Our Lord Jesus Christ, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 23, 2014

Reflection Next Week: Dottie Farewell

Readings for November 30, 2014

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9 GOSPEL: MARK 13:33-37

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 www.stjosephparish.org

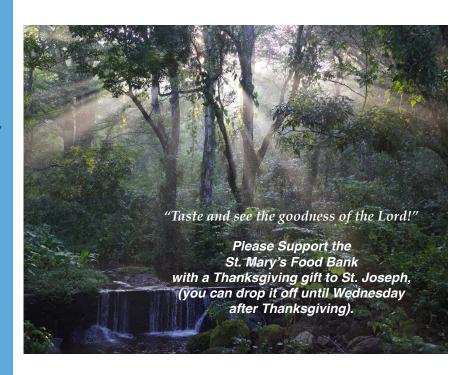
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A Table of Memory & Thanks

The slogan of Hell: Eat or be eaten. The slogan of Heaven: Eat and be eaten.

-W.H. Auden-

The last time I saw my mother, a few days before she died, we did what we so often did: we went out to dinner. My mother said that, after raising five children, she had cooked enough. "I don't care if you turn that damned oven into a flower pot," she would often say. And so, we went to one of her favorite restaurants, where we sat telling stories and listening to each other over a nice glass of wine and a plate of linguini with clams—her favorite. We recalled my father, as we always did, though he had died more than 20 years before; and we talked of my siblings, and my work, and her friends and mine. She said she thought I was working too hard and wondered if I would have some time off when I finished as Provincial. And did I think I could get a good job after that?

I think of that meal often—grateful for the time and the talking, and that that was the way I last saw my mother: across a table, listening and laughing, enjoying an evening together around food and drink.

How many of us can trace the major moments of our lives to special meals—or to simple, unamazing meals shared with good friends? Perhaps you recall that day when you were six, when your mother made your favorite—grilled cheese and tomato soup—and then told you that you were going to become a big sister for the first time. Perhaps you think of those meals of top ramen or cold spaghetti that you shared in your college dorm, when all your friends would yell and chatter about the meaning of life and the truth of God, and where you first realized the joy of thinking. Perhaps you can imagine perfectly the setting of that little neighborhood restaurant, where you asked your spouse to marry youor where you were asked to share a lifetime together. Perhaps you think of that cluttered table of your father's 70th birthday party, where you sat with a glass of wine and listened, late into the evening, to stories, never before recalled, of his days in the war; hearing in his voice no longer just the father, but also the man. In these moments, and a thousand more, our meals become something other than opportunities to refuel: they become points of grace and of communion.

From the time we suckle at our mother's breast, the experience of a meal is something more that mere nourishment. For while food is life for the body, the experience of a meal goes further: it ties together our body and spirit; our hearts, our stomachs, and our memories. Even now, the smell of cookies baking or the taste of some food that someone you loved used to make for you can evoke a memory. We talk about comfort food—peanut butter and bananas, or macaroni and cheese, or spaghetti with red sauce, or beans and rice, or borscht, or whatever it may be—and we know it brings comfort not just as food, but as memory and connection to the one who brought us to the table and fed us.

The authors of the Old Testament knew the power of such meals, and so formed their high holy days around the hunger of the fast and the feasting of the Passover table, where the story of the people is recalled in the bitter herbs and the sweet apples, in the questions over the lamb and the songs sung over glasses of blessed wine. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord," proclaims the psalmist, as family and friends gather around the table of grace present in their home. It was at just such a meal, in the midst of his family and friends, that Jesus took the bread and cup and declared that he would be with them always—not as a spirit or a ghost, not as a memory alone—but in the bread broken and the cup shared. Through the thanksgiving offered and the food consumed as a memorial of his presence, Jesus would come to them, and comes to us, abiding until the end of all eating and drinking: the flesh of the feast, the sweetness in the cup. In the mystery of the Eucharist, the fullness of our humanity is consecrated to God and becomes one with God through the incarnate love of Jesus Christ.

This coming week, the people of the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving, that great national feast declared a holiday by Abraham Lincoln in the dark days of the Civil War and set on this date by Franklin Roosevelt in the midst of World War II. Born, like the Christian Eucharist or the Jewish Passover, of the paradoxical sense of grace in the face of separation and gratitude amidst suffering, our Thanksgiving calls us to transcend the smallness of our own plate and open ourselves to a table crowded with others. We will, if we can, gather with family and friends. We will tell our stories, or repeat the stories we have heard so many times before. We will do the rituals of gathering—football or movies, Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit. We will eat the familiar food, or perhaps try something new; yet, always compare it to the meals of years gone by. For some, cut off from their ritual community, this will be a time of ache, and we will invite them, knowing there is always room for one more at a feast such as this. And we will give thanks, not because our world is perfect or at peace, free of suffering or of death—for none of that is true—but because God, whose abundant love sets the table and becomes the feast, has not left us orphans. Rather, our God sits beside us even now, in the relative we know so well and in the stranger whom this feast will make our friend.

P.S.

As part of your Thanksgiving celebration, please join us for Eucharist at 10:00 AM. Bring a food item from your table to be blessed by the community, and a few dollars for the St. Mary Food Bank, to set the table for others. Carry the gift from the table we share back to the table you share with others.

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ORDER OF CELEBRATION OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Prelude Instrumental

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADAMETA Elvey & Bridges





Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.



- We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

- you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock

when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,

so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I myself will pasture my sheep;

I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out,

the strayed I will bring back,

the injured I will bind up,

the sick I will heal,

but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,

shepherding them rightly.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.



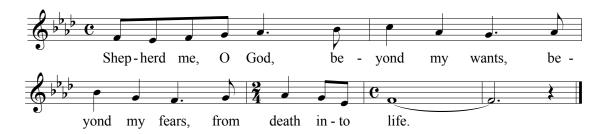
Responsorial Psalm (5 & 11)

Joseph Gelineau SJ

Psalm 23 - My Shepherd Is the Lord



Psalm 23 - Shepherd Me, O God



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man,

the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,

so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,

but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

then comes the end,

when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,

when he has destroyed every sovereignty

and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

When everything is subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected

to the one who subjected everything to him,

so that God may be all in all.



Gospel Acclamation

Storrington Mass

Marty Haugen



Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on
his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Homily

Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

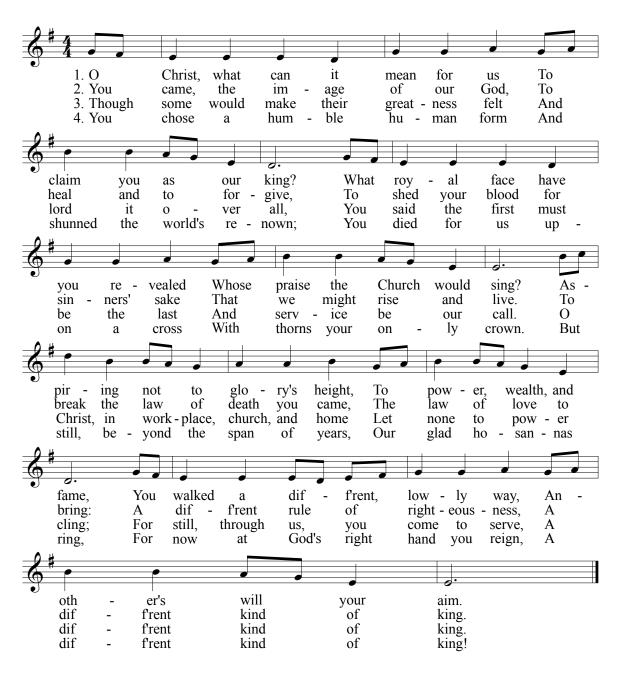
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song (5 & 11) O Christ What Can It Mean For Us

KINGSFOLD Dolores Dufner









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STEWARDSHIP



One Minute: Once a Year

Each year, during our Fall stewardship appeal, we ask each parish family to take just one minute to reaffirm active membership in St. Joseph as a sign that you are intentional in joining us in this gracious and holy work. During this time, we also ask that you prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give in support of our work. We try to make this process as easy as possible:

- Send us an email to stewardship@stjosephparish.org
- Give us a call at (206) 965-1654,
- · Stop by the Parish Center,
- Complete a stewardship envelope (available in the pews)
- Make a gift online at www.stjosephparish.org
- ...whatever is easiest for you, works for us!

We are endlessly grateful for the many parishioners who have already pledged participation, as well as those who have made a financial pledge for 2015. **To date, we have received 225 pledges of participation and commitments of \$623,449 toward our goal of \$1,500,000. THANK YOU!!!**

Should you have any question whatsoever, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien at stewardship@stjosephparish.org (206) 965-1654. Many thanks!

Online Giving Making your Stewardship gift online?

Online Giving looks a bit different with our new website. After you set up your account the first time, you will find a much more user-friendly and interactive system. You can make one-time gifts--or set up recurring gifts and receive reminders before gifts are processed. A new feature is that you can also direct funds from either your credit card or a bank account. Don't hesi-

tate to contact Tina if you'd like her assistance with entering your first gift in the new system. She can be reached at 206.965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org

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Many thanks!

Thanksgiving Collection

This year St. Joseph is donating its collection from the Thanksgiving Day Mass to St. Mary's Food Bank. If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving and would still like to donate, drop a check by the Parish Center with "Thanksgiving" on the memo line.

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? If you would like to help further, please go to the website at www.thefbsm.org or contact Alison@thefbsm.org



Additional names of parishioners who have affirmed their membership in St. Joseph. We thank you!

Aaron & Dorothy Ambuske, Robert & Kendall Ault, Jerrold & Cristina Bailet, Michael & Heather Battaglia, Tipton Blish & Bridget Perry, Rebecca Buettner, Scott Charney & Ellen McDermott, Lee Corrigan, Terrence Cronin, Sr. Rosemary Dobler, RSCJ, Rupert & Dolores Dorn, Joan Duroe, Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM, Giuseppe Fina & Debbie Justice, Phillip & Erin Friedman, Gary Graf, Scott & Catherine Henson, Jack Hilovsky, Guy & Catherine Holliday, Baird Johnson & Kathleen O'Sullivan, Lisa Krogman, Larry Lacktrup & Barbara Marilley, Peter Lam & Ann Wright, Mark & Suzanne Liffring, Greg Lindhorst & Zoe Barsness, Leo Lyons & Kathleen Sullivan, Matt Martinsen & Shannon DeVange Martinsen, Roger & Gayle McNulty, Mark & Ellen Mills, Greg & Mary Moga, John & Mary Ott, William Parks & Beth Struckhoff, Rodney & Cathy Prentice, Joseph & Sheila Prusa, Rachel Randall-Jones, David & Annette Raubvogel, Jon & Stephanie Rooney, Michael & Jennifer Rothmeyer, Blair & Janice Savidge, Joseph & Barbara Shickich, Albert Smith & Kristine Brynildsen-Smith, Kyle & Jessica Smits, David & Marti Spicer, Matthew & Jennifer Tilghman-Havens, Joseph & Donna Whitford

STEWARDSHIP

A Special Thanks

On this feast of Christ the King, we give thanks for the way parishioners of St. Joseph embody our mission every day. We are truly contemplatives in action!! So much of what we do will never be seen by the whole, yet we hope you know how much your volunteer time, sharing of talents, and giving is appreciated.

In addition to the many ways you regularly provide to St. Francis House, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Martin de Porres, St. Joseph School, St. Joseph Baby Corner, and countless other ministries that call to your heart (and to which you support directly), below is an overview of the financial gifts that our community offered during special collections in the recent liturgical year:

St. Vincent de Paul \$61,539.00

Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services \$23,550.00

Catholic Relief Services \$5,012.50

Jesuit Refugee Services \$4,456.11

Rice Bowl \$4,699.44

St. Francis House \$1,904.00

St. Martin de Porres \$3,169.50

Noel House \$1,184.00

World Missions Office \$1,367.00

Oso Relief \$23,821.33

Holy Land Collection \$1,639.00

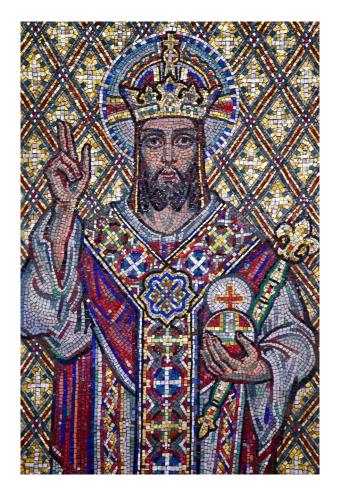
We can't thank you enough for your generosity and for answering the call to love and serve those in need!

When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them—some food, a place in our homes, our time—not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched. I am well aware that when someone needing food knocks at your door, you always find a way of sharing food; as the proverb says, one can always 'add more water to the beans'! Is it possible to add more water to the beans?...Always?...

And you do so with love, demonstrating that true riches consist not in materials things, but in the heart!

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

~*Proverbs* 19:17



~Pope Francis

St. Joseph Parish's

Alternative Bazaar

Sunday, November 23rd

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



This year
St. Joseph's
Alternative Bazaar
will have beautiful
handcrafted items
from dozens of
countries, and
organizations
around the world
in order to support
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The artisans and vendors with us are Fair Trade Certified, or a non-profit whose sales 100% support the organization.

For More Information: Steve Wodzanowski, 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



FAITH JUSTICE

Women's Ministry Project

Several women in the parish are assisting the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary from Uganda with fundraising to help women in small remote villages with HIV. It costs roughly \$1,000/year for one mother with HIV to get the medicine to stay alive. About half of the village children have been left orphans because of HIV. Contact Sheila Marie at smarie49@comcast.net for more information on how to assist.

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

SAVE the DATE

The VOICE-sponsored 2014 Christmas Dinner Party

A fundraiser for our youth delegation to our Sister Parish in El Salvador next summer

What?

A Christmas Dinner Party fundraiser to support The VOICE delegation to El Salvador next summer. Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our youth, a brief presentation on our sister parish in Arcatao and dancing with live music! Cost: \$25 per plate.

When?

Friday, December 12th - 6 to 10PM

Where?

St. Joseph Parish Center - Arrupe Room

CCS Weekend at St. Joseph

During this sacred season, as we encounter anew the Holy Family, we are reminded once again of the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in our communities. The story of Jesus' birth to Mary and Joseph, and the joy he brought into the world, invites us to renew our own commitment to loving and compassionate service to those struggling with poverty.

Every day, we come together as one Catholic community in an effort to offer hope and joy to those most in need within our communities. Through our shared efforts and commitment, Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services are able to provide care to over 108,000 people each year throughout Western Washington.

- The homeless and hungry are sheltered and fed
- Families move into safe homes and communities
- Vulnerable elders are cared for and able to remain in their homes
- Children and teens find safety and security they need to thrive

In many different ways and with great hope and faith, we fight to overcome the injustice of poverty and homelessness. Because of God's grace and love for us, we reach out to others in our communities who so deeply need our love and compassion. Through our shared efforts we are living examples of God's presence and love for all people.



For more information please visit www.ccsww.org to find out how you can get involved.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP



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Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Diane who is beginning Chemo therapy. May she and her family be blessed with courage and healing... Help us to appreciate one another and to be encouraging to all we meet...Let

us realize what is important, faith, hope and most importantly love...As the days approach our Thanksgiving Holiday help us to give to those who are in need and realize all that we have...May God grace us all with his everlasting Love.

"I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's Commands and remain in his love. I told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you."

~ John 15: 9-12

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.

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 monetary collection will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank.

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).

Welcome The Newly Baptized Nora Estelle Cambridge **Sophie Elizabeth Coppess Cameron Gregory Davis Cassidy Giorgia McGrath** Rosalia Grace Rodriguez Asher Silvio Turella Isla Loo Wong **Rory Loo Wong**

Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

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

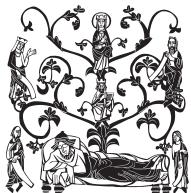
Thursday, December 11th- Senior Potluck, Social Hall 6-8:30 pm. The halls will be decked with our holiday spirits. A gift with no bows or fun wrappings. Just a very special evening. Please join us. Questions ~ Mary Ott 324-7459 ~ Dolores Dorn 322-2259

St. Joseph's MOMS Group

3-Part series - Advent: Welcoming the Mystery
Three Wednesdays mornings; December 3, 10, & 17
9:30-11am, coffee and check in begins at 9am
St. Joseph Parish Center-Main Floor
Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Total Cost \$25 or \$30 including childcare (scholarships available) In this three week series Sr. Liz Tiernan, SNDdeN, invites us to "Welcome the Advent Mystery"; to MARVEL, to PONDER, to take DELIGHT in JOY and PEACE, as we become AWARE of the spark of the DIVINE which surrounds us during this HOLY season.

To reserve your place, please contact Jeanine Benham-Jones at jeanine@cwjones.net or 206-799-5177





Women's Ministry

Yoga In Advent Pray the Magnificat with Mary

Rest your bones in silence, still your racing heart, close your tired and restless eyes, and come awhile apart... come swiftly, loved and precious ones, God longs to sit with you, to absorb your lovely presence as the flower holds the dew. —Edwina Gately

This Advent consciously create space and stillness to allow something new to be born within. For centuries yoga has been used to prepare the body for meditation and communion with the Divine. Join us for three weeks of yoga in which we will practice vigorously so that we can rest the bones and still the racing heart.

The yoga series begins Wednesday, December 3rd at 7pm in the Social Hall and continues on December 10th and 17th. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat and water. The class will last for approximately 75 minutes. No previous yoga experience is necessary but this will be a moderately vigorous physical, as well as spiritual, practice. Linda Chavez, who has been a Director of Faith Formation for over 20 years and a certified yoga teacher for the last five will lead the series. The cost for the series is \$20 and is limited to the first 20 folks to register. To sign up contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

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 9:00 am Mass. Classes are all on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. 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

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.

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