

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 30, 2014

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for April 6, 2014

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

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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Lent at St. Joseph

This week let us keep this word in our minds and in our hearts: "listen to Jesus!" And the Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent. "Listen to Jesus!" Don't forget.

~Pope Francis

"The formidable power that forgiveness exercises in our lives enables us to acknowledge that the decisions of human life, even when they turn out badly, are not above repair."

-Doris Donnelly-

Come & Receive the Light That is Offered



EVERY FRIDAY: 7 MARCH - 11 APRIL
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Individual reception of the sacrament.

EVERY SATURDAY: 8 MARCH - 13 APRIL
3:30 - 4:30 PM, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
Individual reception of the sacrament.

SATURDAY: 29 MARCH
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
*Parish Reconciliation Retreat:
On the Road to Jerusalem
Points for prayer, every hour on the half hour.
Individual reception of the sacrament.*

HOLY WEEK
HOLY THURSDAY: 17 APRIL
4:00 - 6:00 PM, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
*Individual celebration of the sacrament,
prior to the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.*

GOOD FRIDAY: 18 APRIL
12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
*Individual celebration of the sacrament,
followed by the Stations of the Cross.*

*Remember: you may always call for an individual appointment for the sacrament.
Reconciliation will not be available on Saturday, 19 April.*



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
THE DESERT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Almost Home

*I'm not running, / I'm not hiding; / I'm not reaching;
I'm just resting in the arms of the Great Wide Open,
Gonna pull my soul in, / and I'm almost home.*

-Mary Chapin Carpenter-

This last week, I celebrated my 56th birthday. During those 56 years, I have spent 25 years as a student, and have also been a pizza cook, a microfilmer, a house-painter, a waiter, a bartender, a tutor, a teaching assistant, a Jesuit volunteer, a high school teacher, a philosophy instructor, a minister in a Jesuit community, a campus minister, an alumni chaplain, a local superior, a provincial, a delegate to a General Congregation of the Jesuits, a former-provincial, and a pastor. I have assisted at approximately 350 weddings, and presided at a couple of hundred baptisms and funerals, while hearing countless confessions. I must admit, I sometimes wonder if I will ever be able to keep a job.

It was not supposed to be this way. When I was a boy, I used to imagine myself going to law school, entering political life, and following in the footsteps of Bobby Kennedy. Indeed, even choosing to go to Georgetown was, in part, a desire to get close to the workings of government. But somehow, none of it has worked out quite as I expected.

Thinking of the crooked path—filled, it seems, with false starts and wrong turns—that has led me to be sitting at this desk, looking down at the front of St. Joseph, I have, more than a few times, wondered about God's plan for my life. Have I really, finally chosen the right path, i.e., the way God intended? Have I opened the doors I was supposed to open, or were there others that I missed? And what is the plan for the future? What is the map of my life that God is holding?

I don't think I am alone in such thoughts. Indeed, almost every day I meet women and men who worry that they are not living up to God's plan for them; that they have somehow missed a crucial turn in the road, or taken a turn that God never intended. They wonder how they can ever find the path again—ever return to God's plan for their life. Filled with regret and anxiety, these women and men (whose struggles seem so familiar to me) fear that they are lost in a spiritual cul-de-sac where their life turns in circles, unable to find the plan God had so generously provided.

As I wondered about God's plan, and how uncertain I was in my following it, I came—as so often happens—to Mary, the mother of Jesus and the model of all disciples. Praying over the readings for the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), I found an insight that I never before

imagined: God does not have a plan for our life, God offers an invitation.

Suddenly, as when a long-absent friend enters a room, I felt my heart open and the weight on my shoulders become less. God has not drawn a map of my life, or anyone's life, and then asked me to guess which path leads to happiness and which to misery. Rather, God enters into relationship with each one of us, and stays in that relationship through every twist and turn: inviting us closer, inviting us to be loved, inviting us to make a path by walking it. Just as Mary responded to the invitation of the angel (and, I wonder, had others, perhaps, responded differently before?), so each of us, in every moment of our lives, is invited to respond, invited to follow, invited to "come and see" where Jesus is walking, and where we may yet make a path. When Mary says, Yes, there is no sense that she understands all that will follow; nor is there a sense that all that will follow is precisely pre-ordained. She does not see the blood of Calvary or the tomb laid open, does not imagine the heartache or the loss. She sees only the next step: to say yes or to say no. Yet, moved by her love for the One who asks, she says Yes, and enters the mystery.

In our desire for certainty and control, we may create our strategic plans and our action steps; we may want the path to be laid out before us by a mapmaker God. But God does not want to be our cartographer, God wants to be our friend and our companion. So, God calls us to put aside all the fears of regret and failure, and invites us to open our hearts and our lives, and leap (at least a little) into the unknown. The invitation is to be with Christ; it is a call into a journey with One who loves us, not a summons to follow a plan that a distant deity has left behind. And even if that journey may seem random—as mine has sometimes seemed—if it is made with Christ, it will always bring us home.

The trick, of course, will be to discern what is our own ego-call and what is the invitation spoken into our hearts by the Beloved. But this discernment will be possible when, like Mary, we fast from ego; when we practice giving up our pre-made plans or the objects which distract us; when we cultivate the experience of listening and measuring God's voice in our hearts. (Hmmm: fasting, giving, and prayer. That all sounds vaguely familiar.)

In these last weeks of Lent, we have an invitation before us: to come closer to God, to abide with Christ, to walk with the Spirit on roads marked by sorrow and glory. It does not require us to figure out some vast plan, but only to say Yes to the One who loves us, say Yes to that "Great Wide Open"—and then take the first step.





Lent at St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Fridays during Lent from
11:00 am to 11:30 am,
in the church.

The Origin of the Way of the Cross

The devotion known as the *Way of the Cross* (or, sometimes, *Stations of the Cross*) began in Jerusalem, during the late 3rd or early 4th century, AD. As the Church became officially recongnized, devotion to the places of Christ's suffering and death led many on pilgrimage to Jerusalem-including Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. In Jerusalem, the sites were used for instruction and inspiration, and the pilgrims who visited bought what they found back to their own countries, influencing worship and theology throughout Europe.

Because a pilgrimage to Jerusalem was, for most people, impossible, in the 5th century, St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, had chapels designed at the monastery of Santo Stefano to recall the most important shrines of Jerusalem. At this monastery, the faithful could recall the suffering and death of Jesus and imagine themselves in the Holy Land. This is the earliest expression of stations in Europe.

Following the Crusades, pilgrimage to Jerusalem again became popular, and from the 12th century it appears that a journey along the *Via Sacra* (the *Holy Road*) was common for pilgrims, though stations as we know them were not yet established. The Franciscan monks, given care for the holy places in 1342, established the *Via Dolorosa* (*Way of Sorrow*), and then brought the devotion to Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In 1686, Pope Innocent XI gave the Franciscans the right to establish stations within their churches, a right later given to all churches. Over the years, the 14 stations, now considered traditional, were created as a type of miniature pilgrimage that all could take, especially in Lent



*In Jesus God embraced
the dependency we fear,
the loss of control we dread,
the untidiness we abhor.*

*In Jesus, God embraced,
sanctified,
and ultimately transformed
our human vulnerability.*

John Kavanaugh, S.J.

Body In Prayer

You Are Invited to Attend
A Multi-Sensory Christian Meditation
on the Stations of the Cross,
using Yoga Positions
with paintings by Pennsylvania artist Eric Armusik
and live choral music

Saturday April 12, 2014, 10 - 11 am
St. Joseph Church

Please come and be guided to walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus and his disciples using your whole body in prayer. This special meditation takes inspiration from 14 specially commissioned oil paintings now hanging at St. Therese and will also include spoken meditations and live choral music as a backdrop (including St. Joe's own Bob McCaffery-Lent). To learn more about the meditation, check out the videos and images from past meditations at www.bodyinprayer.com. The meditation lasts an hour and is free of charge. No yoga experience is required, but please bring a yoga mat if you have one. Two certified yoga instructors will be present, one leading the physical aspects of the meditation and another to assist participants in their movements and leading more limited movements to those who choose to participate from their chairs/pews. Please contact info@bodyinprayer.com to confirm your intention to participate, so that we can fill, but not overfill, the spaces.

Come join us in prayer!



Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the health and well being of Ann, Cyndie, Tricia and Georgia . . . For Jennifer's discernment on where to live . . . Healing for Betsy's foot . . . For families who have suffered great loss -- Malayasia Flight 370 and the residents of Oso, WA and people worldwide whose lives have been affected by adversity.



*" Lord, teach us how short our time is;
Let us know it in the depths of our souls . . .
Show us how precious each day is;
Teach us to be fully here."*

~ Psalm 90

Rest in Peace

**Jim Martineau whose life will be celebrated on
Monday, March 31st at 11 am.**

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

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

Apr 8 & Apr 22, 2014
6:30-8:45 pm | St. Joseph 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

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

In the Steps of Ignatius: Ignatian Spirituality for Men

Rich in What Matters to God: Faith & Finance

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 8:30 - 11:30 am,
St. Bridget Parish, Seattle
John Hickman, presenting

Men of all ages and faith backgrounds are invited to come together for this large group offering of Ignatian spirituality especially for men. Faith enables us to find God in all things, but even in money? Money can be an opportunity to know God's presence or an obstacle to experiencing God's grace. St. Ignatius offers exercises to become "Rich in what matters to God." Join us for a morning of reflection on these exercises and our own relationship to money in our lives.

For more info or to RSVP, contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824. www.ignatiancenter.org

Mass For The Special Needs Community

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites us all to celebrate a Mass for our special needs community, including families, friends and our faith communities.

Saturday - April 5, 2014, 11:00 am
St. James Cathedral, - Seattle
Reception to follow in the
Isaac Orr Conference Center

For more information, please contact: Erica Cohen
Moore (206) 382-4852.

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.



Community

Archdiocese Of Seattle Action Alerts-Tax Fraud Scam

The IRS has volunteered to be present for six regional gatherings throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle over the next two weeks to provide information about tax identity fraud. The meetings will be led by Kenneth Hines, IRS Special Agent in Charge, Seattle Field Office. Each session will begin with a brief introduction by the archdiocese on how the problem was first discovered and steps that have been taken to address it. There will be time for questions and answers as well as an opportunity for attendees to make a formal written statement.

Thursday, April 3rd

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Holy Rosary, Edmonds

630 7th Ave N, Edmonds, WA 98020

Contact Name: John Russell

E-Mail Address: johnr@holyrosaryedmonds.org

Phone Number: 425-778-3122 ext. 258

Bldg. Name: Pastoral Center

**[http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/
Archdiocese/Action.aspx](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Archdiocese/Action.aspx)**

The Father Daughter Dance 2014 Denim and Diamond Ball

Friday, April 11th

7 pm - 10 pm

St. Joseph Social Hall

Come in your sparkly splendor or easy jeans. Bring your dad, grandfather, uncle, or friend! For information or to volunteer, please email Jill Allen allenjill@comcast.net or 206-250-0782 or David Day at davidwday@comcast.net

Purchase your tickets TODAY in the Special Events Office. \$25 advance ticket sales (per couple) + \$10 each additional girl, \$30 at the door. Photos available at \$10 each.

School Construction Zone

You may notice some changes around the St. Joseph property, construction on the school expansion project begins Monday, March 31. While the school has taken precautions to ensure that the construction will not adversely affect the parish programs, there will be some changes. Be prepared for lots of congestion on 18th Ave. E. during the week. The street will be busy with construction vehicles and cranes, creating regular delays. The parking lot will still be open and available for weekend masses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail construction@stjosephsea.org at any time during the project. Updates are available at the school website www.stjosephsea.org/st-joseph-expansion-2014



Discernment in Daily Life

**5 Thursday evenings, April 24 - May 22, 2014 |
6:30 - 9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle**

Are you looking for guidance in making a prayerful life decision, such as discerning your calling, staying in a relationship, determining what to do in retirement, or another life question? Or are you searching for tools for making your choices in daily life with prayerful intentionality? If so, join a group of people with similar questions. Through prayer, presentations and small group reflection, you will learn a process to integrate listening for God's presence in your life decisions, prayerfully consider guidelines for discernment taught by St. Ignatius, and experience meaningful group reflection.

For more info or to register, contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824. www.ignatiancenter.org



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"THE SINGING THING"
 WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON THE MUSIC WE
 USE AT ST JOSEPH'S
 ~ROBERT MCCAFFERY-LENT



CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Malawi

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Malawi. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, and reminded that, just as He labored to create the universe, God sanctifies and calls us to work. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Malawi and all around the world, that we work with joy for God's greater glory.

We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Celebration Dinner

MAY 16 & 17 2014

If you would like to help plan both our service days as well as our celebration dinner, please join us for our planning meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

Internationally renowned speaker, author and spiritual leader Father Richard Rohr, OFM, will be presenting a meditation on the resurrection from his book, *Immortal Diamond-The Search for the True Self* on Holy Saturday morning, 9:00-12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Guadalupe's Parish Life Center/Gym. Doors open at 8:30 am. Event is free but donations will be gratefully accepted.

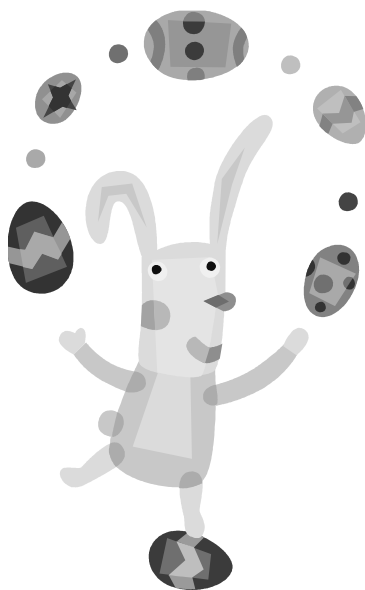
The Scrutinies

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny. Now I'll grant that the notion of "celebrating" something called a "scrutiny" seems more than a little strange and perhaps pedantic in a particularly "churchy" way. In fact, since the early church, the "elect" - those preparing for baptism and full initiation into the Catholic community of faith at the Easter Vigil - have used the three great gospel stories on these three weekends as a source of inspiration and reflection on this last part of their journey - the home stretch of their preparation. The "Woman at the well," "the Man Born Blind" and the "Raising of Lazarus."

The scrutinies are "rites for self searching and repentance and have, above all, a spiritual purpose" according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. They are "meant to uncover all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out and strengthen all that is upright strong and good." It is important to note that the presence of the elect in our midst and the celebration of these rites renews, not only the elect, but the entire community. For all of us this Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection and interior reflection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery and helping us to know more fully Christ's presence in our lives. Since ours is a culture that neither favors nor fosters meditative quiet the act of interior listening is an art learned only with some difficulty and with practice.

As part of the rite of scrutiny, there is, of course, music. There is always music because it helps us to express our love and our faith on a deeper level than mere words. The brief refrain is tailored to the particular gospel theme for that day: "We thirst for living water," "We search for light in darkness" and "We long to rise to new life." In between each repetition of the refrain the cantor sings the prayers of intercession and, as the cantor raises their arm to invite the response of the assembly, it's important that the elect hear our voices to know of our care and support for them! As St. Augustine says: "Singing is for the one who loves." By its very nature music has both an individual and a communal dimension. In a sense it is very personal but if music does not "sound" then it is not music, is it? Thus it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to God's people.

Let us sing together!



St. Joseph's Easter Egg Hunt

***Sunday, April 20th
after the 9am Mass
on the Front Lawn.***

Please bring:

- . a dozen pre-filled plastic Easter Eggs
(per child) in advance to the Parish office
by noon on Friday, April 18th***

Office Hours: M-F 8-11:30 am; 12:30-4:30pm

****Good Friday, April 18th Closed at Noon****

**Meet the Easter Bunny & enjoy coffee &
donut hospitality.**

To help or for questions, please call or email

Dottie Farewell at:

dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

or 206.965.1652

Agape Service Project

St. Joseph August 3-8th

2014



Sponsored by Newman Catholic Campus Ministry

Contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org TODAY!!

WHO: current 5th thru 8th graders are eligible to apply. *10 hours of service may be used toward your 8th graders required 20 hours for the 2014-15 school year.

WHEN: Sunday, August 3rd thru Friday, August 8th. There will be two organizational meetings in advance of the trip and a blessing at the 9:30am mass on Aug. 3rd.

WHERE: we begin and end at St. Joseph Parish, Seattle. The program is held in Whatcom County: we stay at Sacred Heart Parish in Fairhaven, WA; farms and food bank are in Lynden, WA.

HOW & HOW MUCH: transportation provided by parish bus & private car; total cost is \$195.



Community

St. Joseph MOM'S Group

Growing Your Spiritual Garden
Wednesday Mornings; April 9 and 16

9:30-11 am, coffee & check-in begins at 9 am

St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor

Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare (scholarships available)

Come deepen your Lenten experience through this series using gardening as a metaphor for the unfolding of the Pascal Mystery. Our mornings will include prayers, quiet reflection and group sharing.

To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or 206.948.7804.

Seniors On the Go

• **Friday, April 4** - 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.

Sports & Spirituality

March Madness is in full swing, baseball's opening day is this weekend...there couldn't be a more perfect time for a reflection on Sport & Spirituality! Next **Thursday, April 3rd**, Fr. Patrick Kelly, S.J. will offer this presentation for young adults in their 20s & 30s from **7 - 9 pm at St. Mary's Parish Center in Seattle**. Fr. Kelly is the author of *Catholic Perspectives on Sports: From Medieval to Modern Times* and has spoken and written extensively on the spiritual life. Using "flow theory" as a starting point for discussion, Fr. Kelly will propose several concrete ways the experiences of young people in sports are related to human growth and self-transcendence and can serve as a preparation for the kind of spiritual life described by such figures as Thomas Aquinas, Ignatius of Loyola and Pope Francis.

MOMS Group Annual Retreat

Please join us for our annual St. Joseph MOMS group retreat scheduled for Saturday, April 26 and Sunday April 27 at the Islandwood retreat center on Bainbridge Island. This overnight retreat will begin mid-day on Saturday and continue until around noon on Sunday. With our theme, *The Play of Forgiveness & Power of Grace*, we'll discover surprising ways to break down the walls that block our connection to ourselves, each other, and God. Our approach will include a lighthearted look and understanding and being ourselves. This enlightening workshop will be facilitated by Jennifer Manlowe (PhD, Mdiv), who is a dynamic author, spiritual director and vocal clarity coach.

Participants will stay in a cozy lodge amid natural surroundings at the Islandwood retreat center, just a short ferry ride from Seattle. The cost for a double occupancy room plus 3 meals, all your retreat materials, and our facilitator's time will be about \$205 per person (this cost could be reduced, if we have a large number of participants).

Interested? Please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or at (206)948-7804 to reserve your spot or ask questions. Non-MOMS group attendees and non-parishioners are welcome, so feel free to invite your girlfriends, sisters or mothers. It's sure to be a fun and enriching experience for all who can make it!

Parishioner Looking For Rental Home

Chris & Mary Karges, longtime and active members of St. Joseph Parish, are leaving their home of 20 years and need a long term rental. Their children are in college, a senior in HS and a freshman in HS. They are available to move ASAP.

If you can help:

Please contact Mary or Chris with any leads.
206-860-5803

They are able to include project work as well as rent... they are VERY HANDY!!!



Pope - ourri

...'Put on faith', and your life will take on a new flavour, it will have a compass to show you the way;

'put on hope' and every one of your days will be enlightened and your horizon will no longer be dark, but luminous;

'put on love', and your life will be like a house built on rock, your journey will be joyful, because you will find many friends to journey with you.

~Pope Francis

