## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2014

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

#### Readings for August 3, 2014

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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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#### **GOOD NEWS PEOPLE**

#### Faith, Hope, and Love in Action

The Good News People program is an engaging parish-wide, small group, community-building process. On this journey you are invited to pray, reflect, learn, discuss and grow into a deeper understanding of what it means to live as a disciple in today's world.

Each session includes prayer, reflection on sacred scripture, inspiring stories of "Good News" people, focus on a virtue of the week and woven through it all, opportunities for sharing in dialogue.

#### **Goals of the Program:**

- 1. To engage participants in their Catholic FAITH as they share in prayer, reading of Sacred Scripture, spiritual practices and dialogue;
- 2. To communicate HOPE as participants explore the possibilities that a faithful commitment to the gospel call to be "good news to the poor"can bring;
- 3. To open hearts to a greater LOVE by encountering the biblical witness of Jesus in the Gospels and that of everyday people who have chosen the path of love as they respond to Luke 4:18-19.

Meet other parishioners and experience a greater sense of purpose and belonging. Groups can be formed in a variety of ways. Gather your friends, form a group and sign up today!

#### **Become a Good News Parish!**

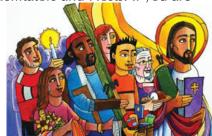
The Good News People Program includes:

- Fourteen 2-hour small group sessions (7sessions beginning in the fall and 7 sessions continuing in the winter);
- Parish-wide program Kick-off and Closing Celebration;
- Immersion Experience and follow-up;
- A companion DVD filmed by an award-winning film maker;
- A session-by-session Reader and Journal with reading material, reflections, and space for journaling.

#### DEEPER FAITH + LOVE IN ACTION = GOODNEWSPEOPLE

Right now we are recruiting Facilitators and Hosts. If you are

interested, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@ stjosephparish.org or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@ comcast.net



#### What Do You Want?

#### Reflections on the Feast of St. Ignatius

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God"

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What do you want?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where do you abide?" He said to them, "Come, and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day.

-John 1: 35-39

His first attempts to follow were less than successful—though not because he lacked enthusiasm. He traded his fine clothes with a beggar he met on the road, only to have to defend the poor man later when the authorities arrested the man for theft. He pledged himself to follow Christ, as he had found him in the *Life* that he read while recovering from his wounds in the castle at Loyola; he committed himself to follow the way of Francis and of Dominic—to fit himself into their mold and walk in their shoes. He even said to himself: "If Dominic did such and such, then I shall do such and such. If Francis did such and such, then I shall do such and such."

But by the time Iñigo de Loyola came to the cave in Manresa, the plans he had made already seemed about to unravel. "What would Dominic do? What would Francis do?" even "What would Jesus do?" left him only frustrated that he was not Dominic or Francis—in the end he was only Iñigo, and he could not fit himself into the lives he believed others had led.

But Manresa was different from what came before. Like the disciples of John the Baptist, the One whom Iñigo found at the river's side did not ask him "What did Francis want?" or "What did Dominic want?" but asked, instead, "What do you want?"

And when he answered—in his own words and in his own way—"Where do you abide?" the reply was, as it must always be: "Come and see."

What Ignatius came to realize at the river Cardoner, what the disciples began to understand at the river Jordan, what each of us is called to discover today beside the waters of the Puget Sound is that the One who calls us, calls not from an alien land, but from our own home, our own heart, our own life. "Come and see" is not an invitation into the life of Dominic or of Francis, not even an invitation into the life of Ignatius—but an invitation into our own "inner self" where Christ dwells uniquely in each one of us; it is a welcome into the "inner self" of this St. Joseph community, where Christ dwells as he dwells no where else in the world, at no other time in history.

And when we celebrate the life of Ignatius, it is not because we must become Ignatius, but because Ignatius became Ignatius. We honor him because he chose to hear the word not as it was spoken in the lives of others, but as it lived in his mouth and in his heart. We honor Ignatius because he chose, not the life of Dominic or Francis, but his own life.

It has taken me a long time to understand this, to accept that I must come and see—with my own eyes and with my own heart—where Christ abides for me; to believe that there isn't some definition, some model out there that I must live up to or become, before I will be what I long to be: at home with Christ.

When I was a young Jesuit, I think that I believed that there was a definition—a single meaning to Jesuit that I needed to somehow fit. And I was never very good at it. I remember the frustration and the sense of failure that accompanied me so often in those days—I wasn't as spiritual as Jack O'Leary, or as versed in theology as John Topel, or as compassionate to the poor as Bill Bichsel. How could I become like them? How could I live up to—fit myself into—the meaning of Jesuit?

It was only when I entered into community, when I allowed the love and the kindness of students, the example and friendship of colleagues, the wisdom of children to enter my heart, that it began to dawn on me that there was no definition "out there." Rather, my life was part of the unfolding definition of Jesuit. Indeed, the life of each Jesuit, all the way back to Ignatius creates a definition that is never finished, a definition whose meaning and truth is unfolding, not outside of me, but in me and through me.

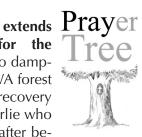
What Ignatius knew—what he teaches us—is that we must not look for our meaning in some other place; not in the life of Dominic or Francis or Ignatius himself; not in some definition that society or our own fear gives us.

No, instead we must come and see that what it is to be a Jesuit or a Jesuit parish, what it is to be a Catholic, what it is to be a disciple or a companion—what it is to be what we most deeply desire—is the product of our hearts and our choices: hearts, cowed sometimes by fear or shaken by the many evils of the world, but still and all rooted and grounded in love, and aching to be filled with the fullness of God.

Let us give thanks that we—in this Jesuit Parish in Seattle—are companions of Ignatius; and so honor him, not by becoming him, but by becoming ourselves; by knowing that, through each of our lives and all of our choices, we write the story of God in the world. Each of us individually and all of us together create the living definition of a Jesuit parish and of the Catholic Church. It is a definition shaped by our choices, a definition that will never be completed, so long as we and our descendants live, and so long as the mystery of God lives within us.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For rain to dampen the land and help with the WA forest fires . . . For those who are in recovery from surgery . . . For Uncle Charlie who is going through rehabilitation after being ill for a long time.



"O Lord, may your loving kindness comfort me . . . "

Psalm 119:76

Memorial Mass for Melissa Protz will be at St. Joseph Church On Monday, July 28th, at 10 am

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

### Attention All Basketball Players

We are looking to form a men's team to play in this years Christian Sports League (CSL). This league is a good opportunity to give witness to Christ through the sport of basketball. The league is from Sept. 7, 2014 to Nov. 16, 2014 and plays at either the Jefferson Community Center or the South Bellevue Community Center. We are looking to get a squad of 8-10 guys to either join the Legends League (40 & up w/ the exception of 2 between 35-39). Or play in an A or B league 39 & below.

For more information on the league see http://mchang.com/csl/. If interested please contact Gilbert Flores (661.618.6271 or allan02me@yahoo.com). Registration is due 8/9/2014.



# I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.

~St. Ignatius of Loyola



## Come & See What The Catholic Faith Has To Offer

Tuesday July 29th 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish. org

All are welcome in this journey of faith.



### Baby Corner & WestSide Baby Merge To Expand Services

The merger of St. Joseph's Baby Corner and WestSide Baby is a tribute to the successes of each organization and a recognition of the very real need to expand services for local children in need.

More than a year ago, as both the Baby Corner and WestSide Baby focused on how to meet the growing demand for supplies and clothing, the respective boards looked for ways to expand. Baby Corner board members were attracted by the up-to-date operating systems of WestSide Baby. And WestSide Baby's board members were drawn to the central—city focus and supporters of the Baby Corner. After months of careful due diligence and reflection, they decided—each by a unanimous vote—to merge. The mission of St. Joseph's Baby Corner continues.

A number of benefits will result from this merger:

- More diapers will be available each month for families as Baby Corner providers benefit from WestSide Baby's "affiliate" designation with the National Diaper Bank Network. (Food stamps do not cover the cost of diapers, which on average cost \$100 per month.)
- A centrally located facility will remain open as will WestSide Baby's White Center operation. Until displaced by development, the Baby Corner space on 18th Ave will remain open and then another nearby space will be set up.
- Additional drop off sites and hours for donations will be available soon.
- WestSide Baby's collection and distribution will include clothing for children up to age 12 extending the service to kids through elementary school and creating greater opportunity for impact for Baby Corner supporters.
- Local hospitals will have the opportunity to stock an on-site emergency supply of car seats and layettes.
- Volunteer opportunities will soon increase, carrying on the tradition of service that has been a hallmark of the St. Joseph community.
- By combining the strengths of the Baby Corner and WestSide Baby, services to struggling families in underserved areas will be expanded.

Change is never easy. But the ethic of community service that drives the WestSide Baby team and the people who worked and volunteered at St. Joseph's Baby Corner makes an ideal match to expand the services. The hard work of Baby Corner founder Jeannie Jaybush and the corps of volunteers in the St. Joseph Community created a legacy of service for babies in need. WestSide Baby is committed to honoring that legacy and moving the important mission of supporting local children in need forward.

Our thanks to all of you who have supported the Baby Corner over the years and to Fr. Whitney and Steve Wodzanowski for their enthusiastic support. The merger-transition plan will unfold over the course of the next year, under the leadership of Nancy Woodland, Executive Director. Please send your comments or questions and email and mail addresses to sbjcinfo@westsidebaby.org or nancy@westsidebaby.org. Keeping you informed is very important as things progress. Compared with U.S. Mail, communicating by email means we can provide two extra diapers!

### Please continue to support the work of this vital ministry—there's a lot to do!

Board Members, Liz Sperry Overland, Donna Whitford, Dr. Terry Sweeney & Winnie Sperry

For more information:

WestSide Baby 10032 15th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98146 (206) 767-1662 (main) (206) 686-3228 (N.Woodland) (206) 762-1435 www.westsidebaby.org







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Sunday, August 10th. Tours begin at 10:45 am. Brunch and seminar begins at 11:15 am.

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# Vigil Mass for Refugees on the Solemnity of the Assumption

On Thursday, 14 August, at 7:00 PM St. Joseph Parish will celebrate the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

During this liturgy, we will pray for those forced by violence and other factors to become refugees, whether in Syria or Palestine, along the border of the United States or in regions of Ukraine, or anywhere else in the world.

As we celebrate Mary's reception, body and soul, into the presence of God, we remember her special care of refugees and displaced families. She, who herself was driven into exile in Egypt at the birth of her Son, intercedes, we know, for all mothers and fathers, children and innocents who are forced to flee their native lands. Come and pray with us on this holy night.

A collection will be taken for the Jesuit Refugee Service, border initiative.

(Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption will also be offered on Friday morning at 7:00 am, in the Parish Center.)

