The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ
June 22, 2014

Homily Next Week: Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for June 29, 2014

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:30 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 Friday - 8 am - 3 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

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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 JUNE 12

Archdiocesan Goal	\$153,391
Total raised so far	\$102,222
Percent of goal reached	66%

Thank you to all who have made a pledge. As you can see, we have a long way to go! If you didn't bring 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 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.

"Fully Conscious, and Active Participation"

14. Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people" (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

-Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy-

When the bishops of the Second Vatican Council—in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy—call for the "fully conscious, and active participation" of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist, they intend to do more than chastise the community for not singing all the responses or paying attention during the homily. Indeed, they are redefining, through this document, the very meaning and focus of the liturgy: reminding all Catholics that the Eucharist is not something the priest does, at which the community is merely an audience called to receive; rather, the Eucharist is something that the whole Church does, in which the priest represents—but does not replace—the People of God. What happens at the altar happens because God is faithful to those who ask. What happens, happens because Christ is present in the Church. What happens, happens because the Spirit has been poured out upon God's people (not just upon the priest); and that Spirit moves through us, and raises us, with Jesus, into the presence of God-and then brings God into our presence, through the Eucharistic gifts of bread and wine which become, through the Spirit, the real presence of the risen Christ for us to consume.

In the early Church, the notion of "fully conscious, and active participation" would have seemed commonplace, since the Eucharist was celebrated in the home of the faithful, with all gathered around a table. Even the word, liturgy, which comes from Greek, means "the work of the people." And, indeed, for centuries, all the people would gather together around the table, and, even when the celebration was moved from homes to churches, there was a sense of communal participation and unified prayer, raising the whole community to God and receiving God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Yet, as the centuries wore on and the Church became a social and political entity, an increasingly priest-centered theology began to arise in the celebration of the Eucharist. No longer was the priest understood to be acting "in persona ecclesiae" (i.e., in the name of the community); rather, it was through his own powers, given him by the sacrament of ordination, that the priest consecrated the bread and wine to God, and received from God the body and blood of Christ. Going back to images of the Old Testament, in which the priests who followed the tradition of Aaron were the only ones allowed to enter the place of sacrifice (i.e., the holy-of-holies), the Church grew to emphasize the power of the priest as the fundamental element of the Eucharist. The members of the laity, who were kept outside the sanctuary by the altar rail and by Canon Law, would read their prayer

books or say their rosaries while Mass was going on, and were only meant to receive what the priest, through his office, had effected. Even the bells, which would call the community to attention at the important moments, were meant to evoke reverence and humility, but not active participation in the sacrifice of the Eucharist.

In Vatican II, however, the Church returns back to its foundational grace, and the People to their foundational responsibility. This is not to say that elements of the old theology do not survive (e.g., in the prayers of ordination, which still connect Catholic priesthood to the priesthood of the temple, overthrown by Christ); yet, the invitation to "fully conscious, and active participation," returns the Church to the ancient liturgical understanding of the People of God at the center of Christ and his sacrifice. Not the priest alone, but all of God's People together—chosen and sanctified by the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ—are restored to the dignity of "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people." Such a restoration explains why the rail between sanctuary and congregation disappears; why the priest faces the people during the Eucharistic Prayer; why the vernacular language becomes the norm of celebration; and why it is important for the whole community to sing and pray the responses. But it also offers a challenge to us to think beyond the easy categories of audience and actor, a challenge to escape our own passivity and become the participants we are meant to be-the Ministers of the Eucharist, who celebrate the Sacrament, even from the pews.

If the action of the Eucharist is not merely the action of the priest, but the action of the whole People of God, then all of us must intend, as well as attend Mass. When the bread and wine are brought forward, "the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands," we must know them to be ours: our labors and struggles, our creativity and conflict, our life and hope, placed upon the altar as Jesus placed his life upon the earth. And when this bread and wine is offered to God, as Jesus offers himself on the cross, we must place in them all the aches and promises of our hearts and of our world: the blood spilled in Falujah and the tears shed at the bed of our friend; the desire we have for reconciliation with our spouse, and the blessings we see in a parent's recovery; the sins of the Church and its ministers, and the warmth known through the people in this assembly; the sorrow of our children's absence and the joy of our grandchildren. Whatever we have, whatever we are, each of us is called to place on that paten and in that cup, praying that "through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit," it will all be sacrificed to God in the form of this bread and wine; and trusting that it will all be given back to us in a sanctifying act of love and communion. We cannot be passive in this; cannot watch as others do the work of the Church. Rather, we must come to know what Augustine knew: "You are there on the table; you are there in the chalice. You are this body for us, for, collectively, we are this body. We drink the same chalice, because we live the same life."





Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

St. Joseph Community its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Chris Miller's recovery and for Grace, his wife, as they travel this journey together with family, friends and colleagues . . . For Craig's father, Ron, who is now



on hospice care . . . For light to shine into the darkness of thoughts and ways . . . For stability and justice and peace in countries that are being torn apart by aggression . . . For those who are looking for jobs, may their search be successful . . . For those who have experienced flooding, tornado destruction and fires, may we help them with our support and prayers and compassion . . . For those who have been inspired to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, in Spain.

> "We live by faith, not by sight." ~2 Cor. 5-7

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 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.

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.

Womens Retreat "Consider The Call"

"VIVA": a two day retreat for women (aged 20-40) considering a call from God to religious life.

Sponsored by the religious communities of women in the Seattle Archdiocese and the Serra Club, the retreat is on Sat. & Sun., July 19- 20 at St. Placid's Priory, 500 College St. NE, Lacey Washington, 98516

For further information and/or registration, contact Sr. Lucy Wyncoop OSB: (360) 438-1771 or lucywynkoop@gmail.com Limited to 20 women. Fee: \$10.00 Deadline for application: July 11.

Summer Ignatian Retreat: "A Pilgrimage of the Heart"

2:00 pm Friday, July 25 – 2:00 pm Sunday, July 27 Palisades Retreat Center, Federal Way Retreat Presenters: Fr. Jerry Cobb, S.J. and Jennifer Kelly (with Fr. Jack O'Leary, S.J. supporting)

Take the time this summer to rest, renew your soul, and soak in silence on the shores of Puget Sound with this rich and meaningful 3-day Summer Silent Ignatian Retreat at the beautiful Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way. Register online by Monday, July 7, 2014.

Questions? Contact Andrea Fontana (andrea@ignatiancenter.org, 206.329.4824). Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.



Volunteer Opportunity: Prison Ministry at Monroe

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For ... I was in prison and you came to me.'

- Matthew 25: 43

Can't remember the last time you visited someone in jail? You have (at least) two options:

- 1. Are you willing to jump through some minor bureaucratic hoops for Jesus? Are you willing to follow this up by semi-regularly enduring atrocious evening Seattle traffic to Monroe Prison with other St Joseph parishioners? If so you are a candidate for Prison Ministry.
- 2. Are you a chess nerd? Have you been wondering how to use your domination of the 64 squares for the glory of God? Are you willing to engage in the near-eternal torture of correspondence chess with prisoners of the state? If so you are a candidate for a potential Chess Prison Ministry.

If either of the above describes you please contact Stuart Rowe: stu.c.rowe@gmail.com; 206-321-0286. Very important to pursue prior to ~July 15th due to the prison training schedule.

Cabrini Ministry Training Program

Cabrini Ministry Training (CMT) invites you to consider its program of lay ministry training and outreach. This is a unique opportunity to learn pastoral care skills and enjoy continued support in a faith-filled community while providing lay ministry in or near your parish. The annual 5 month training program begins in October 2014 and we are seeking applicants now (there is a 10% tuition discount for completed applications received by July 15th!). If you feel that God is calling you to a new ministry and you want to explore that call, please direct any inquiries to CMT Executive Director Patt Reade at 206-760-0583. Please visit our website at www.cabriniministry.org!

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

Friday
September 12th
Tickets on sale now!

www.stjosephparish.org



Seniors On The Go

- *Tuesday, June 24th* Join us for a Tour of Herronswood Garden in Kingston on Tuesday June 24th. We will leave St Joseph at 9 am for the 10:30 ferry, plan for lunch around 11:30, tour at 1:00 and come home. Parish will cover the cost of transportation and tour.
- *Friday, July 4th* Healing Mass at 11:30 am. (*Please note there will NOT be a luncheon following Mass*)

Save the Date: Sunday, June 29th Join the LGBT Ministry as we participate in the Seattle Pride Parade.

You are invited to join St. Joseph's LGBT Ministry in a ministry of presence. For three years, as a community ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve, we have been the Catholic presence at Seattle's LGBT Pride Parade. It is a wonderful way to be a sign and presence of faith, hope, and love in the community. Please join us whether you are an ally, a parent or sibling of someone who identifies as LGBT, or are a member of the LGBT community, all are welcome. The larger the numbers the more the community will feel blessed by the love of Christ. Join us Sunday, June 22nd, after the 5:30PM Mass, for an informational session on where and when to meet for the Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29th.

If you have questions and can not attend the informational session please contact Meghan Mayo at meghan.m.mayo@gmail.com.



Volunteers Needed: St. Martin De Porres Shelter

Our 2nd Saturday Team needs 1-2 volunteers to make 20-25 sandwiches once a month as well as needing 2-3 people to serve the meal from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. To help please email Martha Read at martharead@aol.com or call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646

Blood Drive

Monday, we were able to serve a total of 28 donors toward our goal of 36. We collected 24 units of blood, helping to save the lives of up to 72 local people.

THANK YOU!



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St. Francis House Help Needed

Men's jeans desperately needed at St. Francis House

One of the learnings from our WE ARE ST JOSEPH SER-VICE 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.



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

Initiative Action PLEASE HELP!

Some of us parishioners and friends want to put an initiative on the Washington State ballot to say that corporations are not persons and money is not speech. Why are we doing this? To get BIG money out of our elections and our laws - for a just and secure economic future for all.

We need 300,000 signatures by June 25th. Impossible? "Nothing is impossible with God" and your help.

The petition will be available during coffee & donut hour on the lawn. Also, weekdays in the Parish Center.

Thank you for consideration of this initiative.

~Sr. Judy Ryan & Sr. Pat Daly



