

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 10, 2014

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

Readings for August 17, 2014

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

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 Assumption of Mary & the Promise of All

The definition of the Assumption proclaims again the doctrine of our Resurrection, the eternal destiny of each human body, and again it is the history of Mary that maintains the doctrine in its clarity. The Resurrection of Christ can be regarded as the Resurrection of a God, but Resurrection of Mary foreshadows the Resurrection of each one of us.

-Graham Greene-

Not far from the banks of the Tiber, in a working class district of Rome called Trastevere, in the Church of Santa Maria, a small but beautiful mosaic of the Assumption of Mary graces the wall beside the altar. In this image, apostles and disciples gather in sorrow at the death bed of the Virgin. While above her, surrounded by angels, Jesus stands and holds his mother in a pose reminiscent of many Madonnas—only now, she seems the child, and he the loving parent. It is a gentle and beautiful work of art, which illustrates not only the devotion of the Church to Mary, but the strange and wonderful duality of this feast.

The Feast of the Assumption, though not referenced in Scripture, is an ancient tradition in the Church, both Western and the Eastern (where it is more often referred to as the *Dormition*—i.e. “*Going to Sleep*”—of Mary). Declared a dogma of the faith in 1950, by Pope Pius XII, the celebration of the Assumption dates to the 5th century, and was made a universal celebration in the Eastern Church during the reign of Mauricius Flavius (582-602) and in Rome during the time of Pope Andrian I (772-795), when the title of Assumption replaced that of *Dormition*. Following the guidelines of the decree of infallibility, Pius XII sought the input of bishops across the world before declaring it a dogma, and received overwhelming support from those who saw this teaching as a long-held part of the faith, one which stands, to quote Vatican II, as “a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim people of God” (*Lumen Gentium*, 68).

Yet, for many contemporary Catholics, the doctrine of the Assumption, separates Mary from the rest of humanity, by making her ending so very different from our own. Rather than offering us “*certain hope and comfort*,” Mary’s unique experience makes her seem more like a demigod than like one of us. How can we identify and find comfort in the Mother of God, who never experienced corruption or the grave, when, for us corruption and the grave seem part of our unavoidable destiny. Even in those traditions which accept that Mary died before her Assumption (and the dogma is not definitive either way on this), the notion that Mary is immediately received—in flesh and in spirit—into the presence of God seems unique to her, and, thus, can seem to offer little hope to us.

However, though the Assumption of Mary is a unique *formulation* of the salvation offered in Christ, the promise upon which it depends, and the Spirit by which it is realized are not hers alone. Rather, Mary—who says “*Yes!*” to God and opens herself to the Spirit; who carries Christ into the world and follows him where he has been called; who becomes a disciple and remains one, even in the face of suffering—is an icon of what we are all meant to become. She is the image of all of us, the image of the Church. Though she is the first to receive the body and blood of Christ into her body and blood, she is, in that reception, only the forerunner of all who come after, of all of us who are the Church. Each of us who gathers at the table of Christ and feasts on the Eucharist; each who offers herself in service to God’s Word, and becomes a disciple for the love of Christ; each of us who shares in the mysterious grace of the Holy Spirit, receives, if not the exact form, than still the substance of Mary’s call.

Like all such celebrations in the Church, the Solemnity of the Assumption is not really a feast about Mary, or what she has done; rather, it is a feast about the power and grace of God, who chooses the lowly and the forgotten, the handmaid and the dying widow, and pours out on them the grace of the eternal Spirit. In the Assumption of Mary, as in the Annunciation and the Nativity, we are called to recognize that the fulfillment of God’s love comes to us in our flesh, not in some spiritual realm divorced from our reality. Through Christ, born of Mary, God promises us more than life after death: God promises us resurrection. And as with the birth, so too with the resurrection, Mary becomes the first of our kind to manifest that promise. Her Assumption, in body and spirit, acclaims, without qualification, that the sacredness of God, lived out in our bodies, will be bodily redeemed when we shall stand, enfleshed and beloved, in the new and living Jerusalem.

During these last few weeks, when we have been overshadowed by images of death—from Palestine and Israel, to Syria and Ukraine; from the banks of the Rio Grande to the shores of Lake Washington—the Assumption of Mary shines, small but unconquered, in our hearts: calling us to hope, sustaining us in faith, renewing us with everlasting love. If we belong to Christ Jesus, as Mary did, he will hold us as he held her, raise us as he raised her. And we, with all the beloved of Jesus, will live with him, as Mary does, in the fullness of resurrection, in the richness of our bodies and our souls.

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Prayer

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 or 206-382-2010.

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.

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!

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Perseverance in breaking the smoking habit . . . For the Lord to lift the sadness I am feeling . . . Thanksgiving for the care giving of my mother for her ill brother . . . For peace and justice to eventually prevail where war and injustice are present



"The Lord himself will give his benefits;

Our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,

and prepare the way of his steps."

Psalm 85:13-14

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

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 or 425-635-3603.



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

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.

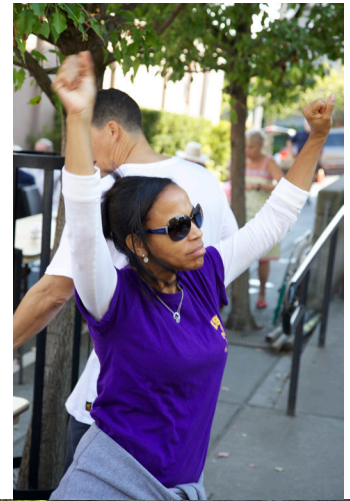
Monday, Aug 18th

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

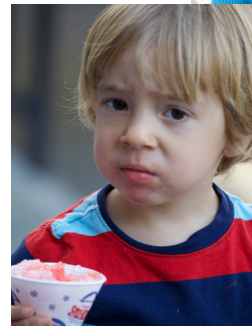
Parish & School Picnic



**Sunday
September 21st
1-4 pm, Parking Lot**

*We provide the following:
Hot dogs, Cotton candy & Sno-cones
Beer & Soft drinks on tap
Rides for the Kids
Live Music*

*PLEASE BRING: dessert, salad or
side dish to share*





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Three ideas: ***Go, do not be afraid, and serve. Go, do not be afraid, and serve.*** If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy. Dear young friends, as you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world. Dear young friends, Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: "Go and make disciples of all nations".

~Pope Francis

Excerpt from Pope Francis homily at World Youth Day 2013