

*THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*  
**January 13, 2013**

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

**Readings for January 20, 2013**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:1-5

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11

**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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**Week Fourteen Stewardship Update**

**553 Pledges**

**\$1,136,147.00**

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

**Of Baptism and the Story of the World**

*I don't know who God is exactly.*

*But I'll tell you this.*

*I was sitting in the river named Clarion, on a water splashed  
stone and all afternoon I listened to the voices of the river talking.  
Whenever the water struck the stone it had something to say, and  
the water itself, and even the mosses trailing under the water.  
And slowly, very slowly, it became clear to me what they were  
saying.*

*Said the river: I am part of holiness.*

*And I too, said the stone. And I too, whispered the moss beneath  
the water.*

*-Mary Oliver-*

Perhaps it begins with our own beginning—with our crawling forth from the sea, bearing the shell of a body in which are found the exact proportions of chemicals that were found in the waters out of which we came. Perhaps it is the repetition of this coming forth that happens in every birth, as a child breaks out from a watery world of nourishment and nurture into the dangerous life of air and sun. Whatever the starting point, the symbolic power of water speaks to the human heart in a way unique among all other symbols, because it is so deeply rooted in our bodies and our consciousness.

Water cleanses us and it renews us. Coming into us as refreshment and life, it goes forth from us in the sweat of our brow and in the wastes that the earth itself filters and renews. It whispers to us in the sound of our pulse, like the sea rising and falling.

But more than the life it gives, water binds all humanity together—renewing us as individuals even as it unites us to all things and all places. We know that the waters that once poured into the ocean off Hawaii come down on us as snow and rain in these days, but where will that water go from here? Will those drops that fall on our heads on Tuesday afternoon fall somewhere else next week—in the forests of Mexico or on the plains of Iowa, in the waters of the Gulf or on the frozen plains of Manitoba? Will those same drops, absorbed into the ground, become color and strength for flowers we shall later see, or grow as corn that will feed the ones we love?

Who knows where these drops will fall? Who knows where they have fallen a million times before? Perhaps the waters that fall on us today contain droplets that were in the Red Sea when the Lord parted it for the children of Israel and then closed it on Pharaoh and his armies? Perhaps in the shower we took this morning were remnants of the water changed to wine at the wedding feast of Cana? Perhaps, as we dipped our hand into the font coming into church, we touched water that once flowed along the muddy banks of the Jordan, cooling the feet of Elijah or curing the leper, Naaman? Perhaps, it was even the water in which John stood, and by which he baptized the people who came to him, even the water flowed onto the sea. In the great cycle, the water that flows by us has flowed since the dawn of time, and in touching it, in drinking it, in entering into it, we enter the cycle it has run: we are touched by all who have been touched; we hear their story and share it. We touch all who will come after us, our story written in the waters and the time. We are a community born of water—across time and space, united in its flow.

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus of Nazareth entered the waters of the Jordan, just as all the other people did, and then went, in prayer, to the One who had given him life. In that moment of water and prayer, he receives the anointing of the Holy Spirit—receives his confirmation as the Christ—and simultaneously shows that he is one with us, in the great flow of history, the great flood of human suffering and hope. It is the beginning of his public ministry, and it is shaped by his immersion into the waters of the world, where all our history passes, where the cycle of life is born. For who knows what water passes over the head of Jesus as he sinks beneath the river? There could be water from the Nile that held Moses in the bullrushes, or from the Euphrates that Abram crossed when he left the land of his ancestors to follow God. There could be water from the Ganges or the Pacific Ocean, risen and fallen 100 times in its journey to the Jordan. But whatever the story of this water, Jesus enters it, immerses himself in it; the Beloved of God seeks no boat or bridge to cross over our human lives, but enters them fully in love.

And in those waters, which flow from the world's great flood, all of us are present: all who are, all who have been, and all who are yet to be.

We are fortunate that no one preserved the water that flowed over Jesus at his baptism, for now it is everywhere, and we never know when it might touch us. Like the Spirit of God, that water is not contained. Rather, the water that ran over the head of Jesus could be sitting in the canteen of a child soldier in Africa, or glisten-

ing on the brow of a farm worker in Yelm; it could be holding the flowers in the vase on our piano, or pulsing through our veins in the form of blood. It could be in the ice breaking from an Antarctic shelf, or in the tears of a child in a downtown shelter. It could be on the cloth with which the walls of Sandy Hook are cleaned, or in the wine that we consecrate at our altar.

As Christians, this is what we believe, that each drop of our lives—every drop of every life since the beginning of time—flows through Christ, touching him and being touched by him, whispering with him that we are part of the holiness. In this flow whispers our consecration, our baptism, our union, our resurrection: proclaim it!

*John*



*Baptism Photo from May 2011*

## Mark Your Calendars

You won't want to miss "The Gospel of Luke, Good News from the Flying Bull". Join Father John on Thursday nights in January for a three part series studying Luke's Gospel. Jan 17, 24 & 31, 7 - 9 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center.



# Prayer



## 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.

## Mass Honoring Dr. King

The Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain,  
Archbishop of Seattle  
and The Office of the Vicar for Clergy  
Cordially invite you to the Mass  
celebration in Thanksgiving  
for the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



11:00 am on  
Saturday, January 19,  
2013  
St. James Cathedral.

Remember. Celebrate. Act.

**COLLECTION: JANUARY 6, 2013**  
**TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00**  
**TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 30,182.31**

## Prayer Tree



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

For Christen's health and well being as she begins treatment . . . For Ed who is recovering from a stroke and for his care . . . For newly engaged couples who are planning their weddings and future .

. . For the challenges that are facing Bill, Chris, Dan, Josette, Patricia and Maggie, may they gain strength, wisdom and peace.

***"Finally, be strong in the Lord  
and in his mighty power"***

***~Ephesians 6:10***

### **Rest in Peace**

Please remember Mary Horthor, mother of Sue Horthor in your prayers.

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](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)

## An Evening with Archbishop Peter Sartain

Thursday, February 7, 2013 | 7:00-8:30 pm  
| St. Joseph Church, Seattle

Many of us have read about our Seattle Archbishop in the news, but likely fewer of us have had the opportunity to listen to him in person. Join us for Archbishop Sartain's personal reflection on God's friendship, wisdom and love, as found in the call to follow Jesus.

Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.



# Prayer

## 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.

## Visio Divina: Contemplating visual images to express our inner experiences

Friday, February 1, 2013 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
| St. Joseph Parish Center | Sue Magrath, facilitator

There are times when words fail us, when our inner experience becomes inexpressible except through the language of image. Powerful visual images can speak to us more clearly of God than any language we could hear or utter. Come and join us for a day of enrichment as we explore a variety of images and the ways in which we can use these images.

Cost is \$40, \$20 for students. To register, visit [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) or contact Carolyn Hickman at (206) 329-4824 x2. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

## 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](mailto:matt@ignatiancenter.org) or visit [ignatiancenter.org](http://ignatiancenter.org)

## IN THE STEPS OF IGNATIUS: IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

### I: The Ignatian Way: God in All Things

Saturday, February 9, 2013 | 8:30-11:30 am  
| St. Joseph Church, Seattle | Gene Delmore, SJ & Ned  
Delmore, presenters; with guest panelists

Men of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to come together for the first of three offerings of Ignatian spirituality especially for men. This first morning will include gathering with coffee and light breakfast between 8:30 am and 9:00 am, followed by presenters Gene Delmore, SJ and Ned Delmore, and guest panelists reflecting on what it means to "find God in all things" and be a "contemplative in action." There will be time for individual and group reflection on questions such as "Where is God in my life?" "How can I deepen my spirituality in my daily routine and busy schedule?" and "How does my faith guide my relationships, responsibilities and identities as a son, father, brother, partner, single person, friend, colleague, retiree, church-goer, or citizen?" Join other men interested in integrating spirituality into daily life!

*Save the date for future events for men:*

### II: Ignatian Prayer: God Meets You Where You Are

Saturday morning in March | 8:30 – 11:30 am | exact date, location and facilitator TBD

### III: Discernment: An Ignatian Way of Making Decisions

Saturday, April 6th from 8:30—11:30 am | St. Mary's Church M&M Café | John Hickman, facilitator

Free will offering. To RSVP, contact Andrea Fontana at [andrea@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:andrea@ignatiancenter.org) or (206) 329-4824. For more information, go to [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org). Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.



# Community

## 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

## Yoga in the Parish Center

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Drop-In Classes, 10:30am, in the Mother Teresa Room, Parish Center.

Drop-In for \$10

Children are welcome so parents have the opportunity to practice yoga.

All questions welcome: please call Erin Daly at 206-910-6300 or erin@erinkdaly.com.

## St Joseph MOM'S Group 3-Part Series

### Soul Nourishment & Self-care

Wednesday Mornings; January 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](http://www.kaycehughlett.com)

To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at [laschwebel@aol.com](mailto:laschwebel@aol.com) or 206.948.7804.

## 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.

## Seniors On The Go

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

**Wednesday, January 23rd** - Outing to free glass-blowing demonstration in Pioneer Square, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Leave from St. Joseph's at 10 am, return around 1:30 pm. To reserve a spot, please call Renee at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email [rleet@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)

**Friday, February 1st** - Healing Mass, 11:30 am, with lunch following in the Parish Center.

## Are you ready to play Volleyball?

CYO Volleyball online registration has started for girls 5th - 8th grade and boys in 7th and 8th grade. Go to the St. Joseph website <http://stjosephsea.org/>. Click on CYO and then the online form. You will need to set up a new account through ClubSpaces (if you haven't already) and then sign up. The fee for VOLLEYBALL is \$55. All registration costs will be billed to your account. Payment arrangements for non-school families can be made by contacting Jordan Howell at [jhowell@stjosephsea.org](mailto:jhowell@stjosephsea.org). Registration will close on Wednesday, January, 16th.



# Community

## Calendar

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| <b>Mon, Jan 14</b> | Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM   |
| <b>Tue, Jan 15</b> | RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM  |
| <b>Wed, Jan 16</b> | Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM<br>Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM<br>The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM |
| <b>Fri, Jan 18</b> | Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel<br>Parish Center, 7:30 AM  |

## Pro Life Mass with Archbishop Sartain

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 9:30 am, Pro Life Mass,  
5300 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey

After Mass travel from St. Martin's to the: "Washington State March for Life". After the March for Life, participants are invited to SACRED HEART PARISH in Lacey, for a complimentary lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus

## Stewardship 2013 Pledges Continued

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

• Winn Brindle • Jim and Lisa Crisera • Anne Fortun • Jim and Rosalie Hopper • Anna Johansen • John and Judy Lavelle, Dr. Martha Ways and Dr. Tim Lee • Lindsey & Gabe McBride, John McKay Jr, Alicia Miller • Paul and Lianne Nelson, Mack and Celia Newton • Matthew and Kristine Sweeney • Michael & Jennifer Wood

**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.**

# PATHFINDERS

*presents*

## SHINE BRIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to attend. Come with us and shine your light in the world this winter. Have fun with old friends and meet new ones along the way.

**Dottie Farewell**  
**Pathfinders Leader**

Phone: (206) 965-1652  
Fax: (206) 329-5698  
E-mail: [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org)

**Date: 01.16.13 thru 3.20.13      Time: 6-8 PM**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [WWW.STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG/SUBCONTENT.ASPX?SECID=192](http://WWW.STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG/SUBCONTENT.ASPX?SECID=192)**

**"Making our way through faith, fellowship & service."**



# Social Ministry

## 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**.

- **Only 30% of the population is eligible at any given time to give blood**
- **Only 5% actually do**
- **There are 213 donors on the St Joseph's past participant list**
- **Average # of donors at each blood drive: 32**

Over the holidays our inventory dropped by over 1,400 units- right now almost every blood type is below operational levels, meaning we have a less than 4 day supply. We need 900 donors per day to keep our inventory up, so a deficit of over 1,400 units of blood means it will take us several weeks (or more) of blood drives coming in at over 100% of their goal to rebuild our supply. If we had an additional 100 donors per day (making our daily collection goal 1,000 instead of 900) It would still take us two weeks (14 days) to get our inventory back to optimal levels. If we run into another winter storm like last year where businesses close and transportation virtually comes to a halt, it could really hurt us.

**Monday, January 28th**, 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](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org). Invite a friend to join you!



## February Family Mass & Dinner coming up!

Please join us on **Saturday, February 9th**, at the 5 pm mass and then for a Mexican dinner afterwards. We

will have table activities for the children. Cost is \$20 per family or \$5 per person. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org)

## A Thank You from The Cathedral Kitchen

Dear Deacon Steve and St. Joseph Parishioners,

The \$2,318.00 gift, from the Thanksgiving collection, that you sent to the Cathedral Kitchen is very much appreciated. Without the generosity of people like yourselves, we would not be able to continue serving a daily hot meal to those in need. May you celebrate the love and peace of God's blessings.

Jill McAuliffe  
Cathedral Kitchen Director



## Eco-Justice

**Climate Crisis Rally - Jan. 14th**  
**The Washington State Capitol steps in Olympia**

The public is invited to participate in a rally supporting the climate and urging the Washington State Legislature and Governor Inslee to take bold action. This event will feature folksinger Jim Page, brief speakers and a human mural. The rally will take place from 11:30-1:30 on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia. Learn more at [earth-ministry.org](http://earth-ministry.org)

### Climate and Clean Energy News

The moral urgency of responding to climate change grows ever stronger. Last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced that 2012 was the hottest year on record for the U.S. It was also the second most extreme, weather-wise, and nearly twice the average. NOAA confirmed that this pattern will worsen if climate change continues unabated. On an encouraging note, there have been some recent positive developments for clean energy. As part of the "fiscal cliff" deal, Congress extended Production Tax Credits for renewable energy that were set to expire at the end of last year. And new online crowdsourced funding options for solar installations became available last week: within 24 hours, 270 kw of new solar installations were funded.



# Liturgy & Music

## An opportunity to reflect on Baptism...

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of the Christmas season though seemingly far removed from all the festivities. The decorations at Macy's, the Christmas Carols at Starbucks have long ago been left behind. Even the "after Christmas" sales seem a distant memory, though upcoming credit card bills will bring it back to the fore for many. But in my neighborhood in Tacoma many families still have their homes adorned with festive lights. Our tree will finally come down on Monday and our home will become more reflective of "Winter Ordinary Time."

Because of this situation this has always been a difficult weekend to plan liturgically. Singing Christmas Carols seems strange, though we WILL sing the Christmastime psalm Alleluia one more time! This weekend we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus as he is revealed, in yet another "Epiphany," to the people of his time. Tomorrow we begin to hear the scriptures of the beginning of Christ's ministry on earth. But today we are invited to ponder baptism – Christ's and our own – which initiated all of us into life as a member of Christ's body...the Christian community.

To help us in this reflection we celebrate the baptism of a number of babies born to members of St. Joseph community in the past few months. How many of us even remember our baptism? Unless you were initiated as an adult as a part of the RCIA (since 1975 or so) or some other process of preparation, it was a decision made by our parents and we didn't have much to say about it. But we have plenty to say about it now, don't we? How do we speak of our baptism? I am reminded of the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times...use words when necessary." We speak of our baptism by our lives: what we choose to do with the gifts we have been given; by the quality of our living and loving if you will. Which also brings to mind the words of Dorothy Day, a Servant of God being considered for canonization: "We are called not to do great things but to do small things with great love." Some of us may indeed do great things, but most of us toil in that world where we, indeed, try our best to do small



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

things with great love, trusting that they will be enough. It is enough. How we all long to hear these words spoken to us and to take them to heart and truly believe that the gifts we offer are enough.

For 25 years now on most Sundays when we celebrate baptisms I have chosen to close the liturgy singing the spiritual "This Little Light Of Mine." Maybe it's not a great or grand piece of music on any objective level but, if we make it a prayer sung to these families carrying out their newly baptized babes in arms, it becomes incredibly poignant. "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. All around this world, I'm gonna let it shine." Isn't that what every parent hopes for their children, what we all hope for ourselves? That the light that each of carries insides will shine forth in our little corner of the world and, trusting...especially when combined with the lights of others...it will be enough. It is enough.

Comments? Questions? Ideas for bulletin columns? Contact Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent: [Rm-clent@stjosephparish.org](mailto:Rm-clent@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1649.

## For Those Who Cannot Eat Gluten, An Invitation to Eucharist

If you have celiac disease or a severe gluten allergy, you may receive the Eucharist in a gluten-free form from the Presider, who will have the consecrated host in a pyx. Please tell him that you need a gluten-free host, and he will allow you to remove it from the pyx in a safe manner. Remember: this pyx will only be with the Presider, so go to him.

## A Great Longing

Pat Twohy, S.J.

There is an extraordinary peace  
that comes  
when we at some early or late  
moment in our lives,  
realize that we don't have to be  
anyone else  
than ourselves.

We suddenly discover that it is  
sufficient, enough, more  
than enough to simply be who we  
are with our face,  
our voice, our body, our thoughts,  
our feelings, our loves,  
our choices, our walk. There is no  
need for pretense  
or apology, no need to follow  
another's road to find our value.

Our limitations as much define  
our way of being in the world  
as our virtues do. There is no need  
to keep going back  
and forth over the sum of our  
lives, searching for what  
was simply never there. What is  
there, what has happened,  
what will happen, are the lessons  
that have brought us  
to this day.

There is a great thirst, a great  
longing within us  
that reveals our true nature.  
This longing is not the desire to be  
like someone else,  
which leads only to the madness  
of competing  
for attention, for honor, for  
pleasure, for control.

This longing reveals the openness  
of our heart and mind  
toward everything that is good, not  
only for ourselves  
but good for everyone. Such  
longing reveals the fragile  
nobility of our human nature,  
limited and unlimited, suffering,  
struggling, concerned, respectful,  
full of the release of laughter.

This longing is the base of the  
energy of our awareness,  
which is like a door opening and  
closing,  
a door opening to the  
understanding and compassion  
around us,  
both coming into us and traveling  
out from within us.

When this door of our awareness  
opens for ignorance  
and envy to travel in and out, we  
try not to hold and nourish  
this madness, but instead let the  
ignorance and selfishness  
that wants to make a home in us  
be transformed  
into something new.

In this way gradually only  
understanding and kindness  
travel in and out on the wings of  
our awareness,  
and like some of our great-  
grandmothers we begin  
to wish only blessing for the  
breadth of the world.

*chosen for you by the*



# The Gospel of Luke

*Good News from the Flying Bull*

**17 January 2013**

*Introduction to Luke: Prayer & Justice*

**24 January 2013**

*God Telling Stories:  
The Parables of Luke*

**31 January 2013**

*The Passion & Resurrection in Luke*

*On three successive Thursday nights this month, Fr. John will open up the Gospel of Luke, the central text of this year's cycle of readings.*

*Come to the **St. Joseph Parish Center**, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm,  
for one or all of the series. Please bring a Bible.*

*RSVP: Deacon Steve at [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)*

