

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 7, 2014**

**Reflection Next Week:**  
**David Uhl**

**Readings for December 14, 2014**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11  
SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24  
GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

**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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## St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Saturday, December 13

10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Parish Prayers & Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 21

No 5:30 pm Mass for Church cleaning & preparation

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening

10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Thursday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

**New Year's Eve**

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 pm, Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
ending at Midnight

**New Year's Day**

Thursday, January 1, 2015

10:00 am Mass, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God



## Advent For a Suffering World

The enemy is fear.  
We think it is hate, but it is fear.  
**-Mohandis Gandhi-**

I have always loved the deepening dark of Advent—loved the way the dawn breaks in the middle of the morning Mass, and the cold twilight descends, even before the work day has ended. Bundled against the chill, I have loved watching the lights come on in the houses of the neighborhood, shining through fogged windows and often bearing the colors of the festive season yet to come. Unlike Christmas, the energy of Advent has seemed to flow beneath the surface of the world, its busy-ness and pressures quieted by the shrinking daylight and the growing cold.

This year, however, feels very different to me. Today, the cold of the world seems more than a phenomenon of the weather, it seems to penetrate the heart; and the darkness—far from softening the brittle edges of day—seems to echo an isolation so many of us feel. We look around us and see a world of deepening violence and division, where women and men appear frozen in place, caught by the politics of faction and ideologies that demonize all opposition.

As each group defends its position, the darkness beyond the horizon grows more chilling, and death seems the only thing held in common.

So it is that, in Ferguson, the killing of one more young black man at the hands of a white police officer has become an icon of a people's sense of systemic oppression; and in New York, that sense of oppression and division grows deeper when a coroner's judgement of homicide leads to no indictment against the white officer who strangled a black man to death on camera. Meanwhile, in Mexico, civil authorities, under the influence of wealthy drug cartels, assist in the kidnapping and apparent murder of 43 college students, while national politicians, caught in the pressure of their own parties, do little to discover the full story. In Texas, the state seeks to execute a profoundly schizophrenic man, who is incapable of understanding fully even what he has done. And in Iraq and Syria, ISIS cuts the heads off those who have come to help the suffering people ISIS claims to represent. At the same time, politicians of many parties and lands, refusing to provide money to feed Syrian refugees, spend freely on drones and cruise missiles, and commit soldiers to the next war, which their last war helped create. With Russian adventurism bloodying the Ukraine and Nigerian terrorists blowing up mosques, with one-in-five women in the colleges of the United States being sexually assaulted and only 1% of perpetrators being punished, with more violent encounters along the US border and people in our own nation calling to deport children back to the gangs of Central America, the frozen darkness of the world seems more than a matter of the season—it seems a matter of the soul.

Confronted by a world so chilled by pain and darkened by hatred, we can easily retreat into our caves of avoidance, seeking warmth and light. If we are powerful in the world, we may line our cave with our possessions and our privilege: we gate our communities and illumine our homes with things that make us feel safe. We hold "them" at bay—whoever we determine "them" to be—through structures of power and, if necessary, through the violence we designate as "keeping order." Though we may be too refined to say that we hate our enemies, we glory in their defeat and can be vicious in their suppression. (How many of us cheered at the death of bin Laden?) On the other hand, if we feel powerless, our cave may be found in the form of a gang or a mob, an underground movement or a radical ideology. In such times, we may strike out in acts of random hatred and futile violence. Even though, often, the ones we hurt are not the ones who oppress us, we strike nonetheless, the frustration and pain too much to contain, and the heat that hatred generates offering at least the illusion

of power. In such moments, overcome by the sense that we are living in the shadow of death, it may seem that all we can do to save ourselves is light the world on fire.

Though appearing to bring us safety, these caves of avoidance have, it seems, only drawn us deeper into darkness, made more lasting the cold we cannot heal. Today, in this Advent season, we seem confronted by so much that we fear and have sought to avoid, by so many sins that seem to threaten our very existence. Like Adam and Eve, confronted by God in the Garden, we long to hide in the bushes and avoid our sin; but, we can no longer do so. We must find another way—or, rather, we must return to a way that has already been shown us.

When God chose to enter the world, it was not in a sudden flash of light and heat, not through conquest or power. Rather, God comes to a conquered people, in an obscure part of the world, to a poor peasant girl, who has neither voice nor position. From the covenant with Abraham to the call of Mary, through months of human pregnancy and birth in a stable as that most fragile of creatures—a human child—God comes to the world one moment at a time, one small light following upon another. And the constant message, given more than any other message in the entire New Testament, is "*do not be afraid*." For God comes to lead us out of the caves of fear and avoidance, comes to draw us away from the hatred our fear has engendered. In the coming of Jesus, God calls us to believe that the healing for all our sins—from racism to sexual assault, from terrorism to economic oppression—begins with setting aside our fear, and believing that we are loved.

The kingdom of God will not happen instantaneously. But we are in its advent, and it comes: one candle at a time, one choice at a time, one moment of fearless love at a time.



## 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 PRESIDERS & INDICATE THIS.**

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude (5)

Instrumental

Prelude (9 & 11)

*Advent Introit*

Proulx

Call To Worship

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3. O come, O Day - spring from on high,  
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
And cheer us by your draw - ing nigh;  
In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us in the path of knowl - edge show,  
Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
And death's dark sha - dow put to flight.  
And be for us our King of Peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.  
Na - sce - tur pro te Is - ra - el.

## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,



*Strike breast during next line.*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Kryie

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<p>Cantor:</p> <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p> <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>
<p>Cantor:</p> <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p> <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!



Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!  
Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD,  
who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

## Responsorial Psalm

Haugen/Isele

### *Psalm 85 - Lord Let Us See Your Kindness*



## Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,  
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years  
and a thousand years like one day.  
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay,"  
but he is patient with you,  
not wishing that any should perish  
but that all should come to repentance.  
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar  
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,  
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

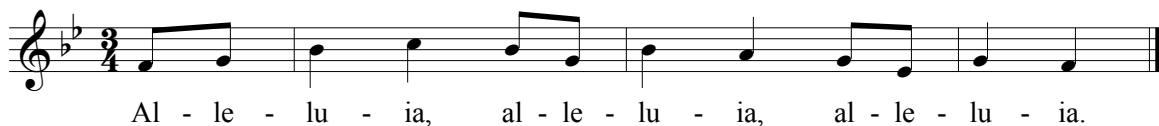
Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,  
what sort of persons ought you to be,  
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,  
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,  
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames  
and the elements melted by fire.  
But according to his promise  
we await new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,  
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.



## Gospel Acclamation (5 & 11)

*Alleluia*

A. Gregory Murray OSB



## Gospel Acclamation (9)

Michael Joncas

*Advent Alleluia*





# Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;*

*he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,*

*make straight his paths.”*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside

and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair,

with a leather belt around his waist.

He fed on locusts and wild honey.

And this is what he proclaimed:

*“One mightier than I is coming after me.*

*I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.*

*I have baptized you with water;*

*he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*



## Reflection

Jennifer Tilghman-Havens

## 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.

## Offertory Song (5 & 11)


*Like A Shepherd*

Dufford

Refrain




Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his



arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart,

1-3 to Verses Final



lead-ing them home. home, lead-ing them home.

## Offertory Song (9)

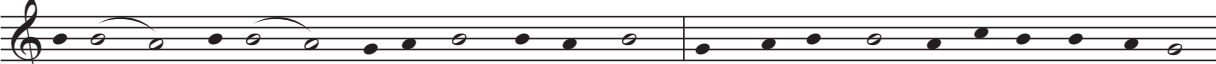
*Comfort Comfort*

Bach/Ferguson




## Holy, Holy, Holy


Plainchant



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.



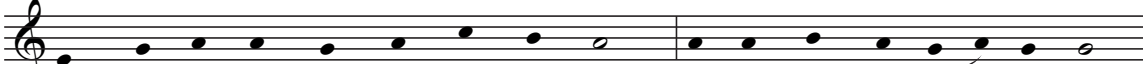
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.




Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith

Plainchant



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,



un - til you come a - gain.

## Great Amen

Plainchant



## Lamb of God

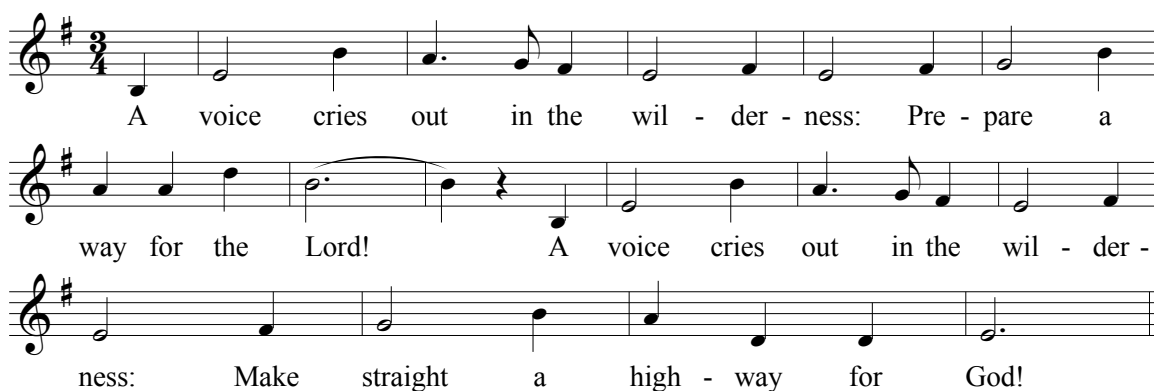
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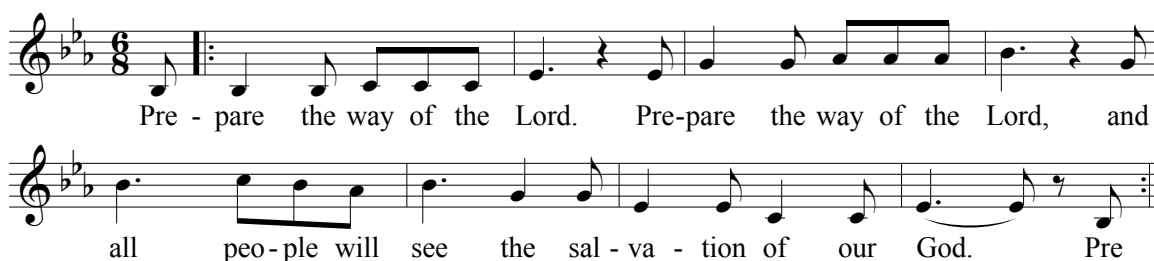
## Communion Song (5 & 11) *A Voice Cries Out*

Joncas



## Communion Song (9) *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Berthier

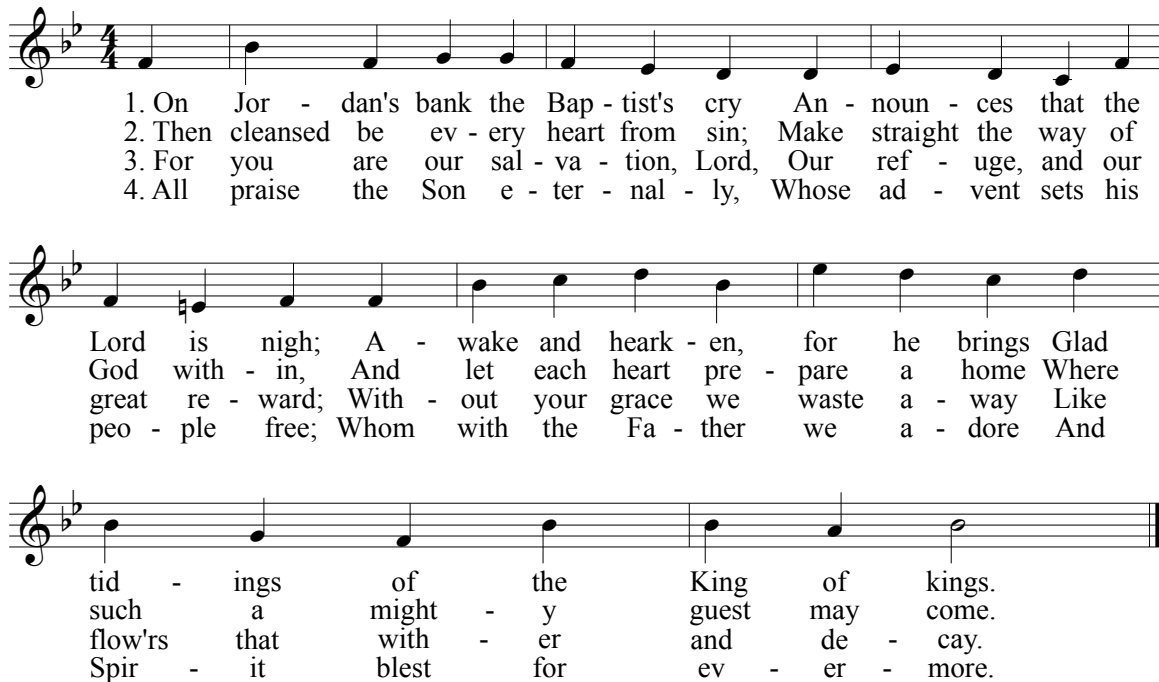




# Song of Praise (5 & 11)

## On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW  
Coffin/Chandler



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - noun - ces that the  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make straight the way of  
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our ref - uge, and our  
 4. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose ad - vent sets his

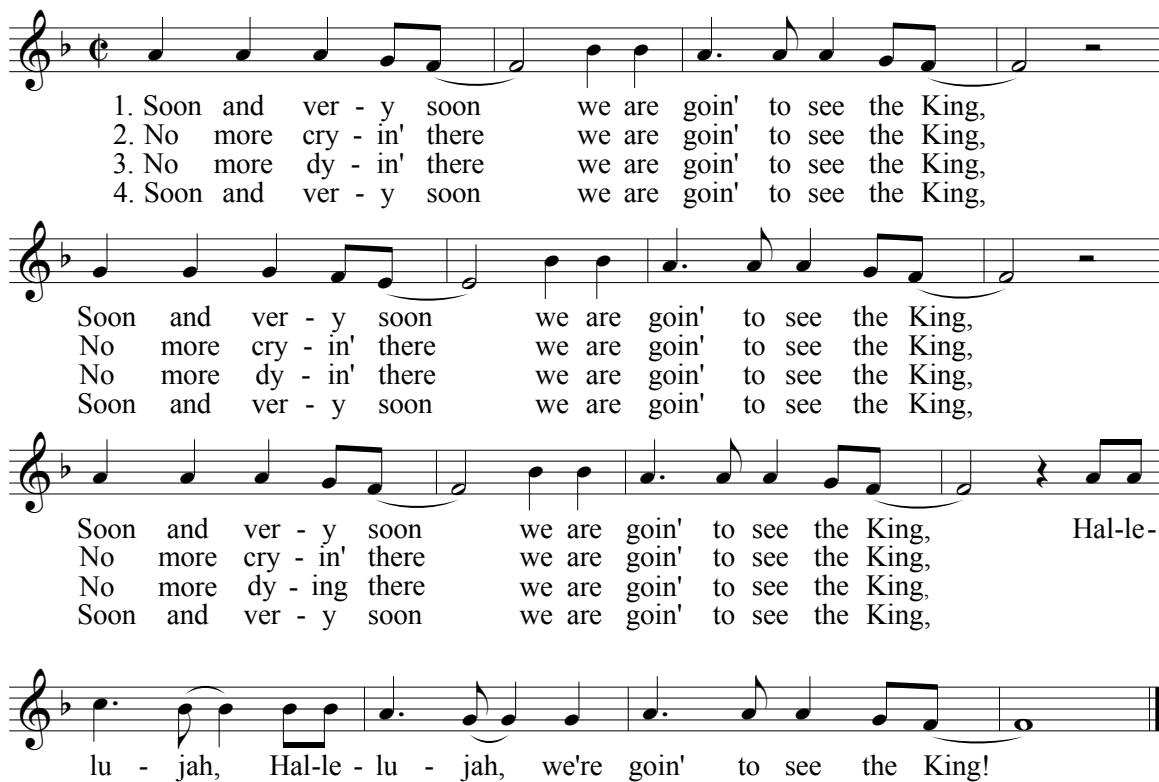
Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en, for he brings Glad  
 God with - in, And let each heart pre - pare a home Where  
 great re - ward; With - out your grace we waste a - way Like  
 peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore And

tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 such a might - y guest may come.  
 flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

# Song of Praise (9)

## Soon and Very Soon

Crouch



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-  
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more dy - ing there we are goin' to see the King,  
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Recessional

Instrumental

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## POPE-POURRI

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### *A selection from Pope Francis General Audience on October 3, 2013*

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?

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?

# 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](mailto: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](http://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 309 pledges of participation and commitments of \$705,974 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](mailto: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 hesitate 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](mailto:stewardship@stjosephparish.org)

Many thanks!



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

Reynaldo Adjí & Paula Kosasih, Rachel Bergere, Greg & Julie Boehm, Jim & Patti Brennan, John & Caitlin Cable, Jason & Jennifer Cambridge, David & Jessica Chow, Kristen Danforth, Bob & Molly Davidson, Michael & Maggie De Laurentis, Ricky & Maria Eng, Sylvia Flores, Anne Fortuna, Ben Gaffney & Stacey Fitzpatrick, Diana Garde, Robert & Karole Gorman, John Gregory & Elizabeth Phillips, Christina Hemmen, Patrick Hogan, Peter & Ann Holmes, Corbin Johnson, Ryan & Laura Kelley, Chris & Elisabeth Koehler, Katharine LaPlante, Sheila Marie, Mathew & Kelly Martineau, Denyse McFadden, Bruce & Catherine Mirkin, Don & Lynn Murphy, Willard & Rosemary Nelson, Kyle O'Connor, Emily Pearson, Glen & Elizabeth Rogers, David & Molly Shearer, Ron & Erin Smith, Paul & Tracey Stone, Danile Sullivan & Erin Lancaster, John & Jean Sullivan and Brian Werner & Kate Crisham

***"We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him to implore peace for all the world."***

***~Pope Francis***



# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

## 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.'*"

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](mailto:Ushers@stjosephparish.org), [lectors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lectors@stjosephparish.org) or [eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org). They will be able to answer your questions and arrange a time for training.

### Prayer Tree



**St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:** For Harry who is recovering from surgery . . . For Marc's health and his wellbeing . . . For Carolyn's travel plans to go smoothly . . . For those who have been diagnosed with cancer, may they find comfort and support with their faith, family and friends . . . For Russ who is being treated for a blood disorder, may he regain his strength . . . For Ramon and his family as they begin a journey in his recovery and healing.

***"Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous.  
Be not afraid, neither be dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go."***

***~ Joshua 1:9***

## Mass Of The Immaculate Conception

On Monday, December 8th the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. There will be two parish masses on this Holy Day: 7 am in the Arrupe Room and 7 pm in the church. The 7 pm liturgy will be preceded at 6:30 pm by a rosary led by the parish Rosary Group. All are welcome to participate in this as well. Following mass will be a reception in the vestibule. Please join us!



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Offering

The collection for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be used to support to Westside Baby(formerly St. Joseph Baby Corner), ensuring support for new mothers and children. Westside Baby partners with community members to collect items for local children in need and distribute them through more than 80 social service agencies. More than \$1 million in items are donated by our community annually. For more information, please visit <http://www.westsidebaby.org/>

## Thank You

THANK YOU!! During Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. Joseph parishioners donated \$1,922.00 to St Mary's Food Bank. St. Mary's is committed to eradicating hunger by providing direct human services to meet the basic needs of children, women and men throughout our Seattle Community. The Food Bank serves all who approach it without discrimination, tests or limiting requirements. They serve over 600 students in local schools and non-profits providing nutritious food so children are ready to learn. The Food Bank has also piloted a mobile food bank bringing food to the Filipino Community Center to feed 125 mostly elderly individuals. For more information about the good work at St. Marys, please visit <http://thefbsm.org/>



# FAITH JUSTICE



## The VOICE Christmas Dinner Party

There will be 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 live music! Cost: \$25 per plate.

Friday, December 12th - 6 to 10 pm  
St. Joseph Parish Center - Arrupe Room  
RSVP Today - Space is Limited!

RSVP by Monday, December 8th by following this link: <https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/1193/christmas-dinner-party.html> If you have trouble with the link, please visit the St. Joseph's calendar and click on the event on Dec. 12th.

If you wish to order a vegetarian meal, or wish to host a table of ten OR have questions, contact Sam Kennedy at [samk@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samk@stjosephparish.org)

## 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](mailto: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 [jpberish@comcast.net](mailto:jpberish@comcast.net)

## Giving Tree

Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY MONDAY DECEMBER 15th

1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
3. Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph's Giving Tree or the Parish Center. The last day of our collection is Monday December 15th
5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

### ORNAMENT CODES

Gold - Westside Baby  
Red - Francis House  
Blue - St. Martin de Porres  
Violet - Jubilee Women's Center  
Yellow - Chief Seattle Club  
Orange - Winter Shelter  
Light Green - Light L'Arche  
Dark Green - C.C.S Pregnancy Support  
Orange - Recovery Café  
Light Blue - Noel House  
Black - Peace for the Streets by Kids From the Streets  
White - St. Vincent de Paul



## Parish Blood Drive

We are having another blood drive on Monday, Dec 15th from 12-6 pm (Closed 2-2:45) in the Parish Center. To sign up for the blood drive, please email Renee Leet at [rleet@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)



# PARISH LIFE

## Choral Arts

St. Joseph Choir-In-Residence, will present it's signature program as a gift to you during this holiday season. Our unique hour-long concert of uninterrupted music with interludes played by classical guitarist Robert McCaffery-Lent provides an oasis of calm in the midst of this hectic holiday season.

Sunday, December 14, St. Joseph Church, 7:30 pm  
Saturday, December 13, Trinity Parish Seattle, 7:30 pm

Suggested donation is \$25 general admission, \$20 for seniors and students are always free! For more information about this concert visit [www.choral-arts.org](http://www.choral-arts.org)

## Couples Retreat

*Surprised By Love*

*Faith, Commitment, and the Unexpected in Marriage*

St. Joseph's Couples Retreat Weekend  
January 30 – February 1, 2015  
La Conner Country Inn

\$365 per couple\*  
Partial scholarships available

*\*Includes Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday-  
and Saturday group dinner, Saturday lunch and after-  
noon on your own*

Register with Deacon Steve by January 5th.  
206-965-1646 or [stewew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stewew@stjosephparish.org)

St. Joseph Parish Presents:

## *Good Tidings We Bring* *A Concert of Songs & Carols*

Madeline Bersamina, soprano  
Erin Calata, mezzo-soprano  
John Stuntebeck, piano



Saturday, December 20th, 7:30pm

St. Joseph Parish  
732 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. E – Seattle, WA 98112

Suggested donation: \$15 (youth 18 & under: free)



# PARISH LIFE

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Please join St. Joseph Parish's LGBT Ministry  
for a

## WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE and HOLIDAY TREATS POTLUCK

Thursday, December 11th at 730pm  
The Parish Center, Arrupe Room

Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 max.) and a treat to  
share. There will be hot cocoa!

Please R.S.V.P at [meghan.m.mayo@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.m.mayo@gmail.com)



### St. Joseph Young Adults

Interested in deepening your faith during Advent? Join other young adults at Breaking Open the Word. We will be taking a closer look at the upcoming Mass readings together through Lectio Divina. St. Joseph's at 6:30pm for the Mondays in Advent: December 8 & 15. Bring \$5 for a simple soup supper!

12/8: Small Room Upstairs (meet us downstairs first in Parish Hall) - No supper - We will then go to Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception together!

12/15: Pedro Arrupe Room (main room in Parish Hall)

### Seniors On The Go

**Tuesday, December 9th** - Trip to Molbak's, Flower World and lunch at the Maltby Café. Leave from St. Joe's at 10 am in our Parish Mini-Bus. Return around 3pm. No cost except your purchasing your own lunch. To sign-up for a space call Renee at 324-2522 or email [rleet@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)

**Thursday, December 11th**- Senior Potluck, Social Hall 6-8:30 pm. The halls will be decked with our holiday spirits. A very special evening. We would like to ask the seniors in the bulletin for a child's toy (unwrapped) to be brought to the evening Potluck and will be sent to the St. Francis House. Also, we are asking the seniors to bring a \$5 wrapped gift for our silent exchange Please join us. Questions ~ Mary Ott 324-7459 ~ Dolores Dorn 322-2259

# PARISH LIFE

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## St. Joseph's MOMS Group

### Advent: Welcoming the Mystery

Wednesdays mornings; December 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](mailto: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 is on Wednesday, 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 [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.*

*They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.*

*Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their trouble*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is going strong making prayer shawls for the community as a source of healing comfort and prayer. To date, thirty two shawls have been given to people in need, recently including six shawls that were given to Northwest Hospital to provide comfort to terminally ill patients. As well, at the Healing Mass in November, shawls were blessed and given to parishioners who requested them.

We continue to meet the first Thursday of every month in the Parish Center for fellowship and time to knit together. We welcome new members any time, and of all knitting levels. There are excellent teachers in our group who are happy to get a new knitter started.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started on a shawl, please contact: Jennifer Rothmeyer at [jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com)



# ADVENT

# 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 [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@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, Confirmation 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 [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@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.

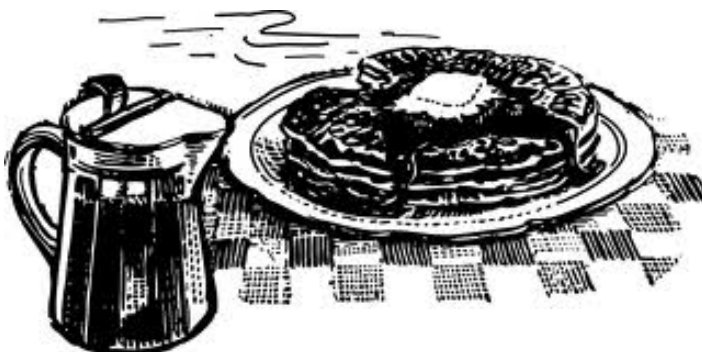
Admission by free will offering. Seating is first-come, first-served. An RSVP is helpful, but not necessary. For more information, visit [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) and click on "Advent Evening of Prayer." To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Andrea Fontana at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

## Family Mass & Breakfast

Sunday, December 14th, after the 9:00 am Mass  
Parish Pancake Breakfast  
Crafts for the Kids

Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit; \$5 per person, kids 4 & under eat free.

There will be no CFF 1 through Junior High classes that day; this is a CFF1 & 2 Event



## 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 [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)



# The Journey To Bethlehem

## An Advent Day of Recollection & Reconciliation

Saturday, 13 December 2014 \* St. Joseph Parish \* 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

A chance for quiet reflection, with points for prayer  
offered on the hour.

INDIVIDUAL SACRAMENTAL  
RECONCILIATION  
OFFERED CONTINUALLY.  
*Come for a few minutes  
or the whole time!*

