

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 6, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for January 13, 2013

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

SECOND READING: TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

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

A Three part series Studying Luke's Gospel - January 17, 24 & 31. Thursdays 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

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.

Pointsettias

The Christmas season comes to a close this week and we'll be spending some time taking down the lovely Christmas decorations. If you would like to take home a poinsettia or two or three you made do so anytime **AFTER** the 5:30 mass this Sunday evening January 6.



Epiphany: The Breaking Forth of Hope

In the daily exercise of our pastoral office, we sometimes have to listen, much to our regret, to voices of persons who, though burning with zeal, are not endowed with too much sense of discretion or measure. In modern times they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin. They say that our era, in comparison with past eras, is getting worse and they behave as though they had learned nothing from history.

We feel we must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand.

-Pope John XXIII, in his opening address of Vatican II-

During the last few months of 2012, one of the leading topics for everyone from Facebook friends to social commentators was the supposed prediction of the end of the world found in the Mayan calendar. This prediction (though based on a false understanding of Mayan culture) enthralled many in the United States—even among those who did not believe it—in part, I think, because somewhere, deep down in many people, there is a secret desire for the end of the world, for some event that will put an end to all the craziness and anxiety of our modern age. Hidden, sometimes even from ourselves, this small voice just wishes it would all be over and we would be released. Though in very few people does this desire ever grow to a point of action, I think many of us are attracted by ideas of apocalypse because we harbor a small sense that maybe going out in a blaze of glory would be preferable to the long decline we feel in ourselves, in our nation, and our world.

This sense that the world is going to hell in a hand basket is nothing new—it can be traced back at least as far as the writings of Plato; however, in the years since World War II, the natural human tendency to think that things are not as good as they used to be has been complicated by a level of anxiety that has become nearly epidemic in our country. Inculcated to anxiety by the sword of nuclear annihilation that hung over us during the Cold War, we have come to be like soldiers waiting for the next attack: full of boredom and yet ever on edge; prone to rage and yet fiercely loyal to those we consider on our side; arming ourselves with weapons for enemies we imagine are just about to strike and yet feeling, simultaneously, impotent and victimized in the face of world events. Whether in the Tea Party or the Occupy Movement, the NRA or the pages of the Huffington Post, we stake out our ground and hold it—convinced that the leftists or the reactionaries, the gun-nuts or the socialists, the terrorists or the corporatists are just about to destroy everything we hold dear and drag us down to one of the many dystopian futures portrayed in popular media

(e.g., *Blade Runner*, *Batman*, *V for Vendetta*, *Revolution*, etc., etc.).

Nor has the Church been immune to this dark cloud of stress and censure. In the wake of revelations of widespread abuse and of systemic blindness or even complicity in cover-ups, the leadership of the American Church, rather than pursuing a model of humility and repentance, has often chosen, instead, a “*bunker mentality*,” in which the protection of the organization becomes paramount. Armed with interdict and excommunication, with censure and intimidation, this anxious quarter of the Church sees those outside the bunker as degenerate and destructive—a sign of the denigration of human identity and the natural law. Zealous in their anxiety, such persons believe that our era is getting worse and worse, and that the only solution is a purification of the Church—a purging of all that is part of the modern world and a return to a supposedly more faithful and devout age. Like the remnant of Israel, or the Prisoner of the Vatican of an earlier time, these prophets of doom reprise old themes by denying the universal movement of the Holy Spirit among the people of God (i.e., revelation is reserved to the hierarchy) and by promoting the notion that the Church—the true Church—is meant to be a smaller body, at war with culture and civil society. As the sole bastion of unchanging truth, the Church is *under siege*, surrounded by an antagonistic world that hates this truth. Thus, in this vision, good Catholics follow orders and values unquestioning assent above all things.

Yet, if the vision of the Church as bunker offers clarity, it is—like the social vision from which it springs—a product of anxiety and not of grace; of fear and pain, and not of hope and love. It is the vision of Herod and not the vision granted to the Magi, a vision of the Law and not a vision of the Church of Jesus Christ. This week, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord—the “*shining forth*” of Christ to the gentiles—we must take to heart the lessons of our own era, presented in the words of Blessed Pope John XXIII, at the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. As he called the delegates, bishops of the whole world, into session, he reminded them that the Church exists not to hide from the world but to transform it in love, and though revelation is a gift given to the People of God, it is not meant to be buried or hoarded by them: “*Our duty is not only to guard this precious treasure, as if we were concerned only with antiquity, but to dedicate ourselves with an earnest will and without fear to that work which our era demands of us.*” In other words, on this Epiphany, we, who are the Church, are called to shine—fearlessly, joyfully, without anxiety or fear—so that the whole world might see its true hope by our light.





Prayer

**Centering Prayer:
Finding God Within Ourselves**
Facilitated by Kathy Heffernan,
MAPS, BCC

**Thursday, January 17th, 7-9 pm
St. James Cathedral
804 9th Ave Seattle 98104**

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Join Kathy Heffernan and other young adults ages 21-35 for an evening of reflection and discussion at St. James Cathedral on Thursday, January 17th, 2013 from 7-9 pm. For more information please contact Matt Salazar at matt@ignatiancenter.org or visit ignatiancenter.org

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 or 206-286-0313.



Prayer Tree



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Elizabeth's health as she recovers from surgery . . . For Danny making wise choices about his future . . . For the well being of Helen, Cregan, Annette and Betty . . . For those who are lonely, may they be comforted by a smile or an act of kindness either given or received.

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,
As some understand slowness.
Instead he is patient with you,
Not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to
come to repentance."*

~2 Peter 3:9

Welcome

We welcome into our community at St. Joseph newly baptized James Louis Schneider, III. He is the son of James and Shannon.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers and thoughts the mother of Mary Karges; Rudy Neuser, father of Kris Brynildsen-Smith; and also, Tim Moran, the brother of Matt Moran. May eternal light shine upon them.

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

COLLECTION: DECEMBER 30, 2012

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 30,653.00



Liturgy & Music

The church's document "Sing To the Lord" states that *"Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it."* When we celebrate "well" it seems effortless, natural, Spirit guided. Indeed it is Spirit guided but it is by no means effortless! To the contrary there are many, many people of St. Joseph who gave in "extra-ordinary ways" so that we might pray well together as this special time of year. Thanks to:

- Fr. John for presiding over our communal prayer and breaking open the word for us...
- Fr. Jack and Deacon Steve for their presence on the altar and for also breaking open the word for us...
- To our Liturgy Commission for their ongoing careful work in nurturing and preparing the liturgical life of St. Joseph...
- To our *Artist-In-Residence* Julie Olsen for the amazing banners that bring light and color and inspiring design into our worship space...
- To the St. Joseph Choir who prepared through months of rehearsals so that we might raise our voices in song and pray through music on Christmas Eve...
- John Stuntebeck for playing beautiful music, accompanying the choir, preparing the choir's music folders and creating the order of worship that we might all be able to participate fully...
- George Mead for organizing and preparing the Lectors, and for all who served as lectors, that we might hear the word proclaimed clearly and boldly...
- To Dan Tobin, our sacristan, for the careful attention to the details of all the important items we take for granted at liturgy: the candles, hosts and wine, vestments... the list goes on...
- To Rick Boyle for organizing and directing the choir of St. Joseph School alumni so that we might delight in their presence and pray well through song at the 6 pm Christmas Eve liturgy...
- To Mary Kargas for preparing the youth lectors at the 6 pm mass...
- All the youth who served at the altar carrying crosses, candles, books, etc. so that we might celebrate well at all the masses...

- To our facilities guru, Dennis Gentile for providing warmth and light in the church and figuring out how to make our crazy ideas work.
- And to our custodian, Jorge, and to all who volunteered their time to get their fingernails dirty in helping to decorate and undecorate the church so that we might have a clean and beautiful space in which to gather for prayer...
- Bruce Mirkin for organizing and preparing the ushers for all the Christmas liturgies, and to all who served as ushers, making St. Joseph a place of welcome and hospitality and helping us to find a find a seat (easier said than done on Christmas eve!)
- The 5:30 music ensemble for helping us to raise a joyful song on Christmas morning...
- Mary Sepulveda for organizing and preparing the Eucharistic Ministers, and to all who served as EMs... that we might approach the table as one...the body of Christ...sharing the Body of Christ...to be nourished at the table of the Lord.
- To Renee and Lynn in the parish center who carefully (and cheerfully!) prepared the orders of worship and prayer cards that we might have the "things" we need to participate fully...
- Staff members Dottie Farewell and Randy Novak for being present at several liturgies, working the sound board that we might hear clearly and avoid being blessed by "feedback" and to Randy for keeping us all "in touch" via the parish website and beautifully designed E-Blasts...
- Caprice Sauter, our parish bookkeeper and doer of so "many different things", for keeping us informed via the parish bulletin, feeding the decorators...the list goes on...
- To anyone I may have inadvertently forgotten to mention!
- And, indeed, to all who came through the doors and raised our voices in spoken and sung prayer, and opened our hearts and minds to the possibility of hearing the old, old stories in a new way...opening our entire selves to the possibility of Christ being born anew in each one of us...transforming the world even as we are transformed.

Happy New Year
Robert McCaffery-Lent
Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Music



Community

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 **Monday, January 7th** with Deacon Steve 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

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

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, January 8th - Afternoon at the Movies, 1 pm, Parish Center, showing "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood". Bring a beverage or a snack to share.

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

Thursday, January 17th - Monthly OWL's Potluck, 6 pm, Social Hall. Call Mary Ott 324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 322-2259 for details.

Calendar

Mon, Jan 7	Sacred Silence, Parish Ctr, 7:00 PM
Tue, Jan 8	RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Wed, Jan 9	Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Fri, Dec 11	Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel Parish Center, 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM Healing Mass, Church, 11:30 AM Followed by lunch in the Parish Center

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 27 – Friday, February 1

Mass marks the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week. Current and prospective students and families are invited to join the St. Joseph Parish Community in celebrating Catholic Education. Planned by the St. Joseph School Liturgy Committee, staff and faculty members will take part in the liturgy. Music liturgy will be provided by the St. Joseph Middle School Choir under the direction of Vice Principal Rick Boyle.

Sunday, Join us for a coffee and donuts reception in the Cafeteria and a tour of St. Joseph School during the Open House which follows Mass. All staff will be on-hand and the classrooms will be open for attendees to visit. Work will be on display and teachers will be available to answer your questions.

St Joseph MOM'S Group 3-Part Series

Soul Nourishment & Self-care

Three Wednesday Mornings; January 9, 16, & 23
9:30-11am, coffee & check-in begins at 9 am
St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor Childcare available (advanced notice required)
Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare

Please join us for this special series on soul nourishment and self-care. Discover how taking care of "You" translates into extraordinary loving care for "them."

This series will be facilitated by Kayce Stevens Hughlett, a soulful and spirited woman and mother of two. In her roles as life coach, spiritual director, author, creative muse, and speaker, she invites us to playfully and fearlessly cross the thresholds toward authentic and whole living. www.kaycehughlett.com

To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or 206.948.7804.

St. Vincent De Paul

Did you know? St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle|King County invests 92 cents of every dollar donated into programs to help poor people. Keeping that number high is a major responsibility and challenge we take very seriously. As a result, whether you are donating \$25, a bag of gently used clothes, a piece of furniture, or a \$50,000 gift, we maximize the value of your donation to help people who need assistance.

There are three reasons why we are able to do this. First, volunteers are the heart and soul of our service delivery system. With 1,100 volunteers donating over 120,000 hours of service, we are able to maximize the efficiency of our spending for programs to help people. Second, we self-generate revenue for our organization through our thrift store sales and rental property we own. Third, we keep our administrative and fund raising expenses low.

The first Sunday of every month is a collection for St. Joseph's chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Your help is greatly appreciated!

