



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, October 31, 2021 \* The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mk 12:32, 34ab



## The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 31, 2021

**Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday  
on our YouTube channel  
(Available for viewing throughout the week)  
9 AM Sunday, 11 AM Sunday  
5:30 PM Sunday**

**Weekday Mass Schedule  
Tuesday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube**

### Readings for November 7, 2021

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:10-16

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

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## Meet the Council!

### New Councilmember Cathy Prentice

Cathy Prentice was born and raised in Pennsylvania, and credits her Irish Catholic father for raising her in the Church and sending her to Catholic school. Cathy came to the Pacific Northwest for college and never left. "I always wondered what it was like in the upper left corner of the United States where I heard everything was green all the time. The first time I saw Mt. Rainier I thought it looked like a painting by God," Cathy says.



Cathy earned her Bachelor's degree in Science and Nursing at the University of Washington Bothell as well as her Master's degree in nursing (her thesis project involved writing a program to support staff in nursing homes who experienced racism). Seattle, she says, was the perfect place to pursue interesting nursing jobs and enjoy the outdoors.

"In high school, I volunteered at the local hospital and was led into nursing," Cathy explains about her career path. "I wanted to help people and I loved the medical environment to do that." She worked in South Seattle providing medical care for local citizens at a disadvantage, as well as refugees and people needing immigration physicals. After that, she worked for years at Harborview Medical Center, floating throughout the hospital in many different specialty areas, including the burn unit. Cathy also worked around King County administering care in the homes of people struggling during the initial AIDS crisis. For the past several decades, Cathy has been working in long-term care nursing, investigating long-term care facilities for abuse, neglect, and infection control.

Outside of work, Cathy enjoys hiking around the Northwest, as well as national parks around the United States (she's visited 17 at last count). She lives with her husband Rodney, a native Seattlelite and retired pilot, near St. Joseph Parish and school, where they raised two children. A parish member since 2004, Cathy has been involved with the Women's Ministry, and most recently joined the Anti-Racism Committee.

"I am very conscious about how I spend my time now, and spending a chunk of my free time serving at St. Joseph Parish is something I'm very excited about," she says. "During all phases of my life, the Catholic Church and community has been my biggest comfort. It is a place I always return to, and a spiritual home where I continue to grow mentally and spiritually."



# The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presider

Matthew Pyrc, S.J.

Entrance Song

*Where Charity And Love Prevail*

*Westendorf/Benoit*



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,      There God is ev - er found; Brought  
2. With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear      God's char - i - ty we learn; Let  
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults      As we our faults con - fess; And  
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,      Let all con - ten - tion cease; Be  
5. Let us re - call that in our midst      Dwells God's be - got - ten Son; As  
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude,      If hon - ored be God's name; Our



here to - geth - er by Christ's love,      By love are we thus bound.  
us with heart and mind and soul      Now love him in re - turn.  
let us love each oth - er well      In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
God's the glo - ry that we seek,      Be ours God's ho - ly peace.  
mem - bers of his bod - y joined,      We are in him made one.  
fam - i - ly em - brac - es all      Whose Fa - ther is the same.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

1. 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.

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.

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.

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."





I love you, LORD, my strength; O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my savior.

My God, my rock where I take refuge; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.  
I cry out, "Praised be the LORD!" and see, I am saved from my foes.

The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The LORD gives great victories to his king, and shows merciful love for his anointed.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia*

*Alonso*

*"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him"*

## Gospel

Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "*The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*" The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



## Homily Creed

**Matthew Pyrc, S.J.**

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,  
*All bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
*All stand upright.*

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

*God Be In My Head*

*Brown*

1. God be in my head, God be in my heart,  
God be in my mind, God be in my soul,  
God be in my eyes, so that I may see your face;  
God be on my lips, God be in my life.
2. God be in my work, God be in my play,  
God be in my home, God be in my prayer,  
God be in my song, so that I may sing your praise;  
God be in my night, God be in my day.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim  
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

## Great Amen

Amen



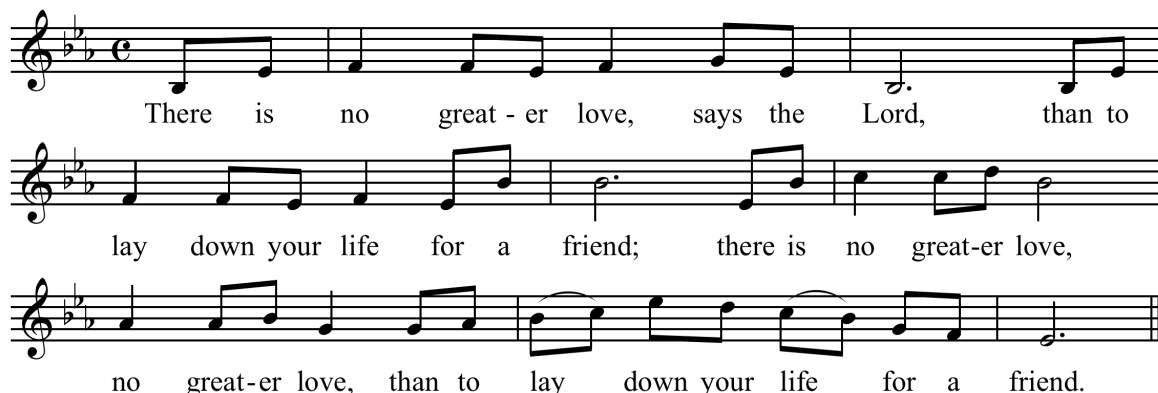
## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## Communion

### *No Greater Love*

*Joncas*



## Recessional

### *Instrumental*

# Parish Finances Info Night Nov 4, 7pm on Zoom

## St. Joseph Parish Annual Financial Update

November 4th 7:00 PM on Zoom

Join us for an in-depth look at parish finances from the previous year, and an update on what the future holds. Members of the Finance Council and Pastoral Assistant for Administration Marti McGaughey will present transparent financial trends and projections, as well as answer your questions about the state of our parish finances. We're all in this together – come learn about how your church operates!

Register in advance for this webinar:

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gkGloWm8QImSRz55Si5z1A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gkGloWm8QImSRz55Si5z1A)

REGISTER WITH YOUR  
PHONE





# LITURGY & WORSHIP

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**All Saints Day Mass: Monday, November 1st, 7pm in the Church**

(note this will be the only Mass celebrated on 11/1) AND Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

In the month of November, you are invited to bring photos of your loved ones to help create a shrine or “Saints Corner” to be located on the Mary altar. This will be maintained as a sacred space for contemplation and prayer throughout the month. You can bring your photo to church during visiting hours and place it on the Mary altar to the left of the main altar or drop it off at the parish center and we place it on the altar for you. Please write contact information on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you after November.

**Parish Book of Life** - This year, we will have our traditional Book of Life, containing names of loved ones who have passed away, on display near the altar in November. We invite you to write the names of friends and family who have passed in the Book of Life.

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## Liturgy Notes: Feasts of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2)

by Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “The term ‘communion of saints’ refers also to the communion of ‘holy persons’ in Christ who ‘died for all,’ so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.”

Saints - written with a capital “S” - refers to those the Church has come to believe are in the fullness of God’s presence. The rest of us, though, living and dead, including my grandmother, your great-uncle and that lovely woman who taught you in second grade are also “saints.”

The Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians begins, “...to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.” (1 Corinthians 1:2)

In the Nicene Creed, our profession of faith, we say “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” We believe that all of our beloved dead are in their spiritual state waiting to be reunited with us. We can pray for them and speak with them in our hearts.

The color for both of these feasts is white—We are reminded of the Resurrection of Christ and the glory of the days to come.

## Thanksgiving Day Mass: November 25th, 10am

Come hear parishioner Dave Zlablotny talk about exciting new developments at St. Francis House on First Hill!



# Capitol Hill COVID Remembrance Project

## A Place for Community Reflection



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# COVID Remembrance Project Opening Service

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November 7th, 2:30pm

Northeast Lawn (19th & Aloha)

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**Join us to remember victims of  
the COVID pandemic and create a  
memorial of ribbons on the fence.**

**All are welcome!**

**(Ribbons will be provided)**



# PARISH LIFE

## Young Adult Community Planning Meeting

Sun. 11/7 at 4:00PM-5:15PM

Let's start planning for winter! We will discuss events for fellowship, faith, and community involvement in December, January, and February, and review past events from this fall. It's okay if you don't have any ideas to share. Your input is always welcome! We will meet in person in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center (next to the church).

## YA Retreat & Leadership Opportunities

Help plan our annual (virtual) retreat for January or February! You do not need previous retreat experience; we have lots of previous ideas and resources you can use. No matter what gifts and talents you have (theological, musical, logistical, etc.), you are welcome on the team! Want to learn more? Email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

## Council Corner

Want to know what's happening with the Pastoral and Mission Council? Visit <https://www.stjosephparish.org/221/parish-councils.html> or email [pmc@stjosephparish.org](mailto:pmc@stjosephparish.org) with comments or questions. Our next meeting will be on November 18th.



Scan this QR code to see the Council page on our website

## For a Synodal Church: Pope Francis' Vision for the Future

*"Let us ask: in the church, are we good at listening? How good is the hearing of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged?" ~ Pope Francis*

On October 9th, Pope Francis used these words to open a unique [Synod of Bishops](#), one that will last two full years (instead of the usual three months) and will have a long-lasting effect on how the Catholic Church listens to the people, and not just leadership. This synod, rather than investigating one particular topic, is meant to discover how the Church can listen better. Reflexively, it is a synod on synodality.

Journalist Colleen Dulle, [writing for America magazine](#), put it this way: "'Synodality' refers to the way that these synods make decisions. It is a model that includes listening to a broad range of people and then discussing the issues together with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the church. 'It is clear that Pope Francis still thinks there is a long way to go before the church is making decisions 'synodally' at every level...With his plans for a two-year 'synodal process' focusing on synodality, Pope Francis seems to have decided that the best way for the church to figure out what synodality means in practice is to try it out.'"

The process ["For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission"](#) will begin with a diocesan listening phase from October 2021 to April 2022, followed by a continental phase from September 2022 to March 2023 and a final "universal church phase" that will look more like past synod meetings in the Vatican in October 2023. Archbishop Paul Etienne kicked off the Archdiocese of Seattle's synod process on October 19th at a special [Mass](#) and St. Joe's will discern as to how we can contribute to this important conversation. Stay tuned!





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## Thanksgiving Meal for Recovery Cafe

Are you and your family looking for a way to make Thanksgiving memorable for those in need? The St. Joseph community-sponsored Thanksgiving Meal for 150 Recovery Cafe members is back - with a few significant changes due to COVID.

This year, on Monday, November 22, from 12:00-3pm, we will collect cooked and cooled food at the Social Hall, which will then be delivered to Recovery Café. Food drop-off at the Social Hall will be COVID-safe - outside, socially-distanced, with masks. Please note the café has moved the meal to a Wednesday this year so our drop off day has changed to a Monday

**SIGN-UPS:** on-line at Website: [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com). Last name: visintainer Password: 2021thanks (This name and password are case sensitive.)

**FOOD DONATIONS - COOKING:** Please cook and cool your food item at home. It is important for food safety that food be delivered cold. Please plan accordingly.

**COVID-SAFE DROP-OFF:** Monday, November 22, 2021, 12:00pm-3:00pm, St. Joseph Church Social Hall: outside, masked and socially distant!

**WINTER COMFORT ITEMS - WHAT:** We are collecting items to assemble 150 "You are loved" winter comfort care packages to accompany the meal. Sign up online for Wool Socks, Winter Hats and Gloves, Hand & Toe Warmers, Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Protein Bars, Emergency Blankets and masks. Bulk buying options available through DollarDays.com, Amazon and Costco, among others. Any donation helps!

**DEADLINE:** Monday, November 15 (drop-off between now and Nov 15)

**WHERE:** Deliver to ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HOSPITALITY ROOM (off of vestibule in main church). Please label your item for Recovery Café.



**HOURS:** Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:00pm. Saturday 12:00-6:00 pm or Sunday 9:00-6:00pm. If for some reason the church is locked during these hours, walk next door to the Parish Center and ring the doorbell and someone will come to assist you. Call Lisa at 206-369-4842 if you need any help with this. Items can be shipped directly to Lisa if you prefer - please call her for the address.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Gretchen Brennan, Julie Little, Russell Janney, Lisa Visintainer. Questions? Contact Lisa Visintainer at (206) 369-4842 or [lisavis@windermere.com](mailto:lisavis@windermere.com)



## St. Joe's Delegation

### KINO Border Immersion Experience in Nogales, November 13-18, 2021

	<b>Gretchen Brennan</b> - Participating in the KINO Border Initiative Immersion Trip is a privilege and an opportunity to honor the dignity and humanity of each migrant I encounter. By listening with compassion to individual stories, I hope to be a channel of God's love to those who are suffering. Through the immersive experience, I hope to gain a better understanding of the challenges migrants face and the complexities of immigration policy so that I can be a better advocate for just and humane border policies and treatment of migrants.
	<b>Sean Brennan</b> – I was invited into this journey ignorant on matters pertaining to our southern border, its people, and the legislative and sociological path the USA has pursued over the last 100-years. I have discovered we have used laws, propaganda, and myth to transform the USA/Mexico border into places of fear, injustice and one of the most militarized borders in the world. The costs – we have lost sight of our historic commitment to aid people in need – to protect the rights of refugees, to honor the humanity of all. I want to hear directly from the men and women who are seeking a better life out of desperation. I desire a deeper understanding of how we got here in hopes of amplifying their stories and advocating for a fair and just migration policy.
	<b>Jan Dwight</b> - I love the opportunity to work with Spanish speaking people. I hope to learn and see for myself (witness) what is happening on the southern border of our country. I believe all humans have the "right of being" or to be in a safe/healthy environment and that may mean the need to move including across arbitrary borders created at this time in history. Humans have always migrated/immigrated throughout time in search of a "better life". It is true that many inside our borders do not have a "right of being" but I do believe that basic need is to be addressed both inside and outside our borders; locally and universally. Understanding the barriers toward the basic goal of a safe environment (which is at the base of Maslow's hierarchy of needs) and identifying those barriers can help me understand and act on creating an impact for migrants and those present in our community. I truly believe new arrivals creates a dynamic and stronger community.
	<b>Dick Ellis</b> - I believe that sometimes all that I can do is be present and compassionate. The men, women, and children at our Mexican Border seek and deserve our respect. They are part of the human family, and they have suffered terribly. I want to support and be part of those who are reaching out to feed, shelter and support them. I hope to offer humanitarian service where appropriate. I seek to hear and share their stories with my own family and, friends. It's what Jesus would do.
	<b>Linda Ellis</b> - I would like to hear the stories of the women men and children who are so desperately seeking asylum in the US and witness their reality at the border. I believe in the ministry of presence, and also believe that "when I know better I do better"; my prayer is that the spirit will lead me to the appropriate action steps as a result of this immersion experience.
	<b>Cyndy Ferrell</b> - This immersion trip will give me an in-person experience that is very important to me. I have been teaching English to Spanish Speakers for nine years at Casa Latina, where I have heard stories about their travels across the border. I go to Mexico 1-2 times a year, and have gone to El Salvador many times with our Sister Parish group. I am very comfortable being with immigrants and refugees. I am a nurse and can offer some medical help to those that need it.
	<b>Mimi Krsak</b> - I have been blessed to teach and learn from many immigrants, and to meet Jesus in those who are poor. I am hoping my understanding will deepen, and my heart will be opened by these days. I am going to honor my grandmother, Elena Chavez Krsak, and all those who yearn for fullness of life.
	<b>Dan Quinn-Shea</b> - I consider it a gift to be a member of St Joseph Parish's Delegation to Nogales, Arizona and Mexico. I want to be present to and in solidarity with migrants. I, too, would try to migrate to the U.S. as a victim of organized crime and climate change and for economic reasons. We are all immigrants after all! I hope for personal transformation regarding their plight and a vision about what I can do for them. That said, we are not saviors. If we let them, however, I suspect they could save us.
	<b>Karen Quinn-Shea</b> - I'm grateful for this gift of going to Nogales as part of the Kino Border Initiative. The preparation for the trip has already been an important education regarding the dire condition at the border. I don't speak Spanish and I can't give legal advice, but I hope to be a witness and a presence of compassion. My prayer is that every person will be treated with dignity and respect and we will live as one family of God.
	<b>Beth Toomey</b> – I am eager to walk alongside immigrants and to let them know that all Americans do no fear or hate them. I wish to show solidarity and compassion for their difficult circumstances. I seek to understand the complicated immigration problems that our country and many other countries face with refugees. What are the constructive steps the United States can take? I am eager to share what I learn with the St Joseph's Community and everyone I know. I would like to be part of the solution – complicated as it is.

Community Blessing at Mass on November 7th!



# FAITH JUSTICE

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## LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

formerly Global Catholic Climate Movement

You're invited to join the new St. Joe's Laudato Si' Circle on Tuesday, November 9th, at 7pm on Zoom. Building from the parish Climate Justice Committee, this group will meet regularly to discuss climate advocacy and action both locally and globally to care for the planet.

Email [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org) for the Zoom link.

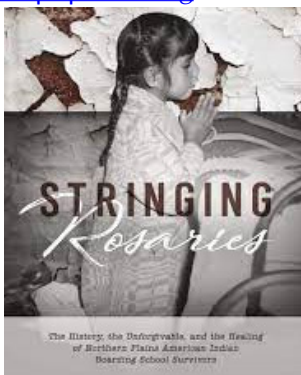
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### Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us on Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7pm for a discussion of *Stringing Rosaries: The History, the Unforgivable, and the Healing of Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors* by Denise K. Lajimodiere

The journey to record survivors stories led the author through the Dakotas and Minnesota and into the personal and private space of boarding school survivors. While there, she heard stories that they had never shared before. She came to an understanding of new terms: historical and intergenerational trauma, soul wound.

*Stringing Rosaries* presents a brief history of the boarding school programs for Indigenous Americans, followed by sixteen interviews with boarding school survivors, and ending with the author's own healing journey with her father. To join contact, [racialjustice-bookgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:racialjustice-bookgroup@stjosephparish.org).



### Seattle U Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture Event

### Living Witnesses: Black Catholic Faith - Past, Present, and Promise

Sunday, November 14, 4pm on Zoom

Seattle University's Campus Ministry, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, and Center for Jesuit Education, with the Archdiocese of Seattle's Black Catholic Advisory Circle and Immaculate Conception Parish, celebrate Black Catholic History Month with an evening of conversation, music, and reflection with Dr. Ansel Augustine, Executive Director of Cultural Diversity and Outreach for the Archdiocese of Washington. Mass to follow in person at the Chapel of St. Ignatius at Seattle University at 8 p.m. Email [ICTC@seattleu.edu](mailto:ICTC@seattleu.edu) to be notified of forthcoming details and event registration. [www.seattleu.edu/ictc/](http://www.seattleu.edu/ictc/)







# Climate Change

Extinction Level Threats  
& Hopeful Solutions

*Faith ~ Science ~ Sacred Activism*

**Sunday October 31, 2021 2:00-4:30pm**

*Zoom*

[www.northwestinterfaith.org/events.html](http://www.northwestinterfaith.org/events.html)

**“Is this any way to treat our mother?”** ~ Rabbi Anson Laytner

## FAITH PANEL

The wisdom of all world religions reminds us that we are one. Our multifaith panel will share the moral and ethical imperatives in their faiths that call for action to address the climate crisis and promote environmental justice. Their offerings will inspire us and revitalize our commitment to carry on our work.

Ken Workman, First Peoples (*Duwamish*)

Rev. SeiFu Anil Singh-Molares, Buddhist (*Zen*)

Deirdre Gabbay, Jewish (*Shmita Project Northwest*)

Anna Johnson, Christian (*Maryknoll*)

## ACTION PANEL

Our collective call for urgent, bold and ambitious climate action is essential. Science has provided practical solutions for us to begin the transition to a clean, just and renewable future. Our panel of climate activists will share tools and resources that will equip us to effectively implement these hopeful solutions.

Kathy Delbecq, Creation Care Network (*Creation Care*)

Russell Beard, Duwamish Tribe (*Environmental Justice*)

Jessica Zimmerle, Earth Ministry/WAIPL (*Faithful Advocacy*)

Libby Carr, Meaningful Movies (*How to Be an Activist*)

Marjorie Ringness, Care for Creation (*Carbon Footprint Tracker*)

## BREAKOUT ROOMS TO CATALYZE ACTION

You will be invited to join the Action Panel Breakout Room of your choice. Your time spent in dialogue with others who share your interest will create the opportunity to explore new possibilities for meaningful action. It will also provide the chance to renew your individual and collective commitments on how to tackle the climate crisis.

*Co-Sponsors:* Northwest Interfaith; Interfaith Community Sanctuary; Duwamish Tribe; Earth Ministry/ Washington Interfaith Power and Light; Congregation Beth Shalom; Maryknoll, Creation Care Network; St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral; Spiritual Directors International; Meaningful Movies; Call of Compassion NW.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

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# FAITH JUSTICE

## St. Joe's Signs Catholic Climate Action Letter: You're Invited to Sign as an Individual!

We invite you to join your voice with thousands of individuals signing this climate action petition ([godsplanet.us/](https://godsplanet.us/)) across the U.S. Catholic community as a faith-filled appeal to President Biden and the U.S. Congress, to work beyond partisanship and create climate solutions to care for present and future generations and our common home.

**This Catholic petition is in solidarity with Catholic institutions, including St. Joe's, St. James, and the Archdiocese of Seattle,** that are signing a [Catholic climate action letter](#). We will deliver these united messages, seeking and praying that they will move the needle of the nation's moral compass toward the bold and ambitious solutions the nation and world need to address the climate crisis.

**About the campaign:** We're All Part of God's Plan(et) is a national *Laudato Si'* awareness and engagement media campaign to educate, inspire and activate U.S. Catholics to embrace and act upon the teachings of *Laudato Si'* and to care for creation, especially by participating in the Vatican's global [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#).

The campaign is presented by [Catholic Climate Covenant](#) and its member partners, along with the support and engagement of many other Catholic partners who care about and work on care for creation teachings, engagement, outreach, programs, education, activities, and activism. Together, we CAN restore God's creation!



## Facing Homelessness

Come Say "Hello" at Facing Homelessness' Winter Warm Up and Supply Drive and Meet the New Executive Director, Kevin Glackin-Coley!



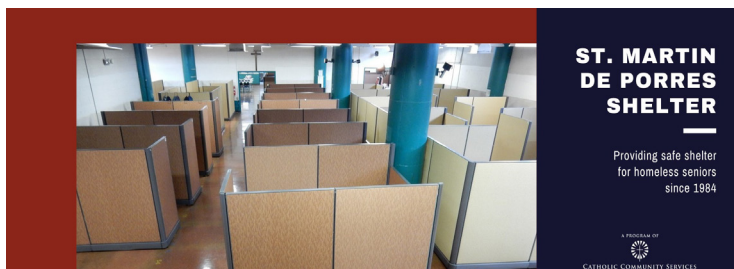
**November 6th, 12-5pm at Facing Homelessness  
4001 9th Ave NE, Seattle 98105  
Free parking in the lot north of our building on 9th Ave.**

You're invited to stop by Facing Homelessness' Window of Kindness on Saturday, November 6th. Meet the team and help kick-off an afternoon long supply drive for the Window of Kindness (see list of needed items here: [facinghomelessness.org/donate-supplies](https://facinghomelessness.org/donate-supplies)). Donations are greatly appreciated, but not at all required. This is also a chance for members of the Facing Homelessness community to meet the new Executive Director, Kevin Glackin-Coley. Please come by anytime on Saturday, November 6th from 12:00 - 5:00pm to say "Hello", meet Kevin and other staff members, have a cup of cocoa or hot cider and learn more about how you can be part of the Window of Kindness and our other programs.

Masks will be required indoors and there will be an outside donation drop-off option in the parking lot if you would be more comfortable with a contactless visit.

**RSVP [Here](#)**

## Help Needed – 3rd Saturday Meal for St. Martin de Porres Shelter



Our team, headed up by Taffy McCormick, needs folks to donate:

- 1 box of bananas monthly
- 4 gallons of milk monthly
- 3 donations of \$20 each, monthly  
(for McDonald's Hamburgers)

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org).



# BECOMING ANTI-RACIST

November 2021: Voting/Veterans Day

**Prayer:** Lord, you have given all people one common origin, and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself. Set our hearts on fire with the desire to ensure justice for all our brothers and sisters. Empower us to share what we have received from you, that we might “rejoice in that day and leap for joy” at the coming of your Kingdom. Amen. (From [JustFaith Ministries](#))

**Scripture: Philippians 2: 3-4** Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## History

**Voting rights:** The Fifteenth Amendment ensured all Black males had the right to vote. Jim Crow changed this. Almost all Southern states passed statutes restricting suffrage in the years 1871-1889. Various registration laws such as poll taxes were established and had devastating effects. Over half the Blacks who voted in some states vanished from the polls in 1888. In places like Alabama, for example, where Blacks equaled almost half the population, no African Americans were sent to the legislature after 1876. In addition, when Black men did vote, many of their ballots were stolen or not counted. By the end of the century, more voter restrictions and literacy tests disenfranchised Black males. The right to vote and the freedom to vote are two very different things. From: *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome* by Dr. Joy Degruy

The Fifteenth Amendment did not apply to women, though. It would take the Civil Rights Act of 1965 to reassert the right of all citizens to freely cast their votes. From: *The Color of Compromise* by Dr. Jemar Tisby

**United States Veterans:** Racial discrimination in the military did not end after World War II. Laws designed to benefit returning soldiers often did not apply to Black veterans. The Servicemen’s Readjustment Act, better known as the GI Bill, included substantial aid designed to help military veterans reintegrate into civilian life. This welfare program assisted GI’s in purchasing homes, paying tuition for college, and gaining health coverage. The Veteran’s Administration, created to disburse benefits to returning soldiers, denied mortgages to Black soldiers and funneled those veterans into lower-level training and education rather than into four-year colleges. From *The Color of Compromise* by Dr. Jemar Tisby



Institutional racism impacts health care accessibility within non-white minority communities by creating health disparities. For example, many Black veterans were unfairly denied disability pension by the union army disability pension system from 1865 to 1906. From: *40 Days of Prayer For The Liberation Of American Descendants Of Slavery 1619-2019, Commemorating 400 years of slavery and its evolution in America* by The Angela Project, Simmons College of Kentucky 2019

**For further reading:** *I’m Still Here, Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown, 2018. From a leading voice on racial justice, an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America’s love affair with “diversity” so often falls short of its ideals.



**Video link:** Watch Traci Ellis: “[The Exceptional Negro: Fighting to Be Seen in a Colorblind World](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqvZRO2LPmw)” (approx 14 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqvZRO2LPmw>

## Poem: “I, Too” by Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.  
I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
When company comes,  
But I laugh,  
And eat well,  
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,  
I’ll be at the table  
When company comes.  
Nobody’ll dare  
Say to me,  
“Eat in the kitchen,”  
Then.

Besides,  
They’ll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed-

I, too, am America.

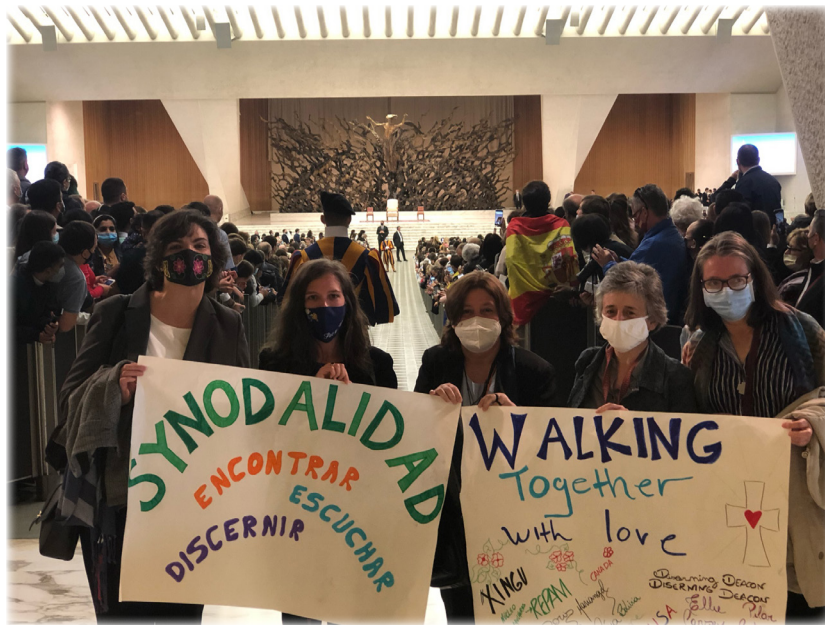




# FAITH JUSTICE

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## Discerning Women Deacons Update!



Read an update from the national Discerning Deacons Committee about their trip to Rome, where they had an audience with Pope Francis to advocate for ordaining women as deacons. The Pope's response to the delegation? "Firme adelante" or, "ahead with strength!" Check it out for yourself! [discerningdeacons.org/the-only-way-forward-is-together/](https://discerningdeacons.org/the-only-way-forward-is-together/)

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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# JRS DAY

show your support.  
extend love beyond borders.



On November 14, **Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa** has invited the **global Ignatian family** to recognize JRS Day. Together, we hope to “celebrate the women and men whose lives have been changed through JRS, and the generous service of so many colleagues, religious, and Jesuits over the past 40 years.”

This JRS Day, we invite you to join us in celebrating JRS and this ***love that extends beyond borders – praying in solidarity, sharing the stories of refugees, and supporting the mission.***

How will you extend your love to our refugee brothers and sisters?

## Why JRS?

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS works in 57 countries worldwide. JRS protects and serves refugees, and other forcibly displaced persons from diverse cultures, nationalities and religions.

As the global pandemic continues to impact our entire world, you can play an important role in supporting refugees.

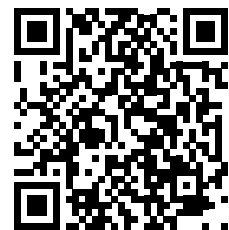
## What can YOU do?

**Pray in Solidarity** – Please pray this prayer with JRS today:  
*The Society of Jesus marks November 14th as JRS Day, a day to celebrate thousands of women and men whose lives have been changed through Jesuit Refugee Service. We pray today for all refugees and forcibly displaced people that they may heal, learn, determine their own future, and we pray for all those who serve them. Keep them safe and bless their journey. Amen.*

**Share the Story** – Visit JRS/USA’s website [www.jrsusa.org/stories](http://www.jrsusa.org/stories) to learn more about the people that JRS accompanies across the globe. Consider subscribing to our newsletter at [www.jrsusa.org/signup](http://www.jrsusa.org/signup) to receive monthly updates.

**Support the Mission** – Consider a gift to help those who’ve been forced to flee their homes. Give today at [www.jrsusa.org/donate](http://www.jrsusa.org/donate).

Use the QR code below to visit the JRS Day page.



[www.jrsusa.org/jrsday](http://www.jrsusa.org/jrsday)



# STATE OF THE PARISH PREVIEW

## The Financials of St. Joseph

Wow, what a year! Just like everyone else, we have had steps forward, and steps back. We have had setbacks, but we've also seen new opportunities arise. We have come a long way – we're now celebrating four in-person Sunday Masses each week, four in-person daily Masses each week, and St. Joseph School back to in-person learning for the whole school. The entire campus comes alive hearing their laughter and joy, and we all go about our work with a much lighter heart.

While the numbers of people attending Mass are still down around sixty percent from pre-pandemic levels, we have seen an increase in online gifts along with stock and IRA distribution gifts. This increase has helped cushion the loss of traditional Sunday giving. With St. Joseph being a regional parish, our pivot to online meetings and committees has allowed more people than ever to get involved in ministries here at St. Joseph. These have brought us all great optimism for the future.

We have had some big changes in parish leadership. The biggest, of course, is that our beloved Deacon Steve has taken the helm and the parish staff has rallied around Steve as a cohesive team, working better than ever together.

Some fiscal highlights include:

An additional \$15,000 to the Building and Grounds Endowment from bequests.

A new Parish Bus as the final part of the "Paint the Church Capital Campaign." We have begun picking up parishioners at Senior Living facilities for Sunday Mass along with senior outings.

We have continued to build a TV studio in the choir loft with the help of amazingly talented professionals who have tirelessly volunteered their time week after week for the last eighteen months to bring Mass into your living rooms.

We are fortunate enough to cover our shortage of ordinary income with the Paycheck Protection Program loan and now some savings to help in the short term.

We continued our tradition of making our sacred space beautiful during Advent with decorations and special Advent nights of music and readings that highlighted personal prayer instead of Mass in a safe environment. We then jumped in to choreograph and schedule Easter with incredible limitations put on us, that still allowed for a spiritual and moving Triduum and Easter.

I continue to be moved by your financial support and gifts of prayer. I look forward to working with parishioners and staff to continue to expand the reach of the St. Joseph community.

I love when people reach out with all manner of questions, [marti@stjosephparish.org](mailto:marti@stjosephparish.org) or 206.965.1648.

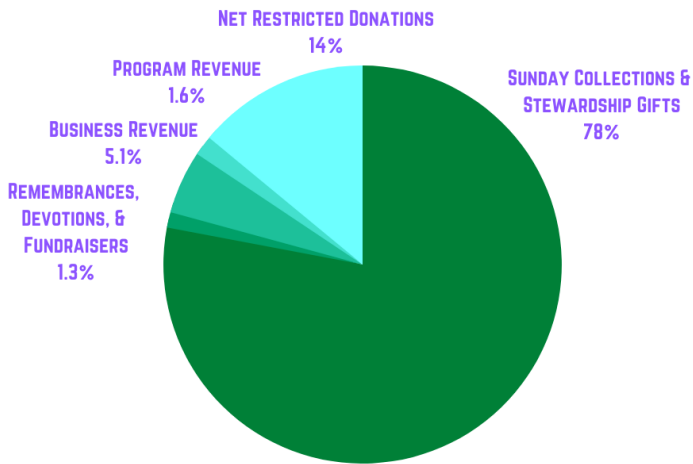
With warmest regards,



Marti McGaughey  
Pastoral Assistant for Administration



# PARISH REVENUE

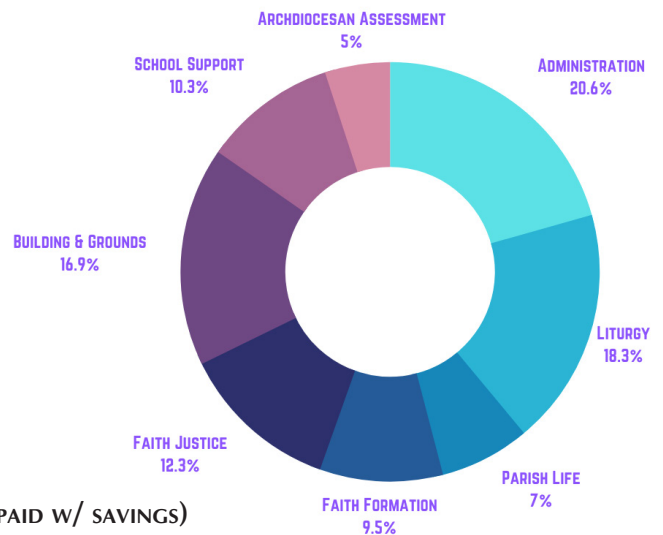


Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts	\$1,603,783
Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers	\$25,774
Net Restricted Donations	\$288,040
Business Revenue - facility rental, interest, admin fees, etc.	\$105,798
Program Revenue - Adult & Children's Faith Formation	\$33,297
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,056,695</b>

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH REVENUE & EXPENSES

### PARISH EXPENSES

Administration	\$439,226
Liturgy & Worship Programs	\$390,674
Parish Life Programs	\$148,367
Faith Formation Programs	\$202,310
Faith Justice Programs	\$262,763
Buildings & Grounds	\$360,386
School Support	\$219,162
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$107,078
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,129,969 (*DIFFERENCE PAID W/ SAVINGS)</b>



### Total Salary Expenses by Category



St. Joseph Parish median staff salary is 82% of the Seattle median salary  
(Source: openpayrolls.com)