# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 21, 2014

#### Homily Next Week: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

#### Readings for December 28, 2014

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

#### 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

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





# **Coming Into the World**

Come darkness, come light, Come new star shining bright, Come love to this world tonight. Alleluia!

Come broken, come whole, Come wounded in your soul, Come any way that you know. Alleluia!

#### -Mary Chapin Carpenter-

I have always loved the Oregon Coast in the winter—the way the waves seem to trip over one another as they run into the shore; the way the light, when the clouds give way, has a different intensity than in the summer, framing the clouds and cutting the rocks out sharply against the sky, or drawing reflections from the receding waves. I love the contours of the sand in winter, wiped clean and compacted by storms, with creases carved out like the first strokes of Michelangelo on marble. And I love the cold of the winter beach, as I bundle up against it, instead of resisting it, the way I do in summer when I think it should be warmer. In winter, it feels as though the beach doesn't care what I think. It is itself—cold, wild, alone—and I am drawn to it.

Walking along Cannon Beach, just a week and a half before Christmas, the beauty of the morning draws me away from thoughts of Christmas cards and church decorations, gifts for others sitting in my office and homilies I need to prepare. Suddenly, I am just here—in this place of great beauty—and in my heart, which seems to overflow. I think of my father, who loved the wild ocean, especially in the cold; and of my friend, with whom I walked this beach in the last months of her life. Looking to my right, I see a small family, bundled against the cold, the mother leaning on a piece of driftwood, the father watching the little girl, as she chases a seagull across the sand. And, suddenly I recall all the winter outings with my family when I was young: the driftwood fires, the shoes filled with sand, my mother bundled up with kerchief and blanket, and all of us shaking with laughter and cold. But just then, a long-rolling wave catches the back of my shoe, and I jump to avoid getting wet—awake again to this moment and this place.

Few experiences seem as primal as standing beside a turbulent ocean on a cold, clear morning. As I come to a creek, swollen with rain that has fallen far in the hills, and watch as it is received by the ocean, I think that this is how it all happens. We emerge from the waters of the sea, and back to the sea we go. The cycle may be long or short—through millions of years of evolution or through

a few months of evaporation and downpour—yet it is always the same. The ocean reclaims us. All who have gone into the earth—my parents, my friends, everyone who has died—whether cremated or buried, scattered or carefully interred, all will end here, coming through the earth back to the source of all, back to the ocean, back to the beginning. And in that moment, separation, division, loss and pain and tears becomes part of the living ocean again. All the empires and shacks, all the torturers and victims, all the sorrow of human existence and all the kindness of a single human heart wash down to this sea. None of our great works will endure, but the waves will endure. And in these waves, all we have done, all we have known, all we have ever been, all become one.

At times, this kind of musing about the ultimate futility of human striving can lead me to become a bit melancholy; but today, in the season of Advent, looking out at the sea, a very different feeling comes to me. Christ enters the world—leaves the great ocean of God—to bring us back to our own beginnings, to that place from which all life emerges and to which all life is called. From the deep and mysterious love of God, churning with desire and creativity, teeming with life and promise, the second person of the Blessed Trinity comes forth to show us that all those things we most fear or most mistakenly desire are passing away. All the darkness and isolation, all the grandeur and self-importance, all the greed and pride for which we labor and fight: all of it will be washed away, in the end, like sea foam by a wave. What remains is the sea, which holds all things and cleanses all things, and renews all things, and brings forth all things.

In the smallest infant, born in the darkest corner of the most forgotten people in the world, the whole of creation and redemption washes ashore. Like rain on the hillside, this love will wear us away, his words erase the distance between us. In him, shepherds and kings will be drawn together, emperors and fishermen washed in a common font. No one will be lost, but by this wave of grace, all will be redeemed. Alleluia.

#### 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.

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Prelude** Ave Maria #789

**Call To Worship** 

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

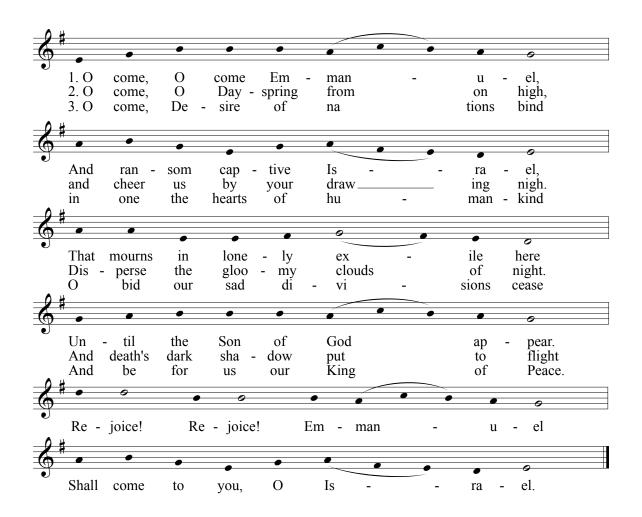


#### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Song** 

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI VENI EMMANUEL



#### **Penitential Act**

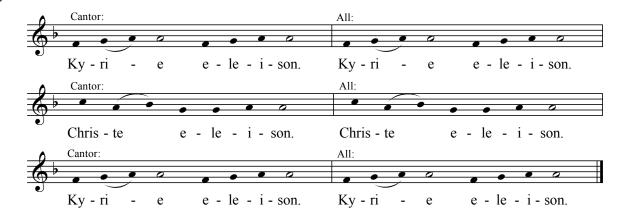
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

#### 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.



#### **Kyrie**



#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

# **First Reading**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,

he said to Nathan the prophet,

"Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'



"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel.

I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.

And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place

without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,

since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you

that he will establish a house for you.

And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.

I will be a father to him.

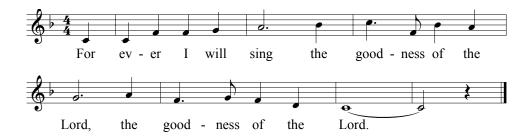
and he shall be a son to me.

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 89 - Forever Will I Sing

Haugen



# **Second Reading**

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.



#### **Gospel Acclamation (5 & 11)** Alleluia

A. Gregory Murray OSB



#### **Gospel Acclamation (9)**

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas





Gospel Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.



"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,

"How can this be,

since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born

will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,

has also conceived a son in her old age,

and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;

for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

#### Reflection

#### Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM

#### 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.

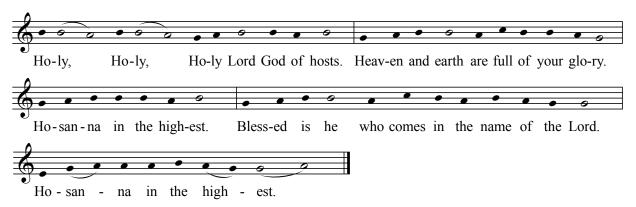
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

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.



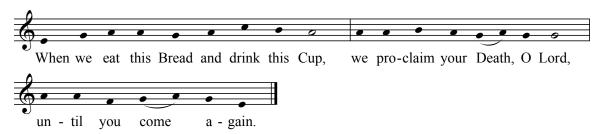
# Holy, Holy, Holy

**Plainchant** 



# **Mystery of Faith**

**Plainchant** 



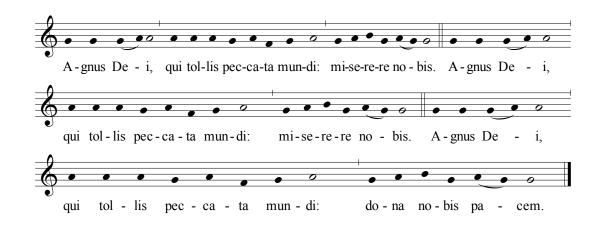
Great Amen Plainchant



#### Lamb of God

#### Vatican Edition XVII

**Plainchant** 

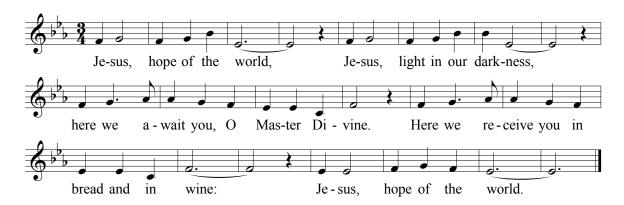




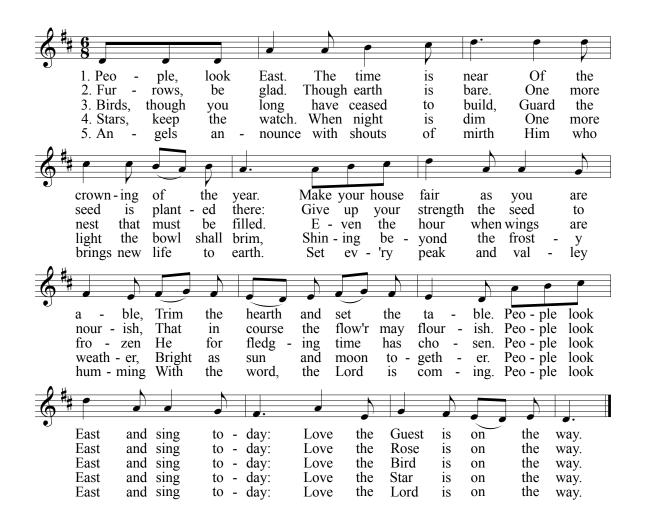
### **Communion Song**

# Jesus, Hope of the World





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#### THE CONCLUDING RITES

**Recessional**Instrumental

Let us make ourselves ready to celebrate Christmas by contemplating Mary and Joseph: Mary, the woman full of grace who had the courage to entrust herself totally to the Word of God; Joseph, the faithful and just man who chose to believe the Lord rather than listen to the voices of doubt and human pride.

With them, let us walk together toward Bethlehem.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

# **Sunday**

9:00 AM Mass

9:00 AM Childcare during Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

11:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Church Cleaning

# **Monday**

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 AM Yoga - Body in prayer7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer7:00 PM Holy Rosary Goup

# **Tuesday**

7:00 AM Daily Mass

For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.

# Wednesday - Christmas Eve

Parish Center Closed

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

6:00 PM Mass in the Evening 10:00 PM Lessons & Carols 10:30 PM Mass in the Night

# **Thursday - Christmas Day**

Parish Center Closed

10:00 AM Mass in the Morning

# **Friday**

Parish Center Closed

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group

7:00 AM Daily Mass

# **Saturday**

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



# STEWARDSHIP

#### One Minute: Once a Year

Each year, during our 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 392 pledges of participation and commitments of \$829,130 toward our goal of \$1,500,000. THANK YOU!!!

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

Scott Andrews & Katharine Ross, Don & Janet Bingham, Thomas & Jill Boehmer, Brian & Julie Bridwell, Jeff & Winnie Brinker, Mike & Kristin Cappetto, Ray Dearie & Natalie Adams Dearie, Patrick Denice & Cassandra da Costa, John & Kimrick Dolson, Barrett & Amy Eastwood, P Tom Foley, Susan Fox, James & Catherine Gannon, Patricia Geraghty, Rebecca Gonzales, Joanne Greeley, Pauline Guppy, Mary Hartrich, Susan Heffernan & Craig Smith, Sue Horther, Erik Johnson & Elizabeth Kain, Michael Jones, John & Sheelagh King, Carey & Carol Kraft, Catherine LaCugna, Gerry Lamar, Maxine Larson, Michael & Michele Layton, Brett & Meghan MacIntyre, Claudio & Anne Mauad, Colleen McAlerney, Richard & Linda Monroe, James & Patricia Navone, Michele Nucci, William Parent & Monica Cyr Parent, Ronald & Elizabeth Pauldine, Brian & Giselle Pavlovec, Tom & Beth Peterson, Andrea Schmidt, Raymond Serrano & Colene Jablonski, Doreen Twohy, Arthur Wahl, Ehren & Chih Hsuan Wainwright, Edward Welch, Ray Wheeler & Barbara Clinton, William Wolak & Mary McGonigle

# LITURGY AND WORSHIP



# Many hands make light work!

Join fellow parishioners on Sunday, December 21st to prepare the Church for Christmas. This is a great opportunity for new parishioners to get to know others in our community. Immediately following the 11 am Mass, we will hold a guick orientation in the church followed by lunch in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. We'll then head back to the Church, divide in teams, and thoroughly clean the church, light the trees, hang the wreaths and set out the poinsettias. Bring the family. Stay an hour or three. Make it an annual tradition!

# St. Joseph School Alumni Choir

Calling all St. Joseph's Choir Alumni! We are looking for singers for the 6 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The choir will be directed by Will Gerhardt (class of 2006). As in years past, there will be two rehearsals: 2:00-5:00 pm on December 20th & 21st, room 3b, in the school. On Christmas Eve, the choir will be called at 4:30 to the Arrupe room in the parish center. Please email Will Gerhardt at pianoman8@gmail.com for more details. In this transition year, we hope to continue the tradition of an alumni choir. We are excited to have you on board!

# **Parish Holy Hour**

Thursday, January 8, 7-8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

"What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Diane's health to become better as she undergoes medical treatment and is a mother of young children . . . For Pakistan and her people as they

suffered a great loss of their beloved children at the hands of the Taliban . . . For the Lord's peace within, that it radiates to family, friends and strangers.

> "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

> > ~ Matthew 2:18

# 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.

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

#### **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@gwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

# FAITH JUSTICE

# **WestSide Baby**

WestSide Baby and St. Joseph's Baby Corner is now open for volunteers, donations and Provider Partner pick-ups at their new location at 2301 S. Jackson Ste. 202, Seattle, WA 98144, across the parking lot from the Red Apple Market! The former Baby Corner facility on Cherry Hill next to Providence Hospital has been relocated due to the planned development of that site.

The new facility offers additional hours, and is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm, and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. There are new, increased volunteer opportunities available at the office, including filling orders, sorting and painting. WestSide Baby will continue to operate out of its White Center headquarters.

THANK YOU!! During the Immaculate Conception Mass, St. Joseph parishioners donated \$937.18 to WestSide Baby.

# **Cabrini Ministry**

HAVE A HEART 2015 ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Holy Family Parish
7045 120th Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA
To purchase tickets: www.cabriniministry.org

# St. Joseph's Epiphany Dinner

#### Sunday, January 4th, 1 - 4 pm Parish Social Hall

Come one: Come all! As is our tradition each Epiphany, we open our doors to everyone in the broader community for a shared meal and fellowship. Clients and staff from St. Joseph Parish Outreach Partners—Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, Jubilee Women's Center, St. Francis House and L'Arche—will be our special guests. (The parish provides transportation from several locations downtown.)

Please join us, and if you are able, consider providing cooked turkeys, baked hams, vegetables, & potatoes or beverages, desserts or appetizers. Volunteers are also needed to do food prep, cooking, decorating, tablehosting, and clean-up.

This year, sign-ups are on-line at PerfectPotluck.com. Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number, and the item you would like to bring or the volunteer assignment you desire—SUPER EASY! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany).

Thank you in advance for joining us for this very special event!

For additional information, visit the www.stjosephparish.org calendar, or contact Deacon Steve at stevew@ stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.



# Parish Life

#### **Seniors On The Go**

**Friday, January 9th -** Healing Mass at 11:30 am in the church. Followed by lunch in the Parish Center.

Please note the date change!

# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting is Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 pm 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

# 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 afternoon on your own

Register with Deacon Steve by **January 5<sup>th</sup>**. 206-965-1646 or <u>stevew@stjosephparish.org</u>





# **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, 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, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16th. Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### Pancake Breakfast Thank You!

A very heartfelt thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make our annual breakfast a rousing success! We could not succeed without you!

