

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for September 1, 2013

FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A
GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

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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A Blessing to Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J.

I thus bring this to a close, asking your holy Charity, most reverend Father of my soul as I kneel upon the ground while writing this, as if I were in your presence, to commend me much to God our Lord in your holy and devout sacrifices and prayers, so that he may grant me to know his most holy will in this present life and give me the grace to fulfill it perfectly. Amen.

Your least son in farthest exile, Francisco

-Letter of Francis Xavier to Ignatius Loyola-

His [Ignatius'] only concern, his one passion remains that of being able to be acceptable to God's Divine Majesty through his constant striving after becoming like Christ, his Son and our Lord, and bearing the cross with him, so that the world may have life to the full.

-Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.-



As a young man, Jack O'Leary loved to play sports—baseball, football, etc.—and loved the great camaraderie of field and court. He loved the outdoors, and his early life in the hills and forests around Mount Vernon was marked by camping and hiking with his brothers and friends. It was only later, when his mother died, that he came to know the Jesuits and came to see in them the same attractive camaraderie that had drawn him to sports. And so, after a year of college and seeing several friends join the Jesuits (to his amazement), he decided to take the trip himself to Sheridan, Oregon, and try out the novitiate—not overwhelmed by a rapturous vision, but with the same humble, open-hearted grace that would allow him to persevere in this life of service when many of his classmates went a different way. Step by step, season by season, God deepened in him and opened him to a mission that would lead him to the very ends of the earth and back again.

In 1960, Soviet influence in Poland made it impossible for Polish Jesuits to staff further the Society's missions in Zambia, and so the Superior General of the Jesuits looked to Oregon for Jesuits willing to serve in this developing Church. In 1962, with the same quiet yet profound generosity he had shown in entering, Jack O'Leary stepped forward to be among the first Oregon Province Jesuits to accept this invitation. He set off to Zambia, unsure when he would return the United States, even for a visit, and he began the process of learning native languages, so as to make himself more available to the many people longing for Good News and for the love that Jack seems uniquely able to bring. In the years that followed, the villagers and townspeople, the young Jesuits and seminarians and the old women and men, received all of Jack's heart and effort. Whether serving as Provincial of the newly created Zambian Province, or teaching in the seminary, or driving from village to village, Fr. Jack gave himself to the service of the gospel and to the living proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. Despite bouts with malaria and a car accident that nearly killed him—and left him with lasting neck pain, Jack's love for the people and for the Christ he saw among them kept him at work, with few visits home, for 37 years. In the end, it was only the need for eye-surgery, unavailable in Zambia, that drew him back to the Northwest and to new horizons of service.

Since his return to the Oregon Province, Jack has rarely slowed his pace of service, and has only grown more profound in his love and care of God's people. As Pastor in Oak Harbor, he returned to the natural environment he loved as a child, and in the process he helped heal and unite the community. Forming lasting friendships with all those he served, as he tends to do, Fr. Jack quickly became beloved among even the occasional Catholics; and when he left for St. Leo's in Tacoma, there was great sadness among the people and gratitude for all they had received.

It was in Tacoma that I first came to know Jack well, when, in my first months as Provincial, I was called to the Parish in the midst of a looming crisis. The Pastor, in his first assignment, was clearly in over his head, and needed to be removed; yet, there was no one to name in his stead. Except, of course, Jack, who, though supposedly sent to St. Leo's in a supporting role, had already won the hearts of staff and Parish alike. In asking him to take on the role of interim Pastor of this complex community, wounded by the departure of its fairly new priest, I was moved by the immediacy and generosity of his reply, and by the grace and goodness that followed. Had I known him better, of course, none of that would have been much of a surprise.

For the rest of my time as Provincial, I would see more and more of Fr. Jack's amazing and deceptively quiet holiness. Each year in our conversations, he would speak almost dismissively of his own gifts—underplaying, without false modesty but with true humility, the powerful grace that surrounds him. When St. Leo's was sorted out, he opened himself to new assignments, willingly and generously going to the Spokane Reservation, where he served with great kindness within a culture so very different from his own or from the Africans with whom he had spent much of his adult life. Finally, when Fr. Lee Kapfer decided he could no longer climb the stairs and walk the streets around St. Joseph, Fr. Jack opened himself to the mission in which he serves to this day: always self-effacing, yet unwaveringly generous in giving of himself.

It was, perhaps, the smartest thing I ever did (at least for my own self-interest) to assign Fr. Jack O'Leary to St. Joseph Parish. In his years here, he has been a constant and compassionate presence for untold women and men, as well as for the children at our school, whose confessions he heard and for whom he always had a kind or encouraging word. He has manifested Christ's love in a quiet, straightforward way: whether waiting for the bus or standing at the bedside of a sick relative, on the Men's Retreat or at daily mass, from the pulpit or from behind his desk in the Parish Center, with a beer and a brat at the Parish picnic or with a bowl full of candy on Halloween night. He has taught me more about being a priest—about being a human being—than I can easily calculate; and I think he has done the same for many others. As he leaves St. Joseph for his next assignment—what is known in the Jesuits as *orat pro Soc*, “*prayer for the Society*”—we know he will also remain here in the heart of each person he has blessed just by being himself.

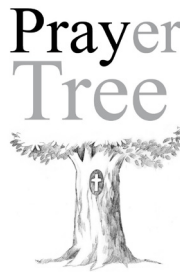
Thank you for everything, Jack, especially your love. May God, who has given us so much grace through you, carry you in grace and love now and forever!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John" followed by a stylized flourish.



Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Sr. Mary Vincentia and Sr. Clara Scherr in their healing and recovery . . . Lord, watch over those returning home safely . . . For wisdom and common sense and justice to reign in Egypt's turmoil and for those who have suffered loss of family and friends . . . For Conail's wounds to heal and his bravery . . . For Fr. Jack O'Leary as he journeys to his new home in Spokane to join his brother Jesuits.



"You need only to respond in astonishment and wonder--for God has a new day planned for you . . .

You need to be awake to all its potentials – and the gates will open and widen.

For this is what God has planned. You have only to realize it and grasp it.

We need to see and appreciate life as God sees it – and live it with the vibrance that he made for us – and then, we will find the narrow way – and the way will be ours."

~ Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J.

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.

COLLECTION: AUGUST 18, 2013

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$10,175.25

Good News People

This Fall St. Joseph is launching a new and exciting program, the Good News People program for the entire parish and you are personally invited to participate. Good News People offers you the opportunity to:

- Meet other members of the parish and form a deeper sense of purpose and belonging
- Learn more about your faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus
- Find renewed hope in living the Gospel and putting your faith into action

After all the Masses in September we will have registrations after Mass and there will be an opportunity to register on the parish website.

For more information contact: Steve Wodzanowski – stew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Goals of the Program

1. Explore the call to discipleship and the power of community through prayer, reflection and action.
2. Learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith through scripture, the catechism, and Church teaching.
3. Find renewed hope in living the gospel and putting faith into action.
4. Foster vibrant parish community alive with the Spirit and mission of Christ.

"God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..."-Luke 4:18





Community

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 steve@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!

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



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.

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.

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.



Social Ministry

Immigration

JustFaith Ministries: "Crossing Borders"

The issue of IMMIGRATION is one of the most critical — and controversial — issues of our day. When members of the U.S. House and Senate return to Washington, D.C. from their summer recess, they will continue the struggle to pass an Immigration Reform Bill. It is not just the USA who struggles with this problem; countries around the world do also (think Syria, Europe, 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 (samanthawelte@gmail.com) or email/talk to Deacon Steve Wodzanowski after his return from vacation.

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: What is the difference between "illegal alien" and "undocumented immigrant?" Answer: There is NO difference between the two. Both terms describe the same person -- someone here in the USA without the necessary papers -- but reflect the attitude of the speaker. Can you perceive the difference in attitude?

Question for this Sunday: TRUE or FALSE: Immigrants take good jobs from Americans.



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LETTER OF POPE FRANCIS TO FR. ADOLFO NICOLÁS PACHÓN SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Dear Fr Nicolás,

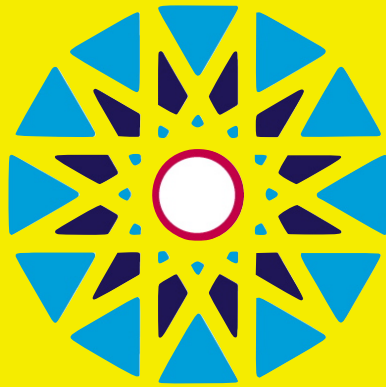
I received with great joy the kind letter you sent me, on your own behalf and on behalf of the Society of Jesus, on the occasion of my election to the See of St Peter. In it you informed me of your prayers for me and for my apostolic ministry, as well as of your total willingness to continue serving the Church and the Vicar of Christ unconditionally, in accordance with the precept of St Ignatius of Loyola.

I warmly thank you for this sign of esteem and closeness. I reciprocate with pleasure, while I ask the Lord to enlighten and accompany all Jesuits so that — faithful to the charism they have received and in the footsteps of the saints of our beloved Order — with their pastoral action, and above all with the witness of a life dedicated without reserve to serving the Church, Bride of Christ — they may be a Gospel leaven in the world, tirelessly seeking the glory of God and the good of souls.

With these sentiments I ask all the Jesuits to pray for me and to commend me to the loving protection of the Virgin Mary, our Mother in heaven. As a pledge of abundant divine graces, with special affection I impart the Apostolic Blessing, which I extend to all those who collaborate with the Society of Jesus in their activities, so that they may benefit from its good works and share in its spirituality.

FRANCIS

From the Vatican, 16 March 2013



***The St. Joseph
Parish Picnic
Sunday, 15 September
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(psst, bring a salad, side dish, or dessert!)***

