

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 30, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Father Jack O'Leary

Readings for July 7, 2013

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14C

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:14-18

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:1-12,17-20

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Note - Mass Times Change on July 7th!

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-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Good News People

Bringing hope in hard times

The Good News People program is an engaging parish-wide, small group, community-building process. On this journey you are invited to pray, reflect, learn, discuss and grow into a deeper understanding of what

it means to live as a disciple in today's world.

Each session includes prayer, reflection on sacred scripture, teachings from the Catechism, stories of "Good News" people, discussion and sharing as well as a specific focus on a virtue for the week.

Goals of the Program:

1. To explore the call to discipleship and strengthen the bonds of community through prayer, reflection and action;
2. To learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith through scripture, the Catechism, Church teaching and the lives of the saints;
3. To renew hope in living the gospel & putting your faith in action.

Meet other parishioners and experience a greater sense of purpose and belonging. Groups can be formed in a variety of ways. Gather your friends, form a group and sign up today!

Become a Good News Parish!

- Explore and present the heart of the Catholic Church's teaching, experience and witness in response to the gospel call to love God and love our neighbor.

- Tap into and unleash the hope, power and possibilities found in a faithful commitment to be "good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18).

- Empower the parish to be a sign of God's hope-filled presence and activity in the world.

The Good News People Program includes:

- Fourteen sessions (7 in the fall, 7 in the spring) designed to broaden our awareness of our Catholic faith and the call to be disciples in the world today;

- A framework and tool to promote the "New Evangelization" called for in the Church;

- A companion DVD filmed by an award-winning film maker;

- A companion hymn used for liturgies & program sessions;

- A session-by-session Reader and Journal with reading material, reflections, and space for journaling.

Right now we are recruiting Facilitators and Hosts. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net

The Voice, the Word, and the Person

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

-John 1:1-

In the early 1980's, as a graduate student at the University of Chicago, I had a part-time job correcting the grammar and spelling for students at one of the local community colleges. Mostly older than traditional undergraduates, these students came from poor communities and had, by and large, come through a dysfunctional public school structure, from which they had dropped out years before. Admitted under the open-door policy of the Chicago community colleges, they lacked many of the most basic academic skills for college, yet they hoped that this opportunity could offer an escape from their sometimes severe poverty and from the dead-end jobs in which they found themselves. Though struggling with even rudimentary reading and writing, they all seemed to know that a class in English composition was a necessary—if unfortunate—prerequisite to going further in the fulfillment of their dreams. And it was my job to correct those compositions.

I recall one paper with particular clarity, and can see it in my mind, even now. Handwritten—unusual, even in 1981—it was a struggle, at first, simply to decipher the words on the page; but, gradually, the script became clearer and I began to penetrate the penmanship and to discover the layers of challenge below. And challenges there were. Beyond the things with which I was familiar—i.e., wrong tenses, fragmentary sentences, run-on sentences, misuse of the word “it’s”—this paper had one quality that I never before encountered: in two-and-a-half pages of handwritten text, there was not a single verb used correctly. There were gerunds and participles, but no verbs, no active voice (nor even any properly used passive voice). It made the paper almost impossible to read, and my green pen emptied out upon the paper (*we were always told not to use red ink because it discouraged the students, though I am not sure the amount of green I was using offered much difference*). With each instance, I would explain the error in a small note on the side of the page. Thorough in my desire to help with every part of the student's grammatical development, I had, by the end of the first page, written more in my notes than he had in the entire essay. And as my notes were often at an angle to fit on the page, his paper looked vaguely like a Christmas tree by the end of page one.

And then, as if to take a break from my writing, I began to read over the text I had corrected, began to go beyond the fragmentary sentences and the missing verbs to approach the essay struggling beneath the sea of green. Though I was frustrated with the student and with the public schools and with the open door policy of Chicago's community col-

leges, slowly I began to hear this voice—small, at first, but growing stronger and more powerful as I moved down the page. The author was speaking of his own life, of how he had been drafted and sent as a rifleman to Vietnam. While I was in Catholic grade school, learning to read and write prose and even poetry, he was on his way to Southeast Asia, carrying a weapon and slogging through rice paddies and down muddy goat paths in the jungle. He wrote of his friends, dying around him from trip-wires and snipers, and how he came to ease the pain with drugs and women, but never quite got free of the vision of his best friend, dying at his side.

Sitting at my desk in my Chicago apartment, with books of Chaucer and Shakespeare beside me, and the noise of the elevated train rattling my window, I looked at all the corrections I had made on this paper, and I felt overwhelmed by shame—shame for my arrogance and for my judgment, for my life of privilege and lack of perspective. I was overcome by the grace of this life before me, overcome by the grace of these broken words that sought to tell the story of that life, overcome by the grace of my own shame; and as I sat there, I began to weep.

How many of us live our lives correcting the grammar of the world—pointing out, in ourselves or in others, all the broken syntax and inconsistent thoughts? How many of us seek to follow the rules, or to apply those rules to others, as though the rules themselves were the source and substance of grace? And as a result, how many stories go untold or unheard, how many lives do we fail to read, to receive, because they are too messy, too unruly for us to penetrate? How many souls remain silent because they cannot find the proper words, or are silenced because others (like me) are too busy correcting the grammar to hear the grace?

To find the grace at the heart of our words, we must listen to each other with minds and with hearts, with our very lives open to the substance beneath the structure, to the truth beneath the artifice, to the person at the core of the story. For that person, poured forth as a word made flesh, is the image and likeness of the One Word, spoken in creation, echoed in every human heart. Though we need rules, teaching, formation, just as we need grammar, it is because they help us hear our own stories and understand the stories told us by others. The rules give us a context for communication and communion; they offer us common ground in which our hearts can be heard and our lives can be received. But following the rules is not the same as communication, and obeying the law is no replacement for communion.

I went on to correct the rest of the paper, that day in Chicago; but with less arrogance and more love. No longer seeking simply to apply the rules, I wanted, at last, to help the author find the tools that I knew he longed to possess, so that his voice might join more fully in the chorus of voices through which the Paschal Mystery is proclaimed.

John



Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Theresa Jean-not extends a warm and appreciative thank you for the prayers for her son, Thomas . . . For Hope in her continued recovery from brain surgery . . . For George's collapsed lung to heal . . . For Sophia to grow stronger and better with each day . . . For Grandpa Joe who is at Harborview Hospital . . . For the person whose job is pretty miserable and hanging in there and to think about decisions to make a difference . . . For Rosemary who is going through physical therapy . . . For those who are stressed out, may they find equilibrium . . . Grateful for friends who have made a difference during a personal transition . . . The beginning of a reconciliation between family members . . . For Dennis Gentele, our facilities manager and for Randy Novak, communications director as they both begin their new positions. Farewell and thank you for your presence at St. Joseph Parish.

Prayer Tree



"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."
~Nelson Mandela

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

St. Joseph Parish in the Pride Parade

Let's have a big turn-out and be a blessing for our city! The pride parade is Sunday, June 30th!

- **WHERE:** The staging area for St. Joseph Parish will be on Fourth Avenue between Columbia and Marion Streets – much closer to Columbia. Our Contingent number is C76 if you need to ask for help.
- **WHEN:** 10:30 to 11:30 am Sunday (June 30th). This is when we must gather at our staging area and be standing by to march. Parade staff will tell us when it is time to enter the parade. Once we begin marching, it takes about an hour to walk the parade route.
- **WHAT TO WEAR:** Your dark blue St. Joseph shirt if you have one (we'll have a few available at the parade for \$15), or something else blue. Accessorize! Express yourself. Sunscreen may be in order.
- **WHAT TO CARRY:** Personal signs are welcome but not required. A homemade sign with a positive message that is consistent with our values of love, justice, and unity adds a personal touch.

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@questoffice.net or 206-286-0313.



COLLECTION: JUNE 23, 2013

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$ 8,578.26



Community

Two Messages from the Archbishop

Here are excerpts from each document, the full text can be found on the parish website.

On Immigration Reform

1. The path to citizenship should be made more affordable and accessible for undocumented immigrants and their families;
2. Family unity should be enhanced in the legal immigration system;
3. A viable and robust program for low-skilled workers to enter and work legally should be included, with appropriate worker protections;
4. Due process protections, including alternatives to detention, should be restored to the system; and
5. The root causes of migration should be addressed.

We encourage the House of Representatives to begin consideration of immigration reform legislation which meets these principles. The process of fixing our immigration system, which has been broken for decades, will not end once Congress passes immigration reform legislation.

On the DOMA decision

The court's decision, they said, has consequences for religious freedom, the role of marriage in society and the well-being of children.

"Liberty and justice depend upon laws at every level of government that recognize and respect the truth, including the truth about marriage," Archbishop Sartain and Bishop Elizondo said. "And the truth about marriage is that it is the unique and irreplaceable union between one man and one woman."

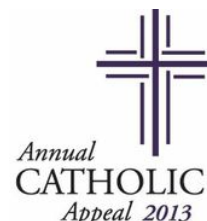
Marriage, they said, plays a foundational role in promoting the good of society.

Seniors On the Go

Friday, July 5th - Anionting Mass, 11:30 am, Church.
Please note there will be no luncheon after this mass and the Parish Center will be closed for the holiday.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We have reached our Parish Assessment by the archdiocese, now all monies contributed to the the ACA will be split between our youth programs and the Jesuit Refugee Service work with victims of the Syrian civil war.



St. Joseph Goal	\$150,000
Amount Raised to Date	\$141,505

Blood Drive Thank You!

The blood drive went really well- thank you! Summer is a really challenging time and PSBC is so appreciative of this drive's success. We really rely on our churches, community groups and businesses to get us through when schools are out. We registered 34 donors and collected 29 units of blood- that's up to 87 lives saved! Just yesterday there was a patient- a 69-year old just down the road at Swedish, who had a radical neck dissection to remove cancerous lymph nodes. She needed 14 units of red blood cells and may need more as part of her cancer treatment. And she's not the only one. Many others, each with their own unique circumstances, rely on the kindness of strangers.

Save The Date - August 12th is the next blood drive.

Cabrini Ministry Training Program



Cabrini Ministry Training (CMT) invites you to consider its program of lay ministry training and outreach. This is a unique opportunity to learn pastoral care skills and enjoy continued support in a faith-filled community while providing lay ministry in or near your parish. The annual 5 month training program begins in October 2013 and we are seeking applicants now (there is a 10% tuition discount for completed applications received by July 15th!). If you feel that God is calling you to a new ministry and you want to explore that call, please direct any inquiries to CMT Training Coordinator Lisa Dennison at 206-234-3614. Please visit our website at www.cabriniministry.org!



Social Ministry

ACA 2013 Pledges Continued

A special thanks for your support of the larger Catholic Church!

• Hugh Bangasser and Lucy Homans, Greg and Julie Boehm • Bridget Carr, Mary Fran Chesley • Tami and Dan Greenshields • Mary Laya • Thomas and Elizabeth Newman • Terence and Judy O'Keefe • Nick and Amy Pavelich • William Patrick Roach

If you haven't seen your name listed yet in the bulletin and you have made your pledge, please call the parish office to make sure we have received it! 206-324-2522.

St. Vincent de Paul

Recently, we were able to help a St. Joseph family with a utility bill. We had helped them before, about two to three years ago. They were most grateful and even apologized for asking our help.

This reminded us that too often parishioners may not ask for St. Vincent de Paul assistance. Perhaps they are embarrassed. Perhaps they don't want people in the St. Joseph community to know of their needs. Perhaps they feel they are not as much in need as some others.

It worries us that any of the above reasons may impede our fellow parishioners from seeking our assistance. Helping people is exactly why we are here and why you donate to provide that help. For one thing, our home visits are strictly confidential. For another, we respect people's sense of self-reliance and reluctance to ask for outside help. Those sentiments are only natural.

But, and this is an important BUT, we want people in our parish community to know that this is a matter of neighbor helping neighbor. Yes, it is not like asking to borrow a cup of sugar. It is more and that's the point. Paying a utility bill, providing a new bed, helping with a food voucher or one for some clothing, these important material items are of critical importance when people's circumstances place them in a position of need.

If you need help, or if you know a fellow parishioner for family who needs help, please notify (in confidence!) Father John or Steve at the parish center. They can contact the person or people in question and they can contact us.

It's the right thing to do. It's doing the Lord's work.

Job Opening

The Association for Catholic Childhood has a permanent part time office position available. It requires good people and computer skills. This is a 14 hour per week position with flexible hours. If interested, please contact Barbara Easter at ekeaster@msn.com for more details.

Annulment Advocate

If you are seeking an annulment, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, July 11th, 7- 8 pm, Join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In the Loyola Chapel, Parish Center. All are welcome!

"What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Choose Life Ministry Meeting

Sunday, July 7th, 7 pm, at Jackie Quinn's house. 918 18th Ave E. All are welcome! For information or questions on either of the above meetings, call Jackie Quinn, 206-324-1780, Tom Cannon, 206-322-4819, or Mary Ott, 206-324-7459.



Summertime and the Praying is Easy...

With the coming of summer, many things change for the St. Joseph Parish community: People go away, visitors come, the days are long and the nights are brief. This year in response to your input, St. Joseph Church will change its schedule to 3 Masses per weekend.

Beginning on Sunday July 7th, to Sunday, September 1st the weekend schedule of Masses for St. Joseph will be changed!

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday Morning Mass 9:30 AM

Sunday Evening Mass 5:30 PM
