



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, November 7, 2021 * The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time * www.stjosephparish.org



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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NOVEMBER 7, 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 14, 2021

FIRST READING: DANIEL 12:1-3
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18
GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-32
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HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS
A RECOVERY CAFÉ
THANKSGIVING

Drop off pre-cooked food at the Church Social Hall
November 22nd, between 12pm & 3pm
Sign up now at www.perfectpotluck.com
Last name: **visintainer** Password: **2021thanks**

**Drop-off will be outdoors.*
Wear a mask and socially distance!

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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.

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/AOOP0451>

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.

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: 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! Need by, Monday, November 15 (drop-off between now and Nov 15). Deliver to ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HOSPITALITY ROOM (off of vestibule in main church). Please label your item for Recovery Café.

Questions? Contact Lisa Visintainer at (206) 369-4842 or lisavis@windermere.com

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presider

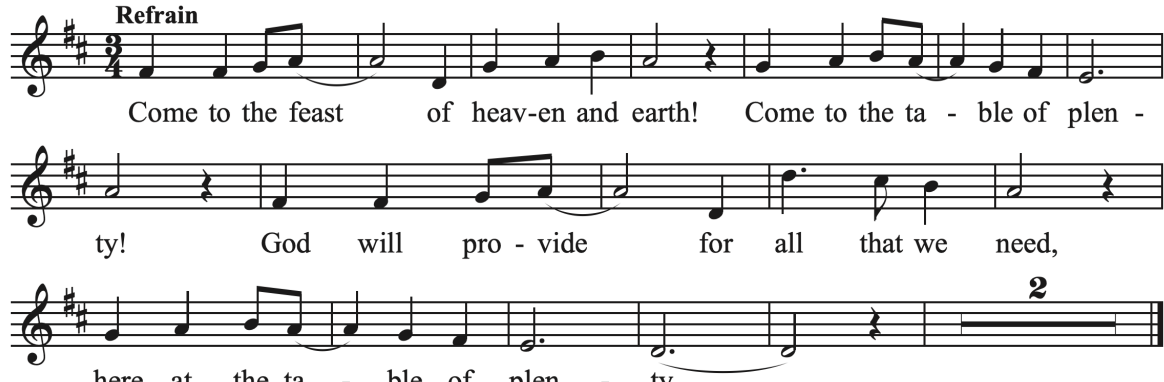
Mike Bayard, S.J.

Entrance Song

Table Of Plenty

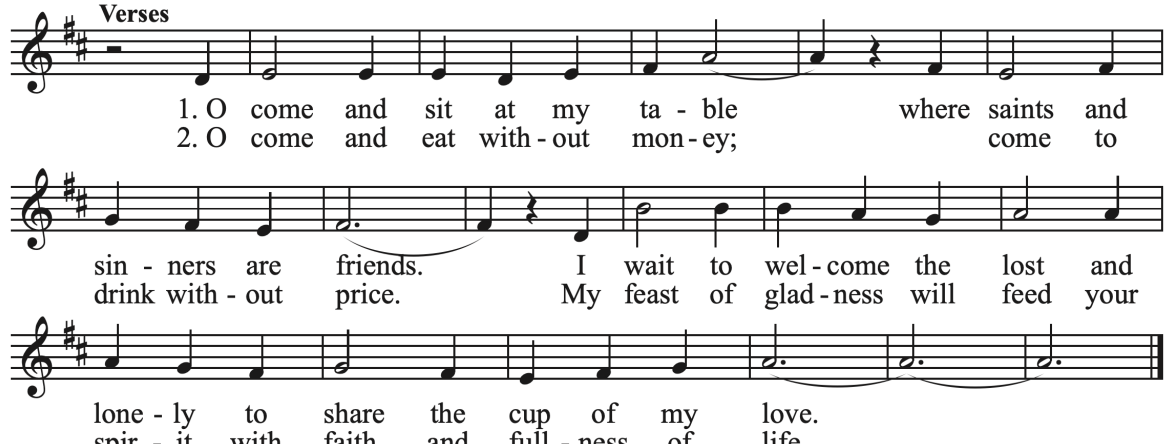
Schutte

Refrain



Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta - ble of plen -
ty! God will pro - vide for all that we need,
here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses



1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
2. O come and eat with - out mon - ey; come to
sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel - come the lost and
drink with - out price. My feast of glad - ness will feed your
lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.

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.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

Psalm

Psalm 18

Joncas



Put no trust in the powerful, mere mortals in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay and their plans that day come to nothing.
They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
Who alone made heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain. Ref.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to the oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan. Ref.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God from age to age. Ref.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Brown



"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of God."

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

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,
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

Abundant Life

Haugen

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflower's growing,
For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.
2. When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.
3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
A future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
That all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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

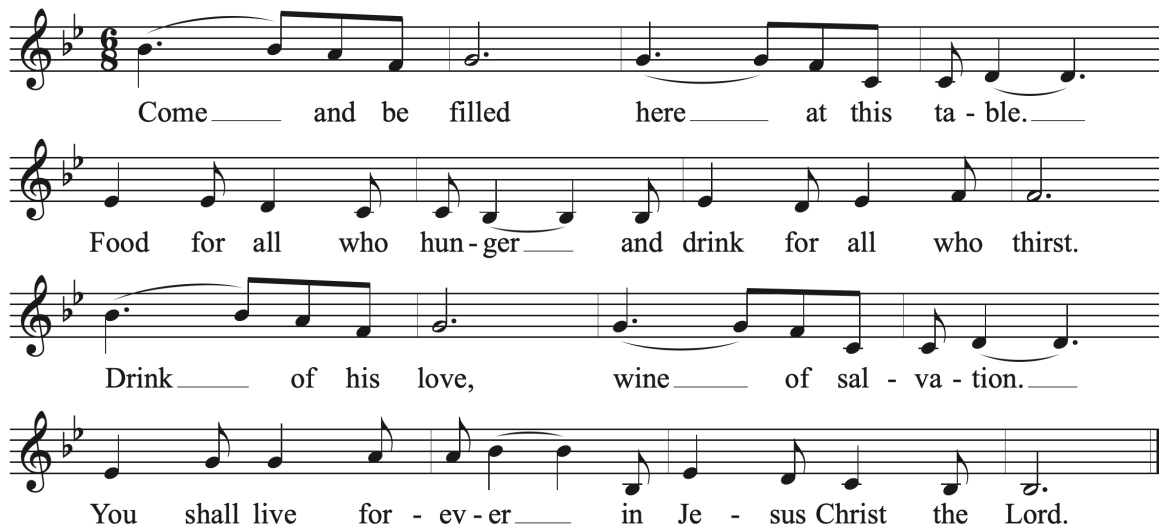
Lamb of God

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

Here At This Table

Whitaker



Come _____ and be filled here _____ at this ta - ble. _____

Food for all who hun - ger _____ and drink for all who thirst.

Drink _____ of his love, wine _____ of sal - va - tion. _____

You shall live for - ev - er _____ in Je - sus Christ the Lord.

1. You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace,
you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord,
2. You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!
3. Children of ev'ry color in ev'ry land, you are his own, he gathers you gently.
Don't you grow weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord!
4. You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,
may the wisdom you share form our lives and our world!
5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger; we're not so diff'rent and so much unites us.
For we are one, blest with the Spirit and the power of love!

Recessional

Instrumental/Choral

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Remembering Our Beloved Dead



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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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: November 25th, 10am

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

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 Seattleite 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.”



Capitol Hill COVID Remembrance Project

A Place for Community Reflection



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COVID Remembrance Project Opening Service

November 7th, 2:30pm

Northeast Lawn (19th & Aloha)

**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).

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 with comments or questions. Our next meeting will be on November 18th.



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

FAITH JUSTICE

Facing Homelessness – Now Open on Saturday!

Did you know? Facing Homelessness' Window of Kindness is now open on Saturdays. That also means that they need more volunteers and donations! There are four new shifts on Saturdays, two from 11:45am-2:30pm, and two from 2:30pm-5:15pm.

Visit facinghomelessness.volunteerhub.com to see a list of shifts and to sign up!

We're also looking for more donations – drop these off any time in the church vestibule kitchen: More sandwiches (email markp@stjosephparish.org if you're able to help with sandwiches), cases of water/sodas, small individual chips, granola bars, candy, pastries, beef jerky



Becoming Anti-Racist: Veterans Day

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



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

FAITH JUSTICE



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.

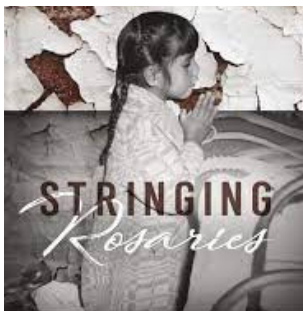
Email markp@stjosephparish.org for the Zoom link.

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.



Seattle U Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

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. Register here: <https://ti-nyurl.com/livingwitness2021>



Dr. Ansel Augustine

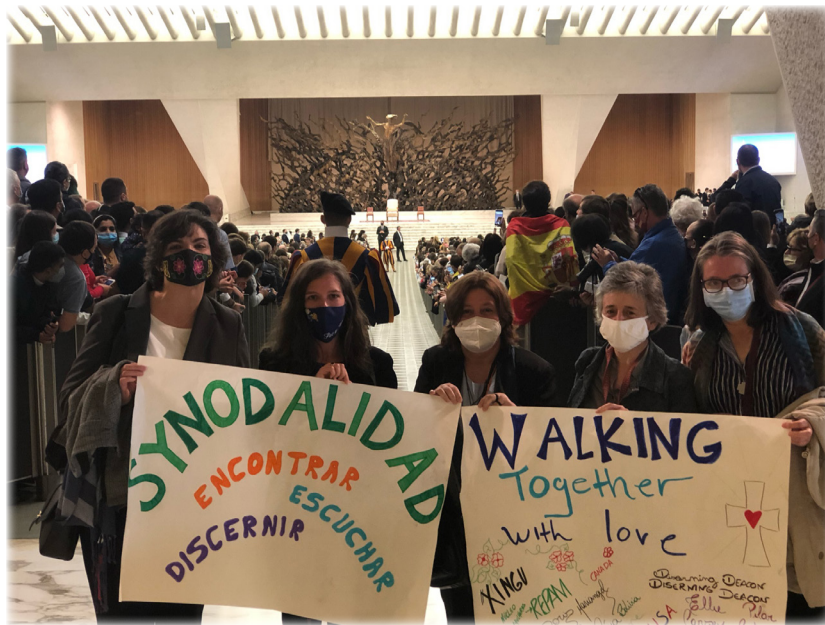
St. Joe's Delegation

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

	Gretchen Brennan - 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.
	Sean Brennan – 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.
	Jan Dwight - 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.
	Dick Ellis - 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.
	Linda Ellis - 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.
	Cyndy Ferrell - 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.
	Mimi Krsak - 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.
	Dan Quinn-Shea - 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.
	Karen Quinn-Shea - 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.
	Beth Toomey – 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.

FAITH JUSTICE

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/

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

November is Stewardship Month!



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We began our yearly focus on Stewardship by inviting Laura Kelley, from the Finance Council, to present a brief summary of parish finances at last weekend's Masses. If you were unable to hear her speak and would like to know how our parish is doing financially, visit our website – www.stjosephparish.org – to see the presentation.

By now, hopefully you have received a letter about our parish's annual Renewal of Stewardship, along with our State of the Parish booklet. Please take look at those materials and feel free to reach out to maryw@stjosephparish.org with any questions.

We invite you in the coming weeks to reflect on how you are able to support the mission of St. Joe's - to love and serve. We are asking that every parishioner return their pledge card – if you aren't able to offer a monetary pledge at this time, please fill the pledge card out with a pledge of prayers. Every pledge card is an important piece of information that we use to responsibly budget each year!



THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

We Are Grateful

November 2021

With the pandemic present for over a year, it has been challenging for many to find grace and be thankful, but we have many opportunities to be grateful, despite our circumstances – the beautiful fall season that color our communities, the start of a new school year, the prospects at work, the love and support we have in our lives through the kindness of others.

Things to be grateful for surround us everywhere, we just need to recognize them as such. It's a mindset we must believe that makes happy people. It raises our vibration and lightens our soul, and those are both things we can all use more of this Thanksgiving season.

Thankful for our **FAMILY**



The upside of practicing gratitude and making it be a part of our family credo, is that we lift each other up when one of us falls. We remind one another through our words and actions, how important it is to express our gratitude and love of life with each other. There is always one of us who steps up and leads by example, and it isn't always one of two adults in the household either!

Thankful for our **FRIENDS**

The best of messages of gratitude for a special friend of yours are text messages to use on Thanksgiving Day. Send these to that awesome friend and make them feel extremely loved by you.

[2021 Best Words of Appreciation for Friends - Motivation and Love](https://motivationandlove.com/words-of-appreciation-for-friends)
<https://motivationandlove.com/words-of-appreciation-for-friends>



Thankful for our School and Church **COMMUNITY**



With the challenges of the pandemic, we have learned to collaborate and communicate through other means but let us always be aware that these would be futile without **people**. We needed our school and church connections even more this past year. In this light, let us be thankful for the opportunity to strengthen our relationships.

Interested in being a part of the Magis group?

Please email theresal@stjosephparish.org to learn more about how you can be part of the group of volunteers who form the *Magis* at St. Joseph Parish. No experience necessary!

The Words of Jesus

November 1: All Saints Day

Matthew 5:1-12A

*"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."
Let us be humble and glad for the blessings in our lives.*

November 7: Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark 12:41-44

*"For they have all contributed..., but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."
What God sees are our acts of love, no matter how small they may be.*

November 13: Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Luke 18:1-8

*"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
Let us keep the faith, even with the challenges caused by the pandemic.*

November 21: Feast of Christ the King

Mark 11:9, 10

*"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
With the truth and the Lord's guidance, we can navigate through life's complexities.*

November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise."
Jesus shows us that with Faith, all things are possible.*

St. Francis of Assisi – An Example of Thankfulness

From his poverty and love, Francis gives thanks to God for the incomparable gift of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Crucified and Risen Lord, and the Savior of the World.

Francis is, before anything else, a follower of Christ. Francis built the first Belén, or nativity scene, which afterwards became the center of the holiday celebrations.

Praying one night in the forest, he petitioned the Lord to allow him to share in his passion and was granted the stigmata, or the wounds of Christ on the cross.



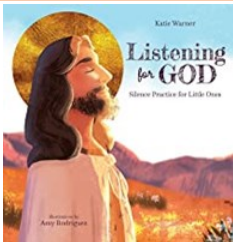
How might we show similar actions as St. Francis

- Family meetings
- Family outings
- Long walks and reflection/prayer
- Donations: food, clothing
- Volunteer opportunities at school or within your community

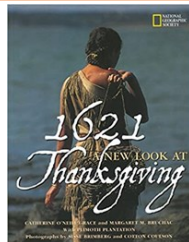
Recovery Cafe Potluck

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=A00P0451>

Let Us Read Together



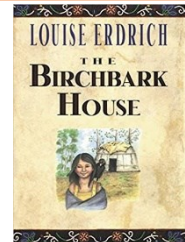
Listening for GOD
By Katie Warner



1621: A New Look at
Thanksgiving
By Catherine O'Neil Grace



Brother Eagle Sister Sky
By Susan Jeffers



The Birchbark House
By Louise Erdrich

Activities and Crafts

Gratitude Jar

Have everyone in the family fill out slips of paper saying why they are grateful. Put those slips in a jar.

At Thanksgiving or any other significant time, pull them out and read them.

Can you make them into a prayer of Thanksgiving?



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<https://www.theinspirationedit.com/20-fun-fall-crafts-kids-will-love/>



Make a Thankful Tree

Collect beautiful fall leaves.

Find one large branch that you could put into a vase.
You might anchor it with marbles or stone.

Look around your house and or neighborhood and find things that you are thankful for.

Using a black, white or silver sharpie, write on each leaf one thing that you are thankful for.

Glue them all over the branch!

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/thankful-tree>

All Souls Day

Make a prayer card to remember someone who has passed.

