

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2014

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

Readings for January 12, 2014

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

www.stjosephparish.org

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WELCOME!

Next Saturday January 11th we welcome the following Adults inquiring into the Catholic Faith at the Rite of Acceptance during the 5:00 pm Mass. Please come & join in welcoming them!

Jonathan Lin

Katie Au

Frank Au

Olivia Liang

Thomas Burnside

Maureen Spier

Melanie Roussos

Grant Atkinson

Jen Crisera

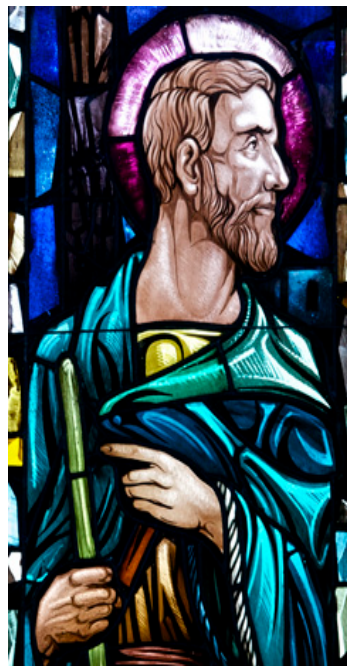
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2014 Stewardship Fund

As of December 23, 2013

Amount Pledged: \$1,087,793.00
Goal: \$1,500,000.00

New Year

*God, who thinks about
poetry all the time, breathes happily as He
repeats to Himself: There are fish in the net,
lots of fish this time in the net of the heart.*

-Linda Gregg-

I have been filled with thoughts about the ocean; memories of those mornings when I would walk the beach in Santa Cruz—the clouds low and grey, the fog running across the water onto the sand, and the morning light, barely perceived in its rising, pushing its way over the eastern hills. I loved to go down to the very edge of the water, where the froth and the occasionally ambitious wave would make me step sideways to avoid getting my shoes too wet. Usually dressed in a hoody under my coat and jeans, I would pass the early morning surfers: both young ones—with the bits of body art and those Mexican cotton pull-overs—and older ones, their grey hair wet and shining as they climbed out of the water with their long boards and headed towards their BMW's on the way to work in Silicon Valley. After a few blocks on the sand, I would climb up, where the waves were hitting the rocks, and take to the road until I came to Pleasure Point, where I would get a coffee and watch the surfers ply their trade or the paddle boarders moving through the calm kelp-beds past the point.

And here I would pray: for my family—both living and dead, for my friends across the world, for the Jesuits with whom I had cast my lot, for the ministries in which I had served and for those which I had been asked to consider. I would pray for healing, and for the strength to let go of old hurts; for wisdom and for the freedom to accept calls that were given to me. I prayed, surrounded by the sacraments of earth and water, of chilling fog and warming coffee. I prayed, and was visited by angels disguised as seals or otters, as pelicans gliding over the waves or as heron feeding in the tidal pools. And in my prayer, I encountered the great tidal motions of grace, flowing in and flowing out, marking the hours and the years, always the same and ever-changing; grace, which, like the sea itself, wears away the massive stones and yet offers a place of refuge for the weary bird and the lounging otter. In the year I spent along that shore, looking out over that wondrous ocean—what one poet called, “our

great grey mother”—I came to believe, more deeply and more personally, in the powerful and gradual unfolding of the Incarnation. Even now, I believe it deeply: that Christ Jesus, born in a hidden place at the heart of the world, is at work in my heart, in all hearts, and in the fiber of the world, redeeming and creating something new.

As the old year ends and the new year begins, grace has brought me back to that bench overlooking the ocean, and to that sense of pending and continuous Incarnation. This is not mere optimism. I see, at the birth of this year, the tragedy of South Sudan and Syria; I feel the shame of our national infatuation with guns and our dismissal of the poor; I wear the sorrow that comes from watching a government that spies on its own, and a Church that still too often proclaims punishment rather than love. No, the Incarnation is not about optimism, but hope: the unwavering trust that God is at work in the world, that the Holy Spirit is wearing away the stones of violence and foolishness that we have tied around our neck. Hope is not based on denial or blindness, but on the deep vision that comes from watching the ocean, from feeling the earth in its growth and its constant re-creation. Hope sees the rising of the tide, even as the tide rolls out, and the return of life, even when life seems threatened. Hope, held in the hands like a warm cup of coffee and in the heart like a vision of the morning, redeems our past and prepares our lives for the journey yet to come. Hope is the virtue of a pilgrim people, alive in a world graced by its Creator; it is a virtue uniquely suited to the followers of the Incarnate Christ.

So, let us greet 2014 as companions in hope, as pilgrims called to walk together along this stretch of beach. May we do so with eyes open and hearts ready for all that the day will bring. Know that you are all in my prayers, now and always.





Social Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul



This weekend we will have a collection for St. Vincent de Paul to support their good works in our neighborhood!

CAPPELLA ROMANA 22ND SEASON 2013-14

Thank you St. Joseph's Parish:
Save 15%
Platinum + Gold tickets
with coupon code "StJoseph"
cappellaromana.org

JANUARY 2014 CAPPELLA ROMANA PRESENTS

ARCTIC LIGHT
FINNISH ORTHODOX
CHORAL WORKS

TIMO NUORANNE guest dir. (HELSINKI)

8pm, Saturday, January 18, 2014
St. Joseph's Parish 732 18th Ave E

For its debut at St. Joseph's parish, Cappella Romana presents a sumptuous program, which sold out in 2008, of music from the Finnish Orthodox Church. This music marries the shining Northern clarity of sound with a sonic richness clearly linked to the traditions of Russian choral singing.

TICKETS START AT \$25

Also in Portland Jan. 17
WITH CD PRE-RELEASE!

Free pre-concert talk one hour prior to the performance.

cappellaromana.org
503-236-8202 or 800-494-8496

Seniors On the Go

- **Friday, January 10th** - Healing Mass, 11:30 am, with lunch following in the Parish Center (**Note Date Change**)

St. Joseph Parish Couple's Retreat

January 31-February 2, 2014 at LaConner Channel Inn

"Pack Your Bag With the Essentials for Your Life Together"

Cost \$300 (plus \$70 for dinner per couple Saturday evening) Contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski: stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center Young Adult Interfaith Conference

January 12th, 2014 1:30-6pm

St. Marks Cathedral, Seattle

If you're in your 20s/30s and have a dream for our world, you do not want to miss this conference! Come together with people of diverse faiths to build an interfaith community; experience and share faiths and traditions; network for the common good; and create interfaith action for a better world. Cost \$12, scholarships available. More information at www.ipjc.org



Community

Packing Our Bags

essentials for a life together

St. Joseph's Marriage-Enrichment Weekend

January 31–February 2, 2013

La Conner Country Inn

\$300 per couple*

Partial scholarships available

Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday

Saturday lunch and afternoon on your own

*Saturday group dinner an additional \$63 per couple

Register with Deacon Steve by January 6

206-965-1646 or stevev@stjosephparish.org





Prayer

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.

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.



For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@questoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

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 in **January**. Please email Deacon Steve if you would like more information stevev@stjosephparish.org

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

For parents to raise their children with love, peace and the strength of Catholic values . . . For Josette's upcoming surgery . . . For those who are seeking employment, may they find their niche . . . For those who have retired, may they know God's blessings, may they enjoy good health, and may they consider an opportunity to serve others through volunteer activities . . . For the caregivers who have made a difference in helping others by their presence and helpfulness.

Prayer Tree



*"Bless us, Lord, with your peace;
Make your light shine within us,
So that your presence may be known
And you love appear to all people . . ."*

~ Psalm 67

Eucharist For Peace at Bangor Submarine Base

On January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Day, the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action will offer a Mass for peace at the gates of the Bangor Nuclear Submarine base. Fr. Bill Bichsel, S.J. will preside.

11:30 am, Gather at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action 16159 Clearcreek Rd, Poulsbo, WA

12:00 pm, Mass at the Bangor main gate

For more information, contact Fr. Bill Bichsel 253-304-6612 or www.gzcenter.org



ground zero center for nonviolent action



*“And behold, they were visited by
wise men from the east. . .”*

Fr. Jack O'Leary came by for a brief but blessed
visit this Christmas season.

In town mostly to visit family,
he dropped by the Parish Center to see the old
gang & make sure the Pastor was working.

Jack reports he is doing well in Spokane,
though it is quite an adjustment to be with men
he knew 50 years ago. He remains active,
& enjoys walking near the river or around the
Gonzaga campus. Though he brought no gold,
frankincense, or myrrh, he remains faithful
prayer for all of us, & was sorry he could not see
everyone. We remain blessed by this friend &
his care for us all.