

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
March 24, 2013

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

Readings for March 31, 2013
FIRST READING: ACTS 10:43-48; 37-43
SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

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
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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.



Washing Judas, Washing Peter

*Thus, not mild, not temperate,
God's love for the world. Vast
flood of mercy
flung on resistance.*

-Denise Levertov-

As have many of us, I have been watching Pope Francis for the last week or so, waiting for him to do or say something that would allow me to exhale and give up this unexpected and almost forgotten feeling of hope that I have. For so many years now, years of scandal and secrecy, of avoidance and pageantry, I had almost become resigned to the idea that the hierarchy of the Church was irredeemably out of touch with the struggles and graces of ordinary Catholics. And, yet now, as the carnival has ended and the brocade and lace have been put away, we have begun to discover in this Pope—who once chastised priests for refusing to baptize

the children of unwed mothers, and plans to celebrate Holy Thursday in a youth detention facility—one who might, yet, lead us into the healing we need. As we begin this Holy Week, is it too much to pray that our beloved Catholic Church, which has been so scarred by sexual abuse and sinful cover-ups, by abuse of power and the painful dismissal of so many, might yet make its way into the mercy of Christ and partake in the miracle remembered this week? For the first time in quite awhile, I begin to believe this prayer is not too great, and the grace is not too far away.

In the gospel for Holy Thursday, St. John proclaims that Jesus, *“loved his own in the world, and he loved them to the end.”* Immediately, we are told the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. He washes—he loves—not only those who are worthy, not only those who understand and who can love him in return, but all the disciples—including Judas, his betrayer. Even though he knows the devil that holds Judas’ heart—knows the compulsion that moves in him, even though he knows that Judas cannot or will not accept the love and healing that he offers, Jesus kneels and washes Judas’ feet. Jesus becomes Judas’ servant—not to justify Judas’ actions, not to sanctify his betrayal, not because Judas doesn’t deserve condemnation and punishment—but because Jesus never abandons even those who abandon him, because Jesus never betrays even those who betray him, because Jesus loves even those who do the most unlovable of things.

But the story says more than that Jesus washes the feet of Judas; it tells how he washes Peter’s feet, as well. Peter, whose care for the dignity of his *“teacher”* and *“master”* makes him try to stop Jesus, is preoccupied with what is right and proper. Like many of the bishops and Church leaders, Peter pulls back and tries to save Jesus from scandal. The body of Christ, Peter seems to believe, must remain dignified, austere, powerful, flawless—no matter what the cost. For Jesus to assume the role of a slave at table—dealing with the filth of the road and the muck of everyday life—is a violation of his rightful place as Lord and Savior. *“The Father had put everything into his power”* the gospel says. Peter understands this in the way the world understands it, and, because of that understanding, wants to protect the dignity and reputation of Jesus—to put him in ermine and gold, above the shame and ugliness of the world. Peter draws back not because he is evil, but because he does not yet fully understand that, for Jesus, there is no scandal in serving even in the dirtiest places. Indeed, the grace of Jesus comes not through his power, but through his willingness to embrace flesh and blood, filth and failure.

The grace of Jesus—*his hour of glory*, to use John’s term—comes in a way understood neither by Peter, who fears scandal and lost dignity, nor Judas, who fears the sinful movements of his own heart. It comes in a love that does not cling to dignity at the expense of persons; it comes in a love that longs to help even the most despicable of human beings. The grace of Jesus comes in a love that pours itself out completely; that abandons power and dignity and that longs to fill our bodies with the body of Christ, that longs to have his blood pulse in our veins. The grace of Jesus comes in a love that gives away all fear, that the beloved might find all freedom.

Even in the Church, even in the priesthood, we have resisted, we have feared, the flood of mercy that comes in Christ’s humiliation—a flood that would wash our feet and heal our hearts. And this resistance has cost us much. The fear of appearing weak and of having to admit hidden and shameful desires has pushed some priests to live abusive and destructive lives; until at the end they could no longer see the humanity of their victims, but only the darkness of their own compulsion. The fear of scandal, the fear that the dignity of Christ’s body might be damaged by the muck and mire of the world has blinded leaders of the Church to the needs and sufferings of the people God has put into their care.

But Christ persists in the midst of this resistance; Christ pursues even in the face of fear. He meets these fears with gift after gift, inviting us to receive the mercy which each one of us needs, to which each one of us is called. And until we respond, until we give ourselves in love to one another and to the world, until we acknowledge all those who have suffered and reclaim all that has been lost, until we love even Judas and offer to wash even Peter, we cannot yet be free, we cannot yet fully know the grace of this paschal mystery.

The Church—the body of Christ—must be blessed and broken, must be shared and consumed, must allow itself to be washed and must, in turn, wash others. Francis, in rejecting the trappings of dignity and the austerity of power seems to understand this, seems to realize that only by the humility that submits to Christ—as Christ himself submitted—can our Church (and each of us) become what we ache to be: the living body of the resurrected Christ, given for the life of the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John SJ". The "J" is large and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke. The "SJ" is written in a smaller, cursive hand.



Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Cameron, two years old, in his recovery from viral pneumonia and also thanksgiving for the gift of prayers that are being said for him and his family . . . For Michael in his healing from shoulder surgery . . . For people who are recovering from various health challenges especially heart attacks and strokes . . . For the happiness we enjoy when seeing the beautiful pink blossomed trees that Fr. Lee Kapfer planted . . . For people who are fragile in body and mind, let us be gentle and kind and patient . . . For each of us spiritually as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Prayer Tree



***"In him was life, and that life was the light of men
The light shines in the darkness,
but the darkness has not understood it."***

~John 1:4-5

Calendar

Mon, Mar 25	Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM
Tue, Mar 26	RCIA, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Wed, Mar 27	Choir Practice, School, 6:30 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Thu, Mar 27	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church, 7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 22	Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel, Parish Center, 7:30 AM Stations of the Cross, Church, 2:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy, Church, 7:00 PM

AGAPE 2013: August 4th- 9th

Please visit our website for all the details on this year's Agape trip. This is an EXCELLENT program for our youth. Here is the core mission of this program (originated and operated by Catholic Young Adult/College Students at Western Washington University's Newman Center):

Agape was started in 2004 by Newman Catholic Campus Ministry (NCCM) at Western Washington University. Agape is run by students involved in NCCM who are passionate about social justice and youth ministry.

Our Mission

To foster understanding of Christ's presence in and through serving in Whatcom County, as well as the reason Catholic Christians are called to serve. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers so you do unto me." Mt. 25:40

- * To help participants recognize the Catholic churches rich tradition of generosity, service and compassion.
- * To understand what "social justice" is from a Catholic Christian standpoint.
- * To expand participant's world view through service experiences.
- * To help participants realize how they can impact their local community and the world through serving others, and having a mission and understanding of service.
- * To inspire participants to continue answering their "call to service" throughout their lives.
- * To address the needs of the Migrant community by providing food and clothing.

Applications will be due on April 26th.

To help or for questions, please call or email Dottie Farewell at: dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.



Liturgy & Music

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

Pope Francis I and the music of the Jesuits and St. Francis

Habemus papam! OK, yes, by now, everyone knows that we have a new pope. For the first time we have a pope who is a Jesuit and one who has taken the name of Francis after Francis of Assisi.

Last weekend, in honor of this occasion I tweaked the music for the liturgies slightly so that we could sing a song at the end that was reflective of this beloved Saint. As I paged through my songbooks searching for just the right choice I found myself thinking about how a particular text for a song comes about and how the charism of a specific saint or specific religious community inspires the music that we use in our liturgies. The repertoire of sacred music is, of course vast, and I DO mean vast, so this is just a small effort to pinpoint of how these two names connected with our new pope, St. Francis of Assisi and the Jesuits, have informed our current liturgical music.

There are several songs in our Gather hymnal whose texts are attributed either directly or inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. The one we sang last weekend is the *Prayer of St. Francis*, otherwise known as: "*Make me a Channel of your Peace.*" (#726 in Gather) This text focuses on Francis' spirituality of dying to self in service of one another...bringing love where there is hatred, joy where there is sadness, light where there is darkness, pardon where there is injury. This is certainly one of the best known and most beloved songs in the liturgical repertoire of the past 50 years since Vatican 2. Another is "*All Creatures of Our God and King*" (Gather #533) a hymn sung to a wonderful strong hymn tune that I always program on the last Sunday in winter ordinary time before Lent begins since it is full of Alleluias. Of course, this eliminated it as a possible song last weekend! This text focuses more on Francis' love of the earth and all of God's creation. Another similarly inspired song in a more popular style is the "*Canticle of the Sun.*" "*The heavens are telling the glory of God.*" (Gather #496)

When we think about music associated with the Jesuits, of course we immediately think of the St. Louis Jesuits, a group of young Jesuits who, as seminarians and bud-

ding songwriters in the early 1970s, took on the task of composing songs to be used in the still newly revised liturgy. They focused on writing simple songs with easily sung refrains that were rooted in scripture and reflected their Jesuit spirituality. Music "for the folks." "Only this I want, but to know the Lord, and to bear the cross, so to wear the crown he wore" is one refrain that has always struck me as so complete in its essence of prayer. One could do worse than to live with this and other refrains as a mantra. *Let us build a City of God, We are one body in this one Lord, Be not afraid...*

A few years ago the National Association of Pastoral Musicians conducted a national survey of Catholics asking called "Songs That Make A Difference." People responded to the question "What songs have truly made a difference to you in your life of faith?" You can follow this link to read the article and see the entire list: <http://www.npm.org/assets/Songs-Difference.pdf> Suffice to say that both St. Francis and the Jesuits are well represented! The list is populated by a wide variety of songs from Latin pieces (Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo and Ave Verum Corpus which we sing every Holy Thursday, Ave Maria, Panis Angelicus) to great hymns (Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art, Holy God We Praise thy name) to the music of the St. Louis Jesuits and some of their contemporaries and successors in the liturgical movement: Marty Haugen, David Haas and Michael Joncas. (On Eagles Wings, Shepherd Me, O God, You Are Mine).

Will we still be singing all of these songs 100 years from now. Who knows? Only time will tell. Do you think anyone could have predicted that we'd still be singing such a simple little song as Silent Night a couple of hundred years later? Perhaps we should do our own St. Joseph survey...

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@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

2013 Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

Sunday March 24th

- 5:00 pm ~ Vigil Mass (Saturday)
- 9:00 am ~ Gather before Mass in the courtyard between the parish center and the school for the procession
- 11:00 am ~ Mass
- 5:30 pm ~ Mass with school Passion Play

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday ~ March 28th

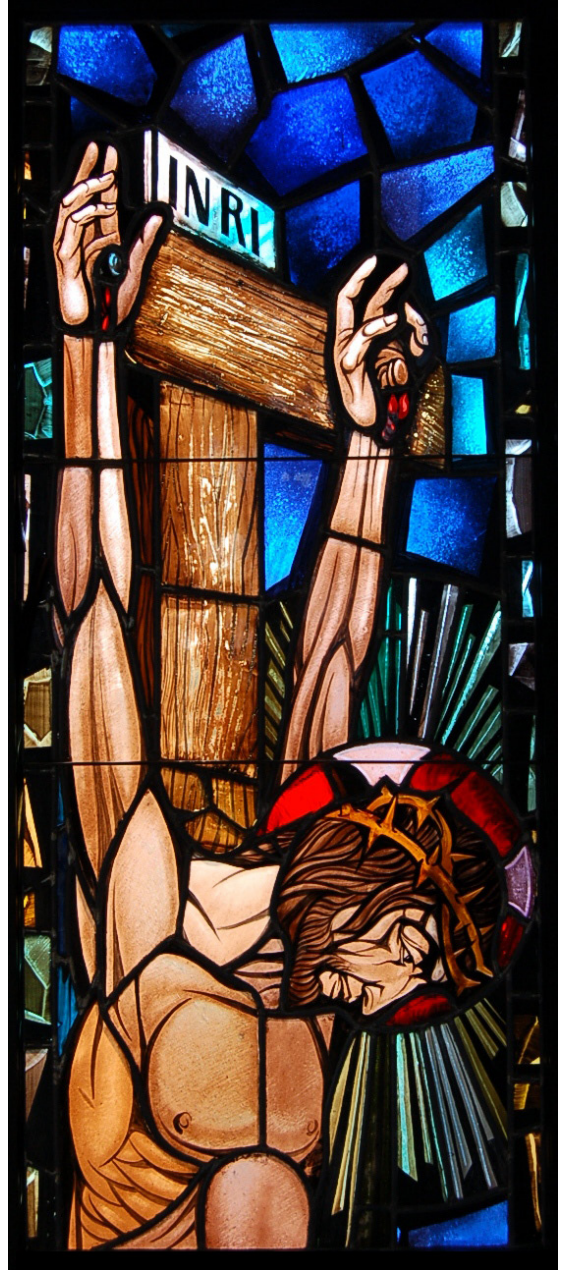
- (No morning mass)
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm ~ Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm ~ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday ~ March 29th

- (No morning mass)
- 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm ~ Reconciliation
- 2:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 pm ~ Tolling of the Bells
- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm ~ Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm ~ Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday ~ March 30th

- (No Reconciliation)
- 8:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st

- 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am ~ Easter Masses
- Easter egg hunt for small children following the 9:00 am Mass
- (No 5:30 pm Mass)



Community

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.

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.

Seniors On The Go

Friday, April 12th - Annointing Mass, 11:30 am in the Church. Lunch to follow in the Parish Center. (*Please note date change*).

Seattle Premier Showing

"A Band of Sisters": Story of U.S. Catholic Sisters in their response to Vatican II and to the Call to Justice in the World

April 12 – 18 Friday to Thursday daily at 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm

Northwest Film Forum: 1515 12th Ave. (near Seattle University campus)

Tickets: \$10.00 Seniors/Students: \$7.00

Online tickets can be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets.

The Circle of Friends for Mental Health



Is a non-profit organization that has been engaging adults living with serious mental illness for 11 years, through arts education. Our teachers are community volunteers. Circle of Friends is facing the challenge of responding to new requests. We welcome those who would like to meet our kind, gentle participants and be a friend. We also seek committee members, boards members, teachers and other helpers to oversee aspects of our program, sustain our work and aid us in meeting the needs of this often forgotten group. Support our cause by joining us at the Arts in Action event on April 5, 2013 where our art will be showcased. The event will be held at St. Joseph, in the Social Hall. Another upcoming event will be a Run/Walk/Bike event to be held at Magnuson Park on June 15th. More information on stampeoverstigma.org, from Carolyn Hale at 206-325-6386 or the Main office at 206-525-0648.

Discernment in Daily Life

For those pondering life's decisions

5 Thursday weekly gatherings, April 18 – May 16, 2013
6:30 – 9:00 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center
Steve Wodzanowski and Kathy Heffernan, facilitators

Are you looking for guidance at this time in making a prayerful life decision, such as discerning your calling, staying in a relationship, determining what to do in retirement, or another life question? Or are you searching for tools for making your choices in daily life with prayerful intentionality? If so, join a group of people with similar questions. Through prayer, presentations and small group reflection, you will learn a process to integrate listening for God's presence in your life decisions, prayerfully consider guidelines for discernment taught by St. Ignatius, and experience meaningful group support.

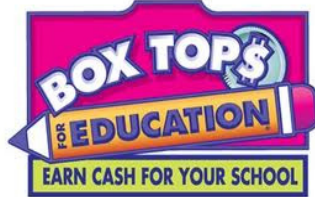
COST: \$140/series (incl. \$25 non-refundable registration fee due by Thursday, April 11). Partial work scholarships available. Contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator at (206) 329-4824 x3 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org for more info.



Community

BoxTops drive exceeds goal! Keep them coming

BoxTops brought in \$700 as of the March 1 deadline - well over the \$600 goal! Nice job. The school will receive the check in April. If we continue to submit BoxTops through June, the school will receive another check in December. So, please keep bringing in those BoxTops - we have a ways to go before school lets out in June. Please keep dropping off your box tops in the offering basket, we make sure to get them over to the school. It is a great way for parishioners to help out the fundraising efforts at the school! Thank you!



Cabrini Ministry *A Great Way to Volunteer!*

The Listening Heart- Cabrini Ministry Training is offering a 7 class session this spring called The Listening Heart that focuses completely on the skills of communication, deep listening and how to companion others who are facing life challenges. The Listening Heart is also perfect for anyone that wants to become an excellent listener in any situation and to be a more pastoral, compassionate presence. Classes are held at St. James Cathedral Place on Tuesdays evenings, April 23-May 28 with one all day class on May 11. Tuition for the 21 hours of instruction is \$400. For more information and to apply, please contact Lisa Dennison, Training Coordinator at LisaD@cabiniministry.org

Rice Bowl



Assisting our Neighbors

25% of contributions to CRS Rice Bowl remain in our diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week, we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. Give to your Rice Bowl to support programs that help the poor in our own community, as well as in communities around the world.

Parish Seamstress Needed

We need help making minor repairs on some of the liturgical linens. Don't worry, it's not creating new vestments. Just repairs to what we have. If you can help, please call Dan Tobin, Sacristan at 206-325-8155. Your help is truly appreciated!

Volunteers Needed

We need your Help:

Would you like to see what goes into preparing 80+ children for First Communion? Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org to volunteer and help lead small groups at the First Eucharist Workshop on Saturday, March 23rd.



St. Joseph's Easter Egg Hunt For Children

Easter Sunday, March 31st after the 9 am Mass on the Front Lawn.

Please bring: a dozen pre-filled plastic Easter Eggs (per child) in advance to the Parish office by noon on Friday, March 29

Office Hours: M-F 8-11:30 am; 12:30-4:30pm
*Good Friday, March 29th
Closed at Noon*

Meet the Easter Bunny & enjoy coffee & donut hospitality. To help or for questions, please call or email Dottie Farewell at: dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652



COLLECTION: MARCH 17, 2013

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$22,464.00



Social Ministry

Education Across Borders

Education Across Borders, a local nonprofit organization, connects Catholic students from Seattle and Bellevue area schools and communities with the Dominican Republic. It will hold its 5th annual fundraiser Saturday April 20th at St. Anne's School gym from 6:00-9:30 pm, in the Queen Anne neighborhood of Seattle. You are invited to find out more of the impact this experience has had on our community. The event "Three Cups of Coffee: An Evening of Storytelling and Solidarity," will feature live music by Sambatuque, a silent auction, dessert dash, complimentary wine, tamales, hors d'oeuvres, and coffee.

For more information, including event address and RSVP information, visit www.educationacrossborders.org

If you would like to make this journey with us we will have an adult immersion experience in October. Please contact Patty Helberg Smukowski at pattyhelberg@sensorsinmotion.com



Bring your Rice Bowl's to Holy Thursday, Mass of The Lord's Supper

**7 pm in the Church
Thursday, March 28th**

St. Martin de Porres Ministry

Are you looking for a service opportunity for your family? Does your high school student need service hours?

If so, come join the St. Martin de Porres ministry! We are looking for a family to volunteer on the 2nd Saturday of each month. You would pick up donated baked goods from the Madison Park Bakery at 5:30 and deliver them to the shelter.

It takes 45-60 minute, once a month. If you are interested, contact Sheri Andrews sandrews@stjosephsea.org or 325-7128





FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.



This Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl. Through this Lenten faith formation program, we will pray together; give things up, or fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and the challenges of hunger and poverty around the world; and give sacrificial donations to those in need.

Take a Rice Bowl and Spiritual Guide to enhance your Lenten experience at home.

Make a plan for your personal Lenten observances.

PRAY—set aside a time each week for prayer and reflection

FAST—consider what you will give up for Lent

GIVE—help those in need by giving through CRS Rice Bowl

Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos, find fun activities and learn more about the difference your prayers, fasting and almsgiving make in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist the poorest and suffering humanity in need without regard to race, religion or nationality. Ninety-four percent of our expenditures go directly to programs that benefit the poor overseas. Our programs reach more than 100 million lives.

*Thank You to all the Families, Volunteers
& Planners who made the wonderful Ceili
possible!*

