

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 25, 2014

Reflection Next Week:
Michael Caputi

Readings for June 1, 2014

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

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-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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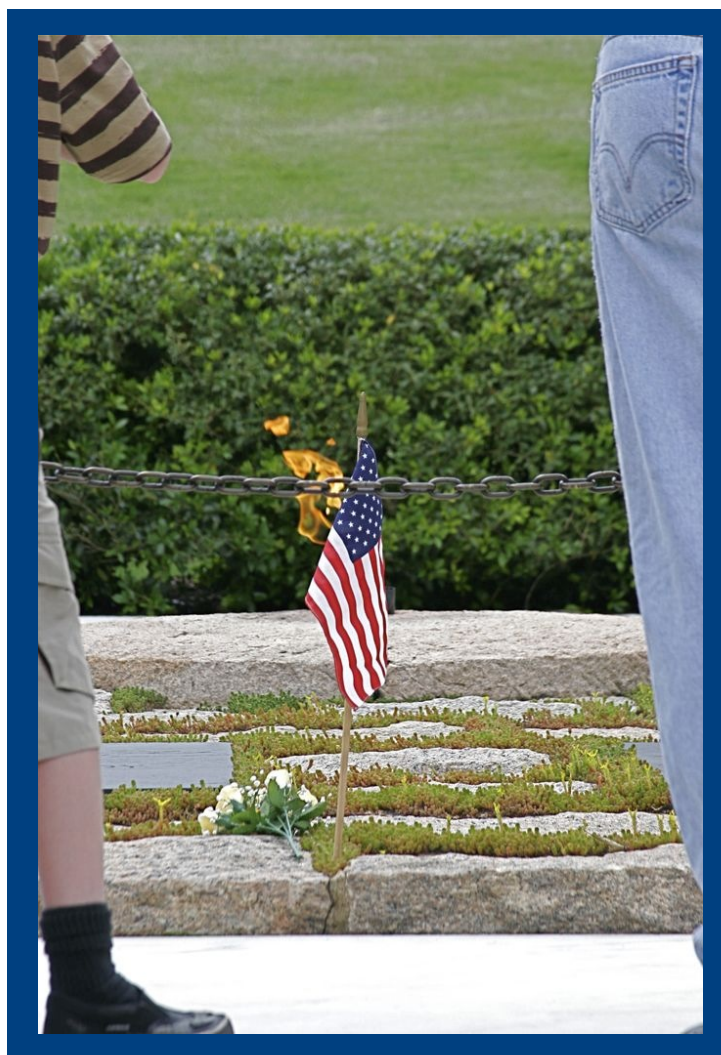
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Memorial Day

*What he was, he was:
what he is fated to become
Depends on us.*

*Remembering his death,
How we choose to live
Will decide its meaning.*

-W.H. Auden, Elegy for J.F.K.-

When I was in sixth grade, my father and I flew to Massachusetts, where my father had been born and raised, and where my uncle and grandmother still lived. It seems my Uncle Dave had a friend who ran a Cadillac agency, and my father—never one to turn down a deal or an adventure—decided that the perfect way to break-in a new car would be for us to drive it from Boston to Washington, D.C., and then across the country. I had never been to the East Coast, and so jumped at the chance to spend a couple of weeks with my father, exploring his roots and the sites of so much American history. The plans were made for us to see Concord and Lexington, to visit Bunker Hill and the Boston Common, and then to head south, to New York and Washington, where we

would visit Capitol Hill and Arlington Cemetery. I was certain that the shortest part of the trip would be the drive from DC to California, since I had ridden with my father before and knew that, once he turned towards home, there would be few stops and a rather liberal understanding of the speed laws (we made it in 3 days).

It was a wonderful trip, and one whose echoes I feel to this very day. I was the youngest of five, and had never been “back East” before, though both of my parents were from Massachusetts. The thought of flying in a plane for the first time, of seeing my aunts and uncles and cousins in their own homes, of visiting the places I had only read about in history books and the cities I had only imagined, and, most of all, of having so much time alone with my father made me jump at the chance. And I was not disappointed.

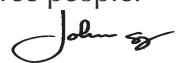
In Boston, we stayed with my grandmother and my Uncle Dave, but went out daily to see the sites. To my father’s amusement, I ordered a hamburger at one of the most famous fish restaurants in Boston, and was awed by the markers at Bunker Hill and the Boston Commons (I was, even at that age, a bit of history nerd). Here, I knew, blood had been shed in the birth-pains of a new nation, a nation of which I was now a part.

We left Boston and headed south, spending an uneventful evening in New York—though I recall “birch bark beer,” a variation on root beer that I have never tasted since—and finally arriving in DC. I loved the city, and my college years at Georgetown may well have been conditioned by this first visit. Yet, nothing so moved me as our last day there, when we passed behind the Lincoln Memorial and drove over the bridge to Arlington, slowly ascending to the hill that had once been the home of Robert E. Lee but now serves as a National Cemetery. Entering those grounds, my father and I both grew quiet—words seemed unnecessary—and we walked together to the eternal flame that marked the burial plot of John F. Kennedy. We stood there for a long time, and I remembered that the first time I had ever seen my father cry was during the televised funeral of JFK.

We then went down the hill a bit, to the grave of Robert Kennedy, its simple white cross a noticeable contrast to the monumental nature of the eternal flame. Bobby’s grave was still fairly new—this was only 1970—and I don’t think the wall that now stands across from the grave was yet built. But I do remember my father’s hand in mine and the sorrow I felt, thinking of the Kennedy family—Ethel and her children, some of whom would never know their father. I held my father’s hand tighter, and we moved off.

The last thing we saw in Arlington was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with its inscription that I noted in the journal I kept for my school: “*Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.*” We waited there, to see the changing of the guard, and stood, more silently than at any Mass, as we watched the young men pass each other with precision, in reverence to the sacrifice of one soldier or sailor, who stood for so many others—so many lost, so many forgotten, so many who would never have the chance to raise their own children and bring them across the country to stand in the cold air of the nation’s capital. I thought of my father, at that moment, and think of him now: of the service he gave in the Pacific during World War II; of the suffering he saw, though rarely spoke about; of the way his life was changed, and how, but for the grace of God, it might be him that these soldiers were guarding, or who was resting beneath one of the thousand of crosses on this hillside. I knew, even then, that my father was showing me something about love and honor and memory, and was sharing with me something powerful about himself—that he knew he was blessed and lucky, and knew that he, and all of us, were in debt to the one beneath this marble tomb.

Many have died in service to this nation since I stood with my father in Arlington National Cemetery—and many who served this nation have died from age or illness, as well. Some have been sacrificed for the hubris of national leaders or in causes unworthy of their goodness and courage, but that does not make their heroic generosity any the less. On this Memorial Day Weekend, I think of my father, lying now beneath the bronze plaque of a Navy veteran, and of all the fathers and brothers, daughters and sons, mothers and sisters, who gave a part of their lives, or all their lives, to the preservation of this nation. As we recall those who have died—from Crispus Attucks, the freed slave who fell as the first victim of the Boston Massacre, to the many veterans who will pass away this week in hospitals and homes around the nation—may we, too, give of ourselves for one another. May our actions for peace and justice, may our work to secure benefits owed our returning veterans, may our determination to banish war as a solution to human conflict, may all our tears and blessed memories give lasting and incarnate honor to those who have served and suffered that we might be a just and free people.



Summer Mass Time Change

Please note that we will change to one Mass on Sunday mornings for the summer. Mass will be held at 9:30 am beginning on Sunday June, 22nd.



Prayer

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 Suzanne's health and strength . . . Gratitude for Ken's remarkable recovery from recent hip surgery . . . For Mary Elizabeth's well being . . . For young adult children (20 and 30 something) to use discernment in making life-changing choices . . . For school teachers and administrators who prepare students to learn, grow and graduate to new beginnings . . . For Fr. Scott in his role as provincial of the NW Jesuits . . . Thank you to the men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces.



*"... And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I am free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me"*

~ Lee Greenwood

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

Annulment Advocate

If you are seeking an annulment, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

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.

Welcome The Newly Baptized

We welcome the following Older Children who were baptized into the Catholic Faith here at St. Joseph's last Sunday May 18th at the 9:00 am Mass.

John Conor Welch
Gianna Esther Stone
Zayne Amir Cola
Catelyn Ruth Anna Holzli
Carson Paul Holzli
Tamir Bryant Richardson
Thomas "Mo" Moore Richardson
Griffin Bryce Lines
Gavin Duff Lines
Dalia Marie Lines



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!



Community

Changing Light: An Examen of Life in the Middle of the Year

Saturday, June 21, 2014 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
Rosanne Michaels, facilitator

This June, you are invited to take time to slow down, step back, and prayerfully "examine" your life's journey in the middle of the year. Using the metaphor of the changing light throughout the 24-hour day, Rosanne Michaels will offer brief presentations on the movements of the Examen, followed by abundant time for reflection and journaling on the first half of your year. This day invites you to ponder what is most important to you and to consider possible next steps in your life.

People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome, especially those with an openness to deepening one's experience of prayer in the Ignatian tradition. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

COST: Early registration fee - \$45 (through Friday June 13). Regular fee - \$55 (after Friday June 13). To register visit www.ignatiancenter.org or contact Andrea Fontana with questions (andrea@ignatiancenter.org, 206.329.4824).

Seniors On The Go

• **Friday, June 6th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center. Parish is providing baked salmon, Barbecue Chicken and beverages. Everyone invited to bring a dessert, salad or side dish to share. For details contact Dolores Dorn at 322-2259 or Mary Ott at 324-7459. Join us for a barbeque with Father Jack O'Leary - **Jack's Back!**



• **Friday, July 4th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. (Please note there will NOT be a luncheon following Mass)

SAVE THE DATE - the Parish is headed back to the Clink!

**Friday
September 12th**
Tickets go on sale
next week!



St. Joseph Men's Group Retreat

May 30 - June 1
Friday evening through Sunday morning
At Beautiful Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way
Cost: \$160.00 per person (partial scholarships avail)

"God's Invitation & My Response"

Please join us for a weekend where we will provide time to relax, feel rejuvenated and inspired, get connected with ourselves and other men from our parish as well as eat, pray & play! Come and take the time to find and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We will help organize carpools, to register or if you have any questions, please call Steve W at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

CYO Sports

CYO FALL SOCCER (K-8TH) AND CROSS-COUNTRY
(K-8TH) REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Soccer deadline: June 13, 2014
Cross-country deadline: Sept 15, 2014

Soccer fee: \$55 Cross-country fee: \$15
Register online.

Soccer - <http://www.stjosephsea.org/soccer>
Cross-country - <http://www.stjosephsea.org/cross-country>

Sports Pilot is our new online registration tool. Please create a new account if you have not registered since January 2014. Kids participating in both soccer and cross-country will need to register separately for each.

Questions: Jordan Howell, jhowell@stjosephsea.org



Social Ministry

POPE FRANCIS - GENERAL AUDIENCE
St. Peter's Square - Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we now consider the gift of knowledge. Through this spiritual gift, we are enabled to see every person, and the world around us, in the light of God's loving plan. In a sense, we see the beauty, harmony and goodness of all creation with the eyes of God its maker. As is clear from the lives of Saint Francis of Assisi and so many other saints, the gift of knowledge gives rise to grateful contemplation of the world of nature and joyful praise of the Creator. The perspective given by this spiritual gift leads us to respect God's gift of creation and to exercise wise stewardship of its resources for the benefit of the whole human family. It also prevents us from restricting our vision to the persons and things of this world alone, forgetting that in their order, value and beauty they point beyond themselves to God, their source and ultimate end. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us grow in the knowledge which enables us to perceive the love with which God guides the world, to respond with gratitude and to praise him for his infinite goodness and love.

May 24th is the liturgical celebration of the memorial of Our Lady, Help of Christians, venerated with great devotion at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai. I invite all the faithful to pray so that, under the protection of Our Lady, Help of Christians, the Catholics in China may continue to believe, to hope and to love and, in every circumstance, to be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among their fellow citizens.

St. Francis House Help Needed

Men's jeans desperately needed at St. Francis House

One of the learnings from our WE ARE ST JOSEPH SERVICE DAYS was the need for donations of men's jeans (new or used) sizes 32 and larger. Many of the men coming to Francis House are day laborers, they don't need dress pants but work pants. You can bring them to Mass and put them in with food donations or you can bring them directly to Francis House (Monday-Friday 10 am – 2 pm) 169 12th Ave or give them a call at 206-621-0945.



St. Vincent de Paul

Medical care or the lack of it for our veterans has been much in the news lately. And with next Sunday being the after-Mass collection for St. Vincent de Paul, this seems a good time to note that your donations sometimes go to help veterans in distress.

Not long ago we visited a fellow who required surgery. He had been laid off, was down to his last bit of savings and faced utility bills, rent, and a nigh-empty food cupboard. He could only pay a small amount on what he owed and had decided to pay rent as he worried he might otherwise lose his place to live. We were able to provide some food cards for Safeway and contribute to his light bill.

It is your donations that enable us St. Vinnie's volunteers to step in for people like this veteran who are living on the edge. It makes a big difference.

Thank you for your support.



Noel House Help Needed

*Food & Volunteers needed for dinner at Noel House
Thursday, June 19th*

Noel House was started in 1990 and has offered nightly shelter to single women experiencing homelessness. By offering a safe place to be around the clock, the women are better able to address health issues, focus on goals and build relationships and support systems within the community. This model of service delivery allows women to move out of survival mode and allows them to truly thrive. St. Joseph's has been involved in a monthly dinner for the women in the shelter. 8-10 volunteers go to the shelter and serve prepared dinner to the ladies and then offer conversation over the dining experience. It has been done the third Thursday of every month with summers off for 2 years. The shelter currently partners with St. John's Catholic Church, Temple de Hirsch Sinai, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and Bethany Community Church. **If you would like to learn more or get involved contact Sue Georgulas sgeorgulas@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.**



Community

Gay and Catholic?

The St. Joseph LGBT Ministry is seeking nominees to serve on its steering committee to help discern direction, set goals, and plan social and spiritual events. Through this ministry LGBT Catholics work together to build community among gay Catholics within the parish and beyond, to ensure all people find St. Joe's a welcoming place to nourish their souls. If you are interested in serving, or want to nominate someone, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org.

Contemplative Leaders in Action: An Ignatian Leadership Program

*Applications are now available for the
2014-2016 cohort!*

Monthly sessions September 2014 – June 2016

Are you an emerging leader striving to integrate faith into your life? Are you seeking an intentional and meaningful community? If you are a Jesuit-educated alumna/us between the ages of 25-39, and are interested in engaging and forming your leadership and faith within a cohort community, Magis has the perfect opportunity for you! Magis is currently recruiting for its Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) Ignatian Leadership program, a meaningful two-year cohort experience that integrates secular leadership training and faith development. Cohort members meet monthly with a focus on growth in self-awareness, faith, leadership and professional skills, all while being a part of a supportive community. Ideally the cohort will consist of 15-20 members with diverse professional, cultural/ethnic and faith backgrounds. Applications for the 2014-2016 CLA cohort (which will begin September 2014) are currently available and are due by May 30, 2014. Required Information/Group Interview Nights for those who have applied will be held on May 21 or June 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Seattle University. For more information about the CLA program, or details regarding the application process, please visit Magis' CLA website at www.seattleu.edu/magis/programs/leadership/cia/ or contact the Magis Director, Brooke Rufo Hill, at rufohillb@seattleu.edu, or CLA Program Manager Katie Steele, at steelek@seattleu.edu

St. Joseph's MOMS Group

BOOK DISCUSSION & POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

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

St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor

Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Total Cost: **FREE!**

Join us as we gather to explore *When the Heart Waits*, a highly acclaimed autobiographical account of personal pain, spiritual awakening, and Divine Grace from the bestselling author of *The Secret Life of Bees*. In lieu of a facilitator, we'll use a published guide to lead our informal discussion.

Even if you don't have time to read the book, please come to meet and celebrate with other mothers on their own unique spiritual journeys. **Our brunch will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish or beverage to share!**

To RSVP and request childcare, please contact Jeanine Benham-Jones at jeanine@cwjones.net or 206.799.5177.

St. Joseph's Young Adult Ministry Softball Team

Join our Young Adult Softball Team! Games are on Mondays or Thursday nights throughout summer, starting in early June and running through mid-August, and always a ton of fun. We will coordinate carpools and happy hours together after games too! Feel free to invite your friends to join our team as well! Registration is \$30. For more information, email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concerts at Saint Joseph Parish
Presents:

Series Finale: Music for Flute & Organ



Brian Fairbanks
Flute



John Stuntebeck
Organ

Friday, June 20, 2014 – 7 p.m.

Free admission, with a free will offering for the concert series.

For more information, please visit www.stjosephparish.org or call 206.965.1645.

St. Vincent de Paul "Stuff the Truck" at St. Joseph Parish | June 7th & 8th, 2014



Clean Your Closets and Help the Poor!

We want to make donating to St. Vincent de Paul as convenient as possible. Please help us with your Spring closet cleaning! If you have gently used items you no longer need, bring them to church and help us **Stuff the Truck**! Please help us help others. Thrift stores support our mission. About 90 cents of every dollar donated to us goes to programs.

Save the date: June 7th & 8th 2014

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck at St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot

Saturday June 7th, 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Sunday June 8th, 7:30am to 1:00pm

Items We Really Need!

Bedding, clothing, kitchen items, lamps, books, pictures, household goods, and sports gear. Accepted items are eligible for tax deduction. (info go to www.irs.gov)

Items We Can't Accept!

Anything torn, ripped, stained, hazardous or poisonous, large appliances, car parts, hot water tanks, toilets, carpets, car batteries, paint, and air conditioners.

We thank you for your generous financial support!



We can also pick up large items throughout the year. Call St. Vincent de Paul at 206-767-3835.

*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*



Liturgy & Music

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

This weekend is the sixth Sunday of the Easter season and, in the United States, it is the weekend that we celebrate Memorial Day. And while Memorial Day this is not a "church related" event, the fact is that, for Catholics, liturgy and life are intertwined in inexorable ways. The great preacher and teacher of preaching Walter Burkhardt used to say that a good homilist always holds the scripture in one hand and the newspaper in the other. And the most vibrant liturgies are those that reflect and draw upon the best of our local customs and traditions. Think of the Eucharist as meal to nourish us and help us share life together with those who gather round our table; baptism as being cleansed and renewed in the bath.

So, yes, this Memorial Day weekend, we hear the word broken open by a parishioner who fought in World War II. And we draw upon some of the music from our culture that celebrates our love for our homeland as well as a song that celebrates the wider vision of homeland as our entire planet and the people across the world who love their homeland just as we do.

When I moved out to Seattle from New York in 1986 I drove across the country in the "Batmobile," my beat up, black, 1975 Chevy Monte Carol with black leather interior, and swivel bucket seats and low compression in one cylinder. This, rather inconveniently, caused it to stall out in the middle of intersections from time to time. A great Jesuit friend and spiritual director from my days at the University of Detroit strongly recommended that, for my trip, I take the "Blue Highways" and avoid the interstates as much as possible. This I did and meandered through the most extraordinary palette of beautiful landscapes from gleaming cities to fields of wheat, great plains, other-worldly mesas, broad rivers and, finally, the grandest of mountains. Any of you who have had the opportunity to travel across the country in something other than an airplane know what I am talking about! I can't wait to do this again someday.

Katherine Lee Bates was poet and an English professor at Wellesley College in 1893 when she took a train across country to teach a class in Colorado. She, too, was inspired by the sights and she penned the words to the poem which became the song "America." If you know your history well you know that the Chicago World's Fair celebrating the 400 year anniversary of Columbus com-

ing to America was in full swing in 1893, thus leading to the line in the song: "Thine Alabaster Cities Gleam." The tune, MATERNA, was written thirteen years earlier by Samuel A. Ward, a church musician. However, the words were not paired with this tune until 1904, a year after Ward's death so he never knew the national stature his tune would attain.

The pedigree of "This Is My Song" is a little more complicated. The music was written by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius in 1899 as part of a larger symphonic poem. His music played an important role in the formation of Finnish national identity and Finlandia is one of his best known pieces. Years later, in 1941, a Finnish poet wrote words to the song and it is sung regularly in Finland and, much like "America" in the United States, is known as Finland's "other national anthem." A number of hymn texts that have used the tune FINLANDIA over the years by different religious congregations. The first two stanzas of "This Is My Song" were written in 1934 by American poet Lloyd Stone, a United Methodist. The third stanza was written by Georgia Harkness, an important theologian in the Methodist tradition, known for being a leader in the movement to gain ordination for women in the Methodist church.

The St. Joseph Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7-9 and sings the 9 am Sunday mass.

It is open to high school and older. For more information or to schedule an audition contact Robert McCaffery-Lent: Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

Concert

Live at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Tacoma:
Who: John Michael Talbot
When: 7-9 pm, June 24, 2014
Where: St. Charles Borromeo Parish Church
7112 S 12t St, Tacoma
Doors open: 6 pm

"All Things Are Possible"

Tickets: <http://parish.stcharlesb.org/jmt>

St. Joseph School Crowning Mary Mass

