

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for September 15, 2013
FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14
SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17
GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

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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An Altar For Peace

In communion with Pope Francis &
people of faith throughout the world,
St. Joseph Church
will house a shrine for peace
in the baptistry,
on the north side of the altar.

Every Day - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Bring flowers & prayers,
light a candle
to Mary, Queen of Peace.**

*Our prayers & our actions
call upon the mercy of God
for all the victims of war,
& for the wisdom of peace
to fill the hearts of our leaders.*



My Letter to the President

I write today on the memorial of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta—Mother Teresa—recalling her foolish and profound love for those accounted least in the eyes of the world. Through all the spiritual darkness she experienced, Mother Teresa found her Eucharist in the poor and dying, and faced the overwhelming problem of poverty on the streets of India by caring for one person at a time with love and compassion. Her's was a policy both foolish and weak; yet in her weakness, the strength of God became evident, in her powerlessness, the power of God overcomes the world.

Today, we face the seemingly insurmountable problems of war and terrorism, of tyrannical leaders and weapons of mass destruction. The reasonable answer to such threats, the answer of the world since time immemorial, is more violence, more war. Yet, what we—as companions of Jesus, as followers of the same failed prophet that Mother Teresa saw in the eyes of the dying and destitute—are called to something different: to prayer and to a love that seems like weakness, a love that binds the wounds of refugees and victims, that rebukes death through the power of life. It is a fool's errand, much like the cross; and like the cross, it is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

On the cover of this week's St. Joseph Parish Bulletin, you will find the contact information for the President of the United States, the Senators from the State of Washington, and the Representatives of our zip-code region. Let us write, and call, and pray, and fast. Let us direct our leaders to renounce the ways of war and violence. Though each of us is small, let us trust in the greatness of God, whose power is weakness, and who, through weakness, has conquered the power of death.

Below is my letter to the President. Whatever view you come to in prayer, I encourage you to write your own letter, or to call, or to e-mail. Let us proclaim the gospel God has given to us, trusting in God, who alone brings life.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Regarding Syria

4 September 2013

Mr. Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Obama, Peace of Christ!

I write today as a fellow citizen, concerned with the world, and as a companion in Christ, who now pleads with you to refrain from violence against Syria. More war, even couched beneath the euphemisms of constraint and punishment, is not the answer. While I recognize and deplore the atrocities of the Syrian regime, we must learn the lesson of the last 50 years: violence begets violence; the answer to war is not more war but courage and perseverance, the necessary conditions of a just and lasting peace.

Please, Mr. President, unite yourself to the great moral voices of our age—including Pope Francis—and recognize that our better alternative is to stand, adamant, against increased violence. To take the slow, necessary work of embargo and diplomacy, of caring for refugees and restoring justice. We have the chance to change the course that has led us so far from our deepest values, and left us with the legacy of a still-suffering Iraq, an unclosed Guantanamo, and a community of veterans scarred both internally and externally.

I pray for you, Mr. President, and for the Constitution you have committed yourself to uphold. May you be given both the grace and fortitude to resist the seductive power and the pressures of your office. May you avoid this tree, whose fruit hangs easy to your hand, and so avoid the sin which may mark our country for years to come.

Yours in the Lord,

Rev. John D. Whitney, S.J.
Pastor

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*A Message from the Holy
Father*



Pope - ourri

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hello!

Today, dear brothers and sisters, I wish to add my voice to the cry which rises up with increasing anguish from every part of the world, from every people, from the heart of each person, from the one great family which is humanity: it is the cry for peace! It is a cry which declares with force: we want a peaceful world, we want to be men and women of peace, and we want in our society, torn apart by divisions and conflict, that peace break out! War never again! Never again war! Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected.

There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming.

I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which arises from the deep within me. How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of many children will not see the light of the future! With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.

With all my strength, I ask each party in this conflict to listen to the voice of their own conscience, not to close themselves in solely on their own interests, but rather to look at each other as brothers and decisively and courageously to follow the path of encounter and negotiation, and so overcome blind conflict. With similar vigour I exhort the international community to make every effort to promote clear proposals for peace in that country without further delay, a peace based on dialogue and negotiation, for the good of the entire Syrian people.

May no effort be spared in guaranteeing humanitarian assistance to those wounded by this terrible conflict, in particular those forced to flee and the many refugees in

nearby countries. May humanitarian workers, charged with the task of alleviating the sufferings of these people, be granted access so as to provide the necessary aid.

What can we do to make peace in the world? As Pope John said, it pertains to each individual to establish new relationships in human society under the mastery and guidance of justice and love (cf. John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, [11 April 1963]: AAS 55, [1963], 301-302).

All men and women of good will are bound by the task of pursuing peace. I make a forceful and urgent call to the entire Catholic Church, and also to every Christian of other confessions, as well as to followers of every religion and to those brothers and sisters who do not believe: peace is a good which overcomes every barrier, because it belongs all of humanity!

I repeat forcefully: it is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict which builds harmony within and between peoples, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace.

May the plea for peace rise up and touch the heart of everyone so that they may lay down their weapons and be let themselves be led by the desire for peace.

To this end, brothers and sisters, I have decided to proclaim for the whole Church on 7 September next, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, and I also invite each person, including our fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative.

On 7 September, in Saint Peter's Square, here, from 19:00 until 24:00, we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world. Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace! I ask all the local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for this intention.

Let us ask Mary to help us to respond to violence, to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother: may she help us to find peace; all of us are her children! Help us, Mary, to overcome this most difficult moment and to dedicate ourselves each day to building in every situation an authentic culture of encounter and peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!



Prayer

Come and see what the Catholic Faith has to offer

Tuesday, September 24th
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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!

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Cesar has requested our prayers for his spiritual journey over the next two weeks . . . Also, for others the guidance of the Lord's wisdom for "seeing" the pathway in making decisions . . . For peace of mind in the turbulence of a divorce and child custody.

Prayer Tree



"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

. . . The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

You see in the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."

~ "Do It Anyway" – Mother Teresa

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

Music Ministry:

St. Joseph Choir seeking new members!

The Saint Joseph Choir is seeking additional singers as we begin the fall season of Ordinary Time leading to Advent and Christmas. We are particularly in need of men, particularly men with lower voices: baritones and basses. For more information and to register for an audition please visit the parish website under the section Liturgy and Prayer and the section "Liturgical Music." Or contact Director of Music Robert McCaffery-Lent at Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649. Or, simply come up and speak to any parish musician after mass this weekend. .

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

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.

COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

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

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$11,784.83



Social Ministry

JustFaith Ministries

"Crossing Borders"

We hope you have been enjoying our Weekly Questions about Immigration. We will be registering people during the month of September for our JustFaith series, which begins on OCTOBER 3rd. We will be available after all the Sunday Masses on Sept. 8th, and would love to talk with you. We look forward to interesting questions and interested people!

Here is the information you need:

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

As participants, you will discuss topics like US Border Enforcement, possible paths for 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 a migrant parish, 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 with Deacon Steve Wodznsowski.

In the meantime, we continue our "test questions" on Immigration.

Last Sunday's question: **TRUE or FALSE: Undocumented immigrants don't pay taxes but still get benefits.**

Answer: FALSE. Undocumented immigrants pay taxes every time they buy gas, clothes or new appliances. They also contribute to property taxes (a main source of school funding) when they buy or rent a house, or rent an apartment. Half to three quarters pay federal, state and local taxes, inc. \$6 - \$7 BILLION in Social Security taxes for benefits they will never get. They can receive schooling and emergency medical care, but not welfare or food stamps.

Question for this Sunday, September 8th: TRUE or FALSE: Undocumented immigrants bring crime. Look for answer next week!

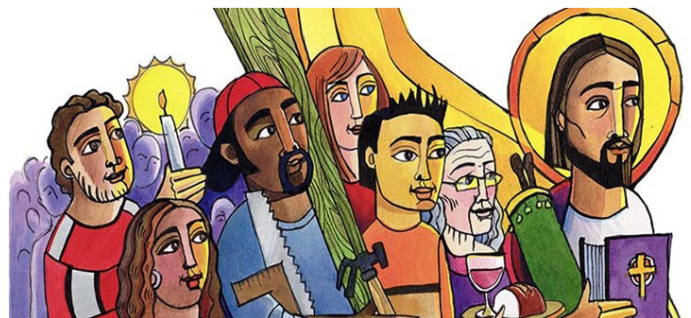
Who Are You Becoming?

It's an important question to ask as you begin each day! Our thoughts, words, choices, actions and inactions reveal who we are; but is this who we really want to be? The GoodNews People program is an exciting new program being offered at St. Joe's that addresses the question, "Who am I becoming?" in a dynamic and thought provoking way. GoodNews People will familiarize you with the biblical witness of Jesus and explore the richness of the Catholic faith in a variety of way that honor the hungers of the soul, the needs of adult learners, and the competing demands of busy people.

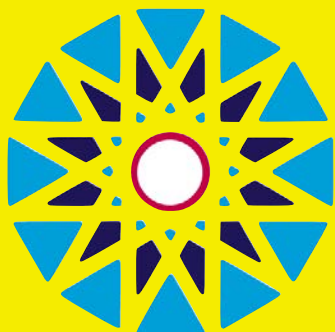
Through prayer and reflection in small faith groups, you will draw on the wisdom that emerges from listening deeply to God's presence and action in your life. GoodNews People engages the head and heart along with the hands and feet as it seeks to build the bonds of community and foster a deeper understanding of discipleship.

Join your fellow parishioners now. Sign up online at www.stjosephparish.org or in the back of church for the next two weekends. We have groups meeting at various times and locations. For more information contact Dn. Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Who are you becoming? We hope the answer will be: GoodNews People! Sign up now!



Faith, Hope and Love in Action



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



Social Ministry

27 Years of Service & the Need Goes On



Picture (left to right): Kathy Fawthrop, Mary Guerra, Jenner Mathiason, Candice Frankinburger, Mike Pfau and Jeff Hirsch

St. Martin de Porres Shelter provides a night shelter for homeless men age 50 and older. The shelter opened in October 1984 in response to the growing need for an emergency shelter for this population, where their dignity and safety would be protected. The shelter currently operates at full capacity of 212 men a night, 365 nights a year; and during the day offers medical convalescent care. During the winter months, the Shelter has arrangements with eight local churches—including St. Joseph—which provide space for an additional 34 men.

Thanks to the quiet leadership and devotion by our co-ordinators, like Candice Frankinburger, St. Joseph's Parish has contributed thousands of hours of feeding the homeless at the St Martin de Porres shelter. It is one of our most long-standing and important ministries, thanks to the people who serve so generously.

For further information on how to participate, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or steview@stjosephparish.org

Cabrini Ministry Training Program

Pope Francis reminds us that "We all have the duty to do good". We may feel called to serve our brothers and sisters who suffer from illness, grief, or other crisis, but feel inadequate to do so. "How can I be an effective servant, that I may do good?" you ask. Cabrini Ministry Training (CMT) invites you to consider its program of lay ministry training and outreach. CMT 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 late October and we have some spaces left in our evening class in Seattle and in our daytime class in Kirkland. If you are interested in learning more about this remarkable program that has trained over 900 people in the past twenty years, please call Patt Reade at 425-923-4077 or go to the website- www.cabriniministry.org. Deadline for applications is October 10.

Winter Shelter at St. Joseph

For the past TWENTY years, 2 people (men, women and families) have come to the church at 8:00 pm, open the doors and prepared the old gym for 14 homeless men coming to stay for the night. 'The Hosts' don't have to sleep in the same room as the men but they sleep on the same kind of mat the men do in a nearby space. In the morning, you know you haven't ended the problems of the homeless but you can feel good about extending a hand to people in need!

If there aren't volunteers for a night then the men are out of one more place to stay.

The men are very appreciative of the safe place and kind people that work the shelter. They also love taking with them in the morning a "meal bag" for the day. The meals are provided by another group of dedicated volunteers that take their time and own money to put together 14 lunches once a month or every six weeks. The feeling of having something to eat for the day is over-whelming.

The shelter is open October 1st – April 30th
Tuesday – Saturday nights
8:00 pm – 7:15 am

If you are interested please contact: Taffy McCormick, 206.321.3702 (call or text) or taffymccormick@com-cast.net



Community

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series

The Esoterics

AEONIA: the door to eternity
Saturday, September 21, 2013, 8pm

In our annual autumnal POLYPHONOS showcase, The Esoterics will premiere commissions by Joseph Gregorio, Iman Habibi, and Stephen Feigenbaum, as well as Donald Skirvin's choral symphony *Stars forever, while we sleep*, and Eric Banks' *I Am Among Them*. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, visit www.theesoterics.org.

The Byrd Ensemble

The Great Renaissance
Saturday, September 28, 2013, 8 pm

English Renaissance greats: Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Robert White, and perhaps the most popular setting of Psalm 51 with its soaring high C, Allegri's *Miserere*.

The focal points of the program are two of the most impressive achievements in Renaissance polyphony: *Ecce beatam lucem* and *Agnus Dei* (II) (northwest premiere) by Italian composer Alessandro Striggio, set for 40 and 60 independent voices respectively.

For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, visit www.byrdensemble.com

Feast Of St. Matthew On The Mountain

Saturday, September 21st, 9 am
Please join us for some fellowship in the forest!

Young adults and friends over 18 are invited to hike Rattlesnake Ledge with Jesuit Fr. Glen Butterworth from St. Joseph Parish on Capitol Hill!

Gather at St. Joseph Parish parking lot in Capitol Hill for carpool at 9 a.m. Mass will be celebrated during a break from the hiking. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water, a lunch for yourself, and a little something additional to share if you can!

Questions? Comments? Please contact Matt Luby from Blessed Sacrament at mpluby@gmail.com

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, September 17th - OWL's monthly Potluck, 6:00 pm in the Social Hall

New Address

For those who would like to keep in touch with Father Jack, here is his new address in Spokane. He would love to hear from you!

Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J.
Regis Community
1107 N. Astor
Spokane, WA 99202-1724



Kick It At The Clink

There are a few remaining tickets to the Sounder FC game on September 13th. If you missed the chance to purchase them earlier this year, please contact Rebecca Frisino at the Parish to get your tickets now and join the fun with the St. Joseph School & Parish community. rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1648



Youth

Children's Faith Formation - CFF

Register now for our Children's Faith Formation Programs

We offer Sunday childcare, preschool, kindergarten classes during the 9 am mass, and classes for first thru 8th graders after mass beginning in October.

Please visit our website for more details and online registration: www.stjosephparish.org "Children/Youth"

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Here in our diocese the preparation for reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a two year program, typically beginning in the first grade. If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner, then you will want to sign up for our Children's Faith Formation Year 1 program (CFF1).

For families who completed CFF1 last year, you must register for CFF2 now. Both CFF1 & CFF2 have additional event dates in addition to Sunday School. Check it out on our website under "Children/Youth," "Children's Faith Formation 1" or "Children's Faith Formation 2." If you are unable to register online or have questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Confirmation 2014

St. Joseph will be hosting the Sacrament of Confirmation this 2013-2014 school year. If you have a son or daughter that is 16 years of age or older and would like to go through this sacrament, please email Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org. Questions please call 206-965-1652.



The VOICE

The VOICE, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, invites all new members to our Fall season kick-off on Wednesday, September 18th. Join us from 7 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's Parish Center for food, friends and games! (For questions, please contact Sam Kennedy: samk@st-josephparish.org)

Pathfinders

Pathfinders begins Wednesday, October 2nd from 6-7:30 pm. We will meet in the basement of the Parish Center. Pathfinders is our middle school (6th, 7th & 8th grade) youth group focused on service, friendship and fun.

Looking for adult volunteers to support this dynamic ministry. Please contact Dottie Farewell if you are interested, dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652



Pathfinders Youth Group

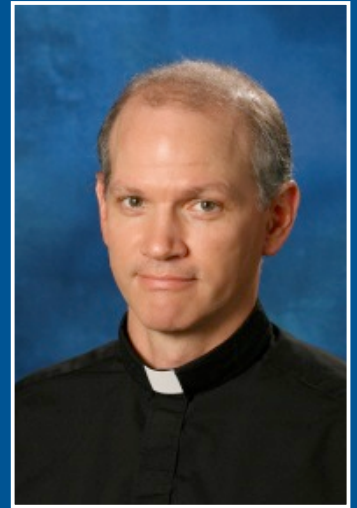
CFF Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Are you curious about what CFF is? Would you like to learn what the sacraments are all about in a new way? Teaching children is a great way to do it! We are looking for some new teachers in our Children's Faith Formation program. We will teach you how to teach - no experience necessary. A background check and safety class are required. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

2013 First Communion Class with Father Whitney

Final Vows of Rev. Jeff McDougall, S.J.

Saturday, 14 September 2013, 5:00 pm Mass, St. Joseph



On 13 August 1994, following two years as a novice, Jeff McDougall took his first vows as a Jesuit. At that time, he pledged his desire to
"enter that same Society & spend my life in it forever."

After years of study & service, including ordination to the priesthood, time as Principal of St. Andrew Nativity School, & now, as Superior of the Capitol Hill Jesuit Community & teacher at Seattle Preparatory School,

the Society of Jesus calls Fr. McDougall to become fully a part of its mission by the Profession of Solemn Vows of Poverty, Chastity, & Obedience, with a special vow of availability for mission.

*This celebration is less about Jeff's pledge than about the response of the community;
less about him & more about us as Jesuit & lay partners.*

A simple, prayerful ceremony, it is a way to recognize what God has done & is doing for us.

*Please join Fr. Pat Lee, S.J.—Jesuit Provincial—& the Jesuit Community in celebrating
our Jesuit connection. Reception to follow.*