

*TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 7, 2014*

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

Readings for September 14, 2014

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4B-9
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11
GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

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-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 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!

St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul Group got a call for help: the family of four children ages 15 down to four months needed clothes for school. So the first week of September signaled the beginning of school just at the time when we make our first-of-the-month collections at the end of each Sunday Mass.

Thanks to your donations, we were able to provide a voucher to Value Village so the 15-year-old girl could get some new clothes. And thanks to the recent merger of the Baby Corner with Westside Baby we could get clothing for the 10- and eight-year old kids as they too readied for the first day of school. Some outfits and supplies like diapers went to the four-month-old.

All kids need clothes. But there's something special about that first day of school when most children show up with maybe a new pair of shoes, a new shirt or dress. For kids from poor families, just having decent clothes to wear can be a rare thing. This time, for these three kids, they got some new clothes. All of us in the St. Joseph Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference thank you for your donations of money, and also the household goods and clothing you give to our stores. Your help is special, just like that new dress or shirt for kids on that first day of school.



Open to Grace

Lord, let me know you; let me know myself.

-St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, S.J.-

It has begun. At St. Joseph School, teachers have arrived for service days still dressed in the t-shirts and shorts of summer, but with that look of zealous anxiety and eager reticence characteristic of the beginning of a new school year. Even amid the slightly over-scheduled construction, these professional educators are not unlike their charges: gathering their markers and their construction paper to make their rooms unique and appealing to the sensibilities of their soon-to-arrive students. It is a bit intoxicating to be around, and even in the Parish Center, we feel the buzz and await the blessed onslaught.

Meanwhile, at Holy Names Academy and many other schools in our region, the year is already begun, and the second week of orientation and study is drawing to its close. This last Tuesday, fresh on the heels of a three-day weekend, I was blessed to be with the community of Holy Names for their Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated at St. Joseph Church. Led in by the class of 2018, I stood in the red vestments of the votive mass and looked out with awe at the amazing diversity of faces and cultures, of styles and manner, of maturity and talents present in that church—and, indeed, present in the many Catholic schools of the Seattle Archdiocese. Looking at the teachers who stood guard on the edges of each class, and at the Sisters and administrators watching from the back, I was touched by their gentleness and joy, their watchfulness over the girls entrusted to them. And I felt united with them in their work: What grace we are called to shepherd! What grace we are given to receive! What grace we are summoned to prepare for the service of the world and the blessing of all humanity!

Not by our own merit, but because God calls us and works through us, are we given the grace to educate these children and young adults. Yet, indeed, it is our mission—as parents or as teachers, as pastors or as lay ministers, as a community of faith and as individual believers—and we must accept it, as those first disciples accept the call of Christ on the seashore or as Paul accepted it on the road to Damascus. Grace surrounds us, ready to break forth, and each of us must accept it, must nurture it, must empower it to shine with all the light of Christ, both for our own sake and for the sake of all the world.

Standing in the sanctuary of St. Joseph, looking at the students of Holy Names—at the vast choir on the steps of the high altar, at the numerous cellists and violinists in the south transept, at the class officers setting the table, and the ninth graders nervously lining up in the narthex—I was struck by this responsibility, and by the many factors in our culture that labor to destroy such grace. Especial-

ly for young women, there exists a constant pressure to become a commodity, an object for consumption, whose value rests, not in her intrinsic and unique grace as incarnate spirit or as Sacrament of God, but in how completely she meets the expectations of a mass-market economy. For the poor, this often results in women becoming objects of exchange, as human trafficking debases the most sacred of acts by driving from it every ounce of humanity. But even among the wealthy, this culture of flesh and finance seeks to rob both men and women of their graced identity and cover their light beneath the shadow of mass consumption and artificial desire.

But the call of the gospel is not a call to uniformity; nor is the kingdom of God an expression of market research. Rather, for the daughters and sons of God, true and lasting joy comes in the blossoming of each person's unique combination of graces: in the poet who loves to play football, or the cellist who likes to LARP; it comes in the size-16 dancer, and in the 7-foot sophomore who'd rather play Shakespeare than hoops. It comes when teachers and parents, when mentors and friends, when the whole People of God open the pathway to all the graces kept within the youth of our world.

This is the purpose of Catholic education: to allow of the grace of God to be liberated in the heart of each one of God's daughters and sons. The mission of Catholic education is not about creating better workers, or better consumers, or even better parishioners: the mission of Catholic education is about drawing forth what God has already created—the women and men for whom Jesus Christ gave his life. It is about fostering a lifetime of growth and transformation, as unlimited as grace itself.

This year's theme at St. Joseph School is "*Open to Grace*"—a phrase that can be read either as a description or as a command. If we are to be God's People, we must take it as both. For in the young hearts and minds that grace our classrooms, we are entrusted with souls open to the grace of God everywhere, souls waiting to be nourished, and needing to be protected and encouraged. These children are, by the nature of God's presence in their lives, beings who are open to grace. Yet, in a hostile world, this natural openness is not enough, and we—parents and teachers, friends and believers—must stand with them, showing them the way and opening them to all that their hearts' contain. We are called to open the way of grace by loving all our children, by challenging them and emboldening them, by supporting them and accompanying them in their journey of hope and discovery.

And in that great irony of the kingdom, as we open our children to grace, we, too, will find it in abundance, and come, with our children, into the fullness of God's mercy and light.





Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Paul, a young father, who suddenly collapsed, may the doctors find the cause to help him back to health...For students and teachers beginning a new school year.



"...Be strong, vigorous and ver courageous. Be not afraid...for God is with you wherever you go."

~Joshua 1:9

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

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.

**"The Lord never tires of forgiving.
It is we who tire of asking
for forgiveness."**

~Pope Francis

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.

IgNite: Ignatian Nights for Young Adults

Storytelling as Spiritual Practice

Thursday, September 11, 2014 | 7:00-9:00
| Liberty Bar, 517 15th Ave E, Seattle

Discernment happens amidst the dance of many stories: the story of scripture, the story of church, and our own personal stories.

Join us as we explore the art and practice of storytelling. We will talk about how and why story works and why it is such an important spiritual practice - particularly in the context of Ignatian spirituality.

This evening will be facilitated by Rev. Tad Monroe.

Come to the evening having jotted down or at least thought about one experience where your expectation was met with the unexpected.

For more information, email Michaela Kearns, IgNite Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org).



Community



The Voice

The Voice, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, will kick off on Wednesday, September 17th from 7-8:30 at the St. Joseph's Parish Center. All high school age students are invited to come join for food, friends and games!

Throughout the year, the Voice is open to all students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! The weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions to games to field trips. What remains the same though is the emphasis on community. The Voice seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their spirituality, and hopes only to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow. Don't believe me, just ask any of last year's members! In addition, the Voice also provides community service and social justice opportunities – both through local volunteering and more global solidarity with the youth in our sister parish in Arcatao, El Salvador.

Please contact Sam Kennedy (samk@stjosephparish.org) with any questions!

St. Martin de Porres Shelter We Need You! (we really 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 to step up and help this critical ministry! **To learn more and to volunteer, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org**

In the Steps of Ignatius I: Ignatian Spirituality for Men 2014-2015

simply noticing: FACING CREATION

Saturday, October 4, 2014 | 10 am – 12:30 pm | Seward Park, Seattle (Shelter #1—[click here for a map](#))

Glen Butterworth, S.J., presenter | Dick Ellis, facilitator

Join other men at Seward Park on the Feast of St. Francis! Gather at Shelter #1 for Fr. Glen's reflections on facing creation and its power to heal our lives and personal relationships. Then embark on a silent walk around the Loop, simply noticing. End the morning with a group reflection and a sack lunch.

Free will offering. Rain or shine! Dress for the weather. Bring a sack lunch and a friend. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org and click on "Simply Noticing: Facing Creation". To RSVP, please contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org).

St. Joe's/Habitat

Together we Build

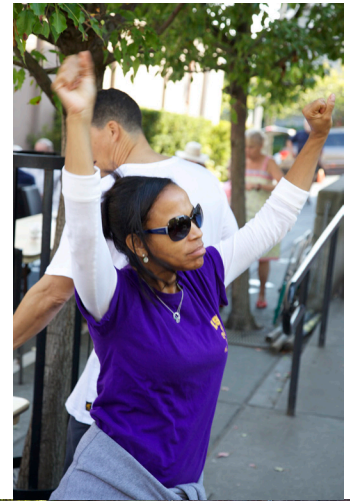
It's not too late to sign-up to participate in one of the last two days of St. Joe's Interfaith Build through Habitat for Humanity on Friday, September 12th or Saturday, September 13th. There will also be an interfaith service at St. Joe's at 4:00 in the Parish Center at the end of the Saturday, September 13th build date. All are invited, whether or not you were able to participate in the build.

You can sign up to volunteer on any of the available dates using the following link: <http://twb.seattle-habitat.volunteerhub.com/SignIn.aspx>. (If you've registered with Habitat before, note that this is a new sign-up site, so you will need to re-register.)

For additional questions on what to bring, what to wear, etc., please see the Construction Volunteer FAQ page on the Habitat Web Site at: <http://www.habitatskc.org/>. Skip the part about bringing a lunch, as lunch is provided by Habitat.

Questions: contact Gary Fallon at fallon_derocco@comcast.net or Shaun Corry at 333smc@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the site.

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

Top Reasons Why You Should Join the St. Joseph Choir:

1. St. Augustine famously said: "Those who sing, pray twice." VERY efficient!
2. Admit it, you aren't feeling confident about your singing voice. Singing in choir will give you the basic training and experience you need to sing more freely. Next thing you know, you'll be singing your office presentations, around the dinner table, during your walk around the neighborhood or while you are working out at the gym. This will literally change how people think about you!
3. We have the best seats in the house, especially when the church is overflowing on Christmas and Easter.
4. Singing is a whole and complete Mind/Body/Spirit experience. I had a choir member for many years with Cystic Fibrosis. Her doctor said that singing in the choir had done more for her breath and lungs than anything he could have done.
5. Intellectual stimulation--when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
6. Since the choir sometimes moves between the organ loft and the south transept, we exercise while we pray and sing. This has obvious health benefits.
7. You have a regular Wednesday night out (Choose one): a: without the kids, b: without your partner, c: WITH your partner, d: WITH your kids, e: with yourself
8. We are a small faith community offering a humble gift...if you have been given the gift of a decent singing voice this is a surefire way to make sure you don't hide it under a bushel but share it with the world.
9. Friends! You will no longer be able to complain, "Church is so impersonal--I don't know anyone in the parish."
10. 2000 years of liturgical music tradition can't be wrong.
11. We need you!! Seriously!

Lord, after a long day at work, Wednesday night choir rehearsal was like springtime! Hard to put into words but after a day of dunning bureaucracy, how precious it was to let my spirit soar. And when it all came together and my brothers and sisters sang as one and lost ourselves to God. It doesn't happen all the time but when it does...Wow is all I can say.

~Anonymous Chorister

St Joseph Choir

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.

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

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 (kmquinnnshea@gmail.com)



Faith Formation

Reflections From The Middle School Agape Service Trip

"Returning to Agape as an adult leader was at once nostalgic and transformative. I was reminded of the summer, before I started high school, that I served as a participant. I relived the hunger, the discomfort, and the heat but I also got to experience again the laughter, the camaraderie, and the simple pleasure of serving someone else. I got to witness young men and women rise above their personal needs and serve a greater cause. It was inspiring to see reluctant participants and differing personalities change into a group dedicated to improving the lives of people around them. The beauty of Agape is that each participant takes away something different from the experience and hopefully it transforms their lives. It was only by returning to Agape that I realized how much it transformed mine." - **Erin Tobin**

"Agape is all about faith and helping the less fortunate. You have to pick fruits and do a food bank for the migrant workers. You also are put in their shoes and have to see how hard it is to make a good meal with barely any money." - **Teddy, 8th grader**

"Agape was an impactful experience because it made me realize how lucky I am." - **James, 9th grader**

"Agape showed me that I should appreciate what I have and be grateful that I don't have to worry each day about what I am going to eat or where I am going to sleep that night. Agape also brought me closer to God." - **Conor, 9th grader**

"I had such a great time at Agape my favorite parts were the migrant's camps. Going out into the community and asking for donations and working at the food bank. I learned trying to feed a family of 6 with 6 dollars is really hard." - **Juliette, 7th grader**

"It's hot out there; stay cool." - **Ethan Freiburger, 8th grader**. A surprisingly effective way to get people to donate groceries to a food bank.

"As I look back at my experience in Agape, I realize that what I had done had not only left a big impact on me but also the migrant families. Each day at Agape was full of something new and exciting. The week made me appreciate where our food comes from. It was really the ideal way for me get taught about the struggles of migrant workers." - **Joe, 8th grader**

"This was my first time at Agape and it was an amazing experience! I made new friends with other people from St Joes and kids from the migrant camp. We got to make our own dinners and serve at a food bank for migrant families. I thought it was one of the most fun things I have done this summer I can't wait to go next year!" - **Mary, 6th grader**





Faith Formation

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.*





Pope - ourri

A selection from Pope Francis General Audience, St. Peter's Square, Wednesday, 27 August 2014

...the Apostle Paul, then, exhorted his communities not to forget that they “are one body” (1 Cor 12:13). Experience tells us, however, that there are so many sins against unity. And let us consider not only the schisms, let us consider the very common lapses in our communities, “parochial” sins, those sins in the parishes. Sometimes, in fact, our parishes, called to be places of sharing and communion, are sadly marred by envy, jealousy, antipathy.... And gossip which everyone passes on. There is so much gossip in parishes! It is not good. For example, when one is elected president of that association, they gossip about him. And when another is elected president of Catechesis, the others gossip about her. But this is not the Church. This is not what one should do, we must not do it! We must ask the Lord for the grace not to do it. This happens when we aim for first place; when we place ourselves at the centre, with our personal ambitions and our ways of seeing things, and we judge others; when we look at our brothers faults instead of their talents; when we give more weight to what divides us instead of to what we have in common....

Once, in another diocese I had before, I heard an interesting and kind comment. It was about an older woman who had worked all her life in the parish, and a person who knew her well said: “This woman never criticized, she never gossiped, she always wore a smile”. A woman like this could be canonized tomorrow! This is a good example. And if we look at the history of the Church, there are so many divisions among us Christians. Even now we are divided. Also in history, we Christians have made war among ourselves for theological differences. Let us think of the 30 Years’ War. But, this is not Christian. We must also work for the unity of all Christians, to take the path of unity which is what Jesus wanted and prayed for.
