

*TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 31, 2014*

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

Readings for September 7, 2014

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9
SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 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 steve@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!

Labor Day in the Kingdom of God

This is to consider how God works and labors for me in all creatures upon the face of the earth, that is, He conducts Himself as one who labors.

-Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises-

The thing is, at the end of the day, work anoints people with dignity. Dignity is not conferred by one's ancestry, family life, or education. Dignity as such comes solely from work.

We eat what we earn, we support our families with what we earn.

-Pope Francis-

This Monday our nation will celebrate Labor Day. For many of us this holiday means little more than a final chance for a summer day away from work—a chance to spend time with the family at a park or hosting a barbecue before school (and all it entails) begins again. Unlike Christmas, Labor Day has never been associated with a religious feast, and unlike the 4th of July, it has no claims on fireworks or deep historical roots. Some may recall that it emerged as an outgrowth of the labor movement in the United States, though who first proposed the holiday is unclear; and few of us, I suspect, know that the first legally recognized state holiday to honor labor was celebrated right here in the Northwest, on 21 February 1887, in Oregon. Perhaps it is its vague history or the diminished popularity of the labor movement that has made Labor Day just another Monday holiday. Yet, before we go off to the beach or gather the clan for a final pool party, I think we—both as

Americans and as Christians—might do well to stop and reflect on the nature of human labor and the role it plays in the story of our humanity.

In the book of Genesis, work is associated with “*Adam’s curse*”—the result of our fall from grace and, along with death, one of the results of Original Sin. Banishing Adam from Paradise, God ties work to death, saying: “*By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return*” (Gn. 3:19). Those who recall these last words as the formula for Ash Wednesday may see how closely our sinfulness and the need for work are bound. We are sinners, so we must work. Throughout the history of Christianity, this vision of humanity as cursed to work has justified everything from slavery to the so-called “*Protestant work ethic*”—the latter being especially strong in the Puritan origins of the United States. Work is our punishment, a sign of our sinfulness, and the more arduous the work we are required to undertake, the more clearly we are sinners. Furthermore, because work is a struggle, in which we wrest from the earth the means to survive, this vision has also pitted humanity against the natural world, resulting in an adversarial rather than cooperative approach towards nature—the results of which can be found in today’s ecological crises.

Yet, even as Genesis speaks of labor as a curse, given to humanity as the result of sin, the Scriptures are filled with examples of God protecting the laborer and guarding workers from unjust and harsh treatment. In the Covenant of Moses, God consistently defends the laborer. Indeed, the Sabbath, one of the most important of all Jewish practices, is instituted not, primarily, as a day of worship, but as a day of rest. Likewise, the notion of the Jubilee year, when all debts must be released and slaves set free, is enshrined in the Law of Moses to safeguard workers from unlimited indebtedness and endless servitude. The failure to follow these demands of the Law becomes the primary focus of the prophets, who, in the name of God, excoriate those who gobble up the work of laborers through usury and exploitation. As Pope Francis has pointed out, no Marxist has ever been as passionate or as damning against accumulated wealth as have the authors of Ezekiel and Jeremiah!

Into this tradition, Jesus is born: the carpenter’s son who gathers around him a community of workers both respectable and not-so-respectable. In imaging the Kingdom of God, Jesus promises rest to those who are weary and heavily burdened; but, does not, in that, undo the call of all people to labor. Indeed, even when he says, “*My yoke is easy and my burden is light*,” he is still calling us to wear the yoke and carry the burden, just as he does. Jesus—whom Mary Magdalene believes is the gar-

dener, when she meets him after the resurrection—reveals that labor, truly understood, is not a curse that sets us at war with the natural order; rather, it is a grace, a sign of God’s presence, a characteristic of God’s own being. God, the gardener of Creation, invites us, in Christ, to share the dignity of creative labor. Though it may not always be pleasant or easy, labor gives to us the dignity of the Creator, and allows the spiritual in us to take flesh in the order of the world.

In nearly 125 years since Leo XIII published his encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, on the rights and duties of capital and labor, the Catholic Church has developed a wealth of teachings about labor, and about the need for dignified work—i.e., work that allows a person to support a family, to contribute to society, to find time for healthy leisure and restorative rest. Such work, in the Church’s teaching is a human right, a good ordained by God. As the future Pope Francis said, while still Archbishop of Buenos Aires, “*The Church has always maintained that the key to the social question is work. The working person is at the center. Today, in many cases, this is not so. You can easily get cast aside if you don’t yield what’s expected. You become a thing, no longer considered a person. Over the past few decades the Church has denounced the dehumanization of work. . . . You cannot look at work from a purely functional perspective. What’s at the core is neither profit nor capital. Man is not for work; rather, work is for man.*”

How different might the world be were this Catholic perspective on labor to be at the center of our way of proceeding? How much does the hopelessness of unemployment contribute to the building up of Hamas in Gaza or ISIS in Iraq? How much does it exacerbate the situation in Ferguson and keep those in poverty from attaining their true and rightful dignity as human beings? How much damage is done by the untenable weight of debt put on those at the very bottom of the social ladder? True human labor is meant to be liberating, but where is the liberation for the factory slaves of China or the minimum wage workers of our own country? Where is the Sabbath for these? Where is the Jubilee?

As Christians, we are called to build a society in which all can live by the labor they can do. This is not a political theory, but as a divine command. In labor, each man becomes a gardener in the fields of the Creator; each woman becomes a builder of the Kingdom, in the model of the Son. On this Labor Day, let us remember this grace and this call; and let us pray, before we break out the bratwurst or spoon up the tofutti, that all may become laborers of the Spirit, and be blessed with the dignity that the Spirit of God confers.





Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Jon whose family and friends have surrounded him with love and support as his health is being weakened by cancer . . . For Emilie and others to remember it is darkest before the dawn and the light will come -- hold on to His light.

Prayer Tree



*"For the vision is yet for an appointed time
and it hastens to the end (fulfillment);
it will not deceive or disappoint.
Though it tarry, wait (earnestly) for it,
because it will surely come,
it will not be behindhand on its appointed day."*

~Habakkuk 2:3

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

For Robert Griswold, father of Lisa Griswold.

*For Dr. Chris Harris whose celebration of life will be
Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 2 pm.*

*For Christopher Gilman, husband of Sonia,
whose celebration of life will be
Saturday, September 6th at 11 am.*

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Aiden Kai Kowalski
Benjamin DeVange Martinsen
Evelyn Jean Stevens
Hunter Ryan Wells
Eve Christine Wischik
John William Zevenbergen



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.



Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason.



~Pope Francis

Mass Schedule

**Next weekend September 7th,
the weekend Mass schedule goes back to:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 9:00 am

Sunday, 11:00 am

Sunday, 5:30 pm



Social Ministry

St. Martin de Porres Shelter We Need You!

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 the first week of September.

To learn more and to volunteer, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

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.

Kennedy Catholic Homecoming & Athletic Field Dedication

Join us Saturday, Sept. 20, 12:30 pm for our Homecoming football game and the dedication of our new athletic field, the William F. Eisiminger Field.

Visit: www.kennedyhs.org/homecoming2014
for details.

Celebrate with us!

Retrouvaille of Seattle

A Heart-Changing Weekend...
a New Beginning for your Marriage.

Are you feeling disillusioned, frustrated, or even miserable in your marriage? Is it difficult talking to your spouse without arguing? Have years of unkind words and actions built a wall between you? Have you resigned yourself to the fact that your marriage will never get better? Have you lost all trust in your spouse? Are you considering separation or divorce? Have you given up hope?

If any of these questions hit close to home, please know you are NOT alone. There is hope. It's called Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille can change your heart – and change your marriage.

What is the Retrouvaille Program?

The word Retrouvaille™ is a French word meaning re-discovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Tens of thousands of couples in struggling relationships or headed for divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin and many attendees are Catholic, but married couples of all faiths are welcome.

What the Program is not.

Retrouvaille is neither a spiritual retreat, marriage seminar, nor Marriage Encounter. It does have characteristics of each of these – but so much more. You will not be asked to share in a group setting.

Hurry! There is still time to register for our upcoming program beginning Sept 5th-7th!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register, call 206-706-2608 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

L'Arche

3rd Annual L'Arche Seattle

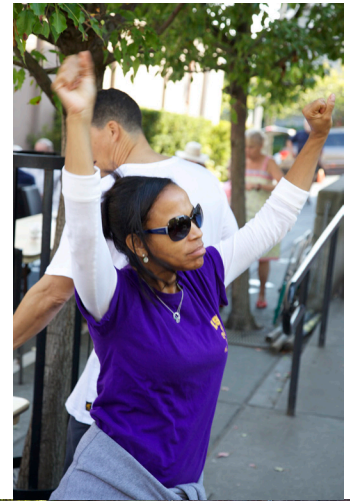
"Planting Seeds for Our Future" Auction

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

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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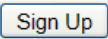


St. Joe's/Habitat - Together we Build

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)



Community

Children's Faith Formation - CFF

*Register now for our
Children's Faith Formation Programs*

We offer Sunday childcare, preschool, kindergarten classes during the 9 am mass, and classes for 1st thru 8th graders after mass. We kick off the year with a Pancake Breakfast co-hosted with our parish school's Parent Association Board (PAB) on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

Please visit our website for more details and online registration: www.stjosephparish.org "Children/Youth"

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Here in our diocese the preparation for reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a two year program, typically beginning in the first grade. If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner, then you will want to sign up for our Children's Faith Formation Year 1 program (CFF1).

For families who completed CFF1 last year, you must register for CFF2 now. Both CFF1 & CFF2 have additional event dates in addition to Sunday School. Check it out on our website under "Children/Youth," "Children's Faith Formation 1" or "Children's Faith Formation 2." If you are unable to register online or have questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Sunday Childcare Lead Position

We are in need of a childcare leader to work with our youngest parishioners (ages 1 - 4) during the 9 am Mass. This is a paid position, candidate must pass background check, be 21 or over and be available for Safe Environment certification. Responsibilities include providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children, working with and scheduling youth volunteers, and opening and closing classrooms. Beginning soon and runs through the end of June. If interested, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Faith Formation Needs You!

We have over 200 children in our Sunday School and Youth Group programs. This vibrant and critical ministry is only successful with the help of an army of volunteers. The following volunteer positions are still needed!

Kindergarten, Sundays during the 9 am Mass

CFF1 & CFF2 (Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion) Assistants, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am

Jr High Beginning Bible Study Teacher, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am

High School Confirmation Team members, Sundays, Beginning in October

We will teach you how to teach, no experience necessary. A background check and safety class are required. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

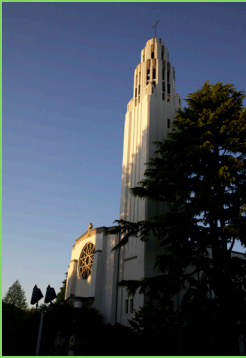
Confirmation

Confirmation classes and mass will once again be offered this year at St. Joseph Parish. Confirmation Preparation Classes begin Sunday, October 19th in the Mother Theresa Room of the Parish Center (basement level). All class materials including books, food, and the retreat supplies will be provided. The fee for classes is \$125. The Confirmation preparation program includes class sessions along with a Saturday retreat on November 22nd, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation service. A Confirmation Mass rehearsal and Confirmation Mass will be in *late January or mid-February.

To register please visit our website stjosephparish.org or call Dottie Farewell 206-965-1652 with any questions.

**Confirmation mass is not assigned until mid October by the Seattle Archdiocese.*





Social Ministry

Casting Our Net

Father John accepted the ALS Ice Bucket challenge! Parishioner gifts totaling \$300.00 were sent to ALSTDI to support research.

To support this great cause, please visit one of these websites:

ALS TDI - <http://www.als.net/> - research organization dedicated solely to ALS

ALS Association - <http://www.alsa.org/>

CCALS - Compassionate Care ALS - <http://www.ccals.org/home.php> - ALS organization dedicated to supporting ALS patients and their families

The Angel Fund - <http://www.theangelfund.org/> - Fund supporting world renowned ALS Doctor Robert Brown at UMASS Medical Center

