

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 24, 2014

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for August 31, 2014
FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9
SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

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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Come And See What The Catholic Faith Has To Offer

Tuesday, September 23rd

7:00 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 at 206-965-1646 or steview@stjosephparish.org

**All are welcome
on this journey of faith!**

In Our Being And Our Becoming

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all."

-Ephesians 4:5-6-

*"I shall contemplate myself in you.
And I shall clothe myself in your eternal will."*

-Catherine of Siena-

In the year before my ordination to the priesthood, as part of my theological training, I was employed part-time as a deacon at St. Perpetua Parish in Lafayette, California. Though my primary duty was teaching catechism to seventh and eighth graders, I occasionally had the opportunity to work on liturgical planning with the wonderfully gifted Youth Minister who oversaw many of the parish liturgies. One day, entering her office, I noticed a small framed document above her desk. Because I couldn't read it from the doorway, I asked her what the document was. "Oh, that," she said. "That's my license to minister."

Having never heard of such a thing, I leaned in across her desk, expecting to see a diploma or some sort of institutional certificate; but what I saw, instead, changed my understanding of the Church and of ministry forever. For, framed above this young woman's desk, was her baptismal certificate.

The Sacrament of Baptism, which we celebrate again this weekend, holds a unique place among the sacraments of the Church, for it predates the public life of Jesus—who, himself, was baptized by John—and it acts as a doorway to all the other sacraments. Through the lens of Baptism we comprehend both the meaning and the grace of all the other sacraments, and we are prepared for their reception.

Using the simple yet evocative symbols of water and oil, of word and light, Baptism marks us with such power and permanence that it may never be repeated. We may return to the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist over and over, we may receive Anointing many times, and even enter Marriage more than once. Even Orders has multiple forms—deacon, priest, bishop—which might succeed one another at different times. But Baptism, and its fulfillment in Confirmation, is conferred only once and transforms us forever; we who are baptized in the Father, Son, and Spirit are never re-baptized, no matter how far we wander, how separated we think ourselves to be. In a world full of the disposable, the transient, the impermanent, this quality of Baptism stands out to remind us that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God given us in Christ Jesus.

In the traditional language of the Church, Baptism cleanses a person from Original Sin, and unites her to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The first of these purposes—the cleansing from sin—is why infant Baptism has long been common in the Church: i.e., the need to remove the “*stain*” of Adam’s sin calls us to wash the child in the waters of the sacred font, and so free him to live with Christ always. Indeed, it was a literal understanding of this idea of an inherent, Original Sin, which led some in the Church to postulate the theory of Limbo, i.e., a place where the innocent but unbaptized end up for eternity—never suffering the torments of hell, but never fully received into heaven.

Today, in a Church comfortable with notions of human evolution, where we accept the metaphorical nature of Genesis and the story of Adam and Eve, such a literal understanding of Original Sin seems anachronistic; yet, Original Sin remains an important component of our theology, and one which helps us understand the mystery of Baptism. For if we do not literally inherit the sin of Adam as some sort of spiritual stain, still each of us is born into a world already wounded and disfigured by sin and corruption. Each of us, from the moment he leaves the waters of his mother’s womb, is not only physically but also spiritually separated from others, and from God, by the long history of division in our race, a history into which he is born, though for which he has no personal culpability. Every person, by virtue of her humanity, is

immersed in the structure of this wounded world—a world of war and prejudice, of inequality of condition and inequality of distribution. This is our Original Sin, the source of our separation from God and others. But, when we bring a child to the waters of Baptism, or when an adult enters those waters, we proclaim that this sin will have no power over her, will not stain him at his core. In this washing, we symbolically remove the muck of our human history, and—with faith, with hope, and with love—we cleanse the body and the spirit of the baptized person from the power of our primal separation. We declare: this child of God is one with us; one with the Church; one with Christ, and will never be separated again.

This is not magic, it does not instantly remove all that the baptized may suffer in the world; but it is a sign of our faith and a promise that the love of this community, this body of Christ, will be stronger than any darkness or sin. In baptizing a child, then, we say to her that she will always be part of Christ, part of us, even before she realizes that she needs to be. By the act of Baptism, we signify to the baptized that, even when he faces deep waters, he does so with Jesus, who joined him in the waters of life and who passes before him through the waters of death. We affirm, by word and symbol, the love, the grace, and the communion we hope to live each day with all of God’s People, and express, as well, our faith that God makes the same affirmation.

But like all the sacraments, Baptism does more than confer God’s grace on the recipient, does more than unite that recipient to the living community of the Church: Baptism also missions the recipient, as Christ was missioned at the Jordan and confirmed on the Mount of the Transfiguration. For the Sacraments are not just gifts given to an individual, but blessings given to the whole body of Christ; and the full reception of a Sacrament, means that one lives that Sacrament within the Church, i.e., for and among the People of God. This is why, indeed, our baptismal certificate is not only our “*license to minister*” but our summons to minister, as well. Whether as a pastoral minister, called to serve the faith community, or as a parent, called to raise up the young; as a spouse, called to live in a covenant love, or as an elder, called to witness gentleness in aging; as a priest, called to minister the sacraments, or as an infant, called to remind us of God’s joy in our desire to be loved: all who have entered the waters and who have crossed over have been called to do the work of the Church, to live the life of the Church, to become the Church in her being and her becoming.

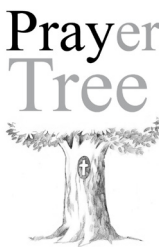
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Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Cindy's mother as she prepares for her final journey . . . For Jon whose family and friends have rallied around him with love and support as he faces the biggest challenge to his health . . . For Herb's upcoming cataract surgery . . . Gratitude for Sharon's remarkable recovery from two brain aneurysms last November . . . For 20 year old, Scott, who has inoperable renal cancer in liver and battling for 5 weeks with no success from chemo. Prayers for him, his mom and dad, Cher & John, and younger brother Michael. Thankful that Russ has recovered from Arizona "valley fever" after six months of care.



"Pray for the gifts of compassion, understanding, kindness and mercy."

Luke 6:36

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
For Claude Pierre-Louis who passed away recently.
Mary O'Brien, daughter of John and Jeanne O'Brien.*

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our Children's Faith Formation (CFF) and Confirmation programs are looking for catechists (religious ed. teachers). We have the following openings:

- CFF Kindergarten
- Sacramental Preparation helpers (for First Reconciliation and First Communion)
- CFF Jr. High Bible Study Year 1 (beginning Bible Study)
- High School Confirmation leaders
- Training and all materials provided

This is a great opportunity to help out our youth community. Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Centering Prayer Retreat

Saturday August 30th, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

Come, relax, and deepen your faith at this Centering Prayer Retreat. Orientation will be given for people new to Centering Prayer, a simple form of silent contemplative prayer for laity and religious alike. The retreat will be led by Paul Peterhans, who has 30 years experience in guiding people in prayer. There will be time for prayer, walking meditation, individual guidance, personal sharing, and learning of upcoming events. Morning snacks and refreshments will be provided, but participants should bring a brown-bag lunch. The retreat is free (a free will offering can be made).

Please RSVP or seek more information from John Eisen at Johne98166@yahoo.com or Sr. Joyce Cox (206) 382-4832.

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.

Summer Mass Schedule

Please note that our Mass schedule will go back to 9 am and 11 am on Sunday mornings on September 7th.



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.

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

L'Arche

3rd Annual L'Arche Seattle
"Planting Seeds for Our Future" Auction
Saturday, September 13, 2014 - 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Seattle University - Campion ballroom
914 E Jefferson St., Seattle, WA 98122

To purchase tickets visit
www.larcheseattle.org/auction

"These children are extremely vulnerable to human traffickers and unscrupulous smugglers and must be protected. Over the long term, the increasing violence from gangs and organized crime in their home countries must be addressed and controlled so they can be secure in their homes."

~Bishop Eusebio Elizondo



Bishop Eusebio Forum On Children at the Border

Thursday August 28
7-9 pm
St Mary's Church

Bishop Eusebio, chair of the Bishops conference on refugees will share his experience and perspective.

What is happening with the children in the refugee camps at the border?

What happens if they get sent back?

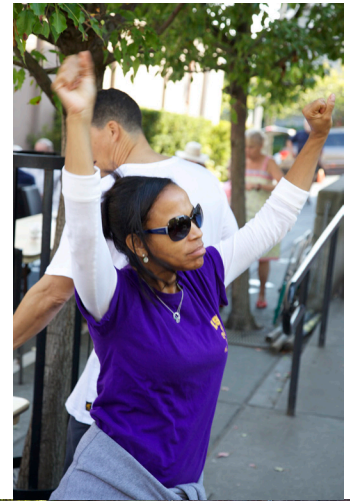
What is the Catholic position on this crisis?

How can we help?

"A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization – all typical of a throw-away culture – towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world"

~Pope Francis

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*





Liturgy & Music

St Joseph Choir

New Altar Server Training

We are looking for new altar servers to serve at the **SAT 5PM, SUN 9AM & SUN 11AM Masses** starting this Fall. If you are entering the 4th grade through 8th grade, we would like you to join our team! The next training sessions for new incoming altar servers will be Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 3:30-4:30 pm and Sunday, September 21, 2014 from 12-1 pm. Both sessions will be held in the nave of the church, and we will meet near the altar.



If you are interested in becoming an altar server and to reserve a spot in one of the next training sessions contact John Stuntebeck at 206.965.1645 or jstuntebeck@stjosephparish.org

The Saint Joseph choir resumes its ministry in September right after Labor day. If you are interested in singing with the choir for the fall session and on through Advent and Christmas, please contact Director of Music Ministries Robert McCaffery-Lent to arrange an audition. We are open to singers in all voice parts and would welcome your participation!.

Contact information: Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649. You can also sign up directly on the parish website: there is a registration form on the "*Liturgical Music*" page in the "*Liturgy and Prayer*" area of the website.





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St. Joe's/Habitat - Together we Build

St. Joseph will be participating in an Interfaith Build through Habitat for Humanity on Friday, September 5th; Saturday, September 6th; Friday, September 12th; and Saturday, September 13th. There will be an interfaith service at St. Joe's at 4:00 at the end of the Saturday, September 13th build date, so you might give volunteering on that date special consideration.

You can sign up to volunteer on any of the available dates at the Habitat website: <http://www.habitatskc.org/> (If you've registered with Habitat before, note that this is a new sign-up site, so you will need to re-register.) Signing up basically consists of creating an account with a username, password, and the "TWB" join code.

Here's how you do it:

- Select the  button and then the [Click here to register](#) option.
- Follow the instruction to create an account. Don't forget the join code of "TWB". This is used to gain access to Together We Build events and exclude the general public from filling up the interfaith build dates.
- After signing in, you are taken to the events page where you may scroll down to the desired events and select .

You will now receive e-mail confirming your registration. This will contain information on time and place, driving instructions, etc.

For additional questions on what to bring, what to wear, etc., please see [the Construction Volunteer FAQ page](#). Skip the part about bringing a lunch as lunch is provided by TWB.

Questions: contact Gary Fallon at fallon_derocco@comcast.net or Shaun Corry at 333smc@gmail.com.

National Recovery Month is September!

Join Recovery Café as we launch this month long observance of the power and promise of Recovery by attending,

"Step UP Speak OUT for Recovery" - Wednesday September 3, 2014 - 7 pm | Recovery Café

This event will be emceed by radio host Neil Scott, of Recovery Coast to Coast "America's nightly voice of Recovery". With special guests, Grammy Award winner Michael "Wanz" Wansley and music by John Batdorf & Michael McLean. Come share your message of hope, be it a story, poetry, or spoken word as we support one another on the journey of Recovery! All are welcome to attend. The event is FREE but space is limited. Secure your free ticket today <http://bit.ly/1otGBnO>

St. Joseph's Parish Women's Weekend Retreat

"Finding Time for God in My Life"



"Come to the Water"

Friday, September 26th - Sunday, September 28th
Camp Casey, Whidbey Island

Retreat Facilitator: Sue Grady, MDiv

Cost: \$150 per person*

Includes two nights lodging and four meals, single occupancy
Partial Scholarships Available

**Cost does not include transportation. We will organize car pooling before the retreat.
Accommodations are simple and rustic! A "must bring" list will be sent after registration.*

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Registration Deadline: September 15th

To register, please fill out the form and email/mail to or drop off at the parish.

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

WILL YOU DRIVE? YES___ NO___

DO YOU NEED A RIDE? YES___ NO___

To submit registration or for questions, contact
Steve Wodzanowski (steve@stjosephparish.org / 206.965.1646)
Karen Quinn-Shea (kmquinn@stjosephparish.org)

CAPPELLA ROMANA

V O C A L E N S E M B L E

Friday Before Bumbershoot!

The Fall of Constantinople

FRI 29 AUG 8pm, St. Joseph's Parish

Experience the world of Catholics and Orthodox coming together in the 15th century, only to face the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans in 1453.

ALEXANDER LINGAS
Founder & Artistic Director

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cappellaromana.org
or text to 503.927.9027

Just before Cappella Romana's European tour to the Utrecht Early Music Festival.

Ancient Chants from Hagia Sophia, Constantinople, and the Laments for the Fall of Constantinople by Guillaume DUFAY (1397-1474) and Manuel CHRYSAPHES (fl. 1440-1463).





Social Ministry

Casting Our Net

"This humanitarian emergency requires, as a first urgent measure, these children be welcomed and protected. These measures, however, will not be sufficient, unless they are accompanied by policies that inform people about the dangers of such a journey and, above all, that promote development in their countries of origin...this challenge demands the attention of the entire international community so that new forms of legal and secure migration may be adopted."

~Pope Francis

On the Feast of the Assumption, parishioners donated nearly \$700 to support the Kino Border Initiative of Jesuit Refugee Service. Many, many thanks for your generosity!

A Catholic collaborative effort between the United States and Mexico, the JRS Kino Border Initiative focuses on humanitarian assistance, education, research and social-pastoral outreach in the area of migration. The KBI is located at a major point of entry and deportation for migrants in the southwest, hosting men, women and children – often possessing little more than the clothes on their back — who have been deported from the U.S. Many of these recently deported people are extremely vulnerable to exploitation and abuse, often at the hands of drug cartels. The importance of the KBI's undertaking cannot be overstated considering the escalating crisis that surrounds the continuing deportation of migrants back to their home country and the United States' continued discussion on immigration reform. For more information about this initiative, please visit <http://www.jrsusa.org/>

