

EASTER SUNDAY:
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 20, 2014

Reflection Next Week:
Victoria Selser

Readings for April 27, 2014

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47
SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

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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*Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the world,
Happy Easter! Happy Easter!*

*What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen!
I would like it to go out to every house and every family, especially where the suffering is greatest, in hospitals, in prisons ...*

*Most of all, I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there
that God wants to sow this Good News: Jesus is risen, there
is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil!
Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of
God always triumphs!*

~Pope Francis



The Resurrection of Jesus

*To limit your desires and your hopes
is to misunderstand God's infinite goodness.*

-St. Therese of Lisieux-

When my mother was a small child, she was diagnosed with a serious disease, one that most of her doctors presumed would take her life. My grandmother, a woman of great faith and unwavering determination, refused to accept this result, and began a rosary novena asking for the intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux—the young Carmelite who died at 24, in relative obscurity, but whose letters about her life, published posthumously under the title, *The Story of A Soul*, began a devotion that led to her canonization and declaration as a doctor of the Church. St. Therese saw her vocation as love, and said, shortly before her death, that she longed to spend her time in heaven doing good on the earth. This great love, lived in small ways, drew many to Therese, including my grandmother. In her prayers, my grandmother promised that she would give a statue of St. Therese to the church, and that my mother would enter the Carmelites herself, when she was old enough. Miraculously, given the progress of her disease, my mother began to recover soon after the novena was completed; and, as promised, my grandmother donated a statue of “*the Little Flower*” to the parish garden. Then, when my mother was in high school, she stood up when the invitation to explore religious life was offered, telling her teacher that she intended to become a Carmelite. However, the teacher, a Sister who had seen my mother's rather sociable personality, replied “*Oh, Miss Moriarty, I think you should just go back to your seat.*” It seemed that the gift of healing did not demand the payment promised, but was—as grace always is—given freely.

We can often dismiss such miracles today, and find those who believe in them a bit naive. The idea that God might intrude into the rational order of the universe because of our prayers and the intercession of the Saints seems a superstition, not an act of faith. It makes God seem capricious. Unable to understand why God might act in one case and not in another, we can simply step away from the notion of miracles, preferring to see the Scripture stories as allegories and culturally-conditioned myths. Their truth, we tell ourselves, rests not in the particulars of the events (i.e., not in miracles), but in the overall moral message they convey.

Even the story of the resurrection of Jesus, which generations of Christians have held to be our foundational miracle, is sometimes understood today as a symbol of how the ideas of Jesus, the Teacher and Prophet, find “*new life*” in the Church his followers found. To think otherwise seems too confusing, since we have no experience of a resurrected body, no sense of what it might be and how it might look. The very notion of physical resurrection is beyond

our comprehension and experience. And the idea that Jesus could come forth from the grave not as a spirit, but in flesh still marked by the scars of his crucifixion leaves us trapped in a mystery too great for our minds to contain. Does it really make sense that an infinite God is so concerned with one singular life? Isn't it more reasonable to presume that resurrection is a metaphor for God's love and concern for all humanity? Honestly, there are days I think so, when the personal love of God seems too much for me to bear.

And, yet, just as I am ready to give way to such “*demythologizing*” of the gospels, just when I begin to give up on miracles of healing and resurrection, and see all these stories as beautiful allegories, the irreducible presence and person of Jesus Christ overwhelms me. He comes to me, not in visions or in voices, but in a way both indescribable and undeniable—in a love I feel in my heart, and some place deeper than my heart; in a call that I cannot deny; in a touch that guides me to places I do not fully understand; in an encounter that both grounds me and undoes me. This Jesus—so different from the bland beneficence of humanitarianism—comes, and overturns all attempts to make my faith a mere morality fable.

Jesus, bloodied and wounded, abandoned and betrayed by real people, by people he loved and keeps loving until his last breath, testifies that the passionate love of God is always particular—scandalously particular. This Jesus was not an avatar of God, but a true human being, who lived in a particular moment of history, in a particular nation and culture; who was born of a particular family, with particular friends. And when he died, it was not a symbolic death, but an actual, physical death; a death horrific and tragic, unique to him, and yet, in that, a death like each one of us will face.

The scandal of particularity, like the scandal of the Incarnation, reminds us that God's infinite love is somehow made visible in a single life. No, it is not *humanity* who is saved, not *humanity* who dies and is raised, but one person—and through him, each one of us.

For just as Jesus has a personal relationship with God, so too does the risen Jesus desire a personal relationship with each one of us. Jesus loves you, and me, and him, and her; and though he can be said to love *all* of us, it is because, first of all, he loves each of us, and comes among us as the Savior of every single person. The infinite goodness of God, made flesh in the particular goodness of Jesus Christ, sees each of us for who we are. Sees each of us, not just as one person among many, but as this particular person who is broken and yet hopeful, weary and yet longing, sinful and yet deeply desirous of a love that will heal that sin. In the heart of Jesus, I am who I am, with all my wounds and all my wonder. Thus, I am saved; thus, each of us is saved.

To that, we can only say: “*Alleluia!*”





Prayer

The Order Of Malta

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. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Waltner at Nicholas.Waltner@Madison-ParkCP.com

Prayer Opportunity

From now through the summer, the south doors of the church will remain open until 7:30 pm each day for personal prayer. Come in and sit and pray for a while!

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.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the decisions Jeff, Rick and Cindy will be making on behalf of their parent . . . Grateful for friends who built safety features into their friend's house after her steadiness and balance changed . . . Thankful Ralph sold his house and found a new place to live . . . For Terri who has had a reoccurrence of cancer, may she find comfort in her faith, family and friends who support her with wonderful love and caring . . . For Mike who is having knee replacement surgery . . . For the well being of Sharon, Tricia, Ann, Danny, Michael, Scott and Chris . . . For those who are travelling and for Anne's trip to Hong Kong.



*"When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet
as though dead.
He touched me with his right hand and said: There
is nothing to fear.
I am the First and Last and the One who lives.
Once I was dead but now I live -- forever and ever.
I hold the keys of death and the nether world."*

~ Revelation 1:17-18

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

Welcome Neophytes!

Please welcome the following youth and adults who were initiated Into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil Mass through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

FRANK AU
KATIE AU
THOMAS BURNSIDE
JONATHAN LIN
FRANCES WALTZ
HENRIETTA WALTZ



Community

Seniors On The Go

- **Friday, April 25th** - Join us in attending the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival at the Seattle Center. Meet at St. Joseph's at 10:00 am. Please bring your own lunch. To register contact Renee at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org
- **Friday, May 2nd** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.
- **Thursday, May 15th** - SENIORS Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Thursday, May 22nd** - Tour Of St James Cathedral followed by lunch at the Frye Museum. Meet at Parish Center at 10:30 am.
- **Friday, June 6th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center. Join us for a barbeque with Father Jack O'Leary.

St. Vincent de Paul: Call to Serve

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic movement of lay men and women who seek out the poor and marginalized in their community and offer charity and support. The movement is guided by Christ's call to become holy through Christ's service. St. Joseph's "conference" is looking for new members! You are warmly invited to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul and be a part of this important ministry. Please join us on **May 12 at 6:30 in the Social Hall**. You can also check out their web sight at www.svdpsattle.org to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul in our local area.



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

Women's Ministry: Spring In-home Mass

The Women's Ministry will be hosting an in-home mass and potluck dinner on Friday, May 2nd. We will gather at 6pm, with mass beginning at 6:30pm. 1615 22nd Ave E. Please RSVP to Kaz Maras (206.228.2674) or Patty Spencer (spencer.patricia4555@gmail.com) and let us know what you will bring for the potluck.

St. Joseph Men's Retreat

May 30 - June 1

God's Invitation and my Response

Please join us for a weekend retreat at Dumas Bay Center. The cost is \$160.00 per person. For questions or to register, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Congratulations

7th Grade Girls CYO Volleyball champions





Community

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

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps - Seattle

Intentional Service! Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps), a program of JVC Northwest, is excited to announce our pilot year in Seattle. JV EnCorps is a faith-based volunteer program for people 50 and older. Participants engage in 5-10 hours per week of transformative service at local nonprofits. During their ten months of volunteer service, participants meet together regularly in community, deepen their spirituality, and explore the values of simple living, social and ecological justice. Applications available through June 30th. For more information, contact Helen Pitts, 206-305-8911, JVESeattle@jvcnorthwest.org or visit <http://jven-corps.org> to apply.

Endowment for St. Joseph School Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 15, 2014
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 (206) 992-9125 or najat@colamg.com

Catholic Schools Robotics Extravaganza

Saturday, May 3rd, 9 am-11 am
Seattle Prep Gym
Free!!! All ages welcome.

The Robots are coming—let the craziness begin!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Please join us for an evening of prayer, knitting, and fellowship. ALL levels of knitting ability are welcome. The St. Joe's Prayer Shawl Ministry is going strong with many beautiful shawls completed. They have been blessed and will go to people in need of comfort and

healing. Please mark your calendars for the following meeting dates and join us for any of the dates that work for your schedule. (Shawls can always be worked on at home in between meetings.)

Meetings will be in the Parish Center from 7 to 9 in the evening.

Thursday, May 1st
Thursday, June 5th

Yarn is available if desired. We welcome yarn donations from the parish. Worsted and bulky weight yarns are best. Please leave donations in the parish center office. If you have any questions or need help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com



Western Washington
JustFaith Leadership
Team

Present

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

A Special Welcome To GoodNews People Grads

Saturday, May 3, 2014

9:00 – 4:00,

(Registration open at 8:30)

St Joseph Church & Parish Social Hall

732 18th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98112

(Parking behind the Church – enter on 19th)

A DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, DISCERNMENT & COMMITMENT

• Retreat Animators:

- **JOE GRANT** – Developer of JF's Engaging Spirituality Program
- **JACK JEZREEL** – Founder and President of JustFaith Ministries

• Partner Connections:

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| ○ Maryknoll | ○ Catholic Community Services |
| ○ Bread for the World | ○ Society of St. Vincent de Paul |
| ○ Office of Catholic Faith Formation | ○ Catholic Relief Services & Campaign for Human Development |
| ○ JustFaith Ministries | ○ Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center |



Registration \$15

Refreshments & Snacks Provided – Please bring your own lunch

★Register by April 25th★

**For More Information and to Register: Contact the Missions Office
missionsoffice@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4580 or 800-869-7028**



Sacramental Preparation

Our Holy Grails “Choose Wisely”

The *CFF2 chalice making activity began in 2011. Our parish school has a kiln and one of our First Communion parents at that time, Darcy Marlow, knew how to use it. She was an art teacher and offered her talents to the group. This project has proved to be a meaningful and fruitful endeavour.



The first step in the chalice making process is transforming three small lumps of clay into distinct parts: a pinch pot, a coil stem, and a flat, circle base. Each child is instructed on how to make each piece and also the technique of scoring and slipping to “glue” the pieces together. We talk about the importance of



each piece and how it adds to the whole chalice. The different parts secure and stabilize each other. As the children look to compare their masterpieces, we also remind them how unique we all are and the importance of bring our gifts to the community.

These precious vessels are then dried for one week. They are loaded into the kiln and fired. After cooling down, the “greenware” is stored in a safe place to avoid accidental breaking. It does happen though—either in the kiln or in the process of moving—but repair is possible! (Thank goodness for E6000 glue.)

**CFF2 is the second year of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are interested in your child participating in the program, please visit our website to register for the first year, CFF1.*

The next step of chalice making is the glazing. The children get to paint their greenware chalices. There are a few color choices, but no matter what the color, when the glaze is applied it looks dull and gray or mauve until firing. The painting process is quick and fast. There is little drying time, and the chalices are loaded into the kiln later that day or the next morning to once again be fired.



The final step is the day we display them on the table at the entrance of the nave at their First Eucharist. The heat from the second firing in the kiln has transformed the dull, dingy objects into glossy sparkly vibrant works of art! The pale mauve or gray is now a brilliant cobalt blue and florescent orange. The pale pink is transformed into a beautiful aqua green. Each piece is unique and special to the children. The gray lump of clay is now an ornamental chalice that will remind them of their time preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. This year's celebration will be on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th and 11th.





Sacramental Preparation

A Splash of Color

St. Joseph Parish has many distinguishing features and characteristics both inside and outside the church building. Inside, there is the grand mosaic behind the high altar, the gorgeous stained glass windows, and the organ in the choir loft. On the outside, we have our high steeple, the stone inscriptions above the main doors, and the tile mosaic benches on the stone plaza. I am told those benches were gifts to the church by a past First Communion class more than a decade ago. All of these parts make our building attractive and rich and a destination point.

About ten years ago, the First Communion class of 2003 began designing art tiles and installing them on the south east wall connecting the church building to the parish center. The wall had been gray and blank, and to my understanding, a place to beautify. The first class was positioned in the bottom corner between the exterior staircase wall and the walkway wall. It was barely noticeable as parishioners walked from the parking lot to mass each Sunday. Now, as you walk up the stairs from the parking lot, you will see to your right, the tile mural consisting of hundreds of art tiles. The design from the original corner pyramid has provided a key arrangement for the crosses, pyramids, and block shapes you now see. When you take a closer look you will see children's drawings of crosses (there are a lot of those!), hearts, chalices, birds, mountains, and proclamations such as "God Rules."

Most of the past 11 years, we have had the good fortune of parishioner Bob Fox's help and expertise in the design and labor of this project. He has shown great care for the children's work and welcomes the help of parents to work side by side with him year after year. From teaching parents how to mix grout, place tiles, and use a wet saw, he shares his talent with the community. Parishioner Marianne Zech also has played an instrumental role in generously providing all of the black "field" tiles and colored border tiles.

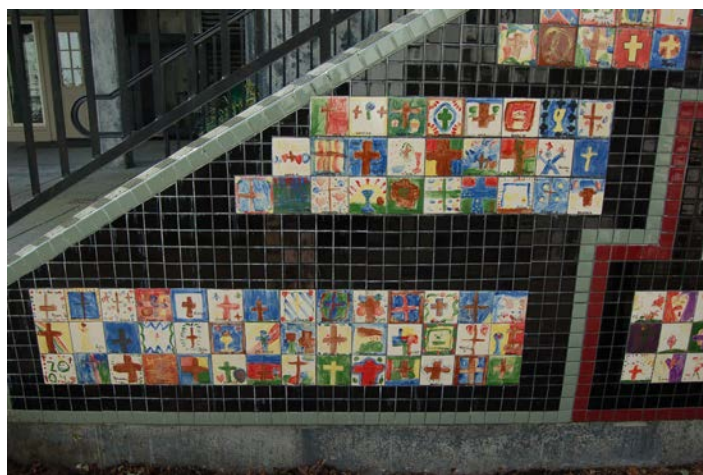
What started as a way to spruce up a cement wall has grown into a delightful mosaic of children's art and exclamation of their budding faith. Children seek out their tile and look at the new additions. Pictures are taken in front of the mural on First Communion day. This year, we will begin work on the wall to the left of the walkway. We also will plant new ground cover at the base

of the first wall mosaic and hope to eventually revamp the seating area. This is a shady spot which attracts all types of birds such as hummingbirds and finches too. I have come to reference this area of the campus as the "First Communion Prayer Garden," and am happy it has brought joy and delight to everyone who visits our church.

First tile installation in 2003



Latest tile installation in 2013



Come and take a look at the beautiful artistic expression of our children in the prayer garden.



Social Ministry

Oso Relief

*We must speak to them with our hands by giving,
before we try to speak to them with our lips.
St. Peter Claver, SJ*

Over and over, members of this community open their hearts to share with those in need and we can't thank you enough. During Masses last weekend, we collected a stunning **\$23,821.33 of donations to benefit those impacted by the Oso Mudslide**. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far...

Please know that two-thirds of Oso donations will be sent to a special fund held by Catholic Community Services for Rev. Timothy J. Sauer, Pastor at St. John Vianney Church (Darrington) and Immaculate Conception Church (Arlington). These parishes are reaching out to and assisting people in the Oso community in a variety of ways, including helping to defray funeral and burial costs for loved ones. The parishes have opened their facilities to be used by Mental Health Counselors. In addition, Fr. Sauer has also responded to a request by the Snohomish County Human Services Department to place community 'navigators' at the parishes. These are representatives from various community-based agencies who will be able to assist those impacted to receive the services they need.

The remaining one-third will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul North Sound Council to assist in preventing evictions, keeping power and heat turned on, providing food for families, arranging doctor visits, providing assistance with childcare, and more. Members of the local St. Vincent de Paul conference make personal in-home visits to help people with survival and self-sufficiency support.

Thank you again and again for your generosity to those affected by the Oso disaster!



Easter Sunday Alleluia!



During the past six weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, Haiti, and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Please return your Rice Bowl to the Parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Coffee & Donuts



Our 2nd Sunday-of-the-Month crew needs you!

Greet new parishioners, catch up with longtime parishioners and help build community by creating a warm and welcoming coffee-and-donut reception. Once a month, come 30 minutes prior to Mass to put on the coffee, set up some tables & chairs, and put out pastries. After Mass, meet and greet parishioners and visitors, pour coffee and quickly clean-up. Total time commitment outside of Mass is 60-75 minutes. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this important ministry for our parish so that we may continue to provide a welcome place for all to gather. For more information, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1652. Many thanks!



Pathfinders: Faith In Action

**Our middle school youth
group, Pathfinders, seen
sprucing up our
First Communion
prayer garden,
March 2014**