

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 27, 2013

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for November 3, 2013

FIRST READING: WISDOM 11:22-12:2

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-2:2

GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 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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All Saints Day & The Month of the Dead

7 am Mass - (*In the church*)

9 am School Mass

5:30 pm Mass of All Saints with remembrance of
our beloved dead

Altar of Remembrance

In the old baptistry an altar of remembrance will be present throughout November. Please bring photos of deceased relatives and friends and light a candle in prayer (please leave contact information on the back of the photo if you want it returned).

Book of Remembrance

At the entrance of the church you are invited to write the names of deceased relatives who will be remembered in the monthly prayers.



Trees, Fog, & All the Saints

The 7:00 am Mass community, which gathers Monday through Friday in the Parish Center, is one of the great graces of St. Joseph, attracting people from all over town and from many different theological understandings. Like the Church herself, this group has diverse histories, diverse ways of praying, and diverse political opinions—yet, somehow, these women and men are united around the gospel of Christ and the mystery of love which is his body and blood. It is wonderful to behold, and a reminder that the promise of the Kingdom of God will somehow transcend our differences, without ever needing to suppress them. Some days, however, when the fog is thick and the morning dark, it is hard to get out of the house and down the road, even knowing that this wonderful vision of the Kingdom is waiting for me on the other side.

Yet, if getting out of the house on time is a chore, it is one that has offered unique rewards this week. Walking through the thick fog, I have been taken by the piercing light from street lamps and passing automobiles. Like fingers of white, pushing through the hazy curtain and illuminating, for just a moment, the sharp silhouette of the autumn leaves, these lamps cast an eerie promise to the morning; a kind of loveliness both unusual and haunting. And as I turn the corner from Roy Street, and see the shades in the fog, passing into the Parish Center or coming at me down the sidewalk, I am struck by the purity of the shape, disconnected by the mist and darkness from color or other characteristics. In these moments, the people are just their shapes, and yet I recognize them—though they seem farther away, beyond my reach or the sound of my voice, muffled in the morning silence. Shortly, as SUV's and minivans begin to assemble, and the voices—piercing the morning mists better than any foghorn—call out on the playground or in front of the school, all the frantic energy and busy-ness of another day will begin; but, still, it feels, this season will not be wholly denied. We move because we must, but the mists slow us (at least a little), and the trees, their leaves aflame in glorious good-bye, distract us from the day and call to us: remember!

It is no wonder, I think, that autumn—this liminal season, between the warm life of summer and the chill dormancy of winter—is the time of year the Church invites us to recall our beloved dead, contemplating the beauty and the promise of their going forth.

The Feast of All Saints began as a celebration of all the martyrs of the Church, killed during the long period of suppression and persecution. When the Church was officially recognized and civilly established in the early 4th century, under the Emperor Constantine, the Greek-speaking churches of the eastern Mediterranean began to commemorate all those who had shared the fate of Jesus in martyrdom; and who, they were certain, now shared his glory. The special place of the martyrs, and their importance in the faith of the early Church—an importance highlighted by the early teaching that only those who had faced martyrdom were capable of absolving sinners—made this commemoration of both the known and unknown “*saints*” a major feast day in the life of eastern Christianity.

By the 6th century, the Feast of All the Martyrs had become a Roman feast, as well as an Eastern one, but it was not yet

located on a particular day. Rather, it became associated with November 1 only when combined with a harvest celebration of the Irish and British Christians, who used their harvest feast to end the liturgical year. In 844, Pope Gregory IV combined these two feasts, and joined them to a third, which commemorated the transformation of the Roman Pantheon from a pagan temple to the church of St. Mary and All the Martyrs. Thus, three streams of liturgical development became one celebration that we now call the *Feast of All Saints* (the name being changed from the *Feast of All Martyrs* as the Church moved farther from its days of persecution and recognized more holy women and men who had not suffered the martyrs’ “*baptism of blood*.”)

As Christianity (and with it, All Saints’ Day) spread throughout the West, it drove out or reconfigured many of the customs of the indigenous people. Rather than simply trying to suppress the beliefs of those they encountered, early Christian missionaries reimagined pagan mythology through the lens of the Church. Thus, the notion that the dead could haunt the living and that ghosts or goblins needed to be appeased was “*Christianized*” in the context of the resurrection of the dead. In the same way that *Mardi Gras* (or *Carnival*) became a time of wild celebration to precede the austerity and penance of Lent, so Halloween—celebrated at the time of harvest, as the earth, itself, seems to sink into a kind of death—became a night of ritual wildness and haunting (i.e., “*Tricks*”), or a night for “*appeasing*” the spirits of death through sacrificed sweets (i.e., “*Treats*”), all occurring before the solemn rites of remembrance for those whose lives that had been marked so clearly by the Holy Spirit.

Through its absorption of the previous pagan rituals, All Saints’ Day—and with it All Hallows’ Eve—became an extremely important part of the Christian West, and gradually became the foundational feast that shaped the entire month of November. In 998, November 2 became an annual commemoration of all those who had died—even those who could not be clearly identified as “*saints*.” This day, which entered the Roman calendar during the 14th century as “*All Souls’ Day*,” encouraged the sense that all of November should be considered a time to remember our own mortality and to pray for and with those who have died. Like shadows in the mist, we commune even with the dead and will enter with them into the light that brings us to Christ’s table.

This November—as blood runs in the streets of Syria, and an eleven year war continues to wound our children and our soul; as immigrants suffer both here and off the coast of Italy, and the politics of anger continues to rage—we are invited to recall that we are surrounded by “*a cloud of witnesses*,” by holy men and women, declared saints and those unknown in the official records. These women and men, who have walked the earth as we do now, who have borne children and buried loved ones, who have labored in the fields and died in fear and hope: these beloved dead hold us and encompass us, bless us with their stories and inspire us with their lives. They bear witness to us that all our sins and sufferings will pass, if we love and hold onto each other, in all our diversity and all our oddness. And if we hold onto Christ, who guides us through the fog and through the fall, setting for us a table of thanksgiving in a kingdom of light and life.

John



Social Ministry

Support Youth Scholarships In El Salvador

Over ten years ago, the community of San Bartolome created a scholarship program Desarrollo Humano Popular (DHP), that helps young people attend college and vocational schools in El Salvador. In exchange for the support, the youth return to Arcatao and perform community service hours to the benefit of the community. A youth who got his degree in Agronomy, for example, returned to his community to help farmers increase their yields. The scholarship has been active since 2002 and more than 200 students have benefitted from it during that time. The amazing thing is, due to the low cost of education in El Salvador, a student can go to school for less than \$1,000 per year, including tuition, housing, food, books, transportation, and tutoring!

This past weekend at all the Masses, Katie Fallon and Nathan Wolfe, two members of our Summer Youth delegation to El Salvador spoke about their experience of visiting our Sister parish. Katie talked about forming community with the youth in Arcatao. Nathan highlighted his experience of being at home in the way he was welcomed during his home stay. Immediately following these reflections we watched a powerful 4 minute video put together by our very own Daniel Stoner that captured how this scholarship fund has literally transformed lives.

This is a rare opportunity to raise a lot of money for a program that, unlike a physical wall on the border, address the root cause of immigration. This past weekend we raised over \$17,000 ... and thanks to the generosity of a handful of anonymous parishioners, all donations of \$100 and up, received by October 31st, will be matched...dollar for dollar...up to \$25,000! So far.. \$15,000 of the \$17,000 collected is eligible to be matched!

Help us reach our maximum matching goal!

If you haven't been involved as much in the Sister Parish relationship as you'd like, here's a wonderful opportunity to show you still care about our relationship by donating \$100 or more, so it can be matched. We've made it really easy: you can get a special envelope at mass, or if you prefer you can donate via the St. Joseph website.

San Bartolomé Delegates to Seattle

We are working on obtaining visas for three San Bartolomé parishioners, so they can visit us this winter or spring. Maria Santos, featured in the video link above, will hopefully be on that delegation, as well as a primary school teacher and committee member. Look for updates in the bulletin on when they will be arriving.

Once again, please prayerfully consider donating if you are able. This is truly a unique program that's worth our support. For more information or to get involved in our Sister parish Relationship, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

The following is a reflection by Meredith McVicar, one of the nine high school students that participated in last summer's youth delegation to our Sister Parish in El Salvador. As you will read in her piece, the opportunity to participate in this relationship is consistently life-giving for the delegates; from resilience amidst tragedy to uninhibited kindness, the people of El Salvador have many lessons to teach us.

A New-Found Perspective

This was my first time in El Salvador and I arrived really enthused to explore a completely new place. I did not, however, expect that from the moment I stepped out from the airport that we would instantly have a warm welcome by three scholarship students named Maria, Elizabeth and Enrique. The way they engaged with us - despite the language barrier - was so fascinating. On previous trips I have taken (even where people speak English) our hosts would be polite but distant, yet here we were laughing in a matter of minutes and jumping right in to getting to know each other.

We spent the first few days of our journey in San Salvador, the capital city, meeting many people and hearing little bits of the history and culture and individual life stories. We never had a chance to spend in-depth time with the different people we met along the way, but each left a lasting impression intensifying this remarkable desire to know more. I was in awe at this point, and we hadn't even been to Arcatao yet. My mind was racing with questions and thoughts. It was the first time in a while where I felt genuinely excited to learn more.

When we arrived in Arcatao, my mind only seemed to race faster with the thirst to find out more about the



Prayer

people and the history. We were able to bounce right into interacting with our peers by playing, or in my case watching, soccer. Over the next few days we met a massive amount of people from all over the community: all willing to share and interact, especially the little kids. At this time, about half way through the trip, I noticed that in each and every conversation I had, no one ever complained about what they have had to face or things they needed. Everything was very matter of fact and to the point. It was a shock. I expected the poverty, war and persecution to summon forth anger or resentment. I thought people would feel victimized because it is the easy thing to do. Instead, I found a people embracing the joys of life before them, with nothing but a positive disposition. It was refreshing to say the least.

My homestay family made this even clearer to me when I talked to them. During the war, my homestay mom, Ana, had lost her first husband, seen her family torn apart and been shot in the leg, but still she kept moving on: living her life and trying to make the best of it. My homestay dad, Nico, was injured fighting and had to leave his home because the military had targeted his town. Both of them had been through so much in their lives but still they were one of the happiest, most hard-working and loving couples I had ever seen. I couldn't help but feel inspired.

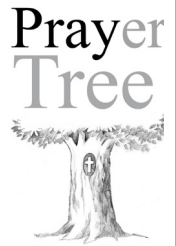
We all take so much for granted and since I have gotten back from my trip, I have noticed that I now look at each and every day as a gift: the opportunity to live a happy life and not let the disappointment and letdowns I have faced creep in. I let the examples of my homestay family and the three scholarship students push me forward, striving to live positively and achieve all that I want even in the face of challenge. Though the effects of the civil war are still very much present, the El Salvadoran people have turned it into a teaching tool: they savor this life that can be ripped away so unexpectedly. It is a lesson I think everyone can apply to their lives everywhere in the world. I know I will never forget this lesson and will hold it dear because since I have gotten back from El Salvador I have been a much happier person with this perspective.



Meredith & Elizabeth

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For those who are having operations, we pray for them . . . "After 60 incredible years, I am leaving my beloved St. Joe's for Mt. St. Vincent and would like to express my most sincere thanks to this Catholic community of faith and love, especially the children. My prayers will continue for each especially my beloved pastor, Fr. John Whitney, to whom I am eternally grateful. Sincere thanks and love, Rosaleen Sweeney."



"May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be."

~ St. Teresa of Avila

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join knitters and crocheters of all abilities to participate in the St. Joes' prayer shawl ministry. The purpose of the ministry is to give someone in need a tangible example of God's love and care. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month beginning November 7th in the parish center....from 7-9 in the evening. Following refreshments and prayer, we will knit or crochet the shawls. People will be welcome to work on their shawls at home in between meetings. When a shawl is finished, a blessing will be given and it will be distributed to someone in need of this special blessing. Patterns will be provided and we will be asking the parish community for yarn and needle donations.

If you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at (206)310-0198 or jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com.

Pray The Rosary

Join with other St. Joseph's Parishioners to pray the Rosary on Monday evenings from 7-8 pm at the home of Jackie Quinn 918 18th Ave E. 324-1780. Newcomers Always Welcome!

No prior experience required. We will teach you...



Social Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul

There's a new convenient way to donate to our parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry we'd like you to know about. There are two donation boxes in the vestibule of the church, and two more in the Parish Center, where you can place items you don't need or want anymore. Clothing, working household items, etc. can be placed in one of the boxes and we'll see they get to one of our stores around the Seattle area.

Next Sunday is our regular first-Sunday collection for dollars and coins that you can contribute. With the arrival of fall weather calls for assistance have begun to pick up so anything you can give is both appreciated and very helpful.

We find there are two groups of people who are most vulnerable as the season turns colder: the elderly, and children. Clothing often is a big need; and heat, which can drive up electricity bills beyond the means of many to pay. Often the poor live in older buildings that have not been insulated. So when the cold hits, they use more energy to stay warm. That drives up their bills. Your donations help us to help them stay warm if they use more than they can afford.

Thank you for your support. Anything you can give we will pass along to those in need!



"Feisty Gospel Women"

A retreat for women, men and all those over the age of 16 with author Kathy Coffey: Saturday, November 2, 11:00am to 3:30pm. Fr. Tony Haycock Center at St. Mary's. Registration: Donna Moriarty, donna7Q9@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone and email address. There is no fee, but a goodwill offering will be taken at the retreat.

Tattoos on the Heart An Ignatian Book Group

3 Tuesday gatherings (November 5, 12 and 19, 2013) |
7:00-8:30 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

David Coffey & Emily Davis, facilitators

For twenty years, Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In his New York Times bestseller, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, Fr. Boyle distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Join us to read and explore this uplifting "quick read," as a reminder that no life is less valuable than another.

COST: \$40 (Reduced fee if you already own the book.)
To register, visit www.ignatiancenter.org or contact Andrea Fontana at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org. Please register by Tuesday, October 29.

A Faithful Response To Mental Illness

Join with JustFaith graduates and other interested people for a seminar on mental illness. Open to All

Saturday, Nov. 16th, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(Gathering and coffee at 8:30, program begins at 9:00)
St. Catherine Siena, Parish Center
814 NE 85th St., Seattle, WA 98115

Presentations include: Keynote Addresses by Randy Revelle (former King County Executive) and Trez Buckland (Assistant Professor UW), Theological Reflection by Fr. Paul Magnano (Pastor, Christ Our Hope), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – "In Our Own Voice" Presentation, Models of Parish Ministry and Advocacy. **Please contact the Missions Office to register and for more information** (missionsoffice@seattlearch.org, 206.382.4580 or 800.869.7028).



Community

"The Singing Thing"

Weekly Reflections the music we use at Mass at St. Joseph



"Introducing the choir at St. Joseph"

People sometimes ask me, "Who was 'so and so' who sang at mass today?" Their singing really moved me. I also talk with the choir and cantors about the importance of their role in helping to lead the prayer of the community through song. We are more than just singers who like to rehearse and sing lovely music together. To that end I'd like to take a few weeks and allow the singers to introduce themselves and share a word about what singing in the choir as part of the music ministry means to them.



Bob Trotter – Master & Commander & Architect – is marking the 60th anniversary of his start in music ministry at St. Joseph's. From boy soprano to bass, Bob has covered the vocal range, by way of choral, solo and canting performances. "For me, singing fuses the horizontal sense of gathering and community with the vertical call of transcendence."



Sara Hogenson - I am so thankful for the opportunity to worship God through song at St. Joseph Parish because I get to bring my two lifelong passions together: music and faith. I see music as a universal language that impacts cultures and religions around the world. It brings people together, enhances any experience, conveys many emotions, and moves us to tears. As a music minister, I long to proclaim God's word and bring others to experience His grace through the unifying power of congregational singing. I aspire to sing as passionately and beautifully as Father John speaks his homilies...an ambitious endeavor indeed!



Gary Fallon - is a native Buffalonian living in Seattle and a member of St. Joe's since 1982. Husband of Leona De Rocco, father of Connor, Michaela, and Katie Fallon, and an attorney and Managing Partner of the law offices of Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson. Gary has been a lector, a member of the School Commission, President of CYO, a member of the Faith Justice Commission, and works overnight at the Men's Shelter once a month and is also a board member for Habitat for Humanity. He loves travel, reading, soccer, baseball, football, and crossword puzzles, but advises that nothing relieves the stress of the workday better than singing. Will also recite poetry upon request.



Eleanor Pollnow was married at St. Joseph 26 years ago, went through RCIA with Fr. Craig Boly, and her three children grew up in this parish. She is an actor, performing locally in Seattle theater and film projects. Married to Charlie Pollnow, she has also been involved in a variety of non-profits related to arts and education. Eleanor has recently rejoined the choir and we are delighted to have her with us!



Stewardship

What is the annual Stewardship Campaign and how is it different from the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Similar to listener-supported radio, St. Joseph depends upon listeners of the Word—and the annual Stewardship Campaign is our pledge drive. Because we are a church, and as such cannot compete for many grants or matching funds, St. Joseph Parish completely depends upon the annual support of parishioners. This is what we call Stewardship—local support of your local parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal, which comes in the Spring, raises money for the functioning of the Archdiocese and its key ministries, but directly benefits St. Joseph Parish only when we raise more than our assessment.

I can't give much. Why is it important that I make a pledge?

If we are to accomplish the work of our strategic plan—or more importantly the work of the Spirit—we must do so together, sharing our wealth, our talent, our time, and our prayers as stewards in the service of the Lord. Your commitment is a visible statement of your active participation in the mission of our Parish. Together, we stand with whatever we can offer, as a faith community committed to be Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.

If you are not able to give financially this year, know that your pledge of prayers—the gift that animates all others—is always needed. Pledge your commitment to pray for, and with, the St. Joseph Community.

Will you publicize my name with the amount I give?

St. Joseph parish staff members strongly believe in protecting the privacy of donors and the confidentiality of information concerning them. Donor records, both hard copy and electronic, and all other donor information are highly confidential and protected by parish policy. Rest assured, we do not share your names, addresses nor gift amounts with any other organization. (Note that all parishioners registered in the Seattle Archdiocese may receive communication from the Archdiocese)

As with previous annual stewardship campaigns, we plan to thank donors publicly by printing only your

name in our bulletin; no dollar amounts will be reflected in the list. If you prefer your commitment remain completely anonymous, simply let us know and we'll be sure to omit your name from our weekly list of thanks.

Should you have any questions whatsoever about our annual Stewardship Campaign, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien, pastoral Assistant for Stewardship and Development at 206.965.1654 or tinao@stjosephparish.org



Tee Earls & Troy Kaser

We've always been impressed by St. Joseph Parish's commitment to helping those in our extended community — not only in words but in action. We give to keep those efforts alive and to support the call of Jesus to love and serve our neighbor. We've always found our faith strongest when viewed through



the lens of local parish life, and we want our son to grow up in a community that strives to live what the gospel preaches.

Are You Getting the E-Blast?

Every Thursday, St. Joseph Parish sends out Fr. John's column & other upcoming events electronically. If you haven't subscribed, you can do so, no muss, no fuss. Go to the subscribe button at www.stjosephparish.org and you can be one of the cool kids, too.



Get Connected!



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The Faith of Pope Francis

Before he was elected to the papacy, Jorge Mario Bergoglio served as Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires. During that time, he was interviewed about his faith and his vision, in a book that was originally published, in Spanish, as **"The Jesuit."** This book, republished as **"Pope Francis: His Life in His Own Words"** contains many fascinating insights, including the following document. What would it be like if each of us were to write a testimony such as this for ourselves? Here is how it is described in the text:

It is a scrap of paper, faded by the passing years, with a heartfelt declaration of faith, which he wrote "at a time of great spiritual intensity," shortly before being ordained, and which today he would happily write again.

It reads:

I wish to believe in God the Father, who loves me as a son, and in Jesus, our Lord, who fills me with the Holy Spirit in my life so that I may smile and thus carry me to the kingdom of eternal life.

I believe in my history, which is infused with the loving gaze of God, who, on a spring day of September 21, crossed my path and invited me to follow Him.

I believe in my pain, though often made barren by my selfishness, in which I seek refuge.

I believe in the abjection of my soul, which seeks to swallow whole without giving back. . . without giving back.

I believe in the kindness of others, and that I must love them without fear, without ever betraying them in search of my safety.

I believe in the religious life.

I believe I wish to love in abundance.

I believe in everyday death, which burns, and from which I flee, but which smiles at me, inviting me to accept it.

I believe in the embracing patience of God, as gentle as a summer evening.

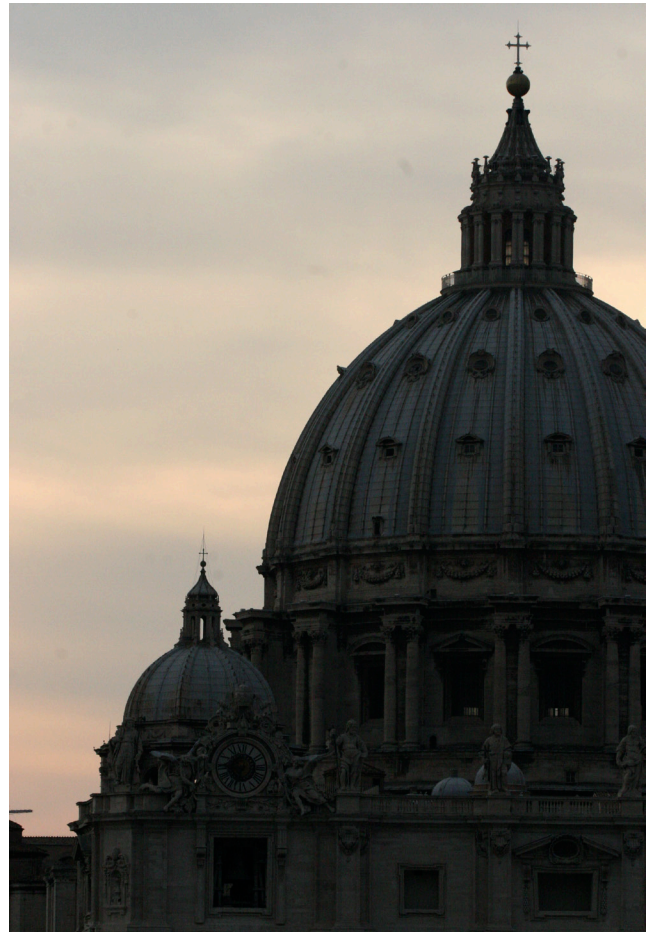
I believe that my father is in heaven at the Lord's side.

I believe that Father Duarte [his former confessor] is also there, interceding on behalf of my priesthood.

I believe in Mary, my mother, who loves me and who will never leave my side.

And I await the surprise of each day in which love, strength, betrayal, and sin shall become manifest, which shall accompany me until the final meeting with that magnificent face, of which I know nothing, from which I constantly flee, but which I wish to know and love.

Amen.



All Saints' Day Special Collection For the Refugees of Syria

On 1 November 2013
St. Joseph Parish
will collect money to support the
Jesuit Refugee Service
in its care of those displaced by the war in Syria.

As we remember our beloved dead,
& the cloud of witnesses
that are the Saints, let us become,
ourselves, God's grace for the world.

