

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 18, 2013

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

Readings for August 25, 2013

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:30 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-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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We Are Made for Resurrection

The definition of the Assumption proclaims again the doctrine of our Resurrection, the eternal destiny of each human body, and again it is the history of Mary that maintains the doctrine in its clarity. The Resurrection of Christ can be regarded as the Resurrection of a God, but the Resurrection of Mary foreshadows the Resurrection of each one of us.

-Graham Greene-



A year ago this month, under a full moon and with her eldest son by her side, my beloved friend, Marilyn, died of cancer. Though long expected, it was, in the end, a surprise to me how fast she went—as though in a moment. We always imagined a bit more, even in the days after her move from the hospital to hospice: just a few more weeks, a few more bits of time. After all, at the beginning of the month, when I took her to see *Jersey Boys* for her birthday, we were still talking about her son's graduation the following May and about another trip to the ocean that she loved so much—even though, I had to catch

her before she fell amid the theater seats, robbed of her balance by the lesions in her brain. When I went with her to drain the fluid around her lungs, it still seemed there could be more time—after all, how many doctors had we seen in the preceding three years? When she went into the hospital, we marshaled the troops as we had so often—her sister from Colorado, her brother from Nevada, her sons coming for encouragement and hope. I suppose I knew it was close that last day I was in Portland, as I slept in a chair beside her bed in the hospice, praying for words that could not be found; but, somehow, I thought I would make it back one more time, always just one more time. But there was no more time, and after a wonderful day with her sons and her sister-in-law, Bridget, she allowed her body to rest, at last, while I was, appropriately, somewhere on I-5, heading south.

Of course, the death of one woman was not such an unusual occurrence. So many depart from us each day, and each of those who stand at a bedside or in a hospital waiting room can do little

but hold their breath as some absolute part of their experience suddenly—and it is always suddenly—ceases.

For much of this summer, I have been thinking and praying about Marilyn and about this odd phenomenon of death, in part because of the number of funerals we have had at St. Joseph and in part because of the strange feeling of communion in emptiness that I continue to feel even after a year. Then, this last Thursday, as the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and I sat praying about what I might say for this feast, a new understanding began to dawn on me about what the Assumption teaches us of God and of the Christian understanding of death.

The tradition that Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul can be traced to the earliest days of the Church, perhaps as early as the beginning of the 2nd century. Though some cultural differences appear, the Assumption—or “*Dormition*,” i.e., “*Going to Sleep*,” as it is called in the Eastern Church—has been such a common belief among pre-Reformation faith communities that it was dogmatically defined in the 19th century, and remains one of only two dogmas ever infallibly declared by the Holy See (the other is the Immaculate Conception).

In this feast, the Church proclaims that Mary, who becomes the very model of discipleship by her willingness to receive Christ into her body, is also the model by which we can understand the resurrection promises of Christ. Rather than being received merely spiritually into heaven—absorbed back into the great, ineffable Oneness of God—Mary is received in the fullness of her humanity. She goes to God not simply as a soul, but as a mother, a cousin, a wife, a daughter, a friend; she goes as one whose hands have kneaded dough to feed her child and whose tears have fallen upon his lifeless body. She is received with a whole history of her own unique identity, written in the wrinkles and the scars, in the gray hair and the chapped hands that she has earned as Mary of Nazareth. If the aches and pains of her body are healed in her Assumption, the body itself is not renounced or left behind to rot as some imperfect remnant of a purer, holier spirit-woman; rather, these very marks, some earned in her care of Jesus, her Son, are her glory and, through her, become part of the glory of God.

The Assumption of Mary stands in opposition to all the popular and trendy philosophies of the afterlife in which you and I are simply absorbed into some great river of life—into the Force, into the Cosmos, into the Omphalus of God. It proclaims, even more dramatically than does the resurrection of Jesus, that each human being is more than a mere moment in the history of God: each of us is unique and is called, redeemed,

and resurrected in her own unique identity. Just as God remains both One and Three, without ever sacrificing the communion for the sake of the persons, or each person for the sake of the communion; so Mary—the one who sat with the Apostles and mourned for Joseph, the one who said goodbye too soon for those who loved her and whom the beloved disciple longed to see one more time—remains fully herself in the Assumption. All that has changed is that she is now more completely free to love the world, standing as she does in the presence of the One to whom she opened her womb and her world in that one moment of “Yes!”

I cannot deny that it is still difficult, at times, to believe that each of us—my mother, my father, Marilyn, even myself—is made for resurrection. It is difficult to see how body and soul, this particular identity and the spark of divinity that each of us bears, will all someday allow us to be together *as ourselves*. And yet, as I look to Mary in the story of the Assumption, she shows me the Way of her Son, and the promise that nothing and no one any of us is blessed to love will ever be irredeemably lost. *Mater Maria, ora pro nobis!*



Come and see what the Catholic Faith has to offer

Tuesday, September 24th
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!



Prayer

IMMIGRATION

JustFaith Ministries: "Crossing Borders"

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For prayers and comfort to the families of Nic Blukis, Lisa Dempsey and Laura Devlin who passed away this month . . . For Scott and the happiness his presence gives to others . . . For those who are feeling lost and lonely . . . For guidance and wisdom in helping others.



"Things that can go wrong can shape us or scar us. I've had some things go well in my life and some things not so well, just like you. More have gone well than have gone poorly, but I'm not trying to keep score because I have a different way I measure those things now. God finds us in our failures and our successes, and He says that while we used to think one way about things, now He wants us to think another way about those same things. I used to be afraid of failing at the things that really mattered to me, but now I'm more afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."

~ excerpt from LOVE DOES by Bob Goff

Rest in Peace

Suzanne Nicholas, wife of Neil, whose funeral was last week.

Frank Quinn, husband of Bridget, whose funeral is this Monday at 10 am

Paul Burke, husband of Patricia, whose funeral is this Friday at 11 am

Jo McNeil, mother of Sheri Andrews, whose funeral will be September 9th

May eternal light shine upon them.

Women's Ministry

Ladies - Are you interested in getting involved in the St. Joseph Women's Ministry? We are looking for parishioners to help lead this ministry, plan events and support the needs of the St. Joseph community.

Tuesday, August 27th, 7 pm, Parish Center

Please contact Kaz Maras if you can attend. kjmaras@gmail.com / 206.228.2674.

The issue of IMMIGRATION is one of the most critical -- and controversial -- issues of our day. This very summer of 2013 our U.S. Congress is struggling to pass an Immigration Reform Bill, but not just the USA but countries around the world struggle with the problem (think Syria, South Sudan, Afghanistan...).

This Fall, St. Joseph's will be sponsoring an eight-week Thursday (6:30 - 9:00 pm) JustFaith workshop series on Immigration, beginning October 3rd, ending November 21st (the week before Thanksgiving).

As participants, you will discuss topics like US Border Enforcement, possible paths to legalization for the undocumented, the Immigration Detention system, the push and pull of global migration. We will watch documentaries, attend a Spanish-language Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, think about our own family's immigration story, meet and talk with real people who are living in the limbo of undocumented immigrants.

Are you interested? Simply contact workshop coordinators Julia Buchholz (206-329-3323), Samantha Welte (206-619-5400), or talk to Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206-965-1646).

In the meantime, each Sunday in August we will give you a "test question" on Immigration, and publish the correct answer the following Sunday.

Last Sunday's question: TRUE or FALSE: It's just as easy to enter the country legally today as it was when my ancestors arrived. This is FALSE. For its first 100 years, the U.S. had an open immigration system allowing any able-bodied immigrant in. Under current policy, with its many, many rules, many students' immigrant ancestors arriving between 1790 and 1924 would not be allowed in today.

Question for this Sunday: What is the difference between "illegal alien" and "undocumented immigrant?"

COLLECTION: AUGUST 4, 2013

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$12,146.83

COLLECTION: AUGUST 11, 2013

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$15,785.00



Community

St. Joseph Young Adult Happy Hour

Wednesday, August 21st, 6 pm-8 pm
The Saint Social Club

Thank you to everyone who made it to the recent young adult social! It was wonderful to bring so many parishioners and visitors together at this very fun event. Speaking of which, the next event is just around the corner -- a St. Joseph Young Adult Happy Hour!

For those in their twenties and thirties, join us next Wednesday from 6 pm-8 pm at 'The Saint' on Capitol Hill as we continue to build our young adult community and meet new faces! Questions? Need more info? Please contact Sara at sara.hogenson@gmail.com or Anna at annapatrice.clarke@gmail.com.

The Saint Social Club: 1416 E Olive Way,
Seattle, WA 98122

Connect with the St. Joseph YA Community on
Facebook!

www.facebook.com/stjosephyoungadultcommunity

Altar Server Training:

For those youth in grades 4th and higher who would like to serve during the Mass, our next training will be Monday, September 16, 2013 at 3:30 pm or Sunday, September 22, 2013 after the 11 am Mass. Please meet at the front steps of the altar platform in the church. The training will take about an hour. New servers will begin in October. This is a great way to earn service hours too! To sign up, please contact John Stuntebeck at jstuntebeck@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1645.

Parish Blood Drive

Thank you so much for your energy, time and efforts to host a blood drive at St Joseph's last Monday! PSBC registered 29 donors and collected 22 units of blood. That's 66 local patients who will benefit from the kindness of St Joseph's donors!



Fare Thee Well, Fr. Jack Mass & BBQ Party

Before leaving for Spokane, Fr. Jack will preach his final homily on Sunday, August 25th at the 5:30 pm Sunday evening Mass. Please join us for this Mass where we will also bless him.

All of St. Joseph's community are welcome to the BBQ party afterwards.

Feel free to bring a dessert if you would like, but most importantly bring yourselves.

At the August 25 BBQ, there will be an opportunity to pre-order, for \$15.00 cash or check, copies of Selected Homilies of Fr. Jack O'Leary.

Music Ministry:

Saint Joseph Choir seeking new members!

The Saint Joseph choir is seeking new members to sing during the coming year. There are openings in all voice parts though we are particularly in need of basses at this juncture.

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-9 pm and sing at the 9 am mass every Sunday.

Please contact director of music Robert McCaffery-Lent at Rmclent@stjosephparish.org (206)965-1649 or visit any member of the music ministry after mass and give them your contact info.

Remember that "*Those who sing pray twice*"
Saint Augustine

Annulment Advocate

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



Social Ministry

Agape Mission Trip

Reflections from Agape.

A Blessing for the Students Going on Agapé

The gospel reminds us: we are more than we own,
More than our iPad, more than our phone,
More than the clothes that we buy at the mall.
We are more than these things; we are more than them
all.

For we are the Spirit and we are the grace,
The image of God that we wear on our face,
And so is each person we're lucky to meet:
The girl in our classroom, the boy on our street,
The worker who toils in the fields and the farm,
Who harvests the fruit by the strength of his arm,
Who speaks little English, but still has a smile,
When gathered at table or playing with a child.
Who, male or female, aged or young,
Shines with the light of Jesus the Son.

To these do we send you, with Agapé love,
The grace of St. Joseph poured down from above,
To learn and to sing, to see and feel,
To work and to laugh, and to share every meal,
With sisters and brothers, whose grace you'll receive,
And whose love may remind you just what you believe:

That God became human so humans could know
That love is eternal, above and below,
And we are all One, by the grace that we all share;
We're made for each other, our burdens to bear.

This is the gospel we pray you'll receive,
To know you are loving and that you believe,
In a God who created your gifts for the giving,
And strengthens you now, that you'll find joy in living.

So go forth in the power of God the Creator,
With the Son and the Spirit, till we see you later.

Amen.



Cat - echist

I really enjoyed the waking up to bagels and milk at 8:00 in the morning. Going to something new and different every day was also very nice. The best part of the trip was the day we went to the farm to pick blueberries. The fact that we had the privilege to go on a farm to pick berries with the help of the owner was a big experience. We learned so much as to what the different kinds of berries and the amount of money someone gets paid in a day.

-Burke

When I signed up late for agape this year, I didn't really know what to expect. I had heard from my friends how fun it was, and they had encouraged me to sign up. I had no idea how much I would learn about and interact with the migrant community, or that I would be living in solidarity. Agape surprised me in a great way, in that I learned more than I ever expected, and was able to work for a cause which is very relevant today, and highly controversial. I am very grateful for the opportunity to learn about and help those in need, and if agape were to be available to 9th graders next year, I would do it again in a heartbeat, as I'm sure almost everyone who attended this year would agree.

-Carlos

I would say that agape was about service but there was enough fun in it so that all the service you were doing made you and all your friends feel like you really made a difference.

-Olivia Taylor-Manning

Over the week at Agape, I learned how hard it is for migrant workers to live, but I also learned that their faith helps them keep up their strength and positivity.

-Victoria

We would like to thank the St. Joe's community for supporting our Back Pack drive this year. We were able to give away **111** backpacks filled with new school supplies. After 8 years of Agape service to the migrant workers of Whatcom County, we have given away almost **500** backpacks!

Thank you to the following adult chaperones: Kyle Big- ham, Erin Tobin, and Bob Thompson. Agape would not have happened without you.

Our middle school youth made us very proud. Great work to Austin, Burke, Carlos, Diana, Grace, Mia, Michael, Nicole, Olivia, Parker, Shi Shi, and Victoria.

-Dottie Farewell, DRE



Photos from Agape 2013

