

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
April 6, 2014

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

Readings for April 13, 2014

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

April Fools

In a great variety of vocations and of missions, so many fools for Christ—men and women—share in the manifestation of God's foolish love, of which Eastern Christian tradition has said: "perhaps only this incomprehensible self-emptying of a divine person on the cross can convince man of God's foolish love for him."

-Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.-

My favorite movie of all time is *A Man for All Seasons*, starring Paul Scofield as the English writer and martyr, St. Thomas More. More, who rose from a merchant class family to become one of the most important humanists of the 16th century, serves as Chancellor for Henry VIII, until his refusal to take the oath recognizing Henry as Supreme Head of the Church in England results in his imprisonment. For months he languishes in a small, damp cell, as his family falls into poverty and his own health declines. Finally, in a last bid to change his mind, the government sends him his daughter, who confronts her father in his cell: "Haven't you done as much as God can reasonably want?" To which More replies: "Well, finally, it isn't a matter of reason. Finally, it's a matter of love."

Thomas More is a fool. Not the kind of benign or silly fool we encounter on the first day of April—it is no prank that brings him to that dripping cell, nor to the executioner's block—but he is a fool nevertheless.

His daughter is right: in his stand against the King's divorce and remarriage, he had done all God could reasonably want, done all anyone could reasonably expect. He has sacrificed his wealth, his position, even his freedom and his health. Who would hold it against him if now, under the coercive power of the state, with his life on the line, he were to sign the oath and save himself—as well as his family and possibly his friends? Wasn't refusing just pride or bravado?

But for Thomas, it was not pride or bravado that made him so foolish, so committed to this moment. He had given those up long ago. It was love that made him a fool: love that could not be dissected or rationalized, could not accept equivocation or division, but was his deepest desire. And, despite all the universal principles of logic and justice that argued for moderation and accommodation; in the end, this love could not give way, even in the shadow of death.

It is tempting, I think, to imagine that Thomas More was not so much a fool as a hero: an extraordinary and unique individual who comes to the fore in moments of great national or social upheaval. Like Nelson Mandela or Oscar Romero, More was blessed with a rare and

powerful gift of heroism that does not bend to oppression or power, but stands firm, even in the face of death. And, it is true that there is much in More that seems extraordinary. Yet, as with Mandela or Romero, what seems like heroism in a moment of conflict is, I believe, something far more insidious. It is a way of being in the world that seems like wisdom or prudence, but is, in fact, a deep and abiding form of folly. A folly not grounded in some good to be achieved, not focused towards some appropriate result, but grounded in the abiding, overwhelming love of Jesus Christ.

For More, it is this mad love of Christ that draws him forward—a love that moves God to become flesh, to suffer injustice, to hang nailed upon the Cross for no other reason than because we are beloved; a love that is folly, by any ordinary standard, and that is given to us in the very midst of our sins. This folly of Christ, this shameful, scandalous, irrational love of God lived out in Jesus is what holds More's heart—what holds us all. It is a folly we cannot understand, cannot grasp with our intellect alone; but which we must embrace in our passions and in our actions, so that we might become as Jesus is, become as we most deeply desire to be.

Today, much in our culture warns us against this kind of folly, reminding us to be cautious and calculating, to be prudent and "reasonable"—and in this way assure our security and guarantee our future. Yet, if we listen to our hearts, it is the folly of the Cross for which we truly long. A folly manifested in the parent who lovingly raises a Down's Syndrome child, in the widow who spends hours making sandwiches for Martin de Porres or Francis House, in the trucker who takes days off to help sort through toxic mud in a search for a stranger's family, or in the child who gives up her birthday money to help the poor of Africa. Fools, one and all, in the manner of their Beloved.

In these last weeks of Lent, as we turn our faces towards Jerusalem, it is not this fearful desire for security and prudence that moves in us, but the folly of the Cross, the irrational longing to walk with the One for whom our heart aches, for whom our deepest being pines. Though we may not be called to the martyrdom of More or Romero, yet still we are called to this madness, by which all we do is for the love of Christ—seen in the faces of those around us, and in the wounded world he was wounded to save.





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

The Order Of Malta



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the well being and comfort of Bill Hood after his recent surgery . . . For Henry's upcoming surgery on April 8th . . . For Lisa in her recovery from drug dependency . . . For Ann's health following her chemo treatments . . . Grateful Maureen's operation went well.



*"If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,
Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
That you may be revered."*

~ Psalm 130: 3-4

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

The Order of Malta, a service organization within the Church, has, as one of its principal purposes, the care of the sick and the poor, and are especially connected to the Grotto in Lourdes, where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette. In May, the Seattle Chapter of the Order of Malta will be going on Pilgrimage to Lourdes, to care for the sick and to serve at the waters of the Grotto.

Mr. Nick Waltner, a member of the Order of Malta, invites St. Joseph parishioners to send their intentions with the delegation. Petitions will be available in the vestibule of the church from April 5 thru Easter Sunday. They will then be hand delivered to the Grotto in Lourdes. You may fill out a prayer or intention and mail it to the address on the front of the petition.

After the Pilgrimage, bottles of the Lourdes water will be available at the Parish.

This is a rare opportunity for our community to ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother upon those who are ill or in need. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Waltner at Nicholas.Waltner@MadisonParkCP.com



The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday ~ April 17th

7:00 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday ~ April 18th

2:15 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm ~ Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday ~ April 19th

8:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 20th Masses

7:00 am & 9:00 am & 11:00 am

(Easter egg hunt for small children following the 9:00 am mass)



Community

Endowment for St. Joseph School Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 15, 2013
Newcastle Golf Club

St. Joseph families, friends and alumni are invited to attend. You can register as an individual and be matched up to play with people from the parish, parents from the same grade or a ladies group.

Registration for golfers and sponsorship opportunities are available here: <http://www.stjosephsea.org/golf-tournament>.

For more information please contact Najat Cola at najat@colamg.com or (206) 992-9125.

The Father Daughter Dance 2014 Denim & 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.

St Joseph Women's Ministry Group

"Coffee Connect"
Saturday April 12

Please join us for coffee/tea to enjoy light hearted conversation and connect to each other by sharing your spirit and stories. Starbucks 4000 Madison Park from 10am-11am. Non-parishioners ladies are welcomed too! Please contact Sheila Sifferman Marie @ sma-rie49@comcast.net or 206.251.7035

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

Cabrini Ministry Training

Save the date and plan to join us.

April 12 (9 am-noon) - St.
James Cathedral Place
Room 411
The Spirit of Relationship –
Developing Your Capacity
for Presence



Join Brian DesRoches, PhD as he expands our awareness of the power that a deep listening presence has in all of our relationships.

May 2 (6 – 9 pm)

7th Annual Have A Heart Dinner
St. Joseph – 732 18th Ave E Seattle

Cabrini Ministry Training forms Christians in the Catholic Tradition for compassionate pastoral service in our community to bring Christ's healing presence to God's people. For more information visit, www.cabriniministry.org Patt Reade – Executive Director (206) 760-0583.



Community

CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Haiti



This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Haiti. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, and reminded that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and all around the world, that our families and communities may be strengthened and blessed.

St. Joseph's Easter Egg Hunt For Children

Easter Sunday, April 20th after the 9 am 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, March 29th 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

Are You Getting the E-Blast?

Every Thursday, St. Joseph Parish sends out Fr. John's column & other upcoming events electronically. If you haven't subscribed, you can do so, no muss, no fuss. Go to the subscribe button at www.stjosephparish.org and you can be one of the cool kids, too.

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 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.

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.

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*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and captured sin.*

-Henry Hart Milman

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

Next week is Palm Sunday, what some, with tongue in cheek, have deemed "schizophrenic Sunday." It is an austere mass with a very merry beginning making it a somewhat peculiar hybrid of both Eastern and Western traditions. The "merry" part is, of course, the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem complete with a festive parade (we Catholics we call it a procession) with banners and flowering branches and palms, outdoor music, even a bagpiper! This part is borrowed from Eastern Christianity where Palm Sunday marks a festive conclusion to the season of Lent. The "austere" part, the rest of the mass once we are inside the church, had its origins in Rome and focuses on the passion and death of the Lord. The opening gospel scene in Jerusalem is overflowing with praise and excitement. Yet, these same people waving palm branches and singing "hosanna" would, in a few days be, shouting "Crucify him." It is a most unusual liturgy indeed.

At the 9 am mass the choir initiates the festive opening with a rousing, sung acclamation from the procession gospel "*Hosanna to the Son of David*" and then the upbeat gospel spiritual "*Ride On Jesus, Ride*" as the procession reaches the church, led by the piper. Then, to help effect this transition from festive to austere we leave our flowering branches and festive banners at the foot of the cross just outside the main doors to the church. And, only a few minutes later, we are singing psalm 22: "*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*" Churches only celebrate this festive procession once on the weekend of Palm Sunday so at the other masses the "merry" part is considerably briefer and we get to the serious stuff more quickly.

And a procession only really LOOKS like a procession if as many people as possible carry signs of festivity! Banners, palms, and, in particular, flowering branches from your yard. After Jesus marched into Jerusalem, he spoke of spring branches as "heralds of the coming of the day of the Lord." Indeed, around the world many communities of Catholics see this as such a significant day that they cut a variety of their own favorite branches and carry them to church: olive branches in and around the Mediterranean; lilacs and forsythias in the north; pussy willows in many areas. Fortunately, given how late Easter is this year it isn't hard to find flowering branches now.

Even though Lent is not over, the liturgical color for Palm Sunday changes from purple to red, the color associated with blood, with the cross, the passion and the death of Jesus.

What about these palms? The entire palm frond (we generally have a few of these whole palm fronds in the liturgical space) has a strong religious association for Jews, Muslims and Christians as an emblem of resurrection. The palm is a reminder of the Phoenix, the legendary bird of paradise that landed in the fronds of a palm tree and then burst into flames. Soon, from a single egg left in the ashes, a new and more beautiful phoenix arose. Early Christians enjoyed this legend as an allegory of the resurrection.

Indeed these palms and branches are ancient symbols of victory and hope...even of new life. They are pledges of resurrection, signs of faith in the risen Christ. Many Catholics take the palms home and form them into a cross and keep them on their bedside or hang them on a wall forming a natural bridge between church and home. Some churches save them and burn them in the Easter fire and use the ashes the following year on Ash Wednesday. So, on this final Sunday in Lent, we embrace once again these known moments and stories and sit and see where we fit in the story today, in 2014 as we proclaim Christ's suffering and death and move with earnestness and vigor into Holy Week.



Social Ministry

Puget Sound Blood Center

Monday, April 14th
Blood Drive @ St Joseph's Parish Center
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Closed 3:00-4:00

Appointments available in the Parish Center lobby

Blood donation is a manifestation of love and compassion. The mandate to "love your neighbor" was stated by Jesus (Matthew 5:43), Paul (Romans 13:9), and James (James 2:8), but it can actually be traced all the way back to Leviticus 19:18. From the earliest days in the Old Testament, God's people were commanded to demonstrate a love for God as well as for their neighbors. Being willing to donate blood from our own bodies would be a perfect example of selfless sacrifice for another.

We have the utmost example of this in the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made as He gave up His body for all of humanity. John summed up the command well when he wrote, "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). As Jesus was trying to convey this message of unconditional love for others, He spoke of caring for the hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, and imprisoned (Matthew 25:35-46). He went on to clarify: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Jesus also used the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) to teach that we, as Christians, are to be kind and to show love toward everyone.

Showing love is sharing our health- and summoning up courage and bravery to take less than an hour to donate blood to save the life of another human being. Not just one life, but three!

But you too, help one another: help one another always. One another. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.

~Pope Francis

St. Vincent de Paul



The killer landslide devastating our neighbors in Oso, up in Snohomish County, painfully drives home the fragility of life and just how much we all really depend upon one another.

Right here in our parish, two of our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers visited a woman who had experienced a kind of "landslide" in her life. A single mom, with a daughter, she had been laid off, exhausted her unemployment, depleted what little money she had and in the bargain got an eviction notice because she had not been able to cover her rent. On top of that, she fell behind in her electric bill. This woman led a stable life, been in her apartment for 16 years, and met her obligations. Now the bottom was falling out.

Thanks to your donations, we were able to keep her in the apartment and cover her City Light bill. No, she was not covered up in mud and was still alive. But such troubles hit many people with the stealth and speed of that awful earthly collapse to the north.

Today is our regular first Sunday St. Vincent de Paul collection. Thank you so much for anything you can give.

SU's Institute Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

Speaker Series

Catherine Cornille, Ph.D., Chair of the Theology Department at Boston College will be sharing her thoughts on "Challenges for Interreligious Dialogue in the Church Today." She will be speaking on April 10th at 7:00 pm, in Pigott Auditorium at Seattle University. Dr. Cornille has travelled across the world exploring Hindu-Christian and Buddhist-Christian Dialogues as well as women's roles in religion. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at ICTC@seattleu.edu

“Let us become bearers of hope!” Pope Francis

Rice Bowl Collection - Holy Thursday

Each year during Lent, our parishioners rely on the CRS Rice Bowl program as an inspiration for prayer, fasting, and giving, helping us to focus our resolve to follow Jesus' call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable. On Holy Thursday, please bring your Rice Bowls to Mass. We will collect your gifts and send to Catholic Relief Services. Our entire collection that day will also be sent to CRS for the Rice Bowl program. Know that 25% of Rice Bowl contributions remain in this archdiocese for grants to organizations such as St. Martin de Porres, Sacred Heart Shelter, the Food Bank at St. Marys, and hundreds of other organizations. 75% of contributions help fund development projects in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to produce more food, increase income, and address poverty.

Collection for the Holy Land – Good Friday

Join with fellow parishioners and support Christians in the Holy Land. For 800 years the Holy See has entrusted to the Franciscans the care of the Holy Places for the benefit of Christians who live there and all who come as pilgrims from around the world. With help from Catholics all around the world, the Franciscans of the Holy Cross of the Holy Land ensure staffing and maintenance of existing Holy Places, care of the 29 Holy Land parishes, assistance to poor and vulnerable residents, support for 10,000 school children, among other works. Our entire collection on Good Friday will be sent to support this important ministry of the worldwide Church.

