

*EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
**August 3, 2014**

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

**Readings for August 10, 2014**  
FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A  
SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5  
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

**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  
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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.)



# The Scattered God

*Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly.*

*-Spiritual Exercises, §104-*

Many years ago, I was at a home mass with my sister and her family—including my then four-year-old niece. A friend of mine was presiding and the rest of us were sitting around the living room table, trying to attend to the liturgy while keeping my niece from roaming too widely. When we came to the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Presider said, *"Lift up your hearts."* To which the adults gave our conditioned response, *"We lift them up to the Lord."* My niece, however, decided this response was inadequate, and that more needed to be said; so she raised her shirt and loudly declared, *"I lift up my tummy to the Lord, too."* It was a few minutes before we all managed to go on with the mass.

Though worthy of laughter, there is a certain graced insight in my niece's outburst that has stayed with me all these years; for, indeed, doesn't gathering around the table of the Eucharist suggest that it's not just our hearts, but our tummies, too, with which we encounter Christ? What is the Eucharist but a remembrance and reaffirmation that the God to whom we lift our hearts has come to meet us in the whole of our world—body as well as spirit, tummy as well as heart? Indeed, I would go so far as to say that, unless we engage our whole selves in our prayer, we are likely to engage only a part of our hearts, as well. Rather, we can end up—like too many Christians—mouthing words to which we long ago stopped listening, to a God in whom we virtually don't believe.

For many in our world, prayer remains an incantation to a distant God, a matter of proper words said in an approved fashion. We come to church and respond to the prayers in a quick, unthinking mumble, or we *"say our prayers"* by recitation, little hearing what we have repeated so often. Or, perhaps we think of prayer simply as pleading with God for our wants and needs, a kind of cosmic-Santa view of the divine. With words of humility and supplication, we present our list of blessings desired and protection needed, of healings or gifts we hope to receive from the all-powerful Benificence in the sky.

While both ritual prayer and intercessory prayer may have their place, to reduce prayer to incantation or pleading suggests a disengagement between God and us, suggests that God is not part of our world and so must be called into it by magic or cajoled to act by supplication. Such an attitude of prayer thus denies exactly what the coming of God in Jesus seeks to affirm: that the world, itself, is *"charged with the grandeur of God"* and that, rather than calling God into the world, we have only to recognize the God who is present, and who longs to be part of our life in every dimension and moment.

When we take the incarnation of God in Jesus seriously, we no longer see prayer as incantation or as supplication of a distant deity. While we may still recite the same *Hail Mary's* and *Our Father's*, we know these prayers are tools of a deeper movement, aids to a fuller, more inclusive prayer, in which the Incarnate God is experienced in our midst as brother and friend. Such a living sense of God allows us to recognize that our prayer transcends any particular set of words or images; it encompasses a mindfulness, an awareness of the abiding presence of Christ, alive and constantly at work in our midst. Prayer, in this sense, becomes a matter of our whole life, and not just a few moments in church or on our knees. To pray to a God who is part of our world is to pay attention—in a radical way—to the love that is being given to us, and that surrounds us in a world of spirit and flesh, a world already redeemed, though that redemption may not yet be fully realized.

In Luke's gospel, the story of the road to Emmaus is, among other things, a story about the need for this kind of constant and incarnate prayer. Like so often happens, the disciples fail to recognize the presence of Jesus, even though he walks with them and speaks to them in the guise of a stranger met along the road. Yet, when they do recognize him—at the table of blessing and nourishment—they realize that he has been with them all along, on the road and not just in the eucharistic moment of the table. In a similar way, we, as women and men joined around the table of Christ, need to see his presence in all the moments of our lives. Like the disciples on the road, we need to open the door for Christ—life up our tummies as well as our hearts—and so allow both heart and tummy to be satisfied. This, indeed, is the essence of Christian prayer: not an attempt to control God, but a willingness to walk with the stranger, to hear and feel with our heart, to share our lives, both spirit and body, all in the firm faith that Jesus, the living and incarnate One, is everywhere alive and walks with us down even the most desolate of roads.

The Argentinean writer, Jorge Luis Borges, speaks to this type of prayer when, noting that we have no true portrait of the historical Jesus, he invites us to live in constant awareness. He writes: *"A Jew's profile in the subway is perhaps that of Christ; the hands giving us our change at a ticket window perhaps repeat those that one day were nailed to the cross by some soldiers. Perhaps some features of that crucified countenance lurks in every mirror; perhaps the face died, . . . so that God could be all of us."*

In the bread we break and in the brokenness of our world, in our companionship with one another and in our care for the forgotten, our goal as Christians is to pray always, that is, to be attentive to the God who has been scattered into every face and every hungry heart. For this God, in whose presence we would hope to dwell, comes into the world to raise our hearts—but just as surely, comes to raise our tummies, too.

*John SJ*



# Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Carol who is recovering from a fall . . . Guidance on a decision to sell or rent house . . . Housing for Michael near St. Joseph . . . For Jeff's African adventure in climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro . . . For those who are making decisions that will affect their future . . . Grateful for the Eucharistic ministers who make home visits to the home-bound.

## Prayer Tree



*"The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger and of great kindness."*

~Psalm 145:8

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)

## Stillness...One of the Doors Into the Temple~Men's Reflection Day

Unplug...in order to plug-in...to God.

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Mark 6:31

Saturday, September 13, 2014 ~ 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Led by Steve Donaldson

St. Mary-on-the-Lake—Peace and Spirituality Center  
1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004

Coffee and tea provided ~ Bring a sack lunch ~ Free will offering

Please RSVP by September 5 to Diane Figaro at [peace@csjp-olp.org](mailto:peace@csjp-olp.org) or 425-635-3603.

## 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](mailto:allan02me@yahoo.com)). Registration is due 8/9/2014.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP!

Join young adults (21-39) from across the Archdiocese of Seattle every Wednesday this August from 7:00-9:00 PM for Theology on Tap! Archbishop Sartain, Fr. Glen Butterworth, SJ from St. Joseph Parish, Maria Ochoa from MAGIS at Seattle University, and Deacon Dennis Kelly from Archbishop Murphy High School will each lead us in discussions inspired by the messages and lived examples of Pope Francis. This is a series you do not want to miss!

Join us for Mass at 5:30PM at Blessed Sacrament Church (5050 8th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105) before the evening gets started at Finn MacCool's (4217 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105) at 7:00PM. If you are interested in serving as a liturgical minister at Mass or helping volunteer the day of the event, please contact Caitlin Lanigan at [caitlin.lanigan@seattlearch.org](mailto:caitlin.lanigan@seattlearch.org) or 206-382-2010.

## Aegis on Madison

Begin with a tour and stay for brunch in our beautiful Sky Lounge.

Sunday, August 10th, 10:45 am

Please RSVP to 206-325-1600 or [madison@aegisliving.com](mailto:madison@aegisliving.com)





# Social Ministry

## We Need You!

**2ND SATURDAY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR  
NEEDED FOR ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SATURDAY  
DINNER**

**PLUS FOOD & SERVERS ON  
1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS**

For over 20 years, St. Joseph's Parish has provided a meal for the 212 men over 55 who call St. Martin de Porres Shelter their home every Saturday night. We have a separate team of volunteers for each Saturday consisting on average of 25 households. Once a month each team is contacted by the coordinator and collectively we provide sandwiches, hot dogs, milk, hard-boiled-eggs, bananas, salad and occasionally ice cream! Usually five to eleven volunteers go down to serve from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. The Shelter is located in a warehouse close to Safeco Field on the waterfront owned by United States Coast Guard.

From this relationship, our Winter Shelter began and now we provide a safe place to sleep and food for 14 men from St. Martin de Porres as an overflow shelter during the months of October thru April five nights a week Tuesday thru Saturday. Over 35 people serve as overnight hosts and another 25 provide sack lunches.

The good part about both these ministries is they run so smoothly you hardly know they exist but the flip side is many new parishioners don't know about this incredible volunteer opportunity.

### ***Right now we have two critical needs!***

1) We need someone to coordinate the 2nd Saturday Volunteer Team. The coordinator emails volunteers to remind them to bring food, finding servers for our Saturdays, bringing the food from the Church to the shelter on our Saturday, and adjusting and updating the volunteer list to ensure adequate food for the men. Martha Read has served in this role for many years and needs to step down. In order to continue we need someone in place by September 1st.

2) We need folks to provide food items and go down to serve on both the 1st and 3rd Saturday teams.

**To learn more and to volunteer, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)**

## WestSide Baby

Our well loved crib is staying in the church to facilitate much needed donations for WestSide Baby.

Current Wish list of most needed items:

- Hygiene items – diaper cream, baby shampoo, wipes
- Infant clothing – up to 6 months (boy)
- Children's clothing – especially for school age kids
- Portable Cribs, Baby Swings and Strollers
- New Socks, underwear and pajamas Sizes 4-12 yrs.

In addition to the above, the Baby Corner through WestSide Baby takes children's clothing, equipment and diapers for kids from birth to age 12. We accept books, shoes to Youth 3, blankets, formula, baby toys, clean stuffed animals, safety gates, front packs, car seats (less than 6 years old) and portable and full size cribs with all their parts (but not drop-side cribs). Checking at home for and addressing any recalls is very helpful! Delivering larger items directly to 528 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122 is appreciated. Hours will be Mon, Wed and Thurs 9-4:30 starting Aug. 1.

***Thank you for  
helping us support  
local children in  
need!***



**WestSide Baby**  
*basics for children in need*

**st. joseph's  
& Baby Corner**

## Parish Blood Drive

We are in the heart of the summer and with schools out and people on vacation, the overall blood supply has plummeted by more than 25% in just two weeks.

### **Can you help?**

Your gift helps people right here, right now. You may not ever get to meet the individual you save, but know that they are forever grateful for your generosity. Please join us at the next St Joseph's Parish Blood Drive to share your unique and special gift.

**Monday, Aug 18th**

**1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (closed 3:00pm to 3:45pm)**

**St Joseph's Parish Center**

To schedule a donation time please call Renee Leet 206-324-2522 or email [rleet@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)



# GoodNewsPeople

Faith, Hope, and Love in Action

GoodNewsPeople is a dynamic parish-wide program that offers a way to explore the call of the New Evangelization. Through an engaging small-group process of prayer, reflection, and action, GoodNewsPeople explores and deepens our call to discipleship.

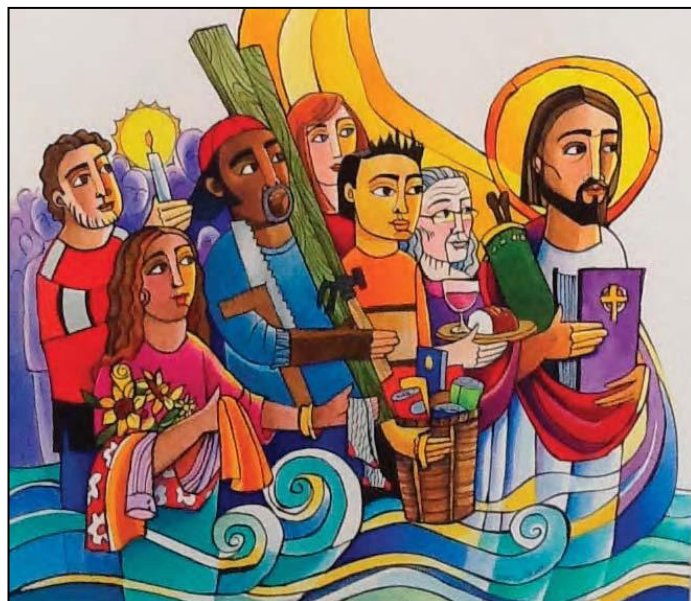
Each of the fourteen sessions includes prayer, reflection on Sacred Scripture, inspiring stories of “good news people,” focus on a virtue of the week, and woven through it all, opportunities for sharing in dialogue.

### GoodNewsPeople includes:

- ✓ 14 small-group sessions:  
*2 seasons of 7 sessions*
- ✓ 2-hour long sessions
- ✓ Parish-wide program Kick-off and Closing Celebration
- ✓ Immersion Experience and follow-up

### 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. You can form groups in a variety of ways. Gather some folks, form a group, and sign up today! A sampling of group options include:

- Intergenerational Groups
- Young Adults
- Newly Married
- Parents with Young Children
- Working Professionals
- Actively Retired
- Widows and Widowers
- New Parishioners
- *And more...*

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  
- Luke 4:18-19

## INFO NIGHT TUES. AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> 7:00pm PARISH CENTER

To sign up or for more information contact Vince Herberholt at [vherberholt3@comcast.net](mailto:vherberholt3@comcast.net) or Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1646.

## A Blessing for the Students Going on Agapé

The gospel reminds us: we are more than we own,  
More than our iPad, more than our phone,  
More than the clothes that we buy at the mall.  
We are more than these things; we are more than them all.

For we are the Spirit and we are the grace,  
The image of God that we wear on our face,  
And so is each person we're lucky to meet:  
The girl in our classroom, the boy on our street,  
The worker who toils in the fields and the farm,  
Who harvests the fruit by the strength of his arm,  
Who speaks little English, but still has a smile,  
When gathered at table or playing with a child.  
Who, male or female, aged or young,  
Shines with the light of Jesus the Son.

To these do we send you, with Agapé love,  
The grace of St. Joseph poured down from above,  
To learn and to sing, to see and feel,  
To work and to laugh, and to share every meal,  
With sisters and brothers, whose grace you'll receive,  
And whose love may remind you just what you believe:

That God became human so humans could know  
That love is eternal, above and below,  
And we are all One, by the grace that we all share;  
We're made for each other, our burdens to bear.

This is the gospel we pray you'll receive,  
To know you are loving and that you believe,  
In a God who created your gifts for the giving,  
And strengthens you now, that you'll find joy in living.

So go forth in the power of God the Creator,  
With the Son and the Spirit, till we see you later.

Amen.

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