

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 9, 2014

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for February 16, 2014

FIRST READING: SIRACH 15:15-20

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37

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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Welcome Sister Parish Delegation From San Bartolome in El Salvador

Please take a moment this weekend to welcome our visitors from our sister parish in El Salvador.

Rosa has been the glue of our Sister Parish relationship for over 20 years. She and her family lived thru the horrific civil war in El Salvador including living for months at a time in the mountains to escape the military. Rosa is the person who coordinates all our delegation visits to El Salvador. She has recently opened a museum in Arcatao to tell the story of the war. She is a walking example of faith, hope and perseverance.

Vicenta is a member of the sister parish committee but lives and teaches in a neighboring town of Carasca. We are excited to have Vincenta come up and spend most of her time in our school. Vincenta's smile and life of service is an inspiration.

Maria is the young woman who was in the video we showed at all the Masses last Fall to raise funds for the Sister Parish Scholarship Fund. Maria returned to Arcatao after finishing college and is working as a Counsellor as well as Youth Minister. She is the future of El Salvador and her enthusiasm is contagious.



The Church Is An Inefficient Mess

I hate to garden. I hate the planting and the watering and the weeding and the harvesting. I hate it all. But most of all, I hate the waiting. If I want flowers or vegetables, I go to QFC and pick up what I want. It's quick, it's convenient, it's immediate. The notion of sticking something into the ground and waiting for it over several months—through the shoot, through the bud, through the flower, through the fruit—seems an incredible waste of time. I am sure patience is a virtue; I am sure I need it. . . I just want it now!

This week, standing in the cold on 4th Avenue, I rejoiced as “our” Seahawks rode by in triumph; yet, even as I stood there, I could feel myself impatient with the waiting and with a slight sense that my being there was just a bit hypocritical. After all, I know that neither I nor most of the 700,000 people freezing beside me were there at the countless practices, or were cheering on the many cold mornings that these unlikely champions were laboring to become what they are today. Like buying flowers at QFC, I must admit that I prefer to pick my teams already grown and beautiful, and when they are not, I grow impatient and move along to something else.

But if my impatience is (usually) benign, the quest for efficiency and quick satisfaction that permeates our culture is not always so gentle. It manifests itself in ways that overlook real human suffering and avoid the long struggles so often necessary for justice. It can even lead to a kind of self-destructive resignation by which life becomes just another tool to be managed with efficiency. I recall a case in Texas, where a middle-aged man, convicted of a double-murder and awaiting execution, appeared on television. Speaking to the prison chaplain, he noted that he had been in trouble most of his life. Now, he said, in prison, he felt he was finally at peace with God. But he wasn't sure that it would last, and in a strange distortion of the prayer offered by Simeon when he saw the child Jesus appeared with his parents in the Temple (“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation”), this prisoner told the chaplain: “If I have to die, it should be now, when at least I am sure of going to heaven. I'm not sure what state I'll be in later.”

There is a grim efficiency in such a statement, an efficiency perhaps characteristic of our whole culture. How often we look to the bottom-line, to the results that we desire, and then seek to reach those results as quickly and expeditiously as possible. We want nourishment, but we don't want to spend the time needed for 3 minute oatmeal, so we grab a breakfast bar on the way out the door. We want to get where we're going, so we drive on freeways instead of back roads, maybe even weaving between lanes to maximize our time-distance ratio. We want fruits or flowers, so we go to QFC instead of to the garden. We want to be identified with a championship team, so we brave the cold for

one day instead of going year after year to “meaningless” games. We want safety, and so we build death-chambers and prisons instead of nurseries and schools. We want salvation, and so we seek an economical God, who'll trade an hour a week for eternal life; rather than a savior who asks us to be disciples every day. In some of these cases, the trade-off is small and insignificant; yet all of them represent a habit of the short-cut, a custom of reducing life to its results. We are, we tell ourselves, a practical people—what a shame it is that our God is so inefficient.

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Presentation, the feast of the Lord Jesus entering for the first time into his Temple. But how does our God enter? Not with great efficiency, not surrounded by angels with flaming swords, in a manner that would quickly bring all to submission and “conversion.” Rather, God comes as a weak, dependent child, in his poor mother's arms—many years away from ever being much of a presence. The refiner's fire that comes is not the roaring power of God, but the muffled gurgle of a baby at his mother's breast and the quiet call of love and recognition.

Of all those in the temple area, it is only Simeon and Anna—two old, weary hangers-on—who see “the day of his coming” and who recognize the grace that has appeared. Everyone else, we can imagine, is busy about the work of sacrifice and exchange, busy imploring God or trading service for love. But Simeon and Anna—faithful and foolish, constant and terribly inefficient—allow the Lord's time to shape them and transform them. In their apparently insignificant lives, they avoid the short-cut and the bottom line, and spend their days doing good, in small ways, until God's grace appears for them.

When Pope Francis says that he prefers a Church that is “bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets,” he challenges the cool efficiency of our culture; challenges the spiritual short-cut and the fast-food morality that leads to judgment instead of mercy and death-chambers instead of schools. Proclaiming a living communion, he reminds us that the Church is not a factory, in which salvation can be mass produced.

Rather, the Kingdom of God grows with the messy inefficiency of a child: grows with bruises and failures, through hopes and years of seemingly futile effort—and there are no short-cuts. To become the living Church of God, we must surrender efficiency for fidelity, the quick-fix for unwavering perseverance and for faith that grace is at work, even in the darkness of the winter soil, even in the countless days of practice, even in the small works of love that touch just one soul and dry just one small tear. It will never be efficient, it will often be a mess, but it is surely what our heart desires and what will give life to all the world.





Community

Seniors Community Resource Fair

Saturday, March 8th from 11 am – 3 pm

St. Joseph Social Hall

Free event - open to the public.

The fair will feature over 20 local resources for seniors providing information related to retirement living, assisted living, home care services, local support, engagement, fitness programs, fraud protection, downsizing experts, and much much more. We are also featuring guest speakers on topics of downsizing, getting your legal affairs in order, and more. Please call for schedule of speakers. Raffle prizes and refreshments served. Please call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or email at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Examples of participants to date:

1. Aegis on Madison
2. Hearing Speech and Deafness Center
3. Alzheimer's Services Coalition
4. Benevia – downsizing and moving experts
5. Seattle Parks and Rec/Miller Community Center
6. Fedelta Home Care
7. Choice Advisory Services
8. Amy Greenberg – Senior Real Estate Professional
9. Fred Lind Manor
10. Gaffney House
11. Alzheimer's Association
12. Pac Med – will do blood pressure checks
13. Jewish Family Services – have wonderful support groups for anyone and also do geriatric care management

Lost & Found

A woman's "snowflake" pin has been found. Please call Renee at 324-2522 ext 100.

Pope Francis and the Future of the Church "The Joy of the Gospel: A Place for Everyone"

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 | 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Joseph Church, Seattle

Featuring speaker Mark Bosco, S.J. & panelists Pastor Patrinell "Pat" Wright, Maria Ochoa & Kevin Foy

Pope Francis has taken the world by storm since his election last March. What is it about this Pope that has captured the imaginations of people around the world? How do the life experiences of Jorge Mario Bergoglio influence the papacy of Francis? What does the election of Pope Francis mean for the future of the church and the world?

Presenter Mark Bosco, S.J. will address these questions and many more on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Seattle. Fr. Bosco, Associate Professor of Theology and English and Director of the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University Chicago, has commented for several major media outlets and given numerous talks on Pope Francis since his election. Following Fr. Bosco's presentation, a panel of local leaders will share their own thoughts on the Pope and his influence in the world and in their lives. Pastor Patrinell "Pat" Wright, Maria Ochoa, and Kevin Foy will each bring their own life experiences to bear on their reflections: Pastor Wright as a Protestant minister, Maria as a Jesuit-educated young adult, and Kevin as coordinator of mission education efforts for Maryknoll.

Please join us for what promises to be an engaging, enlightening, and enlivening evening of prayer, conversation and reflection!

Free will offering. For more information, contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824.



Community

Immersion in Ignatian Prayer: Experience Ignatian prayer this Lent & Easter

5 Tuesdays - Feb 25, Mar 11, Mar 25, Apr 8, Apr 22,
2014
6:30-8:45 pm | St. Joseph Church

February 25: Prayer: A Sacred Conversation (incl. Lectio Divina) with John Hickman

March 11: Examen: Finding God in Your Life with Tim Malone

March 25: Igniting the Imagination in Prayer with Carla Orlando

April 8: An Embodied Encounter with God: Applying all the Senses in Prayer with Joseph Carver, SJ

April 22: Deepening Your Prayer: Following God's Love in your Life (incl. the Contemplatio) with Lisa Dennison

This Lent and Easter, immerse yourself in an experience of Ignatian prayer! On Tuesday evenings biweekly during these holy seasons, you are invited to learn about and experience a unique form of Ignatian prayer. Evenings will include Opening Prayer, a presentation and experience of the prayer form, followed by small group reflection and sharing about the experience of prayer. Whether you are new to or experienced in Ignatian spirituality, these evenings are wonderful opportunities to engage in prayer practices to integrate into your daily life and prayer. Participants may attend individual evening sessions or journey with a small group throughout the whole series.

Cost: \$90 for the series of 5 evenings; \$20 for each individual evening.

For more information, contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org

Heart to Heart: Connecting Art, Creativity and Spirituality

Friday, February 14, 2014 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
Mickey McGrath & Carla Orlando, presenting

Join Bro. Mickey McGrath and Carla Orlando as they help us explore the connections between art and faith. Bro. Mickey and Carla will engage the artist within each of us through scripture and prayer, teaching simple art exercises with shapes, and introducing the ancient tool of mandala. Though this workshop is geared toward spiritual directors, it is open to all - please join us!

Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. For more information, contact Carolyn Hickman at carolyn@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824 or visit www.ignatiancenter.org

Association for Catholic Childhood

If you are not aware of the role Association for Catholic Childhood plays in the Archdiocese, we are the "founding mothers" of Catholic Community Services. Since 1918, we have been providing funding and advocacy for children and families in need, regardless of race or creed. There are about 600 women in parishes throughout the Archdiocese, mainly in the greater Seattle area currently, who gather in Circles to volunteer to raise money and/or do service for children and families. Twice yearly, agencies from throughout Western Washington submit formal grant requests. A review Board evaluates each proposal, and awards grants. We primarily support CCS agencies, but also fund other programs like CASA. Last year we were able to provide \$188,000. Please help us continue to help the children by advertising our online auction. If you would like to learn more, please see our website at www.forthchildren.org, respond to me, or call the office at CCS on Monday or Wednesday mornings at 206-328-5973.





Social Ministry

Hospitality Team Needs Help

Our 2nd Sunday of the month hospitality team needs some additional members. Please consider joining this valuable ministry. The Sunday hospitality teams contribute immeasurably to make St. Joseph a welcoming and joyful place. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652 to join this vital ministry.



Volunteer Needed

We need someone willing to work Monday mornings from about 9 to 11 am to sort and box the food donated to St. Francis house from the weekend masses. Please call or email Mary Ott if you are interested in helping, 206-324-7459 or ottjm4@gmail.com

PSBC Blood Drive

We all have families. When a child, parent, sibling, spouse or friend suffers a need for blood, the potential for loss resonates in every close connection. When your blood saves a life, it transforms a family.

Perhaps you've seen the recent story in the Seattle Times about Sam, a 9 year old boy who donated bone marrow match for his little sister, Claire. After she was born in 2005, Doctors discovered that her little body was unable to produce red blood cells. She was dependent on regular blood transfusions for 8 years until last September, when the family was tested to be bone marrow donors. Sam was the only perfect match, and bravely stepped forward to offer his army of healthy blood cell soldiers to save his sister's life.

When you donate blood, you offer your blood for every family. There is nothing more special than knowing that a stranger took the time to give something to precious, that gives you hope, and more time with your loved ones.

Please make an appointment in the Parish Center to donate blood, this Presidents Day, Monday, February 17th at St Joseph's. The blood drive will be in the Social Hall from 12:30pm to 6:30pm (closed from 2:30-3:30).

St. Joseph Women's Ministry Group

Invites you to coffee meet up! Saturday Feb 15 at 10 am. Local coffee cafe. Limited to 10 persons.

Contact Sheila Marie at smarie49@comcast.net or 206.251.7035.

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Class

Modeled on the internationally known Stress Reduction Clinic at UMass Medical School, this experiential class will introduce you to mindfulness practices which will help you to develop more resiliency to the stressors in your life.

The class consists largely of heavily guided mindfulness practices such as gentle yoga and meditation as well as participant sharing of their experiences as they incorporate the practices into their daily life.

Class Instructor: Kathy Heffernan, MAPS, BCC

Dates: Four consecutive Thursday evenings, February 20-March 13th, 6:30-9:00. Also includes a half-day mindfulness retreat on Saturday, March 8th, from 9:30-2 pm.

Location: Northwest Hospital in North Seattle

Cost: \$200 Space is very limited. Please call class instructor at 206-920-4791 to register.



Prayer

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

For Aunt Mary who is being treated for a chronic disease . . . For the nursing personnel and for the caregivers who are making a difference in patients lives . . . For safe travel from the east coast to Seattle . . . For our friends and family who love us and we them . . . Happy Valentine's Day.



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -- they must be felt by the heart."

~ *Helen Keller*

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

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.



Peace Days for Women

"Living the Beatitudes" led by Sister Mary Thorne, CSJP

Wednesday, February 12th from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center,
1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004

Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. We encourage you to carpool. To register or for more information contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

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.

Seattle University Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

The Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture invites you to save the date for the winter lecture of the 4th Annual Catholic Heritage Lectures: Catholicism in a Religiously Plural World.

José Casanova, Ph.D.

"The Church in a Global Pluralistic World: Challenges and Opportunities"

February 13, 2014, 7:00 pm

Pigott Auditorium - Free & Open to the Public

José Casanova, Ph.D., is one of the world's top scholars in the sociology of religion and is a professor at Georgetown University.

In his lecture, Casanova will explore the challenges and opportunities globalization and secularization present to the Catholic Church as it helps humanity move, in the words of Pope Francis, "from the globalization of indifference to the globalization of fraternity."



Community

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND!

Catholic Hospital Ministry at Harborview Medical Center

Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion and provide a presence to patients and their families at Harborview Hospital. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, background checks, personal interviews and Orientation/Training sessions. Time expectation is once a week - 3-4 hour shift, plus bi-monthly check-in gatherings. There is lots of flexibility in regards to specific day/time. There will be a training session for new ministers, so please contact Steve by Feb 20 if you would like to participate at 206-965-1646 or email at stevev@stjosephparish.org

Confirmation Help Needed

February 22nd after the 5 pm Mass, we will have a reception for all our newly confirmed and their families. Looking for help serving cake and coffee. Please contact Dottie dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Day of Contemplative Prayer - for Women and Men

Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP & Kwan Wong, Oblate
OSB Cam.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 9:00 am - 12:00

St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004 If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 am for an introduction. Free-will offering. To register or for more information, contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

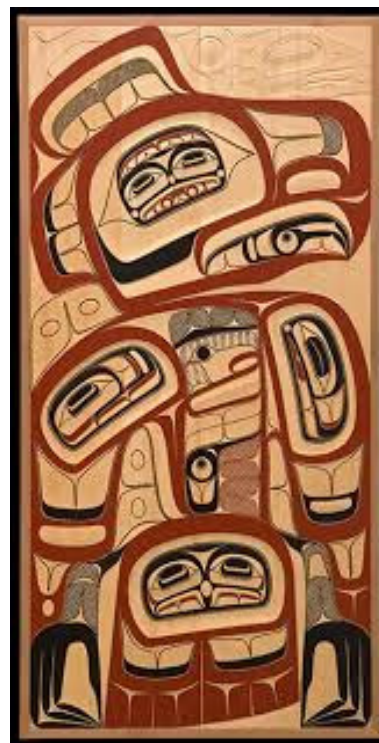
Seniors On the Go

- **Wednesday, February 12th** - Movie Showing, 1-3:30pm, Arrupe Room in the Parish Center. Join us to watch *Lincoln*. Bring a snack to share!
- **Friday, March 7** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Neighbors In Need, Can You Help?

Homeless young adults in our neighborhood need boot socks and sleeping bags. If you can help please email or call Fr. Glen at gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1643.

Storytelling of the Northwest Coast



On the evening of February 26, Wednesday, please come to an event, featuring Roger Fernandes, local storyteller, and the Git-hoan Native Dance Group.

This event begins at 7:30 pm in Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door.

It is brought to you by the same Consortium that brought the Lummi Treaty Play in 2013, and it is partially sponsored by Chief Seattle Club. Please come and support one of the Parish's outreach organizations.

Theology

ON TAP:

"Called to Love"

Sister Cathy Beckley, SNJM

February 6th

Sister Cathy has a heart for the poor and a gift of connecting with young adults on their spiritual journey. Come listen to Sister Cathy as she explores how God does not just call us to love our neighbor, but also to love ourselves.

Joe Cotton

February 13th

Joe Cotton has lived his life with a heart open to the needs of others by serving as a social worker for at-risk youth and an international volunteer for orphaned children in Nicaragua. Joe is currently the youth minister at St. James Cathedral and will talk about God's call for us to love others.

Fr. John Whitney, SJ

February 20th

The Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Fr. John sees his current role as supporting a sacramental community while building bridges towards other cultures and communities. He will share with us about our call to love God.

6:30 Mass at Christ Our Hope

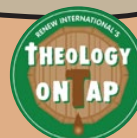
1902 2nd Ave

7:00 Theology on Tap at Kells

1916 Post Alley



St. James Cathedral
Young Adult Ministry





PROCLAIM JUSTICE
& LIFE FOR ALL

January 13, 2014

[REGISTER ONLINE ASAP!](#)

Dear Advocate,

Please join us for Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia on **Friday, February 21st!** Our theme is *Proclaim Justice & Life for All!* Our time together will include:

- Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how advocacy is making a difference
- Mass with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
- **Appointments with legislators**

The purpose of Catholic Advocacy Day is to meet with our legislators to advocate for people who are poor and vulnerable. CAD is a day of relationship building with legislators and targeted advocacy based on Catholic Teaching and the current bills and budget matters being taken up by the legislature. **The priority issues can change from year to year, depending on the bills that are currently before the legislature.** The areas we will address with our legislators may include 1) economic justice, 2) housing, 3) access to health care, 4) child welfare, 5) life issues (abortion, assisted suicide, and death penalty), 6) environment, and 7) criminal justice.

We will assist in coordinating buses for the trip to Olympia. Bus locations will depend on registrations and departure times will depend on the bus locations. All bus departures will be early in the morning (6 am to 7:30 am depending on the location). We will provide confirmation emails approximately one week prior to CAD with detailed information about bus locations and departure times. At this time we anticipate stops at the following locations:

- BELLINGHAM/BURLINGTON/EVERETT
- SEATTLE
- KIRKLAND
- RENTON
- TACOMA
- FEDERAL WAY
- VANCOUVER/LONGVIEW/CHEHALIS

**Don't forget to wear
RED!!**

For those who travel on the buses, there will be an opportunity to review the information packet, have updates on the issues, and, of course, have fun and snacks! Additional benefits of traveling as a group include no parking at the Capitol and lessening our environmental footprint.

We schedule over 110 appointments with legislators. Everyone from the same district will meet together with the legislators. Even if you do not feel comfortable about speaking on an issue, your presence will be a witness of your concern and commitment.

In order to plan effectively (make legislative appointments, reserve buses and seats, etc.), we need to hear from you by **February 1**, whether you **will** be attending Catholic Advocacy Day. [Click here to register online](#) or call 206.328.5792 to register by phone if you do not have internet access.

Thank you for considering being with us for this collective and communal witness for justice on Catholic Advocacy Day. We will send you an **e-mail confirmation/schedule** the week before the event. Updates will also be available on these websites: www.ccsww.org, www.thewsc.org, www.ipjc.org.

Sr. Sharon Park, O.P.
Washington State Catholic Conference

Linda Haydock, SNJM
Intercommunity Peace
& Justice Center

Josephine Tamayo Murray
Catholic Community Services
of Western Washington

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Possible translation: "Is there any sun up there?"



BIEN VIENIDOS! WELCOME!
TO OUR SISTERS & FRIENDS FROM OUR
SISTER PARISH IN ARCATAO, EL SALVADOR!



Above: Looking for the 700,000.
Below: Hot chocolate (better to hold for the warmth than to drink).

