

*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 24, 2013*

**Reflection Next Week:
Monica Stein**

Readings for December 1, 2013

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday, 7 am, 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

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Thanksgiving Grace

God of earth & sky,
Spirit of water & of flame,
Jesus Christ, our welcome & our guest:
Abundant are the graces of our table;
Abundant are the blessings of our lives;
Abundant are the friends you gather 'round us;
Abundant are the prayers that for us rise.
May we be thankful for abundance,
and for the gifts we share.
May we be blessing to your children,
and bringers of your care.
May we be healers of your world
and bearers of your peace;
And may we now in humble joy,
be thankful for this feast!

Amen.



2014 Stewardship Fund

As of November 21, 2013

Amount Pledged: \$755,135.00

Goal: \$1,500,000.00

Answering the Call of Pope Francis

When a member of the Society of Jesus professes his final vows, he makes a special vow of obedience to the Holy Father for mission. In this vow, every professed Jesuit understands himself to be ready to go to the ends of the earth—as Francis Xavier did, as Matteo Ricci did, as Isaac Jogues did—for the sake of a mission given by the Pope. I made such a vow, on my knees before the altar at St. Joseph, as the Provincial held up the Blessed Sacrament and my former students and family looked on. I made it in all sincerity and filled with zeal. But, honestly, even when I said it, I never imagined that the Pope would ever call upon me, directly. Rather, I imagined, like most Jesuits, my mission would come from my Provincial or, perhaps, from the Superior General of the Society; in other words, through the ordinary channels of authority. After all, when those first Jesuits made their vows, the world was a much smaller place. Today, the Pope is half a world away, and talks to bishops and cardinals, or the heads of religious orders. I, on the other hand, am just one somewhat annoying Catholic priest on the far end of a pretty unchurched region of the world. Why would the Pope call on me for anything? Or care what I was thinking?

Hence, my surprise when Pope Francis called on me—and by the way, on all of you, too—for advice and wisdom about the evangelization of the family in the contemporary Church. Who would have predicted this?

The Synod of Bishops began under Pope Paul VI in the 1970's as a means of following-up on Vatican II's summons to greater collegiality between the Pope and the bishops of the world. Meant as an advisory meeting, such Synods brought bishops from all over the world to advise, consult, and discuss important matters with the Pope. Originally meant to break through the bureaucracy that separated the Pope from the bishops, the Synods gradually lost this purpose, as the very people who ran the bureaucracy became those in charge of organizing the Synods, from the topics discussed to the final documents. In the last few years, these documents have often been mostly pre-arranged, mitigating the role of debate or discernment in the Synods themselves. Rather than hearing and responding to the experience of the array of bishops, the voices were largely familiar, and the input of individual bishops somewhat limited.

Early in his papacy, Francis implied a desire for more dialogue and discernment, brining into the Vatican consulting bishops from around the world. It was clear to many he hoped to revitalize the graces of Vatican II by creating Synods with greater consultative strength and, perhaps, even authority. Yet, few could imagine that the Pope would go even further.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced that the next Synod of Bishops, whose Ordinary General Assembly was due to be held in 2015, would be preceded by an Extraordinary General Assembly in 2014. Declaring that the issue to be discussed at the Synod would be *Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization*, Francis asked that the extraordinary session first explore the state of the question, so that the ordinary assembly might make recommendations and offer directions. He then asked the bishops, to whom he hoped to listen, to listen themselves to the people in their communities.

In asking the bishops of the world to listen to the ordinary women and men of the Church, in calling you and me and every other member of St. Joseph Parish to put our two-cents in about the issues to be addressed at the upcoming Synod, Pope Francis is signaling something quite radical: ***the Church begins with us***. This huge institution, which seems so far away, up the great ladder of hierarchy and across the sea in Rome, begins with the experience of God in the heart and life of individual men and women of faith, who are brought together by the love of Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. In this call, Francis reminds us of the words of the Second Vatican Council: *"All the faithful scattered throughout the world are in communion with each other in the Holy Spirit so that 'he who dwells in Rome knows those in most distant parts to be his members'" (Lumen Gentium, 13)*. And in a way more profound and amazing than most of us have experienced, 'he who dwells in Rome' is clearly interested and enriched by the experience of you and me.

To answer the summons of the Pope in the short time available, dioceses and parishes around the world have sought various methods and tools. At St. Joseph, we will offer two venues of response: **a written survey, and a series of forums**. The survey, which should be available on our website on Monday, will offer a link to the preparatory document given to the bishops, as well as a questionnaire, distilled from that document. Parishioners will be invited to offer both quantifiable data, and, if desired, written responses on the issues to be discussed at the Synod. Further, on **Thursday, 5 December at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm**, and **Thursday, 12 December at 7:00 pm**, in the Parish Center, we will offer forums for open dialogue on the issues, with note cards and note-takers available.

Much to my surprise, I (and all of us) have received a mission from the Pope. I hope that in fulfilling it, we will give greater life and hope both to the Church universal and to St. Joseph.





Stewardship

We Care for St. Joseph Stewardship Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges thus far. To date, we have received **302 pledges totaling \$755,135.00**. We are endlessly grateful for your care of and commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

Tracy Anne Bier • Shaun & Reed Corry • Charles Dickey & Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey, Patrick & Marlene Dineen, Rosemary & Michael Dunigan • Tee Earls & Troy Kaser • Maureen Farley, Anne Fortun, Erin & Philip Friedman • Paul & Emily Gomez • Regina Hall and Ada Healey, Patrick & Pamela Healey, Ciaran Healey, Susan Heffernan & Craig Smith, Kathleen Herrmann, Paul & Alice Hill • Brian & Jeannie Jaybush, Mark & Laura Jennings • El Marie Kam, Cara Kroenke & Abby Larson • Colleen McAlerney, Alicia Miller, Greg & Mary Moga, Jeffrey Morneau, Petra Murphy • Dee Nistl & Christine Kelly • John & Jeanne O'Brien • Nick & Marianne Pettijohn • Daniel & Karen Quinn-Shea • Robert & Lisa Ratliffe, Andrew & Keri Read, Louise Robinson, James & Brooke Rufo Hill • Rich & Mary Santi, Paul & Debra Sauvage, Kelly Hufty & Dave Self, Jonathan & Monica Sham, Albert Smith & Kristine Brynildsen-Smith, David & Marti Spicer • Mike & Julie VanDerZanden, Michael Vila • Brian Werner & Catherine Crisham, Joseph & Donna Whitford, Stanford & Courtney Wyatt

We ask each and every Parish family to complete a pledge envelope, whether or not you are able to make a financial gift. Your affirmation of membership and pledge of prayers is enough for us but we want to know that you join us in this gracious and holy work.

Please, if you haven't done so already, take a close look at our annual report, ask any questions you may have about our strategic plan or finances, and prayerfully consider what gift-- if any-- you may be able to pledge to our parish in the coming year. Together, we stand united, Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve. And in doing so become what Pope Francis calls the Church to be: a home for all people, not a chapel for a selected few.

CCS Weekend at St. Joseph

During this sacred season, as we encounter anew the Holy Family, we are reminded once again of the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in our communities. The story of Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph, and the joy he brought into the world, invites us to renew our own commitment to loving and compassionate service to those struggling with poverty.

Every day, we come together as one Catholic community in an effort to offer hope and joy to those most in need within our communities. Through our shared efforts and commitment, Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services are able to provide care to over 99,000 people each year throughout Western Washington.

- The homeless and hungry are sheltered and fed
- Families move into safe homes and communities
- Vulnerable elders are cared for and able to remain in their homes
- And children and teens find safety and security they need to thrive

In many different ways and with great hope and faith, we fight to overcome the injustice of poverty and homelessness. Because of God's grace and love for us, we reach out to others in our communities who so deeply need our love and compassion. Through our shared efforts we are living examples of God's presence and love for all people.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
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Stewardship

A Special Thanks

On this feast of Christ the King, we give thanks for the way parishioners of St. Joseph embody our mission every day. We are truly contemplatives in action!! So much of what we do will never be seen by the whole, yet we hope you know how much your volunteer time, sharing of talents, and giving is appreciated.

In addition to the many ways you regularly provide to St. Francis House, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Martin de Porres, St. Joseph School, St. Joseph Baby Corner, and countless other ministries that call to your heart (and to which you support directly), below is an overview of the financial gifts that our community offered during special collections in the recent liturgical year:

Scholarship Fund for students in our Sister Parish in El Salvador \$52,762.00

Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services \$29,695.00

Catholic Relief Services \$27,305.25

Jesuit Refugee Services \$5,162.52

Rice Bowl \$2,624.27

St. James Cathedral Kitchen \$2,318.00

St. Mary's Food Bank \$1,933.00

Noel House \$1,629.71

World Missions Office \$667.50

Chief Seattle Club \$585.15

We can't thank you enough for your generosity and for answering the call to love and serve those in need!



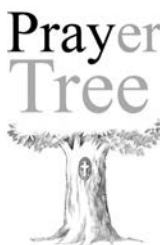
Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

~Proverbs 19:17



Advent at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Peace and love surround and sustain Joan and her family . . . For Ralph's upcoming cataract surgeries . . . For Kim and John and Evy and Ben on their trip to Israel . . . For those who have a chronic illness, may they be made comfortable . . . For Kelly's well being... For Donald's eyes to heal quickly after having eye surgery last Friday.



"With his wounds we are healed."

~ Isaiah 53:5

Men's Advent Gathering

Please join us on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am – 11:00 am for our Annual Men's Advent Gathering in the Parish Social Hall. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and renewal as we make room in our lives and hearts for the birth of Christ. Tim Reilly, Toan le Duc and John Paul will be our Animators. For more information please contact Dn. Steve at (206) 965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org

Advent Reflection Day with Edwina Gateley

In God's Womb: Your Soul Journey with God

Saturday December 14, 2013

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Shoreline Conference Center

Edwina Gateley, a favorite presenter at our Convocations, will;

- Explore how our relationship with God changes & grows
- Be the prophetic witnesses we are called to be in our church & world. Contact the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center: ipjc@ipjc.org/206.223.1138

"On the Road to Bethlehem"

Saturday, December 14th, 10 am

**A TIME OF RECONCILIATION
& RENEWAL IN ADVENT**

This year, in a move to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation within a larger context of prayer, Fr. John will be offering a morning of reflection and renewal--a miniature retreat in the midst of Advent. On Saturday, 14 December 2013, from 10 am until 1:00 pm, members of the Parish are invited to come and pray in the church around the theme of journeying to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph. During this time, confessors will be available and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered continually. Each hour, a brief prayer and scriptural reflection will be presented, with points for prayer.

*Come for 15 minutes, for an hour,
or for the whole morning!*

"Once Upon a Time in a Town Called Nazareth"

An Advent Retreat with Betsey Beckman & Kathleen Kichline

Friday, Dec 6, 5 – 9 pm, Saturday, Dec 7, 9 am - 5 pm

Kathleen and Betsey are repeating the popular Advent Retreat of last year but this time offering it locally as a sleep-at-home commuter retreat, a convenient drive away at Maplewood Presbyterian, Edmonds, 19325 84th Ave. W. Enter into the Advent journey through music, word, movement, art and story. It all began in Nazareth, so let's go there once again to prepare our hearts for His coming. Cost of the retreat is \$100 and includes a soup supper on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Women of all Christian traditions are invited to come. So bring a friend and register at Kathleen@sistersinscripture.com or Betsey@thedancingword.com or call 425-418-2452.



Prayer

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 28th, 10:00 am

Please join with the community at 10:00 am mass (there will be no early morning mass on Thanksgiving). **Please bring two items of food or drink. One, from your table to be blessed at the altar during mass; and the second item of food for Francis House, so that others might also be blessed by your generosity.** Our collection will be donated to St. Francis House. Here is some information on the work done there.

In Memory of Henry

Henry first appeared on the doorstep of St. Francis House (SFH) in 2007. He was living outdoors on a vacant lot off MLK - a secluded spot in an otherwise crowded neighborhood. His tent was surrounded by blackberry brambles and his only neighbors were two feral cats that he fed when he could.

Like so many clients of SFH Henry enjoyed morning coffee, maybe a donut, and certainly a sandwich. Henry also obtained from SFH the usual camping gear that made his campsite his home; pots, sleeping bag, and a blanket.

But unlike most SFH clients, Henry took an active role volunteering to do sundry chores such as mopping floors and cleaning bathrooms, ultimately becoming the person who unloaded cars of donated goods that arrive daily. If you brought something to SFH in the last couple years chances are Henry helped you.

Over the ensuing two years Henry turned his life around as the SFH family embraced him. At last we saw Henry happy. He was contributing to society, no longer a drag on it. He felt good physically and emotionally. Mention his apartment and his smile could not be contained. He was an integral part of the SFH family touching the hearts of volunteers, donors, and clients. His role at SFH provided a sense of self-esteem and a family that cared about his well-being as he turned his attention to others who are still struggling on the street.

Sadly, Henry died of a heart attack last month at age 59. He had lived a hard life and it caught up with him. A memorial service at SFH was attended by volunteers and clients – over 50 in total. To learn more about Francis House including opportunities to volunteer email St.Francis@live.com or 206-621-0945

We miss you Henry.

Baptism for Older Children

If you have a child four years of age and older whom you would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, Our first gathering for parents and children will be **Monday, December 16th, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** in the Parish Center beginning with a potluck supper. The plan is to meet monthly (Dec-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. For more information contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Praying Advent with the Mystics

Presented by Sisters and Associates
of St. Joseph of Peace

Saturday, December 7, 2013

from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary-on-the-Lake, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue,
WA 98004

Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. Please park in the field near Killarney Way. We encourage you to carpool. To register or for more information, contact Sr. Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-635-3600 or e-mail clittle@csjp-olp.org

Please register by November 30.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

We have about six people currently participating in the RCIA process who are in need of a sponsor. A sponsor is a faith companion who accompanies the RCIA participant in their journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Faith. The commitment is some Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm, being available to accompany RCIA participant at Sunday mass and participation in 2-3 Liturgies and being available to get together and answer questions. Sponsors begin in December and finish up in May.

This is a very rewarding way to share your faith with someone and help welcome them into the community. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



Social Ministry

St. Joseph Baby Corner

Thank you, Friends!

Your response in October put much-needed items back on our shelves!

More than 5,000 diapers, hundreds of pajamas and T-shirts (new and used), blankets, and other clothing and toys arrived in the weeks following our appeal.

There were also several generous donations of cash, which enabled us to purchase necessary hygiene items for babies and toddlers. We can't thank you enough!

St. Mary's Food Bank

Turkeys donated by St. Joseph's School & Church being delivered to the Food Bank for Thanksgiving distribution. Thank you so much!



Principal Patrick Fennessy and Deacon Steve dropping off the turkeys at St. Mary's Food Bank to be delivered to families in time for Thanksgiving.

St. Vincent de Paul

She wanted to pay back for the help she had received over the years from St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul volunteers—and your contributions. So it was with great joy and delight this past week when she appeared at the Parish Center with a check for \$500.00. Here's the back story.

This lady had been a part-time caregiver, working out of and living in her mother's home right here in our neighborhood. She is not a member of the parish. Her requests for help were not very large, some times for help with her electric bill, other times for food. She looked after a fellow with heart trouble, some diabetes, and other ailments. But her income was not much and too often very intermittent.

Her mother took ill. Upon her death, the home became the property of our client and her sister. They decided to sell it. Once the sale was complete, our client remembered St. Vincent de Paul and so this wonderful gift came our way.

From time to time the people we see remark how when their fortunes improve they will donate back. That does not always work out for them. But when it does, they do give back. Generosity is contagious. We pray our client will now be able to finally escape the travails of poverty. Thanks to your donations that were able to help her in times of need, she now is in a position to return the favor.



Communion for the Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact Fr. Glen Butterworth 206-965-1643, gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org, or Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

“The Singing Thing” - Weekly Reflections the music we use at Mass at St. Joseph



“Singing fashions a community, as the harmony of voices fosters the harmony of hearts. It eliminates the differences of age, origin and social class and it brings everyone into one accord in praising God.”
PAUL VI

This past Friday was November 22, the Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. According to legend, Saint Cecilia was beheaded because she would not forsake her vow of virginity. She is the patron of musicians, singers and poets. Her association with music is most likely related to a line from her Passio (the oldest historical account of her life) where she is said to have sung “in her heart to Christ” as the musician played at her wedding. Upon its foundation in 1584, the Academy of Music in Rome declared her the patron saint of musicians. Saint Cecilia’s popularity grew so much that several hymns were written in her honor and her life is referenced in Chaucer’s *The Canterbury Tales*. In fact, her name is mentioned in the Roman canon of the mass. Already in the 4th century a church in Cecilia’s honor was erected in Rome on the site where her house once stood. In the following century a rather fanciful account of her martyrdom was written. Cecilia’s relics were discovered in the catacomb of Praetextus by Paschal I (817-824), and moved to her church. When the church was remodeled in 1599 her grave was opened and her body was found “incorrupt.”

MEMBERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CHOIR



Mary Jo Bench – I have been married 31 happy years to Rod Bench. In 1987 we joined St. Joseph’s Parish and our seven children received the sacraments at this Church and attended St. Joseph’s School. This community has wrapped their arms around our family when our infant daughter, Rachel, died in 1990; when Rod became a Catholic at Easter Mass in 1992 and most recently during a prayer service for our son, Reilly, when he was gravely ill in February 2013. My mother’s Irish family included 4 Catholic priests and the Mass, singing and dancing were a part of our heritage. Our six sons are either employed (!) or in grad school/college and our daughter is a senior in high school. I re-joined the choir because I enjoy being a part of something at St. Joseph’s Parish and I love to sing in harmony with fellow members!



Joan Robertson - I joined the choir four directors ago after my children complained that I sang too loudly in the congregation and was embarrassing. Under the able tutelage of Robert McCaffery-Lent, I am still as enthusiastic about singing, and hopefully less embarrassing. I love to sing. I love liturgical music. I love the community of the choir and of St. Joseph’s Parish. And after learning a lot about choral singing in the St Joseph’s Choir, I was able to join Mirinnesse Women’s Choir where I get to sing both sacred and secular music. I am also a Pediatrician at Pediatric Associates in Bellevue and occasionally sing to my patients to soothe them (or perhaps startle them into quiescence). And my daughters are now grown and now proud of my singing.



Lillian “Scotty” Ottoviano - The 9:00 AM choir is like a community within a larger community. We seem to enjoy the music as an antidote to the challenges of living in the hustle of the digital age. We enjoy rehearsing in the church itself because the sound echoes far into the corners of the wall recesses and wraps itself around each of us like a warm friendly blanket. We enjoy the various textures of the instruments that accompany our voices which include the piano, the banjo, organ, and others such as the flute. The organ which is skillfully managed by John Stuntebeck, often captures our special attention even as the Mass is concluding. We stand there to hear every concluding note and we are happy to clap as a thank-you.



Community

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series

Seattle University Choir A Festival of Christmas

Friday, December 6, 2013, 8 pm
Sunday, December 8, 2013, 2 pm

A Seattle tradition you won't want to miss - the Seattle University Choir's annual candlelit Christmas concert presented in St. Joseph Church, one of our city's loveliest historic spaces. Hear the enchanting echos of outstanding singing. The choir offers a wide variety of textures and styles, including the men singing Biebl's moving Ave Maria, and Healy Willan's charming Tyrlé, Tyrlow sung by the women's voices. Thrill to the lush harmonies of Pavel Chesnokov's Salvation is Created, sung by the large mixed choir.

Other composers include: Thomas Weelkes, John Rutler, Michael Praetorius, Richard Dering, to name a few, plus numerous carols to warm the heart, including the traditional Nigerian carol, Betelehemu.

Tickets available for purchase at the door.

Choral Arts with Bob McCaffery-Lent, Director of Music and Liturgy

Christmas with Choral Arts

Sunday, December 15, 2013, 7:30 pm

Choral Arts' signature program, Christmas with Choral Arts, is our gift to you during this holiday season. An hour-long concert of uninterrupted music with interludes played by classical guitarist Bob McCaffery-Lent provides a reflective and peaceful experience. Escape the hustle and bustle of this hectic time of year and let Choral Arts fill your soul with our unique collage concert including chant, traditional carol settings, unaccompanied choral favorites, and new works.

"When the brief audience sing-along ended and Choral Arts' final song faded into silence, the audience drew itself up for a standing ovation. What a gift, that perfect little hour of music." - Seattle Times

For more information about this concert, visit www.choral-arts.org.

St Joseph's Almost Boomers Christmas Caroling Party

Single? Married? Single again? Married again? If you are a St Joseph's Parishioner 45-75ish you are an Almost Boomer. Please join us for Caroling and good food and company.



Sunday December 15th, 6:00 PM

The party is graciously hosted by MaryBeth & Dick Gemperle at 1116 15th Ave East. Please bring a hearty appetizer or dessert, and beverages to share.

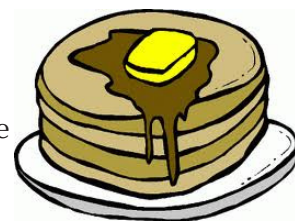
For information or to help, call Mary Beth at 325-0784 or Carolyn Baker at 324-3695

Seniors On the Go

- Friday, December 6th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.
- Tuesday, December 16th - Seniors Monthly Potluck, 6 pm in the Social Hall. Call Mary Ott 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 for details.

Family Mass & Breakfast

Sunday, December 8th, after the
9:00 am Mass
Parish Pancake Breakfast
Crafts for the Kids



Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit; \$5 per person, kids 4 & under eat free.

There will be no CFF 1 through Junior High classes that day; this is a CFF1 & 2 Event

Thank you, St. Joseph

I never cease to be amazed at how great is the heart of this community.

When the forces of nature destroyed Haiti, you responded.

When earthquake and tsunami wounded Japan, you responded.

Now, when so many other commitments might lead you to turn away, you have, instead, turned towards our sisters and brothers in the Philippines.

Thank you, for the \$26,688.75 raised
for Catholic Relief Services,
but even more, thank you for being a light of Christ in the world.

*"No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bushel basket,
they put it on the table, where it gives light to all in the house."*
