



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, November 28, 2021 * First Sunday of Advent* www.stjosephparish.org

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.”**

—JEREMIAH 33:14



1st Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 28, 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 December 5, 2021

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

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Calendar

Saturday Nov. 27/Sunday Nov. 28: First Weekend of Advent

Wednesday Dec. 1st: As We Wait in Joyful Hope: An Advent Reflection at 7pm

Friday Dec. 3: First Friday Healing Mass at 11am

Wednesday Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 7pm

Wednesday Dec. 15: Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm

Saturday Dec. 18: Simbang Gabi celebration at 5pm

Monday Dec. 20: Seattle Girl's Choir Concert at 7pm

Wednesday Dec. 22: Advent Lessons & Carols at 7pm

Friday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 6pm, & 10pm

Saturday Dec. 25: Christmas Morning Mass at 10am (*will have a socially distanced section)

(No 5pm Livestream Mass for Feast of the Holy Family)

Sunday Dec. 26: Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 10am (Only Mass of the Day)

Saturday Jan. 1: Epiphany Mass at 5pm

Sunday Jan. 2: Epiphany Sunday Masses at 9am, 11am, & 5:30pm

Friday Jan. 7: First Friday Healing Mass at 11am

Saturday Jan. 8/Sunday Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord Masses

Outreach:

St. Joseph's Giving Tree (November 24th-December 14th)

www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2021

First Sunday of Advent

Presider

Greg Celio, S.J

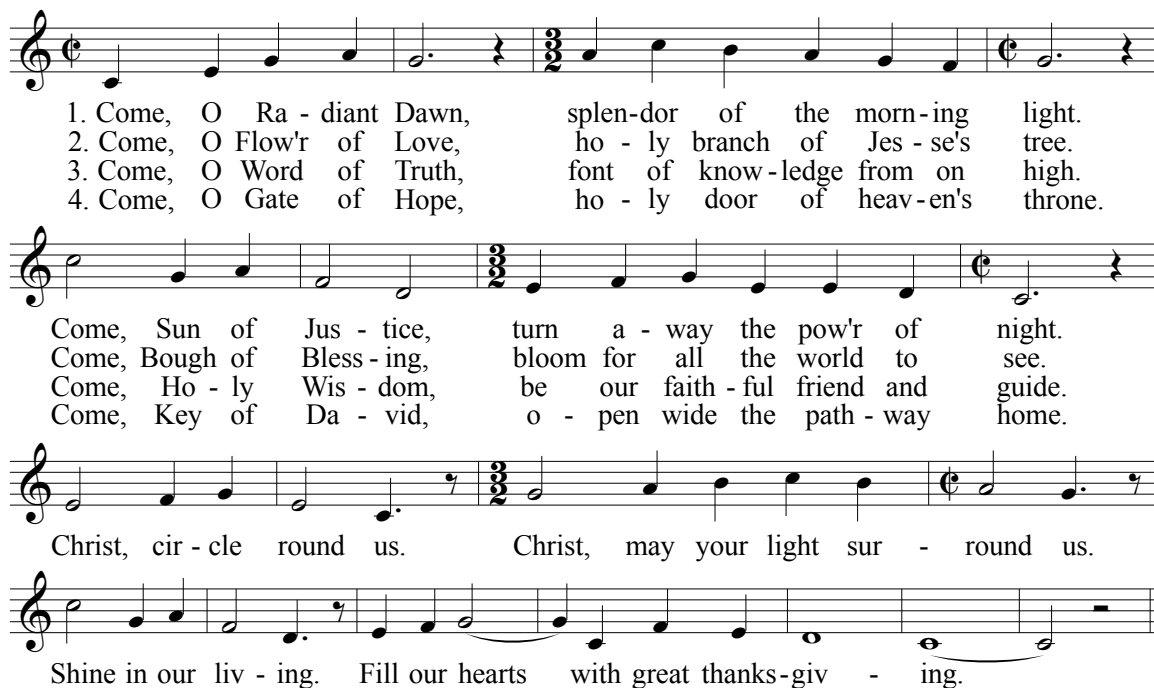
Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Entrance Song

Christ Circle Round Us

Schutte



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen - dor of the morn - ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's throne.

Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.
Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see.
Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.
Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home.

Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.

Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks - giv - ing.

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

Cantor

Kyrie eleison

All

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."

Psalm

Psalm 25

Haugen



Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior. *Ref.*

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble. *Ref.*

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word,
who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy. *Ref.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"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 like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Homily

Greg Celio, S.J.

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.

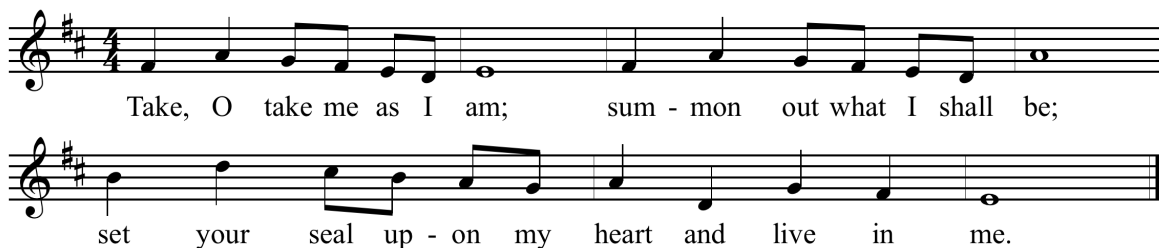
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom 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.

Dismissal

(5:30) *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Bell



Offertory Song

Now The Heavens Start To Whisper

SUO GAN/Bringle

Now the heavens start to whisper as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within:
Seed of promise, deeply planted, Christ to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.

Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day.
Christ, the morning star of splendor, gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome him.

Christ, eternal sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
Come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast hid from view:
Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.

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

Come, O Lord, And Set Us Free

Dameans



1. Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.
Near to us now, God's saving love for those who believe. *Ref.*

2. Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice. *Ref.*

3. Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace. *Ref.*

Recessional

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

MORNING SONG/Brownlie



1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks. When
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To suf - fer and to die, But
3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past; O
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By wea - ry saints fore - told, When
5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings. Hail,



beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
haste the ris - ing of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
right shall tri - umph o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
Christ, the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

LGBTQ: It's All About Love

Holiday Edition

Welcome back. As the rainy season settles in and days get shorter, it's time to get cozy, have a cuppa, and listen to each other's stories. The holidays can be challenging and may bring special challenges for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. With Thanksgiving here and Christmas approaching we'll focus this column on gay families and the holidays.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-3 "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Telling Our Stories

by Troy Kaser and Tee Earls

Tee first met my family when they visited Seattle over Thanksgiving in 1999 – and I introduced him as my roommate. Over time, as we shared our story and relationship more broadly, we evolved from spending our holidays apart to alternating holiday visits, as a couple, with each other's families. Extended family members each took their own journey towards acceptance of our relationship, not necessarily fully understanding and certainly not



without speed bumps or the occasional controversy. But ultimately, they chose to walk alongside us.

Fast forward and, finally having the right to be civilly married, we started our own family through open adoption. We were selected by each of our two children's birth parents to raise them. We now live an incredibly mundane but beautiful family life where our concerns are focused on feeding the kids balanced meals and getting back-and-forth from soccer practices.

I'm uncomfortable comparing our goofball family to the Holy Family, but there is inspiration in their story. Mary braved the truth of the incarnation at risk of possible rejection by Joseph. Joseph gave himself fully to be Jesus' adopted father. Joseph and Mary even took Jesus to the equivalent of Sunday School, although the lessons weren't over Zoom. I wonder if Jesus, as an eight-year-old, struggled to pay attention as much as my son does?

One of the most beautiful parts of our family is how we have benefited from open adoption, which means we remain in close contact with our children's biological families. These birth parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and even great grandparents have accepted us more fully than we ever expected and are kind and generous to our whole family in beautiful ways. As a result, I've been given the opportunity to understand "family" in a more robust and inspiring sense than I ever would have anticipated.

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So, as you look around your Thanksgiving or Christmas table this year, I have two requests. First, think about who might be hiding a story they aren't sure if it's safe to share. How can you create a safe and loving environment for someone who is different, like each of us are, and allow them to feel welcome and included? The other is to take stock in the inevitable imperfections and irregularities of family life and, with a sense of true peace, count them as blessings that reveal both our true humanity and what we have in common with Jesus and his journey here on Earth.

Troy Kaser and Tee Earls have been parishioners since they moved back to Seattle in 2011 and are raising two elementary school age children, Erick and Aubrie.

Chosen Families- Not all LGBTQ folks are accepted by their birth families. Some have been told to get out and never come back. Some have been shunned not only by their parents, but also siblings and their entire extended family. Some parents have refused to acknowledge a beloved partner. Sometimes, family invitations continue, but the partner is specifically excluded. LGBTQ weddings can be ignored or seen as sinful. Funerals are especially painful when the deceased's family refuses to acknowledge a gay spouse or partner.

In the midst of judgment and rejection by families of origin, the desire for loving and welcoming families is very real and important. Hence, the concept of "chosen families." A friend told me "It's pretty simple. I choose to celebrate with people who love and accept me. People I like, who are like me. Gay people can pick who we want for family. I bet lots of people wish they could do that."

Chosen family does not mean substitute family. Chosen families are committed to each other, build their own traditions and ways of celebrating. Chosen families are all about love.

A friend I worked with told me about spending Thanksgivings with his chosen family in a house in the Alpine Lakes near Leavenworth. Together, they baked pies and rolls and cooked a turkey dinner with each one making his favorite side dish. They had leftovers to last through the weekend and hiked for hours. He told me about this the week after their 9th annual Thanksgiving in the mountains.

A group of friends I knew (a gay male couple, a lesbian couple and a straight couple) became each other's chosen local family. Each had loving family elsewhere but they celebrated holidays together at each other's homes. They explored the Northwest (Mt. St. Helens, the Olympic Coast, Port Townsend), cooking together, taking long walks, and always a big puzzle going on the dining table. They were part of each other's weddings - gay and straight - and saw each other through joy and sorrow, jobs and children, illness and death.

Holidays are about celebrating with family. All kinds of families- extended traditional families, nuclear families, blended families, chosen families, adopted families. All are part of God's family. All are children of God.

Popular culture

Make it a rainbow holiday! Glitter! Paper and scissors and magic markers! Origami! Shrinky Dink! Unicorns! Make rainbow place cards for the big feast! Fancy cookies! ~ Written by Chris Galloway





By Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS; Liturgy Planning Team; Arts and Environment Team

I am recalling Advent 2020. We made a great effort to bring light and life into our church as the pandemic raged around us. And while we are still struggling with Covid, grieving our losses and coping with our anxieties, we again look to the light and begin our new liturgical year. We prepare the way of the Lord.

Our Advent Wreath, that great evergreen circle with its four candles, is hung in the center of our worship space as our focal point. I did not know that those candles had names! In order of lighting, they are:

The Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The Bethlehem Candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph coming to the place where Jesus would be born. It represents love.

The Shepherds Candle is pink, or rose-colored and it represents joy. The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally named Gaudete/Rejoicing Sunday. That name comes from the the opening prayer where we pray, "Rejoice in the Lord always..."

The Angels Candle represents peace for the angels who sang of peace at Jesus' birth.

Hope. Love. Joy. Peace. All in an eternal circle. Good things to keep in mind as we make our way through Advent toward the birth of the Lord at Christmas.

At Home with the Word - Pick Up Your Copy Today!

We have purchased several hundred copies of the book "At Home with the Word" published by LTP (Liturgy Training Publications). This is a wonderful resource that contains all the Sunday readings for the coming liturgical year. It guides you to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing insights from Scripture scholars, pastoral reflections, and action steps. The book also includes prayers and citations for the weekday readings.

Please feel free to pick one up in the vestibule. You can make an optional donation to defray the cost of the books by dropping it in the donation box or using the Dip Jar in the vestibule. (Suggested donation is \$10.)



Welcome the Newly Baptized

Francesca Regina Pacini
Oscar O'Brien Nelson
Zoe Jeanne Simmer
Eloise Ai-Linh Chu

FAITH JUSTICE

Giving Tree

St. Joe's Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree program kicked off this week! Each gift you donate helps one of our [Outreach Partners](#) serve those in need in our community. Stop by the church take a tag from the tree in our vestibule, or go online and sign up at our virtual giving tree site. Either option is helpful - we are going 50/50 hybrid this year!

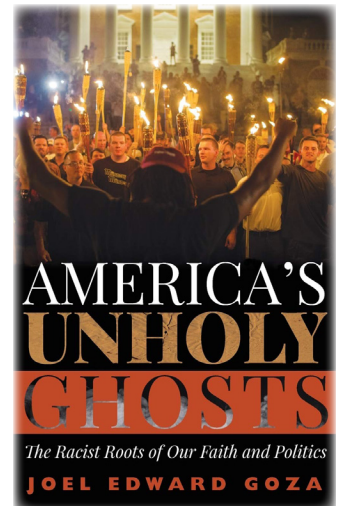
Sign up online at signup.com/go/jxKxWtG Please drop off all gifts, unwrapped, by 4pm on Tuesday, December 14th in the church vestibule kitchen (there will be a shelf marked for Giving Tree gifts).

Racial Justice Book Group - December 8th

Please join us Wednesday, December 8 at 7pm on Zoom for a discussion of *America's Unholy Ghosts* by Joel Edward Goza. It examines the DNA of the ideologies that shape our nation, ideologies that too often justify and perpetuate racist ideas and racial inequalities. *Ghosts* examines a philosophical "trinity"--Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and Adam Smith--whose works collectively helped to institutionalize, imagine, and ingrain racist ideologies into the hearts and minds of the American people.

As time passed, America's racial imagination evolved to form people incapable of recognizing their addiction to racist ideas. *Ghosts* comes to a close with the brilliant faith and politics of Martin Luther King, Jr. who sought to write the conscience of the Prophetic Black Church onto American hearts, minds, and laws. (From Goodreads.)

Please contact racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org to receive the Zoom link.



Nurturing Roots Updates

Our NR-St. Joseph Anti-Racism Partnership is alive and well! They have been capturing more content recently about their space and updates about the farm. [Here is one](#) about the greenhouse and the special shout out to the parish: <https://youtu.be/XRveJo398Z4>

The parts for the replacement greenhouse (the one that blew down) are scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks. We are targeting late January or early February to amass another construction crew for assembly, and are hoping to connect with both parish groups and the school by March 2 for 40 days of growing veggie starts.

Want to get involved? Email markp@stjosephparish.org.

Becoming Anti-Racist: National Native Heritage Month and Thanksgiving

Learn (and unlearn) how to give thanks in a good way

"November is National Native Heritage Month. It is also the month of the traditional Thanksgiving holiday. Let's begin to understand the real story of Thanksgiving and the complex history undergirding this event in relation to Indigenous people. The path to reconciliation starts with honest acknowledgement of our past, with open eyes, and open hearts for a better future. It is time for us to be in good relation with one another. We can do that by learning and unlearning how to give thanks in a good way." - *All My Relations Podcast* Nov. 20, 2020

Listen to this [November 20th, 2020 episode](#) from the podcast "*All My Relations*." Native hosts talk with Wampanoag scholars Paula Peters and Linda Coombs, who tell us the real story of Thanksgiving, from an Indigenous Perspective. www.allmyrelationspodcast.com

Watch the [Thanksgiving Address](#). It is the central prayer and invocation for the Haudenosaunee (also known as the Iroquois Confederacy or Six Nations). It reflects their relationship of giving thanks for life and the world around them. The Haudenosaunee open and close every social and religious meeting with the Thanksgiving Address.

It is also said as a daily sunrise prayer, and is an ancient message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth and her inhabitants. The children learn that, according to Native American tradition, people everywhere are embraced as family. Our diversity, like all wonders of Nature, is truly a gift for which we are thankful. <https://danceforallpeople.com/haudenosaunee-thanksgiving-address/haudenosaunee-thanksgiving-address-20/>



Honor the National Day of Mourning

An annual tradition since 1970, Indigenous people & their allies have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the US Thanksgiving holiday. It is a solemn, spiritual, and highly political day. We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action...It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection, as well as a protest against the racism and oppression that Indigenous people continue to experience worldwide. <http://www.uaine.org>.

Some [simple, impactful things you can do](#) to help combat Native erasure this holiday:

Celebrate Indigenous cuisine. Add [one of these recipes](#) from Indigenous chefs to your Thanksgiving spread, with a focus on local, sustainable ingredients.

Speak about Native peoples in a respectful way. Look over this [Do and Don't guide](#) for allies, and use it to start conversations with your friends.

Learn Native History. Read [The Wampanoag Side of the Story](#), a three-page article.

Acknowledge whose land you're on at this very moment. Enter your zip code to find out whose traditional territories you're residing on. Take a minute to learn more about them and honor their enduring relationship to the land. native-land.ca/resources/territory-acknowledgement/

Support Native-lead initiatives. Read the article [Congress: It's Time to Pass the Indian Boarding School Legislation Now](#) then sign the [Petition](#) to "Form a National Truth and Healing Commission, Now."

For Kids

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp, Irwin Printup Jr. (illustrator)

Giving Thanks is a special children's version of the Thanksgiving Address, a message of gratitude that originated with the Native people of upstate New York and Canada and that is still spoken at ceremonial gatherings held by the Iroquois, or Six Nations.



Holiday Placemat for Indigenous Justice

The Duwamish Tribe has created a placemat with reminders and actions that you can take to advocate for justice for Indigenous Peoples this holiday season. You can print out your own full-size placemats for you and your family here: <https://www.realrentduwamish.org/holiday-placemat.html>



Sister Parish Update

The Sister Parish Committee met virtually with Padre Colato, the new priest at San Bartolome in Arcatao, and has this report for St. Joe's:

The transition between Padre Miguel and Padre Colato is complete. Padre Colato is now the Parish priest, although Padre Miguel remains present in the community. Padre Colato served in Arcatao from 1992 to 1998, and returning this year, he has observed that the realities are significantly different. Beginning with the peace accords in 1992, there began a reconstruction of the social fabric, helping people to re-engage in day-to-day life. Housing was a huge focus. It was a time of repair and rebuilding of the community and the community came together.

However, fast forward to 2021, and amidst the pandemic, the situation is fragile and vulnerable. There are crises in health and finance. The economy is hurting. The changes in the political system haven't been able to reach expectations. Houses are empty. Migration to the city and to the United States has escalated.

Now, there is both physical and intellectual migration, creating division. The community is divided; their group is divided. They are trying to combat false impressions and falsehoods about migrating, both to the city and to the United States.

But even with this new reality, the Jesuits are still appreciated. They are seen as companions and the historical memory of the role of the Jesuits is strong. There is a feeling of solidarity coming from the Jesuits. The people are keeping the connection and appreciate the Jesuits.

Padre Colato is committed to following the dictates of the Diocese and the Jesuit philosophy:

Conocer - to know; *Escuchar* - to listen; *Acompañar* - to be with the people

We ended the meeting with a discussion of how our parishes can pray together and continue to be in solidarity.

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH



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Stewardship Month













Our Parish Stewardship Renewal is coming to a close, and we are grateful to those who have returned their Parish Stewardship Yearly Commitment Renewal Card. Your gift to your parish supports our many ministries, parish operational costs, and helps our parish continue its mission to build up the Body of Christ.

So far, we only have only recieved about 20% of pledge cards back, and are still a bit away from reaching our goal of 100% commitment cards. But of the pledges we've recieved, the response has been amazing! 88% of households have increased their gift! If you can make a commitment, please make your pledge today by filling out the commitment card, set up an online donation at www.osvhub.com/stjosephparish/funds or email stewardship@stjosephparish.org to complete your pledge. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have ANY questions: maryw@stjosephparish.org

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2021 Environmental Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>November 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>In Laudato Si', Pope Francis calls us toward sustainability. This Advent, register your family to join the LaudatoSiAction Platform.org.</p>	<p>November 29</p> <p>Advent is a time of preparation. Learn about environmental ethics with Fr. James Martin at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIqFTYlc4&t=2s</p>	<p>November 30</p>  <p>Meditate on God's creation. Breathe in, and receive God's wonders. Breathe out, and say thanks for those wonders.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>Pray. Set a time every day to pray as a family, thanking God for the gifts of creation and praying for its care.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Advocate! Urge your elected officials to work for a sustainable future and talk to your family about caring for God's creation.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>It can difficult to talk about the climate crisis. Early Jewish houses engaged in constructive conflict while still maintaining close relationships. Today, have that conversation.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>God's creation reveals itself often in silence. As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God's glory in nature.</p>
<p>5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Decorate a Tree for Birds Place suet, pinecones with peanut butter, and seed trays on a tree in your yard. This is great for kids.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Today is the memorial of St. Nicholas. He was a 4th century bishop known for his generosity to the poor.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>We remember those who died in 1941 in Pearl Harbor. Pray for the victims of all wars, and for the fullness of God's peace to come into our world.</p>	<p>8 Immaculate Conception</p> <p><i>Mother Mary, we are in need of your immaculate gaze. Help us to look upon all of Creation with respect and awareness.</i></p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Use heat mindfully. Turn your thermostat to 65°F or lower at night, and to 63° when away from home. Invest in space heaters.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Outdoor Mini-Lights Can Save Energy A 100-light string uses only 40 watts. For the most efficient outdoor holiday lighting, consider solar LED strings.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Save water. Take shorter showers, only do laundry when you have a full load, and turn off water when brushing your teeth, etc.</p>
<p>12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p><i>Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!</i> (Phil 4:4) How can you include Creation in your Advent rejoicing today?</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Make today a Meatless Monday. In Genesis, God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth. They will be yours for food."</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Host a Christmas fundraiser for a local food bank. Food banks can turn donated dollars into more meals because they can buy groceries at reduced cost.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Reuse and repurpose! Instead of buying wrapping paper, reuse old gift wrap, bags or boxes. Be creative—shoe boxes and brown bags work great!</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Stop relying on single-use plastic water bottles. Invest in a reusable water bottle. While you're at it, give reusable water bottles as gifts!</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>'Tis the season for good food. Try not to overindulge this holiday, and to live a little more lightly.</p> 
<p>19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>God's creation reveals itself often in silence. As Christmas approaches, use this time to behold God's glory in nature.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>If you want to wash the winter grime off your car, take it to a commercial car wash. Commercial car washes are required to treat their dirty wash water.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Today is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year. Turn off lights when you leave a room. Start using LED light bulbs.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>A small oil leak has a big impact on your car and our creeks, rivers, & Puget Sound. Every drop means a shorter lifespan for your car. Oil is toxic to people, wildlife, & plants.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Plant something. Plant a garden, tree and/or plants native to western Washington in your yard.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Mary is troubled when the angel Gabriel tells her she will conceive. She is instructed, "Be not afraid." Like Mary, may we be open to God, as we face the climate crisis.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Celebrate Christmas Day with a peaceful walk through nature. Plan to go before Christmas dinner while everyone still has lots of energy.</p>

St. Joe's wishes you & your loved ones a Merry Christmas!

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