Thrity-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2014

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

Readings for November 16, 2014

FST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-12, 15-17
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26, 28
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

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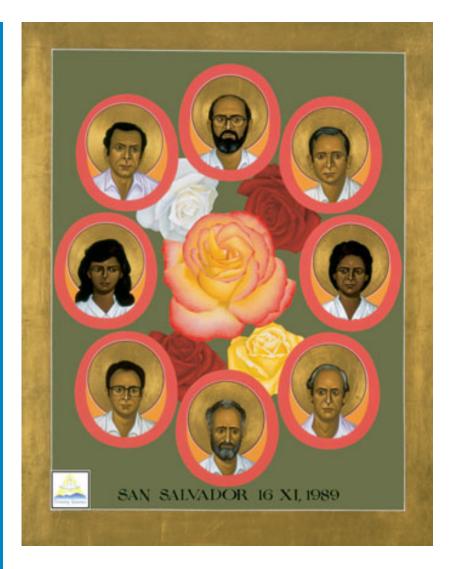
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Standing With the Resurrected

Do everything so that liberty is victorious over oppression, justice over injustice, love over hate.

-Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J.-

It was about 1:00 am, on the morning of November 16, 1989, when the 35 soldiers arrived at the university. A small group broke off from the main body—heading towards the Jesuit residence as the rest of the troops went about the work of faking a rebel skirmish.

They forced the door of the residence, only to discover the cook—Elba Ramos—and her 15 year old daughter—Celina—in the room beside the kitchen, where they had entered. Leaving one soldier to hold the two at gunpoint, the main body of men went further into the house.

They found Fr. Ellacuría coming down the hall; he was wearing pajamas and wondering who was making all the noise. He was their primary target—the rector of the Jesuit community, a sociologist and major proponent of the Jesuit work in Central America to promote what their documents called "a faith that does justice".

They pushed him out into the garden, and with him his companions—Amando López, Ingacio Martín Baró, Segundo Montes, and Juan Ramón Moreno. They forced them all to lie face down on the grass.

Then they shot them—over and over again—giving special care to shoot their heads, a small sign of the hatred and fear which they had for their minds and their ideas. Ideas derived not from ideology, but from faith; born of the Sermon on the Mount and the *Magnificat*; shaped by their encounter with the Lord in the gospels and in the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. These ideas, which proclaim the radical gospel of Jesus, where the poor and the sorrowing are blessed and the Incarnate God "has thrown down the rulers from their thrones and lifted up the lowly, has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty"—these ideas led to the death poured out among the roses.

Because they believed the gospel not only in their hearts or on their lips, but in the work of their hands and through the sweat of their brows, these men had their brains thrown in handfuls into the rosebushes and had their bodies left, broken, on the schoolyard lawn.

Having killed their primary target, the soldiers went on to kill the witnesses—the 71 year old Fr. Joaquin Lopez, frail and feeble from prostate cancer, was shot in the hall; and the two women, Elba and Celina—whose only offense was their faithfulness to the Jesuits for whom they worked—were gunned down in their room. All in all, eight people died in a matter of minutes, and when the murders were announced by radio in the army barracks the next morning, a cheer went up.

The murder of these Jesuits and their companions 25 years ago this week is only one small instance of all the unjust deaths that cry out from our world. It is but one moment in a vast history of cruelty and fear, of murder and oppression that stretches from Zimbabwe to Algeria, from the Ukraine to Guantanamo, from the beheadings of ISIS to the unmarked graves of the Mexican teachers. All the victims of oppression and terror, of fear and savagery, of hatred and despair—all who languish in prisons for believing in justice, or who watch their children die in refugee camps because justice will not come, all who suffer under the indifference of their oppressors or by the oppression of those who remain indifferent—all of these call to us today and challenge our professed faith in God and in the resurrection promised through Christ.

The promise of the resurrection is not a promise of life *after* death, but a promise of life that *transcends* death. It is a promise, written in the blood of Jesus Christ, that everything we are in faith now, we will be in fullness then.

Everything for which we look in hope now, we will see with clarity then. Everything we hold onto now in love, we will possess in fullness then.

In their death, the Jesuits and companions of El Salvador received not resuscitation of their bodies, not life after death, but resurrection. All that had opened to Christ through their work and their teaching, through their manner of life and their witness, became Christ; all in them that had hungered for Christ was filled with Christ; all that had—through the work of their hands—begun to be Christ in the world, returned to them in their witnessing of Christ with their own lives as men and women of the resurrection.

Today, in our nation and across the world, there are those who would sell us fear and hatred; sell us timidity and cowardice; sell us the false immortality that comes from hoarded wealth and sophisticated weaponry. These voices of desolation and death would have us close ourselves to the dangerous truth of the gospel and ignore the call of Christ to proclaim that gospel to the ends of the earth—even at the cost of our lives.

We at St. Joseph, blessed and challenged by the same spiritual tradition as the Salvadoran Martyrs, rejected the seduction of these voices a quarter century ago, when we established our relationship with our Sister Parish in Arcatao; and we reject them again today. By sending our delegates to the remembrance of the martyrs—delegates who represent our school and our parish, our ordained and lay leadership—we proclaim that our desire is to stand among the resurrected, bearing witness to what St. Paul calls "the love of God and the endurance of Christ." These two qualities of our Christian vocation—love and endurance—depend upon each other, and in seeking the former, we joyfully embrace the latter, as well.

In this journey to El Salvador, St. Joseph professes anew our belief in the communion that comes from the gospel. Let us continue to make ourselves dangerous to the oppressors of the world: speaking out against the great disparities of wealth in our country, against the exploitation of the immigrant and the refugee; standing up against those who would close the doors of the Church to women or to gays; walking as companions with those who protect human life at every stage, and human dignity in every form. We must confront the popular tide of violence, and speak, instead, of peace and reconciliation, of justice and love. We must profess that we follow, not a God of power but a God of resurrection, who brings our lives to their fullness not by conquest or power, but by the faithfulness of his cross.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

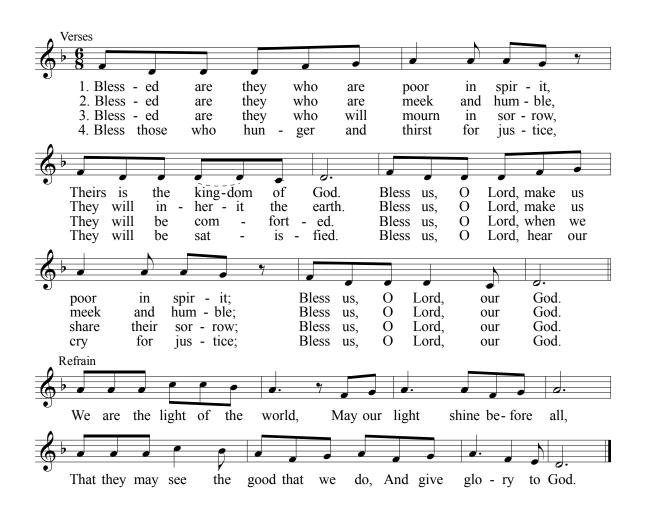
Prelude Instrumental

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

We Are the Light of the World

Jean Greif



Dialogue With Baptism Families 9 & 11

Ritual Of Remembrance Of Salvadoran Martyrs

Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J. Ignacio Martin-Baro, S.J. Segundo Montes, S.J. Amando Lopez, S.J. Joaquin Lopez y Lopez, S.J. Juan Ramon Moreno, S.J. Elba Ramos Celina Ramos

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.

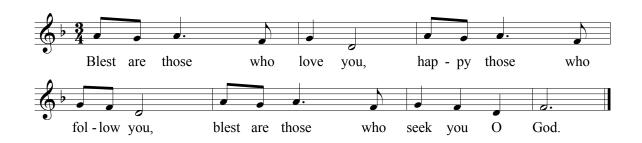
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

Marty Haugen



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

When people are saying, "Peace and security, " then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.





Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more. His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will

be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

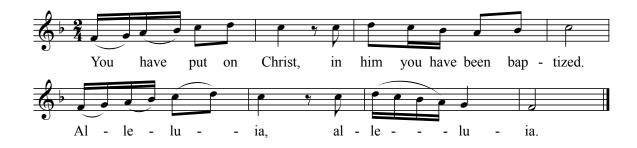


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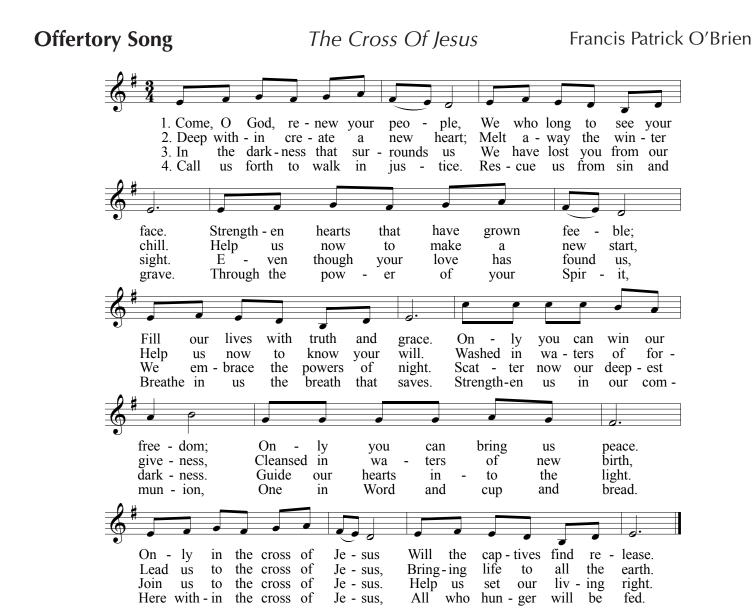
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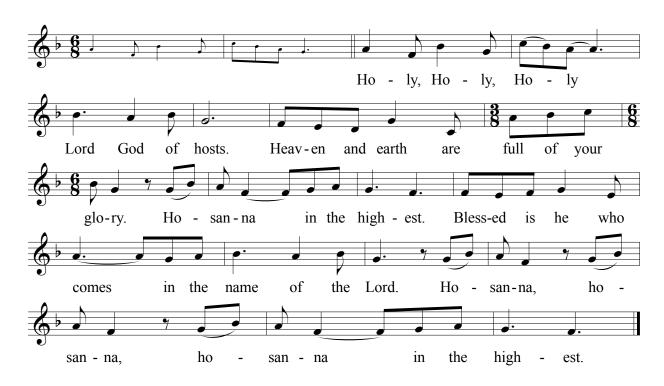
You Have Put On Christ

Howard Hughes



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

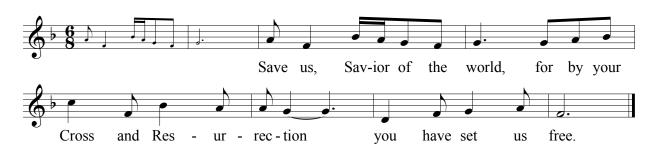




Mystery of Faith

Storrington Mass

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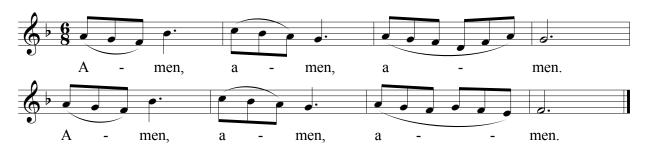


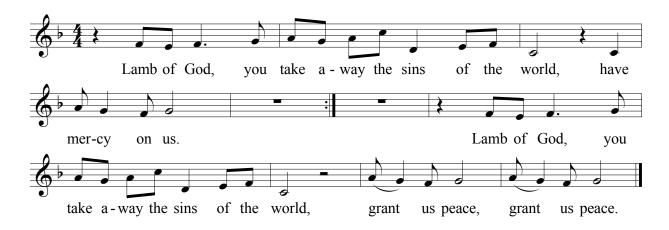


Great Amen

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All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

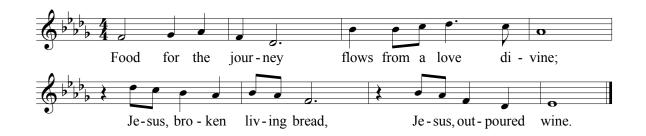


If you have a gluten allergy, & need of a gluten free host, please come to the Presider & indicate this.

Communion Song

Food For The Journey

Rufino Zaragoza

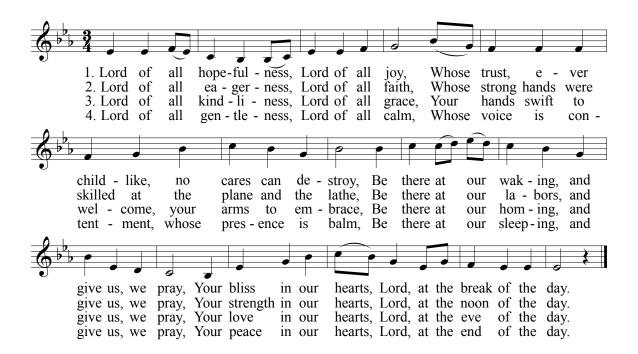


THE CONCLUDING RITES

Song of Praise 5

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE Jan Struther





Recessional Instrumental

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Pope-Pourri

A House That Welcomes All

In the Creed, after professing: "I believe in one Church", we add the adjective "holy"; we affirm the sanctity of the Church, and this is a characteristic that has been present from the beginning in the consciousness of early Christians, who were simply called "the holy people" (cf. Acts 9:13, 32, 41; Rom 8:27; 1 Cor 6:1), because they were certain that it is the action of God, the Holy Spirit that sanctifies the Church.

But in what sense is the Church holy if we see that the historical Church, on her long journey through the centuries, has had so many difficulties, problems, dark moments? How can a Church consisting of human beings, of sinners, be holy? Sinful men, sinful women, sinful priests, sinful sisters, sinful bishops, sinful cardinals, a sinful pope? Everyone. How can such a Church be holy?

- 1. To respond to this question I would like to be led by a passage from the Letter of St Paul to the Christians of Ephesus. The Apostle, taking as an example family relationships, states that "Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her" (5:25-26). Christ loved the Church, by giving himself on the Cross. And this means that the Church is holy because she comes from God who is holy, he is faithful to her and does not abandon her to the power of death and of evil (cf. Mt 16:18). She is holy because Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God (cf. Mk 1:24), is indissolubly united to her (cf. Mt 28:20); She is holy because she is guided by the Holy Spirit who purifies, transforms, renews. She is not holy by her own merits, but because God makes her holy, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and of his gifts. It is not we who make her holy. It is God, the Holy Spirit, who in his love makes the Church holy.
- 2. You could say to me: but the Church is made up of sinners, we see them everyday. And this is true: we are a Church of sinners; and we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed, renewed, sanctified by God. There has been in history the temptation for some to say: the Church is only the Church of the pure, the perfectly consistent, and expels all the rest. This is not true! This is heresy! The Church, that is holy, does not reject sinners; she does not reject us all; she does not reject because she calls everyone, welcomes them, is open even to those furthest from her, she calls everyone to allow themselves to be enfolded by the mercy, the tenderness and the forgiveness of the Father, who offers everyone the possibility of meeting him, of journeying toward sanctity. "Well! Father, I am a sinner, I have tremendous sins, how can I possibly feel part of the Church? Dear brother,

dear sister, this is exactly what the Lord wants, that you say to him: "Lord, here I am, with my sins". Is one of you here without sin? Anyone? No one, not one of us. We all carry our sins with us. But the Lord wants to hear us say to him: "Forgive me, help me to walk, change my heart!". And the Lord can change your heart. In the Church, the God we encounter is not a merciless judge, but like the Father in the Gospel parable. You may be like the son who left home, who sank to the depths, farthest from the Gospel. When you have the strength to say: I want to come home, you will find the door open. God will come to meet you because he is always waiting for you, God is always waiting for you, God embraces you, kisses you and celebrates. That is how the Lord is, that is how the tenderness of our Heavenly Father is. The Lord wants us to belong to a Church that knows how to open her arms and welcome everyone, that is not a house for the few, but a house for everyone, where all can be renewed, transformed, sanctified by his love, the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, those who feel discouraged or lost. The Church offers all the possibility of following a path of holiness, that is the path of the Christian: she brings us to encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments, especially in Confession and in the Eucharist; she communicates the Word of God to us, she lets us live in charity, in the love of God for all. Let us ask ourselves then, will we let ourselves be sanctified? Are we a Church that calls and welcomes sinners with open arms, that gives courage and hope, or are we a Church closed in on herself? Are we a Church where the love of God dwells, where one cares for the other, where one prays for the others?

3. A final question: what can I, a weak fragile sinner, do? God says to you: do not be afraid of holiness, do not be afraid to aim high, to let yourself be loved and purified by God, do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us be infected by the holiness of God. Every Christian is called to sanctity (cf. Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, nn. 19-42); and sanctity does not consist especially in doing extraordinary things, but in allowing God to act. It is the meeting of our weakness with the strength of his grace, it is having faith in his action that allows us to live in charity, to do everything with joy and humility, for the glory of God and as a service to our neighbour. There is a celebrated saying by the French writer Léon Bloy, who in the last moments of his life, said: "The only real sadness in life is not becoming a saint". Let us not lose the hope of holiness, let us follow this path. Do we want to be saints? The Lord awaits us, with open arms; he waits to accompany us on the path to sanctity. Let us live in the joy of our faith, let us allow ourselves to be loved by the Lord... let us ask for this gift from God in prayer, for ourselves and for others.

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If you haven't yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work. As always, should you require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien at 206.965.1654or stewardship@stjosephparish.org

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Many thanks!

Saving trees (and money!)

You may have noticed that we combined our weekly bulletin and worship aid into one document. All essential information is now centralized, and the parish significantly reduced our weekly production expense. We're still tweaking the format and are pleased with this new design. If you'd like to provide feedback, please contact stewardship@stjosephparish.org. Many thanks!

Thanksgiving Collection

This year St. Joseph is donating its collection from the Thanksgiving Day Mass to St. Mary's Food Bank. Here is some information about St. Mary's. For nearly 70 years the Food Bank @ St. Mary's has opened its doors to anyone who comes to them for food and nourishment. Last year they were able to feed over 147,000 men, women & children. This year they expect to surpass that number because more people have been cut from the social services that is necessary to meet their basic needs. Won't you help by donating funds to help buy the things they need to keep food on the tables during the holiday season? The Thanksgiving Day Mass collection will go to the Food Bank @ St. Mary's. If you would like to help further, please go to the website at www.thefbsm.org or contact Alison@thefbsm.org

St. Joseph Parish's

Alternative Bazaar

Sunday, November 23rd

10 AM - 1 PM 732 18th Ave E - In the Social Hall



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FAITH JUSTICE

School Of America's Watch Puget Sound Send Off

Monday, November 17, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, 2702 Broadway East, Seattle

Thousands will gather at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia to protest U.S. foreign policy in Latin America and the growth of militarism, and to promote peace. This year we remember the 25th anniversary of the Jesuit martyrs, cry out for the children crossing our borders, and honor communities in resistance.

We are part of the national movement when we raise our voices locally. Everyone is invited. Music, speakers, "Presente" ceremony, offering of roses. Reception follows.

Sponsored by: SOA Watch Puget Sound, St. Pat's Social Justice Committee, Veterans for Peace Greater Seattle #92, Washington State Religious Campaign against Torture, Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation

Association For Catholic Childhood

The Katherine Meloy Circle of ACC is holding its biannual Magnolia Holiday Home Tour on Saturday December 6 and would appreciate it if you would include the following notice in your bulletin on any or all of these weekends: November 15/16, November 22/23 and November 29/30.

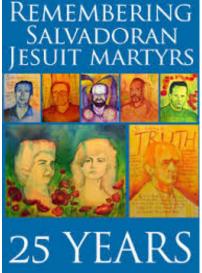
Magnolia Holiday Home Tour - Saturday, Dec 6th, 10AM to 4PM. Tickets: Presale \$25 or Day of Tour \$30. You'll see six beautiful homes decorated for the holidays. In addition, a Holiday Boutique and refreshments are located at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center 9AM-4PM. For details, including ticket purchase, see www. magnoliahometour.com. or call 206-282-5190. Sponsored by Association for Catholic Childhood, the Tour benefits children and families under the care of Catholic Community Services.

Parish Delegation To El Salvador

Please pray for our parish delegation who left on Tuesday November 11th, for a six day trip to visit our Sister Parish of San Bartolome, in Arcatao but more importantly to join with others from around the world to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the six Jesuits and two woman brutally assassinated at the University of Central America on November 16, 1989. At that time, a delegation from St. Joe's had just returned three weeks earlier.

Parish delegates are Fr. John Whitney, Cyndy Ferrell, Steve Trainer, Elisa Wirkala, Mary Guerra, David Batchelder, Daniel Stoner, Mary DeRosas and Sandra Bonet. Please keep them in your prayers.

This weekend we will read the names of those killed, ring a bell and light a candle at Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am and Sunday 11 am Masses. At the 5:30 pm Mass we will have a special ritual at the beginning including a procession with the cross. Fr. Peter Byrne S.J., who was pastor at the time in 1989 will concelebrate the 5:30 pm Mass.



St. Francis House Needs Help!

Baby it's cold outside--St. Francis House needs winter supplies!

In addition to non-perishable food donations, St. Francis House urgently needs new or used sleeping bags, blankets, and back packs, tents and plastic tarps. Please bring items to St. Joseph Parish Center, or drop off at St. Francis House, 169 12th Ave S (about four blocks south of Seattle University.) For more information, please contact James Brennan at jpbirish@comcast.net

LITURGY AND WORSHIP





St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For all who are homeless and are in extreme situations of need. May they find the help they are searching for....For those suffering in the grip

of mental illness. May they find comfort...Let us be Thankful for all the many blessings we have been given. And that we have a true spirit of giving to all who are in need. Especially in these days approaching Thanksgiving....Also, for Brady Twohy's Family and friends may they be comforted by our thoughts and prayers.

"For there will never cease to be poor in the land.
Therefore I command you, you shall open wide
your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the
poor in the land."

~ Deuteronomy 15:11

Eternal rest grant unto them, O lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Brady Twohy, Whose Funeral Mass is Monday, November 17th at 11:00 am.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27th, 10:00 am

Please join with the community at 10:00 am mass (there will be no early morning mass on Thanksgiving). Please bring two items of food or drink. One, from your table to be blessed at the altar during mass; and the second item of food for Francis House, so that others might also be blessed by your generosity. Our collection will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

The Call Of Liturgical Ministry

If you go to the Liturgy and Worship page of our new parish website it says: "The parish community of St. Joseph gathers together to pray and worship throughout the liturgical year. Prayer, especially the celebration of the Eucharist binds our community together to give honor and glory to God and to recognize the real presence of Christ and the Spirit in one another. Through the celebration of our faith, we are empowered to live out our parish mission statement: 'Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.' "

Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved, sharing and developing your gifts, and serving as an Usher, a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister please reach out to the coordinator of that particular ministry. The parish website has information about each of these ministries and you can reach the coordinator directly via the website at: Ushers@stjosephparish.org, lectors@stjosephparish.org or eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org. They will be able to answer your questions and arrange a time for training.

An Advent Evening Of Prayer

"The Word Dwells Within Us"

Tuesday, December 9th | 7:00-9:00 pm | St. Joseph

Enter into the Advent Season by joining us for a quiet contemplative experience of prayer using all of the senses. Be transported into the story of the Annunciation through light, darkness, Word, silence, music, art, poetry and contemporary storytelling. Contemplate in the Advent story your own story of wonder, fear, questioning, acceptance, and trust in the One who becomes flesh and dwells within us!

Artists, musicians and storytellers include: Jennifer Kelly, Tad Monroe, Maria Ochoa, Carla Orlando, and Trung Pham, S.J.

Admission by free will offering. Seating is first-come, first-served. An RSVP is helpful, but not necessary. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org and click on "Advent Evening of Prayer." To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Mysterious Usher Behavior?

You may have noticed that the ushers at Saint Joseph wander the aisles of the church during mass each week after the offertory. They are not being nosy or looking for "contraband" but simply counting the number of people who are at mass that day as requested by the archdiocese! Many thanks to this awesome group of ministers! In fact, if you would like to serve, the usher ministry is looking for additional members to join their teams. Contact usher coordinator Bruce Mirkin at ushers@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@qwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

The Rosary At St. Joseph

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who've prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center Loyola Chapel.

Altar of Remembrance

In the old baptistry an altar of remembrance will be present throughout November. Please bring photos of deceased relatives and friends and light a candle in prayer (please leave contact information on the back of the photo if you want it returned).



Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, November 19 - Next Seniors Outing - IMAX BUTTERFLY movie & lunch, meet at Parish Center at 10:30 am. We'll have an early lunch near the Fremont Bridge and then off to the Seattle Center. We'll see the 2:15 pm movie! Cost is \$8.00 for the movie and BYOB for lunch. To register contact Renee at the Parish Center 324-2522 ext 100 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Friday, December 5 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by lunch in the Parish Center.

Thursday, December 11th- Senior Potluck, Social Hall 6-8:30 pm. The halls will be decked with our holiday spirits. A gift with no bows or fun wrappings. Just a very special evening. Please join us. Questions ~ Mary Ott 324-7459 ~ Dolores Dorn 322-2259

FAITH FORMATION

Preparation for Older Children Baptism

If you have a child five years of age and older whom you would like to be Baptized into the Catholic Faith, please set up an appointment with Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. The plan is to gather monthly (Jan-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, the norm is for children seven years of age and older to be fully initiated



into the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confir¬mation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at a designated Sunday Mass during the Easter Season – This year that date is Sunday April 19th at the 9:00am Mass. Classes are all on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm. Beginning with a family potluck. Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16th. Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@ stjosephparish.org

In the Steps of Ignatius: Ignatian Spirituality for Men

Thursday, December 4th | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | St. Joseph

The beauty and power of Advent is its utter simplicity, bare-bone stillness and waiting. That simplicity is also endangered, nearly overwhelmed with the din of a coming holiday season blaring for weeks - no, months – before its arrival.

"The Utter Simplicity of Advent" will offer time to gather in early Advent to relish some quiet, some prayer, and reflection on the "Close-come Mystery" that approaches us, not so much from far off, as from within our hearts. During this Advent liturgy, there will be time for a reflection by Peter Byrne SJ, quiet time of personal prayer, and reflection together on our hopes for ourselves, our loved ones and our waiting world.

Free will offering. An RSVP is helpful for planning. To RSVP, please contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824.



SPONSORS NEEDED: RCIA

We have about six people currently participating in the RCIA process who are in need of a sponsor. A sponsor is a faith companion who accompanies the RCIA participant in their journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Faith. The commitment is some Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm, being available to accompany RCIA participant at Sunday mass and participation in 2-3 Liturgies and being available to get together and answer questions. Sponsors begin in December and finish up in May.

This is a very rewarding way to share your faith with someone and help welcome them into the community. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

IGNATIAN COMPANIONS: Small Group Spiritual Direction

Group for Men & Women: Monthly gatherings 1st Thursday of the month 6:30 - 9:00 PM, St. Joseph Parish Center, December 2014-May 2015

Group for Men Only: Monthly gatherings 1st Monday of the month 7:00 - 9:00 PM, St. Joseph Parish Center, December 2014-May 2015

Join a small group of 4-9 people committed to accompanying and supporting one another for the purpose of cultivating attention to God at work in prayer and daily life. Each evening will typically include communal prayer, ritual, check-in, shared reflections, careful listening, and silence. Each group member will be expected to have a regular prayer life, an ability and willingness to share about one's interior life and prayer, an openness to listening deeply to oneself and others, and experience with Ignatian spirituality This is a group spiritual direction process guided by experienced spiritual directors/ ISC facilitators. We hope you will prayerfully consider this rare opportunity to go more deeply into your life of prayer and faith with the support of Ignatian companions!

Application deadline is Tuesday, November 18th. Questions, please contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATHS!

Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 30th during coffee hour in the Social Hall.

We invite families to come and make their advent wreath together on the stage. Our Children's Faith Formation program will provide foam wreaths, candles, candle holder, ribbons and



greenery. Families and parishioners may make a free will offering to offset cost of supplies.

For questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652