## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2014

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

#### Readings for February 23, 2014

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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 Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

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## Lent at St. Joseph

It was regarded as a matter of course that a Christian should fast for various motives— to reinforce prayer, to do penance for sins, to save something for the poor, or even to prepare for a feast.

-Josef Jungmann

#### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 5th All Masses will be held in the Church

> 7:00 AM Parish Mass 9:00 AM School Mass 7:00 PM Parish Mass

#### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent from 11:00 am to 11:30 am, in the church.

#### Keeping The Light On

Reconciliation will be offered Friday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the church.

# Novena of Grace 2014 "There is Something Greater Here"

Matt Barmore, Fr. Peter Ely, S.J. & Marilyn Nash, presenters Wednesday, March 12 – Thursday, March 20, 2014 Weekdays: 12:30 pm at Seattle University Chapel of St. Ignatius and 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Seattle

Saturday, March 15: 1:00 pm only at St. Joseph Church Sunday, March 16: 1:00 pm only at Chapel of St. Ignatius

Are you longing to find a meaningful connection to God in your busy schedule? Are you thirsting to hear spiritual wisdom relevant to your daily life? Are you uplifted by worshipping in community with others?

If so, enter more deeply into Lent this year by participating in the Novena of Grace, a meaningful nine-day "retreat in everyday life."

For more information, contact (206)329-4824 or visit www.ignatiancenter.org. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

#### On the Death of a Friend

I want / to see Jesus, / maybe in the clouds or on the shore, / just walking, / beautiful man and clearly / someone else / besides. On the hard days / I ask myself / if I ever will. Also there are times / my body whispers to me / that I have.

-Mary Oliver-

It was 1999: twelve years since that day in 1987, when I stood in a hospital at my father's bedside, my sisters and brothers around me, my mother at home (her good-bye finished, for now, though never quite complete, until her own death years later). On that surreal October afternoon, we watched him go from us. He who had been our source and our true-north, was, impossibly, no more.

Now, a dozen years later, I was sitting on the east coast, looking out at the crashing waves and the waning moon, smoking a cigar, bundled against the night. I was in the final days of my second long retreat—30 days of prayer in the Exercises of St. Ignatius—and I was weary from the last week, where I had encountered, in a new and painful way, the crucifixion and death of Christ. For days, I had been wrestling with the anguish of innocent suffering, suffering over which I had no control, but which, somehow, I knew to be connected to the suffering of all those I loved. There, in the carrying of the cross, was my sister and her years of diabetes; here in the nails was the cancer that took my aunt; there on the cross hung friends and family, people I knew well, and people I had only encountered in their dying hours; and there was Jesus, with whom I had fallen in love again, only to watch him die. In my prayer, I stood with Mary, his mother, powerless at the foot of the cross, and I shared the great weight lowered into her arms—I felt the body, broken by death, and saw, in that face, the face of all the others who had come before or would come after. At that moment, knowing that Jesus endured this cross, this suffering, this unimaginable loss, to be united with mewith us-in an absolute, irrevocable way; went through this because of love for me. . . I was overwhelmed. And for myself, I needed no resurrection, no ascension, no Pentecost. This sacrifice was enough for me.

So moved was I by the sacrificial love of the cross, that the very thought of resurrection repelled me—as though it would diminish the reality of Jesus' gift. To look for resurrection seemed to suggest that this death, entered into with such freedom and such compassion, was not, itself, sufficient proof of God's love for me, and for us all.

But the Exercises of Ignatius—following, as they do, the Scriptures—do not end at the contemplation of the crucifixion, but call us to go further: to wait faithfully, like Mary Magdalen, at the tomb of the beloved, expecting nothing. And so, here I sat, prayerfully puffing my cigar, and counting the minutes until my hour of prayer was done.

Then, suddenly, it happened: an overwhelming certainty that I cannot explain and for which words are impossible. All at once, I knew that the resurrection was real. I knew, in that moment, that Christ was risen, and that those I had loved were with him. As sure as I am of the table before me, or the words I see written on this page, I knew my father was alive—not some vague spirit or strong memory, but my real and particular father, alive in the presence and light of Christ. Overflowing with a sensation that a moment before I had not even imagined possible, I stood up and looked behind me, not expecting to see him, but aware that he and Jesus were there, and feeling as though I were enveloped in a light that surrounded us all. I cannot explain it, but I knew it. And though that feeling long ago left me, I cannot deny its truth today anymore than I could at that moment—much as I sometimes try, much as my rational self sometimes tries to convince me that I should.

And what was even stranger to me at the time, and remains so now, is that knowing the reality of the resurrection does not at all diminish the horrible wonder of the cross. Far from seeming like a reward for fulfilling his mission or a quid-pro-quo for the cross, the resurrection of Jesus, I knew at that moment, was an entirely gratuitous act; a pure gift, given by God, not because it was owed or needed, but because gratuity and love are what God does—they are the joy of God. And in that realization, I also knew the corollary: that God will raise me, and all those I love, not because we have earned it, not if we somehow fulfill our mission, but simply out of love. It makes no sense. Isn't it great?

This week, my friend and parishioner, Rhys Clark, died peacefully and unexpectedly in his apartment. He was an artist and a musician, satirical and sentimental, intellectually gifted and deeply private, a man of many compartments, who discovered—much to his surprise—that God sought him and longed for him with a passion he had never imagined. Rhys came into the Church with amazement still in his heart, but with a feeling of love too deep and too real to deny. It was as though he had been sitting at an empty tomb when the man he took to be the gardener had come up and spoken his name. How could he resist? Why would he want to?

I will miss Rhys so very much, but cannot quite bring myself to mourn him. For I am as sure as I am of anything in the world, that he is standing in that light right now, companion to Jesus—and I happily think, companion to my father, as well. In this moment, he is finally aware of the beauty and grace that God so loved in him. A beauty and grace we all have glimpsed, and will glimpse again in the days to come, until we, too, become one with it all, and share with our brother the resurrection.





#### 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 Coaltion
- 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

# 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.



#### Dots & Dashes

~Dottie Farewell, Director of Religious Education

At next week's Saturday Vigil mass, 36 high school youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have taken all the classes, the retreats, the service—their formation is complete. They have been formed intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and physically and are now ready to be fully received into the church. Often times, people think of Confirmation as becoming an "adult" in the church.

This is what I was told when I was confirmed years ago. Through my Confirmation, my faith was now my own, I could make my choices and decisions when it came to church. I must admit it was very liberating, since my "choice" became not going to mass as frequently as the previous 18 years. I felt I deserved this break—this independence and freedom from my weekly mass attendance since in utero.

What I didn't realize was how much I was missed when I wasn't there. Those "strangers" in the pews had seen me grow up. They entertained me as a baby when I cried, scolded me when I ran around the Social Hall during coffee and donuts, attended my First Communion, silently cheered me on when I was a very tiny altar server carrying a very big cross down the aisle, and asked me how my soccer team was doing when I came to church in my uniform. Some of those people I knew very well because our families were close, but many other parishioners were people I never knew by name. When I went to college, they would come up to my parents and check in; see how I was doing.

We may "complete" our course work, or "graduate" from our final year in grade school, but when it comes to the Sacramental life of our church there is no end. All of our extraordinary youth who will be Confirmed are travellers and have been on their journey for quite a long time. They already possess those gifts of the Holy Spirit we formally talked about in class: reverence, understanding, fortitude, wisdom, awe, courage, and knowledge. And the Sacred chrism they each will receive on Saturday night will ignite those gifts even more!

As I told the youth often enough, our time together was just the tip of the iceberg; a new way perhaps to look and discover their relationship with God. Their Confirmation is neither the beginning, nor the end of their journeys. And for my part, I am humbled to have joined with them in this moment and will continue to hold them dearly in my heart.



#### THANK YOU THANK YOU

February Family Mass Dinner & Dance a Hit!

We had a great party last Saturday Night—snow and all—with our parish and school community enjoying mass and dinner and a dance together. Special thanks to Erin Tobin from the Parish, and Cristina Murphy from the PAB for coordinating, and to the following people who helped make this a fun and successful community event for all: Janet Walsh, Eleanor Mitchell, Shawn Needham, Tom Scearce, Rebecca Frisino, Holly Dikemen, Kathy O'Kelly, Clive Cook, Sam Kennedy, Lish Olson, Aimee Diaz, Carrie Bryant, Katie Zweibel, Bill O'Connell, Joy, Charlie, Rowan, Angelo, Roman, Elise, Mr. Sauvage's religion class, and PAB members Julie Lumpkin, Larry Ward, Mary Freiburger, Joe Augustavo, David Hein, Piri Welcsh, Rosemary Dunigan, Anne-Marie Linde, Stephanie Cross, Stacey Donahue, & Stephanie O'Connell.





#### 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.

#### Annual Pedal For A Cure

When: February 22nd and 23rd Where: Between Church and Parish Center Why: For the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Who: Kathy Marion (Teacher at St. Joseph)

Last year, I found myself enjoying the challenges of trail running doing a variety of half-marathons which included Squak Mountain, the most intense trail adventure I have endured, to the mud-sucking Soaring Eagle run, and completing the culminating run "Light at the End of the Tunnel" Marathon. My goal last year was to qualify for Boston in the final run. Alas, it was not meant to be. The journey, though was invigorating, full of adventures and the sense of accomplishments. This season, I am training for the Whidbey Half Marathon in April and will also put in trail runs to continue to raise funds for LLS. I am dedicating my season to the memory of Austen Everett, continued health of Mary Elizabeth Sierra-Lanham and Bree Washington.. Their demonstrations of courage, spirit and fight inspire me to challenge myself on all levels: emotional, physical, spiritual and fundraising. I am asking for your assistance in helping me raise my last \$3000 for my event.

Ways to donate:

Online: http://pages.teamintraining.org/wa/whidbey14/kmarion

Checks made out to: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and dropped at St. Joseph School or to Kathy on her bike.

Cash – drop by Kathy on her bike or the school by putting it in an envelope and mark LLS c/o Kathy Marion

#### Justice Conversation

Magis at Seattle U invites graduates of Jesuit universities to participate in the Justice Conversation with author and managing editor of America Magazine, Kerry Weber on Thursday, February 27th. Kerry will share from her recent book, Mercy in the City, and will dialogue with Jesuit alumni about how to put service and justice into practice in everyday life. To register and for more info, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

#### Labor of Love Auction

February 22-March 2

A unique online auction to raise money for abused, neglected, at-risk and foster children served by Catholic Community Services in the greater Seattle area.

Register Now: Go to www.laborofloveauction.org to view our catalog of unique items, including authentic pizza party for 20, Sounders, Mariners and Husky football tickets, glassybaby, jewelry, handmade treasures, food, services, local getaways and much more.

Sponsored by the Association for Catholic Childhood Caring and Advocacy since 1918.



#### 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

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 Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For improvement in Eve's health . . . Happy 94th Birthday, Mom . . . For the well being of Aunt Mary, Mary Lou, Ann, Scott, Cregan, Maureen, Betty, John, Sharon and for Bob's brother . . . For all the



people who are without basic utilities because of the snow storms, may help come soon.

"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, Nor has it so much as dawned on man What God has prepared for those who love him."

~ 1 Cor. 2:9

#### RIP

Please remember Rhys Clark and his family in your prayers.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon him."

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.



#### 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.

#### Immersions 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 - Located in the Church **March 11:** Examen: Finding God in Your Life with Tim Malone - Located in the Brebeuf room

**March 25:** Igniting the Imagination in Prayer with Carla Orlando - Located in the Church

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

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

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. 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



# 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 bimonthly 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 stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### Seniors On the Go

• Friday, March 7 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross before the Anointing Mass begins at 11:00 am.



#### Jubilee Women's Center's Mardi Gras Party & Auction

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014, 7-10PM AT WITHIN SODO – 2916 UTAH AVE S, SEATTLE

Enjoy Cajun-inspired hors d'oeuvres, local wine & beer, and games!

Located next to St. Joseph's, Jubilee provides housing, classes and support services to help low-income women in our community.

Purchase tickets and learn more at jwcenter.org

#### 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.



### "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

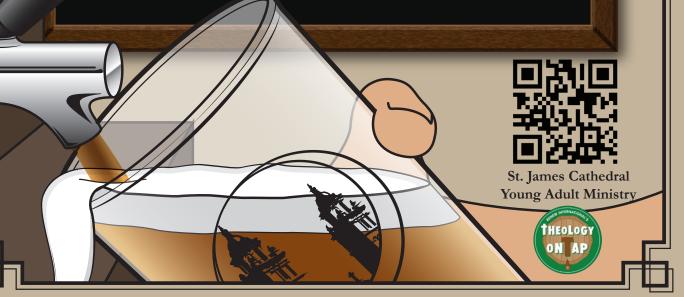
Joe Cotton has lived his life with a heart open to the needs of others by serving as a social worker for at-risk youth and an international volunteer for orphaned children in Nicaragua. Joe is currently the youth minister at St. James Cathedral and will talk about God's call for us to love others.

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 7:00 Theology on Tap at Kells 1902 2nd Ave 1916 Post Alley





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.thewscc.org, www.ipjc.org.

Sr. Sharon Park, O.P.

Washington State Catholic Conference

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& Justice Center

Josephine Tamayo Murray **Catholic Community Services** of Western Washington

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# "I want to ask you now, how do you want to live? As a lamp that is lit, or one that is off?" ~Pope Francis

