

*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*  
**June 1, 2014**

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

**Readings for June 8, 2014**

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

**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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# Annual Catholic Appeal

If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Every dollar that comes in over and above the \$153,391 goal set for us by the Archbishop will come back to the parish in the form of a rebate. And we need the rebate! This year, the rebate will help support the purchase of emergency kits for the church, and prepare us to be a resource and shelter in case of any regional disaster.

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2014- RESULTS THROUGH MAY 27**

Archdiocesan Goal ..... \$153,391

Total raised so far ..... \$73,723

Percent of goal reached ..... 48%

Thank you to all who have made a pledge. As you can see, we have a long, long way to go! If you haven't brought your envelope from home, envelopes are available in the pews in front of you. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket TODAY. Or visit [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) for online giving options.

Aware that many in our community have been effected by the recent financial fraud in the Archdiocese, we note that—if you are worried about sending your gift directly to the Archdiocese—you may choose to make a gift to St. Joseph Parish in lieu of a gift to the ACA. Please clearly note your preference on the envelope, or enclose a brief note to express your wishes. We will then send a single check, with the gifts, to the Archdiocese, with a letter explaining the reason. Our strong desire is that you give, but also feel secure in your giving.

Thank you again for your support of many crucial ministries within the Archdiocese! Your gift will make a real difference in a lot of lives.



## 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.**

# What Graduates Can Learn From the Ascension

*When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*

**-Acts 1: 6-9-**

In reading the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles*, it is easy to feel superior to those who followed Jesus and gathered with him on that mountain just outside of Jerusalem. After all, even though they have been with Jesus for years before his crucifixion and resurrection, and with him for another forty days after his resurrection, they still ask the same old question, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Wow! Are they that clueless? Can they still be asking about the kingdom of Israel?

But before we roll our eyes and think how much wiser we are than these bone-headed apostles, perhaps we should take a breath and ask ourselves if we really understand the ascension ourselves—or if we are just so familiar with it that it seems as though we understand. Of course, we know it happened, but does it really make any more sense to us than it did to the apostles? After all, why should the resurrected Jesus leave us to fend for ourselves? Why do we have to await a second coming when we already have the first? Would it not be better for him to do as the apostles ask, and establish the kingdom of God right then, instead of waiting until "the end of the age"?

Looking at the centuries of violence and hatred that have occurred since the Ascension—looking at the Inquisition and the Second World War, at the brutality of the holocaust and the kidnapping of two-hundred schoolgirls, at the despair of Columbine and the madness in Santa Barbara—who doesn't reasonably think that we might have all been better off had Jesus done what the apostles asked, and established his rule over all the earth right away, instead of taking off for heaven and sending us the Holy Spirit?

Yet Jesus leaves. And we are left, with this messed-up world, waiting for what will come, looking up at the sky, and wondering, "Why?"

The answer to that question is, of course, the answer to most questions, when it comes to Jesus: he leaves because he loves us. In his departure, he reminds us that his mission is more than a personal mission, more than a statement of his own power and glory. Jesus came into this world not so that we might become his subjects, but so that we might become his sisters and brothers; so that we might become as he is. He came so that we might realize our own calling, and then he left so that we might live that calling fully as the body of Christ in the world.

Only when Jesus completes his mission in the flesh, can we take up ours. Only when he ceases to be, exclusively, the Messiah, can the messianic age begin; only when he ascends out of the role of the singular body of Christ in the world can the whole world become that body, that Christ. As Jesus was anointed by the power of the Spirit in the Jordan, so must we be anointed—must be "Christed"—by that Spirit at Pentecost, and in this way become the new and complete body of Christ. Thus, when we look up into the sky and ask, "What's next?" the answer we find is in us: as a community of faith, as the daughters and sons of God, as the Church.

What happens on that hilltop is a commencement, of sorts, when we are called to step forward and take our place at the side of the One who formed us. We may no longer stand, watching Christ at a distance; for we are now to become Christ in the world. We are now his presence and his power, his promise and his mission for all creation.

This week—and in the coming weeks—thousands of young women and men will cross stages and receive diplomas, indicative of some accomplishment, some conclusion. But, in truth, these graduations are less about the past than they are about the future, less about accomplishments than about mission. The diploma handed to each graduate is, in fact, a ticket entitling him or her to enter a new world, where all that has been achieved is but prologue, and all that has yet to be done awaits the gifts and experiences each one bears.

Every graduate commences into a new beginning, becoming all she has received, and summoned to give of himself as so many have given to him. We are not called to gaze up into the sky, wondering what future will be given to our world by God; we are called to set out from this mountaintop, as people filled with the Spirit of God, as women and men missioned to build the future that our world so desperately needs.





# 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](mailto:jhoover3law@questoffice.net) or 206-286-0313.



**St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:** Thank you, Lord, for the blessings in disguise, masquerading as hardships . . . If you are feeling perplexed by a personal crisis, pray and trust that our Father will act upon your situation and resolve it in His time and according to His will . . . For a beloved and well respected teacher who is recovering from surgery . . . For parents who are showing signs of aging, may we give them grace and show our love.



***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

Please remember in your prayers the mother of  
Deanne Calvert, Catherine Kopkas,  
who died recently.

The students who died last weekend from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

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](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)

## 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!

## 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.

## 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](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) or contact Andrea Fontana with questions ([andrea@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:andrea@ignatiancenter.org), 206.329.4824).





# Community

## Come See Fr. Bob McCahill MM, The Bicycle Disciple

Maryknoll and the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle warmly invite you to join us for a special opportunity to hear from Maryknoll Missioner Fr. Bob McCahill. For the past 40 years, Fr. Bob has served the sick and poor in the predominantly Muslim country of Bangladesh. Please join us on Tuesday, June 3rd, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the St. Joseph Parish Center, Arrupe Room. Fr. Bob will share with us how he lives and works in dialogue with his Muslim neighbors. Fr. Bob is currently featured in the GoodNewsPeople program of JustFaith Ministries.

For more information contact: Kevin Foy, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, [kfoy@maryknoll.org](mailto:kfoy@maryknoll.org) or 206-322-8831.

## Women's Ministry Coffee Connect

Saturday, June 14th @ 10am - Starbucks - Madison Park

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! Contact Kaz Maras ([kjmaras@gmail.com](mailto:kjmaras@gmail.com) / 206.228.2674) for questions or directions.

## 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 on sale now!**

[www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## Day of Contemplative Prayer - for Women and Men

Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP and Kwan Wong,  
Oblate OSB Cam.

Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel, 1663 Killarney Way,  
Bellevue, WA 98004

If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 a.m. for an introduction.

Free-will offering. To register or for more information, contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail [peace@csjp-olp.org](mailto:peace@csjp-olp.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](mailto:jhowell@stjosephsea.org)





# Social Ministry

POPE FRANCIS  
GENERAL AUDIENCE

St. Peter's Square, Wednesday, 28 May 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters: My apostolic journey to the Holy Land in these days was a great grace for me and for the whole Church. It commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the meeting of Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, which marked a milestone along the path to Christian unity. Patriarch Bartholomaios and I prayed together as brothers before the tomb of the Risen Lord and we renewed our commitment to work for full communion between the Churches. My journey was also meant to encourage the efforts of those who work for peace in the Middle East and those who care for the many people, especially refugees and children, suffering the effects of war and violence. As you know, I have invited the Presidents of Israel and Palestine to join me in praying for peace. Finally, I wished to confirm in faith the Christian communities in the Holy Land, to acknowledge their difficulties and to support their charitable and educational works. May the prayer and solidarity of the entire Church sustain their witness to the Gospel message of hope and reconciliation, and help to bring God's gift of peace to those blessed lands.

## PSBC Blood Drive

Monday, June 16th

Blood Drive @ St Joseph's Parish Center

1:00pm to 7:00pm | Closed 3:00-4:00

Appointments available in the Parish Center lobby

Blood donation is a manifestation of love and compassion. 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.

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!**

## 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](mailto:sgeorgulas@gmail.com) or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.**

## 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.



**Puget Sound Blood Center**

blood services | medicine | research



# 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](mailto: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/cla/](http://www.seattleu.edu/magis/programs/leadership/cla/) or contact the Magis Director, Brooke Rufo Hill, at [rufohillb@seattleu.edu](mailto:rufohillb@seattleu.edu), or CLA Program Manager Katie Steele, at [steelek@seattleu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or call 206.965.1645.*



# St. Vincent de Paul "Stuff the Truck" at St. Joseph Parish | June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2014***

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

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. When most of us grew up we knew this holy day as "Ascension Thursday." But, in 1999, in an effort to make it possible for more Catholics to be able to participate in this liturgy it was moved to the Seventh Sunday of the Easter season. There are still some dioceses where it remains on Thursday but, particularly in the western US, it has been celebrated on the following weekend for quite some time now.

The tenor of the readings for these last few weeks of the Easter season has changed rather dramatically as Jesus prepares the disciples for his leaving. He missions them out into the world and promises to be with them always..."until the end of the world." There is much good music, too, that captures the spirit of this promise and this commission.

During the months of August and September 2005, the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) conducted a national online survey called *Songs That Make a Difference*. Catholics all over the United States were invited to name a liturgical song that has made a lasting impact on their own life of faith and then to provide a brief explanation for their choice. "Be Not Afraid" written by Bob Dufford, one of the St. Louis Jesuits, was ranked #3 on this list. In a couple of short verses the song manages to speak to the deep, dark fears that are part of being human and facing the challenges of life and wrap them in God's promise to "go before us always." Each refrain ends with the invitation: "Come, follow me, and I will bring you life." We sing this at the 5:30 contemplative mass this weekend.

There are plenty of hymns that tell the story of Jesus' "ascension" from the first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the apostles...essentially the story of the birth of the church. Jesus, who has been talking with the disciples, suddenly disappears, being lifted up into a cloud obscuring their sight. The punch line is always the angel appearing and asking the disciples why they're sitting around gazing into the sky. There's work to be done! The one we'll sing this weekend is "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise." The text was written by Charles Wesley who wrote over 6,000 hymns in his lifetime and, along with his brother John, founded what we know as the Methodist denomination. He wrote ten verses so you can tell he wasn't Catholic! The tune is Llanfair, which,

as you can probably tell from the consecutive letter "L" is Welsh. The composer was Robert Williams and it was harmonized by John Roberts. The main tune is apparently named after Williams' hometown of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllandtysiliogogoch. (I am not making this up!). In English, the name means "church of St. Mary in the hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave."

And, finally, there is music to support the gospel story of Jesus missioning the disciples to go out to all the world and "make disciples of all nations." "Go To the World" is, many believe, one of the greatest hymn tunes of the twentieth century. It was written by the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams to be wed to the text: "For All the Saints" which we commonly sing on All Saints day. The poem, "Go to the World," was written in the 1990s by Sylvia Dunstan an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. She has many wonderful, contemporary hymn texts included in our Catholic songbooks.

*Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back. Those who wish to sing always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet. - Plato*

## 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 12th St, Tacoma  
Doors open: 6 pm

**"All Things Are Possible"**

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

St. Joseph Sounders Night Out  
Friday, September 12th

Get your tickets now before they sell out!  
[www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

