. We will be back around 2:30 pm Sign-up with Renee at the front desk.

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

## 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)



## St. Joseph's Marriage Enrichment Weekend

**Note Registration Date Extended**

February 1-3, 2013 La Conner Country Inn

Cost \$300 per couple, Partial Scholarships available, register by January 7th with Deacon Steve 206-965-1646 or [steveW@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steveW@stjosephparish.org)

2013 Planning team: Ginger and Warren Pollock, Sam and Julie Smith, Deborah Justice and Joe Fina, Kathleen Sullivan and Leo Lyons.

**COLLECTION: DECEMBER 16, 2012**

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

**TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 24,250.92**



# Social Ministry

## St. Martin de Porres

Saturday December 30th - Volunteers Needed for the 5th Saturday of the Month

We need your help to provide a meal for the 200 residents of St. Martin de Porres. We need volunteers to make hearty sandwiches, fruit, milk & hard boiled eggs. We also need 4-6 people to transport the food and serve to the residents. Please call or email Mary Ott at ottjm4@gmail.com or 206-324-7459.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Jeff lives on the edge, his own kind of fiscal cliff. In his 50s, he works about every day. Rain or shine there he is at a spot along 15th Avenue E. cheerfully selling his Real Change newspapers. Most of the time he makes just enough to get along.

Jeff is our neighbor, living in a subsidized Seattle Housing Authority apartment. It is well kept. He rides the bus when he can afford it, walks the rest of the time when he needs to get somewhere. His clothes are used, before they come to him. He never complains.

Not very often, he asks for some help. Once he needed food so with your contributions we provided him with a \$30 food voucher. Not quite a year later, he needed \$100 for help with his rent. Jeff always thanks us, from the heart—and through us he thanks you, our fellow parishioners, for making our work possible.

## Annual Catholic Appeal payments:

Any gifts or payments you want credited to the 2012 calendar year for tax purposes needs to be in the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31st. If mailing in the payment, the postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2012 in order to count. For your convenience, visit [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp) and use your debit or credit card for immediate processing. Please do not put ACA payments in the parish collection basket. Mailing address: Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 14964, Seattle 98114 (final payments for the campaign are due in April 2013)

Your generous support is greatly appreciated – thank you!

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



As a church musician I absolutely LOVE this time of year because it's the one season for which there is a body of music that we all know. Let us sing and pray well this coming weekend!

*Why sing them only once a year—  
Melodic Christmas songs?*

*Is Peace on Earth, goodwill to all,  
Reserved to winter's woes,  
December, alone, deserve a joyful world?  
This world, that lies in sin and error pinning,  
Each day desires the thrill of hope,  
Each hour, every moment, warn "watch out,  
Don't pout," lest grace not come to town,  
Pass our chimneys by.  
If songs are sung so sparingly  
Faith risks remaining seasonal,  
Hope. too. intermittent.*

*Let's sing and seek, in every season,  
Emmanuel to come to ransom us,  
Make each night holy,  
Allowing us to sleep, in heavenly peace.  
The harmony of Christmas songs all year.  
Reminding us our God is always near!*

*St. Joseph Parishioner L. Patrick Carroll*

May God's song be born ever new, ever deeper in you this Christmas...

Robert McCaffery-Lent  
Minister of Music

**Victoria Soto - 27 - Teacher**

*"Her life dream was to be a teacher."*

**Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung - 47 - Principal**

*"You could tell she loved her job."*

**Mary Sherlach - School Psychologist**

*She was, "doing God's work by helping children."*

**Lauren Rousseau - 30 - Teacher**

*A substitute teacher until landing her dream job.*

**Rachel D'Avino - 29 - Behavioral Therapist**

*Found shielding one of her students during the shooting.*

**Anne Marie Murphy - 52 - Special Education**

*Died with her student, Dylan Hockley, in her arms.*

## REMEMBERING SANDY HOOK

*Noah Pozner - 6*

*Emilie Parker - 6*

*Jack Pinto - 6*

*Jesse Lewis - 6*

*Grace McDonell - 7*

*Catherine Hubbard - 6*

*Olivia Engel - 6*

*Jessica Rekos - 6*

*Ana Marquez-Greene - 6*

*Charlotte Bacon - 6*

*Daniel Barden - 7*

*Josephine Gay - 7*

*Chase Kowalski - 7*

*James Mattioli - 6*

*Dylan Hockley - 6*

*Avielle Richman - 6*

*Benjamin Wheeler - 6*

*Madeleine Hsu - 6*

*Caroline Previdi - 6*

*Allison Wyatt - 6*

We pray for every soul lost and for every heart broken;  
for the one who has sinned,  
and for those who, sinless, have given witness to grace.  
May our God, who wept for a Son lost to violence and fear,  
bring mercy upon the earth,  
and healing to all those who suffer.  
Amen.

