FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 24, 2013

Homily Next Week: Father Jack O'Leary, S.J.

Readings for March 3, 2013

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIIANS 10:1-6, 10-12
GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

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 www.stjosephparish.org

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Sunday, March 3 – 11 am Mass with The Seattle University Choirs

The Seattle University Choirs, under the direction of Dr. Joy Sherman, will sing at the 11 am Mass on March 3rd. The choirs are composed of students, staff, faculty and alumni of Seattle University, and have been artists in residence at St. Joseph Parish for almost 20 years. Come and hear them perform choral works in the context of the Mass and support our fellow Jesuit brothers and sisters.

Blossoms & Brass The Fund for Easter Liturgies

Each year, St. Joseph Parish celebrates the Feast of Easter with beautiful music and a beautiful environment. This year we invite our parishioners to help us do this well by supporting our Blossom & Brass Fund. Special offering envelopes are in the Church Vestibule, or you can visit www.stjosephparish.org to make an online donation.



Collection: February 17, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00 TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$17,842.95

The Road to Jerusalem

When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, & he sent messengers ahead of him.

-Luke 9: 51-52a-

Once he had finished his work in Galilee—his companions called, his break with the Baptist complete, his ministry of teaching and healing established—Jesus turned towards Jerusalem, the center of the Jewish world, the place of the Temple. It was not the first time he had gone there; indeed, he had been taken up often by his parents, and had even remained there once, leaving them without so much as a word, which left them panicked and scared for him. But this time, he was being taken up in a whole new way: taken by the Spirit and filled with his own resolution—as the Greek text says, "he set his face like flint." He knew, already, that his actions were being watched and that going to Jerusalem was inviting death, and yet he had to go: for Jerusalem was where prophets went to die, and the way to Jerusalem was, itself, his path of final preparation, when he would begin the sacrifice of himself for the life of the people he loved. On the way, he would teach his disciples to pray and warn them of hypocrisy; he would tell the crowd that "no sign would be given it, except the sign of Jonah" (i.e., the call of repentance), and then he would offer that sign over and over again; he would teach, through the great parables, lessons of mercy and the hazards of wealth, and then he would incarnate his teachings through the cure of lepers and the call of Zacchaeus. In every moment along the way, Jesus would give to the disciples a part of himself, and call them to release all that they held that was keeping them from God and from the fullness they desired. Even as his enemies prepared to destroy him, he stood on the outskirts of the holy city and wept for the blindness that kept their eyes, the eyes of all those preoccupied and fearful people, from seeing the way to peace and the promise that lay before them.

I have been thinking a great deal about the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem these days—about the courage and love it took to travel as he did, speaking with fierce and dangerous honesty and gazing at the places he had seen so often, but which he knew he would not see again in this life. It was an act of sacrifice, i.e. of suffering accepted for the sake of love, and in that, it was itself a marvelous act of teaching, of assuring us that there is nothing to fear, nothing that can conquer us, for the Spirit of God's love has already ordained our end and promised our new beginning.

This Lent, I am following behind Jesus with a different spirit than I have had in the past. The passing away of

places and people I have loved, the sense of the Church as just a bit crazy (at times) this last year, and the suffering of so many people (in Syria and in our own neighborhood) have conspired to make me feel a bit stuck, in my heart and in my soul. Though working hard, I have not always sensed movement—as though each day were a treadmill and not a path. But with the strange and wondrous grace of Lent (a grace made palpable by the surprising and prayer-driven resignation of Pope Benedict), I am finding again that desire to be on this road to Jerusalem with Jesus. Even though I know it means sacrifice and perhaps even the cross, the sense of love and hope and truth that comes to me in following Jesus compels me to leave behind much of my security and set out as a disciple again. What can hold me back what can hold any of us back—from this journey, when everything that surrounds us seems just a little bit crazy, seems to be turning to ashes, and at least the craziness of Jesus is accompanied by an amazing dose of love and communion. Like Zaccheus, we are being asked to leave the tree where we have been watching, and join in the journey that Jesus is on.

So, before March Madness (both the basketball kind and the Vatican kind) takes hold, I am setting my face towards Jerusalem and beginning to walk. I hope all in our Parish—and, indeed, all those who feel stuck or wandering, uncertain or unaware—will join me on this journey. The leader is just up ahead, but he will wait for us (he always has); and even if we do not climb well or even constantly, we know he will be there beside us when we begin again—his hand out, his heart open, his body and blood given to us for food.



(Please join Fr. John for some of all of the day of recollection The Road to Jerusalem, next Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Come for all of the time, or any part. Individual confessions will be available throughout the 3 hours.)





Lent at St. Joseph

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting.

If we have not all three together, we have nothing.

~Peter Chrysologus

St. Joseph Parish Men's Ministry invites you to A Lenten Home Mass and Potluck Supper

Friday March 1st, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

At the Home of Charley Dickey 144 Madronna Pl. East, Seattle, 98122 206-979-1563

Our Presider will be Fr. John Whitney S.J. and our musician Ken Barroga

Vegetarian Lasagna provided.
Everyone invited to bring a salad, bread, dessert and/or beverage of choice to share.
Please RSVP with what you are bringing.

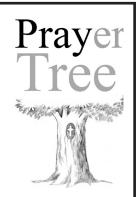
For information, email or call Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Spread the Word

The Road to Jerusalem Saturday, March 2nd, 10 am A Time of Reconciliation & Renewal in Lent

This Lent, in a move to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation within a larger context of prayer, Fr. John will be offering a morning of reflection and renewal--a miniature retreat in the midst of Lent. On Saturday, March 2nd, from 10 am until 1 pm, members of the Parish are invited to come and pray in the church around the theme of journeying to Jerusalem with Jesus. During this time, confessors will be available and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered continually. Each hour, a brief prayer and scriptural reflection will be presented, with points for prayer. Come for 15 minutes, for an hour, or for the whole morning!

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Theresa who is in intensive care . . . For Diane's mother on her journey . . . For a couple who lost their unborn baby . . . For Brianna who is having chemotherapy . . . For a parent who broke a hip in a recent fall . . . For Wade in coping with a major loss in his



life . . . For the well being of Bob, Betty, Chris, Cregan, Helen, Jim and Dianne in the various challenges they are facing . . . For Keri's father who is in hospice.

"God brings us to his haven of rest and renewal, but in His way, at His time." ~ Sister Wendy Beckett

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

Rice Bowl



"When the stomach is full, it is easy to talk of fasting."

~Jerome, Fourth Century

Getting Healthy in East Timor

CRS Rice Bowl invites us to learn about East Timor this week, where tuberculosis is a major health crisis. CRS works in communities where access to medical care is limited. This week, we pray for families in East Timor and give to CRS Rice Bowl to help people who are struggling with illness.



Lent at St. Joseph

The 40 days of Lent are either from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday (Minus the Sundays) or they are from the 1st Sunday of Lent to Holy Thursday including Sundays.

"Lent is about fasting, prayer & almsgiving."

~Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

The Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier

The tradition of a novena (i.e., nine days of prayer) is a long-standing devotion of the Church. Ordinarily, such prayer, involves the intercession of a saint in support of some grace or for the accomplishment of some good work. The tradition of a Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier emerges from this tradition, and is celebrated annually around the time when the Society of Jesus celebrates the canonization of Sts. Ignatius and Xavier (i.e., 12 March).

In 1634, a Jesuit priest, Marcellus Mastrilli, was working in the town of Naples when he sustained a serious head injury. Mastrilli, who desired to go to the Japanese mission (the most challenging in the world, at that time), was prayed for by his friends and companions, who asked for the intercession of the first Japanese missionary—St. Francis Xavier. He recovered completely, and heard, as he did, the promise that anyone who took time each year to complete the nine days of prayer would "experience Francis' protection and might hope with great assurance that any grace they asked of God would be granted, provided it be for their good and the glory of God."

Fr. Mastrill did go to Japan, recovering the body of Xavier and returning it to Goa, India, where it rests today. Later, he himself was martyred in Nagasaki on 17 October 1637.



St Francis Xavier Preaching — Andrea Carlone Church of the Gesù, Rome.



Novena of Grace 2013: "Finding My Way Home"

Jennifer Kelly and Fr. Paul Fitterer SJ, presenters

Wednesday, March 6 – Thursday, March 14, 2013

Weekdays: 12:30 pm at Seattle University Chapel of St. Ignatius ** and 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church Saturday, March 9: 1:00 pm only at St. Joseph Church Sunday, March 10: 1:00 pm only at **Chapel of St. Ignatius**

Are you longing to find a meaningful connection to God in your busy schedule? Are you thirsting to hear spiritual wisdom that resonates deeply and is relevant to your daily life?

If so, enter more deeply into Lent this year by participating in the Novena of Grace, a meaningful nine-day "retreat in everyday life."

Cherished presenters Jennifer Kelly and Fr. Paul Fitterer SJ return to help us reflect on the theme of "Finding My Way Home" to where my heart most truly finds peace and consolation. Be part of a unique community of folks gathered together from throughout the Seattle area for any or all of the nine days.

If you've never experienced the Novena before, we hope you will try it out. We encourage those who have attended to return again, this time inviting a friend, coworker or family member to experience the abundant graces of this meaningful retreat.

** Shuttle service is available from St. Joseph Parish Center to Seattle University for the 12:30 pm weekday Mass. Please contact Renee Leet at (206) 965-1640 or rleet@ stjosephparish.org to sign up. Please gather in front of the Parish Center at 11:45 am.

Novena talks and booklet will be posted on the Ignatian Spirituality Center website, www.ignatiancenter.org



Community

Seniors On The Go

Friday, March 1st - Healing Mass, 11:30 am, with lenten lunch following in the Parish Center

Toast to Technology

Friday, March 8th, 7 - 9 pm Wyckoff Gym, \$20 per person

Join us for an evening in "Tuscany" at the 2nd annual wine tasting event to support the St. Joseph School Technology Fund. Come taste a variety of Washington wines, snack on appetizers from Vios Café and order custom bottles of wine with your child's artwork of a Tuscan vineyard. You can order just one bottle, a whole case, or more!

We are excited to be featuring wines produced by acclaimed Columbia Valley vintner, Charlie Hoppes, owner and winemaker of Fidélitas and consulting winemaker to several small, independently owned and operated Washington wineries. Before starting his own winery, Hoppes was the former Head Red Winemaker for Chateau Ste. Michelle.

Proceeds from the event will be used to upgrade classroom desktop computers, increase the number of laptops and desktops for the Learning Resource Center, replace ailing SMART Boards, and provide continuing SMART Board teacher training.



Save The Date

St. Joseph Ceili

Saturday, March 16th Wyckoff Gym

Fabulous Food and Music will make it a night to remember!

ST JOSEPH MOM'S GROUP 3-PART SERIES

Reflective Parenting
Three Wednesday Mornings; March 6, 13, and 20th 9:30-11am, coffee & check-in begins at 9am
St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor
Childcare available (advanced notice required)
Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare

Please join us as we focus on the multi-faceted capacity of Reflective Parenting. We will begin with ourselves. What do we bring to parenting? What people and experiences have shaped us as mothers?

This series will be facilitated by Diane Lostrangio, LIC-SW. Diane is a St. Joe's parishioner and mother with 25+ years experience working with children and families. She is in private practice at Cooper House on Capitol Hill, specializing in working with adoptive families, families in transition and infant mental health.

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

Coming Next Weekend: Labor of Love Online Auction

Coming soon: the Association for Catholic Childhood's annual Labor of Love online auction! Starting at 8:00 am, Saturday, February 23rd, over 200 items will be available online at www.LaborofLove-



Auction.org. The auction ends a week later on Sunday, March 3rd at 10:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit children being served by Catholic Community Services. Be a winner by being a bidder! Questions? Call 206-328-5973.



MOMS Annual Retreat

Please join us for our annual St. Joseph MOMS group retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at the Islandwood retreat center on Bainbridge Island. This overnight retreat will begin mid-day on Saturday and continue until around noon on Sunday. Our theme, Surprised By Joy: An Easter Retreat for Mothers, will invite us to ponder the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Gospels and to grow aware of the subtle and unexpected signs of new life and miracles in our own everyday lives. We will use a variety of ways to enter into the Easter scriptures during our time together, basking in the season's gifts of consolation and hope, joy and peace, comfort and strength. Our facilitator will be Carla Erickson Orlando, M.Ed, mother, teacher, and retreat/spiritual director.

We'll stay in a cozy lodge amid natural surroundings at the Islandwood retreat center, just a short ferry ride from Seattle. The cost for a double occupancy room plus 3 meals, all your retreat materials, and our facilitator's time will be about \$180 per person (this cost could be reduced, if we have a large number of participants).

Interested? Please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or at (206)948-7804 to reserve your spot or ask questions. It is important that we receive a minimum of 15 paid reservations by Monday, February 25th to make this retreat happen. Those who are not MOMS group attendees and non-parisioners are welcome, so feel free to invite your girlfriends, sisters or mothers. It's sure to be a fun and enriching experience for all who can make it!

Calendar Mon, Feb 25	Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM
Tue, Feb 26	RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 27	Pathfinders, Social Hall, 6:00 PM Choir Practice, Church, 6:30 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 1	Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel Parish Center, 7:30 AM Healing Mass, Church, 11:30 AM Followed by Lunch in the Parish Center

Hospital Eucharistic Ministry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to provide Catholic prayer pres¬ence and sacrament of Eucharist to patients and their families at Harborview Medical Center. 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 or stevew@stjosephparish.org *Deadline for Applications is March 6th*

Yoga Stations of the Cross

Invitation to Participate in a Multisensory Christian Meditation on the Stations of the Cross Using Yoga Positions - Saturday, March 9th in the St. Therese Social Hall located at 3416 East Marion at 2:00 pm. Please come and join in this special meditation in which participants will be guided through the use of yoga positions to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus and His disciples. The meditation will take inspiration from 14 specially commissioned paintings and will also include spoken meditations and live choral music as a backdrop. To learn more about what we'll do, check out the videos and images from past meditations at www.bodyinprayer.com. The meditation lasts an hour and is free of charge. No yoga experience is required, but please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Two certified yoga instructors will be present, one leading the physical aspects of the meditation and another to assist participants in their movements and leading more limited movements for those who choose to participate from their chairs. Please contact info@bodyinprayer.com to confirm your intention to participate, so that we can fill, but not overfill, the space.

November Pictures

Please pick up the pictures you left in memoriam of family and friends. They are in the Parish Center reception until March 1st.



Make Your Voice Heard

ADVOCACY TO REDUCE POVERTY: Parishioners are invited to take part in the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day

The Social Justice Commission is promoting several advocacy activities in February and March:

- 1. **Registration for Catholic Advocacy Day** Even though its past the registration deadline you can still register if you are interested in participating. Contact Catholic Community Services (CCS) at DialogueForJustice@ccsww. org or 206.328.5792. CCS and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will make arrangements for group appointments with legislators and chartered bus transportation to Olympia as part of Catholic Advocacy Day. Last year over 20 parishioners from St. Joe's participated.
- 2. March 10, 2:00 5:00 pm, Parish Center Arrupe Room Convocation II: Standing with Those on the Margins This year's convocation provides education on the priority issues included for advocacy in the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day: TANF, Housing and Essential Needs Services, the Housing Trust and the Basic Health Plan. Our speakers include Senator Ed Murray, D 43rd District (keynote); Josephine Tamayo Murray, VP for Public Policy, Catholic Community Services and representatives from two of St. Joe's Outreach Partners: Chief Seattle Club and Jubilee Women's Center. Learn what you can do to reduce poverty and stand with those on the margins.
- 3. **March 17, After All Masses Letter Writing** Letters will be prepared for signing in the vestibule after Mass supporting the priority issues listed above. All you have to do is provide your return address and sign letters for your representatives. The letters will be delivered during Catholic Advocacy Day.
- 4. March 22, 9:00 am 3:00 pm, Olympia WA Catholic Advocacy Day Remember to register in advance. Busses depart from Seattle, Tacoma and the Eastside and arrive at 9:00 am at St. Michael's Parish in Olympia. The program begins at 9:30 am and transportation is provided to the Capitol in time for legislative appointments at 12:00. Busses return to their departure points by 3:00 pm. For more information on the Dialogue for Justice and Catholic Advocacy Day consult the following website: http://www.ccsww.org

If you have questions, please contact Vince Herberholt at 206.491.4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net



Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center Women's Convocation V: Grace on the Margins

April 12-13, 2013, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA

19 national speakers on spirituality & justice, Fee: \$125 before March 1st: \$150 after
Call or email for Registration brochures, 206.223.1138

• ipjc@ipjc.org • www.ipjc.org

Sponsor: Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center (Please note early registration date!)



"The Singing Thing"
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON THE MUSIC WE
USE AT ST JOSEPH'S
~ROBERT MCCAFFERY-LENT



Cycles, Scrutinies and Stories... Oh my!

There's a lot of talk and debate these days about a "Path to Citizenship" for immigrants. Since 1975 in the United States, the path to full "membership" in the Catholic community of faith for adults has been through the RCIA: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is not a program, per se, but a process by which those interested in being fully initiated (baptized, confirmed, first communion) in the Catholic faith, become part of a community of inquirers exploring the faith, asking questions, becoming familiar with the Catholic "way" and ultimately coming to a decision about whether or not they feel called to do this. As they move through this process there are various rituals along the way marking successive levels of "entering in" and helping the larger community to come to know them and to support them and celebrate with them. The period of Lent is the "home stretch," as it were, marking a final period of "purification and enlightenment" before these candidates and elect are fully initiated.

At the 5:30 mass this weekend, the candidates (those already baptized but not confirmed or having received first communion) will be "received" into the Catholic Church. They will be confirmed and will receive their first communion and will then be "fully initiated" into the Catholic Faith. The "Elect" (those not previously baptized) will be baptized, confirmed and receive first communion at the Easter Vigil on March 30th at 8 pm. All will then continue to journey together as the "newly initiated" or "neophytes" in their small community during the Easter season for a last period that is called "mystagogy" where they reflect on how the whole process has changed them and drawn them into deeper communion with God and with the church.

Ordinarily the final phase of preparation for the Elect is to celebrate the "Scrutinies," rituals of healing, liberation and forgiveness, on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. Since ancient times the church has used the three great gospels from these Sundays in the A cycle of readings, the "Woman at the Well", the "Man Born

Blind" and the "Raising of Lazarus" as a prism through which, together with the elect, we pray these Scrutinies. This is why we hear these three gospels every year.

This year because we have a very small number of elect we have decided to do an adaptation of the scrutinies and, as a result, we have a rare opportunity to hear the C cycle readings on the third fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. Just a little background on these cycles: the readings we hear at weekend mass are on a three-year cycle: A, B and C and each one features one of the synoptic gospel writers. Right now we are in cycle C which features the Gospel of Luke. Tune your ears to hear some great readings that we rarely get to hear on these Sundays, such as the story of the "Burning Bush" and the "Fig Tree" on the third Sunday, the "Prodigal Son" on the fourth Sunday and "Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone" on the fifth Sunday.

So this Lent let us together pray along with our friends, these candidates and elect, for healing...for liberation... for forgiveness and for greater communion with God and with each other. And let us be present to celebrate with them on the Sundays of Lent and at the Great Easter Vigil.

The St. Joseph Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9 and sings the 9 am Sunday mass.

It is open to high school and older. For more information or to schedule an audition contact Robert McCaffery-Lent: Rmclent@stjospephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

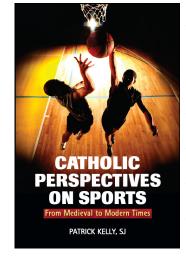




Listen to a Catholic Perspective on Sports

Father Patrick Kelley, S.J. will be speaking about his book, Catholic Perspectives on Sports: From Medieval to Modern Times (Paulist, 2012) at Elliot Bay bookstore on Friday, March 8 at 7 pm. And also at the Seattle U Search for Meaning book festival on Saturday, March 9 at 2:15 pm in Piggott 304.

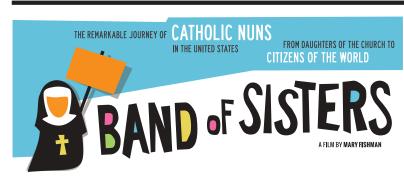
He will be talking a bit about the book, Catholic Perspectives on Sports, but just to set the context for discussing how playing sport in the contemporary context can be related to human flourishing, openness to transcendence, etc. (emphasis on play) This is a topic that he thinks is very relevant to CYO programs and parents, and anyone interested in thinking about how our faith can inform all areas of our human experience.



Why has so little been written on the clear intersections between sports and spirituality in the Catholic worldview? Because Catholics sometimes forget the importance of not only the physical body, but also the virtues of play, relaxation and enjoyment. Patrick Kelly's fascinating new book looks at the rich connections between "physical" topics (the body, athletics, competition and exercise) and "spiritual"

ones (theology, prayer, worship and salvation). This provocative study may change the way you play – and pray.

James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost)* Everything



Band of Sisters - a new documentary film about Catholic sisters in the U.S. and their work for social justice - **IS COMING TO SEATTLE!**

More Information at www. bandofsistersmovie.com

SEARCH FOR MEANING BOOK FESTIVAL

Advance Film Screening
SATURDAY, MARCH 9 at 7PM
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, PIGOTT AUDITORIUM

Mission Forum: Pilgrimage to Central America

Deacon Bill Batston, Friday, March 1st, 7 pm, Maryknoll Mission House, 958 16th Ave E, Seattle

Every year, Maryknoll sends priests, deacons, brothers, and bishops from across the US on pilgrimage to Central America. There, they visit the graves of Archbishop Romero, Fr. Stan Rother, Bishop Gerardi, the martyred

religious women, including two Maryknoll Sisters, the Jesuits and their companions, as well as others who gave their lives in witness to the Gospel. They also visit with missioners and local church people living and working in Central America, often in very challenging circumstances.

Deacon Bill Batstone will share his experiences in making this pilgrimage. He will be joined by fellow pilgrims Deacon Juan Lezcano & Deacon Dennis Kelly.

