He ascended on high...
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 17, 2015

Reflection Next Week:
Tara Suchland

Readings for May 24, 2015
FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-7, 12-13
GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center

Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

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Summer Mass Time Change
Please note that our Mass times will change for the summer on June 21, 2015 to one Mass on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Saturday Mass at 5:00 pm and Sunday evening Mass at 5:30 pm will stay the same. Please join us!

As One Who Labors

236. Third Point: This is to consider how God works and labors for me in all creatures upon the face of the earth, that is, He conducts Himself as one who labors. Thus, in the heavens, the elements, the plants, the fruits, the cattle, etc., He gives being, conserves them, confers life and sensation, etc.

Then I will reflect upon myself, and consider, according to all reason and justice, what I ought to offer the Divine Majesty.

-Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola-

In the first chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, the disciples of Jesus—still, after forty days, stunned by his resurrected presence among them—gather on a hill outside of Jerusalem, eagerly anticipating what the glorified Christ might now do. They ask him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” For us, as for the first readers of Acts, this question seems hopelessly naive and foolish, a vain desire for the glorified Jesus to solve all their problems and establish the kind of kingdom they always imagined the Scriptures promised to the Jews. But, instead of answering the question, Jesus gently rebuffs them, telling them that such knowledge is not for them; and then, instead of establishing his kingdom, he tells them that they will receive power, and it will be their mission to go to the ends of the earth as his witnesses to the nations. And as they stand, dumbfounded and disappointed, gazing at the sky, he departs from them: no kingdom, no answers, no payoff for all their hopes. He is just gone.

This year, as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension, I have thought much of those disciples, of their desires and their feelings, and I have begun to question my sense of them as merely foolish men, easily dismissed, who seek only their own reward. I wonder, now, if their desire for the restoration of Israel is not something more than simplistic nationalism, something more
than their petty desire to get a little power for themselves, now that their friend, Jesus, has conquered even death. I imagine them, gathered on that hill, remembering all that they had gone through: the poverty in which most of them had been raised, the insecurity of life under foreign occupation, the friends and family who had died from minor diseases or tragic accidents, the hope that had led them from home and family to follow this new prophet, the wonder of the healings and the miracle of the loaves, the experience of a traitorous friend and of watching the one they loved taken and killed as they huddled in fear, the glory—and, I imagine, embarrassment—of seeing him again alive. How confusing it all must have seemed, and how much they must have desired a final resolution, desired to see the great plan of God that would make this confusion and loss, this wonder and sacrifice meaningful.

Perhaps the question they were truly asking was less about getting their share, then it was about discovering why they had had to suffer so much, and what it all meant. In asking Jesus if he was to restore the kingdom, perhaps what they were really asking was: “Now can we see why God has done all this? Now can it all make sense?” That is a question I understand. That is a question I know.

It seems, these days, that I am sometimes as confused as the apostles on the hillside, and as anxious to know how this all makes sense. I feel not only sad, but befuddled by God, longing to yell out, “Why don’t you fix this? Why do you let this happen?” And, with so many others, I pray for Christ to give me an answer: as the photos of devastation and death come from Nepal or as friends gather to pray for word of two missing daughters; as I read of drownings in the Mediterranean, or encounter a veteran of Iraq begging in front of QFC because of the war from which he cannot return; as I hear of drought in California, or of widening extinctions in the jungles of Brazil and Uruguay; as I hold the hand of one who has lost a child to cancer, or sit in the presence of a spouse watching her marriage slowly unwind. In so many moments, I long for the all-powerful God to act, to explain, to restore the kingdom, to heal this world, whose pain and loss seem to make no sense.

This longing to understand, and our belief that understanding could somehow bring peace, is deep within us as human beings. For God—the omnipotent, the omniscient, the almighty—God must have a plan for all this! And the earthquakes and droughts, the wars and displacements, the divorce and disease and destruction must somehow make sense within that greater plan; unless God is a sadist, or a tyrant, or powerless, or false. And in the silence of God, we stand gazing at the sky, wondering when our answer will come, unable to see that the only answer we will ever receive has already been given to us.

In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the silence of God is overcome by presence, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we receive the fullness of God’s own being. This presence, this being, this self-emptying love, given to us in Jesus, is the answer to our longings, even if it is not the answer to the questions we think we desire. For Jesus comes, as the poet, Paul Claudel, says: “not to explain away suffering, or to remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.” So it is, that only in looking at Jesus, can we begin to find, not an answer to our suffering, but a movement through it, not the secret of God’s plan, but the process of our own redemption. And what we find in Jesus is that our redemption comes in living with love more than in knowing with certainty. It comes not when we comprehend the world through intellect, but when we lift the world into our own weak arms. The answer to suffering is not God’s explanation of the divine plan, but the on-going work of the Spirit by which each one of us comes to embrace the suffering planet with the very love of God. What Jesus shows us, and what he leaves us, is the revelation of a God laboring in the world to build the kingdom, and an invitation to us to join the work.

We are God’s own people, called to share in the labor of the Spirit at the side of Jesus; called to be coworkers for the kingdom; call to become the unity which alone is the answer to suffering in our world. May we begin today.

John 20

WELCOME!

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form. Should you have any question whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at stewardship@stjosephparish.org, or 206.965.1654.

Are you interested in finding out more about St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Church? Whether you are baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, or are a former Catholic pondering a return to the Church, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the many possibilities. Find out more—with no strings attached—by calling Fr. Glen at 206-965-1643, or email gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
3. Christ, for us still intercede, Alleluia!
4. There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!

To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
By your suffering for us plead, Alleluia!
Partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Make us worthy of the place, Alleluia!
There your face unclouded see, Alleluia!

Now ascends the highest heav'n, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!
Which you offer us by grace, Alleluia!
Live with you eternally, Alleluia!

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;
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

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47

Sing praise to our king, sing praise:
for God is king of all the earth.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you
to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing
with one another through love, striving to preserve the
unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body
and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope
of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God
and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the mea-
sure of Christ’s gift. Therefore, it says: He ascended on
high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.
What does “he ascended” mean except that he also
descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one
who descended is also the one who ascended far above
all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others
as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip
the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the
body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and
knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to
the extent of the full stature of Christ.
Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Reflection

Grace Nelson

Renewal Of Baptismal Promises

Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Offertory Songs

Dwelling Place (5 & 11)

John Foley, S.J.
Prayer over the Offerings
Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue
Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Text: Ascendit Deus in jubilatione et Dominus in voce tubae, Alleluia.
Translation: Our God has gone up midst jubilation and joy, and Christ the Lord to the sound of the trumpet.
Mystery of Faith

Storrington Mass
Marty Haugen

Great Amen

Storrington Mass
Marty Haugen

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace
Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

Lamb of God

Storrington Mass
Marty Haugen

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

If you have a gluten allergy, & need a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.

Communion Songs

Hail Thee, Festival Day! #450  Fortunatus/Vaughan Williams

Take and Eat #831  Joncas

Hail thee, festi-val day! Blest day that art hal-lowed for ev-er;
Day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king-dom of death.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood gi-ven up for you.

After you receive Communion, you may kneel or sit if desired until the ciborium is returned to the tabernacle.

Song Of Praise

Go To the World - SINE NOMINE (5&11)  Vaughan Williams/Dunstan

1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev -'ry place.
3. Go to the world! Go strug-ge, bless and pray. The
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For

preach the cross where Christ re-new's life's worth, Bap-
nights of tears give way to joy-ous day. As
I am with you till the age shall end, When

tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth. Al -
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
Go to the Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
a - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:00 AM  Mass
10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join Us!
11:00 AM  Mass
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body In Prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body In Prayer
6:00 PM  Pathfinders Youth Group
7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

We Are St. Joseph Events
Save The Dates!
Sounders Game - August 30th
Parish Picnic - September 20th
Epiphany Dinner - January 10th

Blessing and Dismissal
Intrumental

Halleluya, We Sing Your Praises  
South African

1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am
faith, free of doubt, to proclaim the joyful Gospel.

2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in
wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
Liturgy and Worship

Sacred Silence
A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Peace Days for Women
"The Road to Emmaus" led by Sister Carmel Little, CSJP

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. We encourage you to carpool.

To register or for more information contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

The Rosary At St. Joseph
St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who’ve prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

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

Prayer Tree
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For the health challenges facing Emilie, Gloria, Maggie, Michael and Scott . . .
For Kathryn to find a position in the medical field near her home . . . For students who are taking end of the school year tests . . . For Camille and Nicholas’s journey.

“...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.”
~ John 14:16, 17

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

Days of Contemplative Prayer for Women and Men
Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP and Kwan Wong, Oblate OSB Cam.

Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Free-will offering.
If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 am for an introduction. To register or for more information, contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org
Seniors On The Go

Thursday, May 21st - Senior Outing to Bainbridge Island, 10am – 4pm. Enjoy a ferry ride, visit the ART and Historical Museum, eat lunch and stroll through the shops. Transportation provided, lunch is on your own. To sign up call Renee at 324-2522 ext 100.

Thursday, May 21st - Senior Potluck has been cancelled.

Friday, June 5th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center. Parish is providing baked salmon, barbecue chicken and beverages. Everyone invited to bring a dessert, salad or side dish to share. For details contact Dolores Dorn at 322-2259 or Mary Ott at 324-7459.

Friday, June 12th - Seniors Planning Meeting, 11 am to 12. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Outings - Stay tuned for details

Wednesday, June 24th - Trip to LaConner and Swinomish Reservation.

Saturday July 25th – Scottish Highland Games – King County Fairgrounds/Enunclaw

Friday, August 14th - Snoqualmie Railroad Days

Camp Gallagher Update

Did you or your teens ever attend beautiful Camp Gallagher on the South Puget Sound? Did attending Gallagher deepen your relationship with God, nature and others? Find out what is happening today to the camp by visiting the website www.campgallagher.org or attending one of the upcoming meeting, Saturday, May 30, 10 am – 12 @ St. Joseph Parish.

Young Adult Ministry

Softball

Join our Young Adult Softball Team! Games are on Mondays or Thursday nights throughout summer, starting in early June and running through mid-August, and always a ton of fun. We will coordinate carpools and happy hours together after games too! Feel free to invite your friends to join our team as well! Registration is $30. For more information email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

NIGHT AT THE MARINERS!

Friday May 29th vs. Cleveland Indians 7:05pm
Pre-function gathering TBD.
Fireworks show after the game
Tickets are only $11.00
To purchase tickets online go to our website
www.stjosephparish.org
Under Young Adult Community
Deadline is Wednesday May 14th.
For more information email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org, or contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters of all abilities and even beginners. We would love for anyone interested to join the Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry and help us continue our ministry of providing shawls and blankets to those in need of healing and prayer. Our next gathering will be Thursday, June 4th from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please join us and if you are a new knitter or crocheter we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenifferrothmeyer@hotmail.com

Women’s Ministry

Coffee Connect

Please join our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Group Coffee Connect to sip and socialize Saturday, May 23rd at Tulley’s on 19th & Aloha, 10 -11 am. Call Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.
JOIN US

Resource Fair for Adult Children & Their Aging Loved Ones

Sunday May 31st 10 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph's Parish Hall
732 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112

Meet 20+ local resources dedicated to serving seniors and their adult children. Assisted Living, Memory Care, Independent Living, Geriatric Care Management, Home Care, Placement Services, Senior Moving Experts, Senior Transitions Real Estate Expert, Medical Services, Alzheimer's Association, Art & Fitness Programs, Counseling Programs, Home Health, Hospice, Long Term Care Insurance Specialist, Hearing Speech & Deafness Center, and much more.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Newcomers are Welcomed at St. Joseph!

On Cinco de Mayo, new parishioners of St. Joseph gathered to mingle and get to know one another at our inaugural MEET, GREET, AND EAT event. Over 35 adults and 10 children dined on chicken and cheese enchiladas, guacamole, and Mexican churros courtesy of El Farol Mexican Restaurant. St. Joseph staff introduced themselves and encouraged folks new to our parish community to get involved in a ministry. We sat around tables and shared stories and laughs.

If you are new to the parish and missed this event, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a future gathering. We’ve scheduled the next 3 MEET, GREET, AND EATS for the following **dates from 6-8 pm:**
- Tuesday, October 27, 2015
- Tuesday, January 26, 2016
St. Joseph’s Parish Weekend Men’s Retreat

Resurrection:
Opening Up to the Gift of New Life

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation and fellowship
Leadership Team includes: Mike Burgess, Rob Carroll, Brian DesRoches, Vince Herberholt, Fisher Key, Fr. Pat O’Leary SJ and Dave Spicer

Friday, May 29, 7:30 pm – Sunday, May 31, 12:00 pm

Dumas Bay Centre

3200 SW Dash Point Rd., Federal Way, WA 98023
$160 registration includes lodging and meals (Saturday Breakfast – Sunday Breakfast)
Partial Scholarships are available.

We need a minimum of 20 guys to go and a maximum of 35 participants.
Sign up is on a first come, first pay basis.
Accommodations are simple and rustic! Bring a sleeping bag or bedding.
All participants must be 21 or older.

For more information and to register contact:
Dn. Steve Wodzanowski | stevew@stjosephparish.org | 206-965-1646
Our Community

Annual Catholic Appeal: Call to Action!

Each day—through homilies and e-blasts; through Children’s Faith Formation and Women's Ministry; through our companionship with Martin de Porres and Westside Baby—the Parish community at St. Joseph seeks to embrace with mercy all of God's beloved people. We seek to be the Church we are meant to be: open to the world, welcoming to all, challenging and challenged by the Gospel.

The Annual Catholic Appeal—in which the People of God at St. Joseph support the ministries and communities of the Archdiocese—is central to our achieving this vision of mercy that goes beyond the doors of our church. Our gifts to the ACA support Youth Programs and assist Senior Priests; they are investments in Lay Ecclesial Ministry and evangelistic outreach; they help sustain the Sisters' Retirement Fund and multicultural ministries; they are the foundation of many good works done in the Chancery, and an important dimension of Catholic Community Services.

Through this one gift, each of us and all of us embrace those whom the rest of the world so often overlooks. This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is $143,986. A significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. While it is important to note that if we do not raise this amount through the ACA campaign we must make up the difference through our ordinary income, our hope is that this community will show itself ready to help both the local and the larger Church. Our witness, so important to Catholics throughout this region, relies upon each person's willingness to act as part of this community.

P.S. We are aware that some would prefer not to give directly to the Archdiocese. Please know that you may also support the ACA with a gift to St. Joseph Parish, noting that it is given in lieu of your gift to the ACA. We will then send a single check, with these gifts, to the Archdiocese, noting any reasons you may wish us to pass along. Our strong desire is that you give for the good work to be done, but that you also feel comfortable in that gift.

To make your ACA gift directly to the Seattle Archdiocese: donate online to http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org or submit your completed ACA envelope in any of the weekly collections.

To make your ACA gift through St. Joseph Parish: go to www.stjosephparish.org, or submit your gift during Mass or at the Parish Center, noting on the gift that it is for the ACA, but you do not want your gift information shared.

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past and today, THANK YOU!
CFF Sunday School Thank Yous

For those who do not know, we have a great team of folks who teach our young parishioners each Sunday from October to May. Today, May 17, is the last day of the 2014-2015 Sunday School year. Please help me thank the dedicated volunteers who have made this year’s program such a beautiful, inspiring, and caring place for our children to find God in themselves, each other, and the world: Childcare leader Dawn Gomez, CFF preK teacher Dawn Perkins, CFFK teacher Julie Tilghman, CFF1 teacher Monica Alquist, CFF2 teacher Viki Lawton, CFF3/4 teacher Jennifer Rothmeyer, CFF5/6 teacher Fiona Lockyer, CFF Jr. High teachers Linda Chavez and Peter Heymann.

We also have a fantastic group of youth helpers who step in to assist the adult teachers: Alana, Calli, Victoria, Amelia, Vivian, Kevin, Josie, Sara, Mary, Analise, and Zachariah.

Note for Parents: please continue to check the bulletin and our website for 2015-2016 registration information for CFF and Confirmation classes. Thanks!

CYO FALL 2015

SOCCER K-8
CROSS-COUNTRY K-8

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Soccer DEADLINE: June 19, 2015
Cross-country deadline: Sept 15, 2015

Soccer fee: $55
Cross-country fee: $15

Register online:

Soccer - http://www.stjosephsea.org/soccer
Cross-country - http://www.stjosephsea.org/cross-country

Kids participating in both soccer and cross-country will need to register separately for each.

Remember: Register your child for the grade s/he will be entering in FALL 2015.
Questions: Contact Meg Wolfe: mtwolfe@stjosephsea.org

Adult Faith Formation Committee

Spiritual growth continues throughout our lifetimes. New experiences - new stages of life, new jobs, new relationships, new challenges, new graces - come our way as long as we’re alive and open to the movements of the Holy Spirit.

As a Jesuit parish, St. Joseph has a long tradition of nurturing and fostering our openness to new life and our call to discern the way forward. Many, if not all of our ministries are imbued with Ignatian Spirituality and the desire to find God at work in all aspects of our lives, both personally and as a community of faith.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Adult Faith Formation Committee, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.
Opportunity To Serve St. Francis House

Approximately 9,000 people in King County are homeless, living in shelters, under freeways, in doorways and in cars. They are men, women and children. Veterans, the mentally ill and the unlucky. Then there are the thousands and thousands of working poor in the Seattle area who are barely scraping by. St. Francis House is established in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi to be a presence in Seattle, to serve those in need and to inspire simplicity and charity in its volunteers and those they serve. Every weekend at Mass we invite those children and adults from our parish who’ve brought food to donate to come to the altar and place it in the basket.

Starting Mon, June 22 through September 30, help is needed at St. Joseph Parish Center sorting the weekend food collection for Francis House. This volunteer opportunity would occur EVERY OTHER MONDAY MORNING for about 1 hour and is an easy way to satisfy required service hours.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mary Ott at ottjim4@gmail.com or 206-324-7459.

Noel House

Noel House Programs provide safe, comfortable shelter to a diverse community of homeless women, particularly those most vulnerable. We strive to create an environment of dignity, respect and compassion. We recognize the intrinsic value of each person and honor her unique experience. Volunteers needed with monthly dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month. 8-10 volunteers go to the shelter and serve prepared dinner to the ladies and then offer conversation over the dining experience. We are also collecting the following items: Trash bags, coffee/tea, blankets, paper cups/towels, silverware and dish soap. Contact Sue Georgulas at sgeorgulas@gmail.com

Donations Needed

SPRING CLEANING? GOT SOMETHING TO DISCARD? DONATE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Consider donating to the Pregnancy & Parenting Support (PPS) program for our Yard Sale on June 13, 2015!

We are currently accepting donations for our 1st Annual Yard Sale, and would gladly receive some of your new or gently used items. We accept clothing, bedding, toys, household items, kitchen stuff, wall hangings, jewelry, video consoles/games, small appliances, and furniture. Please leave your donations in the box at designated CCS Offices.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A CHANGE PARTNER!!

For more information on PPS programs, visit our website at www.ccsww.org or Facebook at Pregnancy & Parenting Support. Call 206-707-1501, or drop off donations at 4250 S. Mead Street, Seattle 98118.

Sister Parish Planning Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 31ST - 6:45 - 8:30 PM
PARISH CENTER

Please join us for a time to strategize next steps in our sister parish relationship with San Bartolome in Arcatao, El Salvador. This summer we have a Youth Delegation going down from our parish and we hope to initiate a conversation about bringing a delegation up from El Salvador in the next year. We especially want to invite new parishioners. Pizza provided. Bring a salad, dessert or beverage of choice to share. RSVP appreciated. For more information contact Daniel Stoner at danielppd@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.
The truth is not grasped as a thing; the truth is encountered.
It is not a possession; it is an encounter with a person.

-Pope Francis-

Liturical Ministers Blessing

With thanks for all those whose ministry
brings the truth of the liturgy
to the members of the St. Joseph Community,
we invite you to be blessed on the Solemnity of Pentecost.
At each mass, following communion,
liturgical ministers will be invited to stand for a blessing.

Ministers of the Word - Lectors & Preachers
Ministers of the Table - Eucharistic Ministers & Servers
Ministers of Hospitality - Ushers
Ministers of Music - Choir, Cantors, and Accompanists.

Please come and be blessed for the ways you bless us all!
May 23rd & May 24th