



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, March 13, 2022 \*Second Sunday of Lent\* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

- Lk 9:34-35



## 2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 13, 2022

**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 March 20, 2022

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:20-4:1

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28B-36

PREACHING & PRESIDING: MATTHEW PYRC, S.J.

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Every Friday During Lent: 11:00 am **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday March 19: 10am –12 pm **Synodal Zoom Listening Session #2**

Thursday March 24: 6:30-8:30pm **Synodal In-Person Listening Session #2**

Wednesday March 30: 7pm **Lent Communal Reconciliation Service**

Sunday April 10: 9, 11 and 5:30pm **Palm/Passion Masses**

Thursday April 14: 7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday April 15: 2:15pm **Stations of the Cross / 7pm Good Friday Liturgy**

Saturday April 16: 8:30pm **Easter Vigil**

Sunday April 17: 9am, 11am **Easter Sunday Masses**

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# Second Sunday of Lent

Presider


Matthew Pyrc, S.J.

## Entrance Song

*Hosea*


*Norbet*

*Verses*




1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you  
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice, With  
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;

1. To Refrain




Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*  
to your heart where I will speak.  
ten - der - ness, you shall know. *(To refrain)*  
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

*Refrain*



Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

## Confiteor


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:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Cantor:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

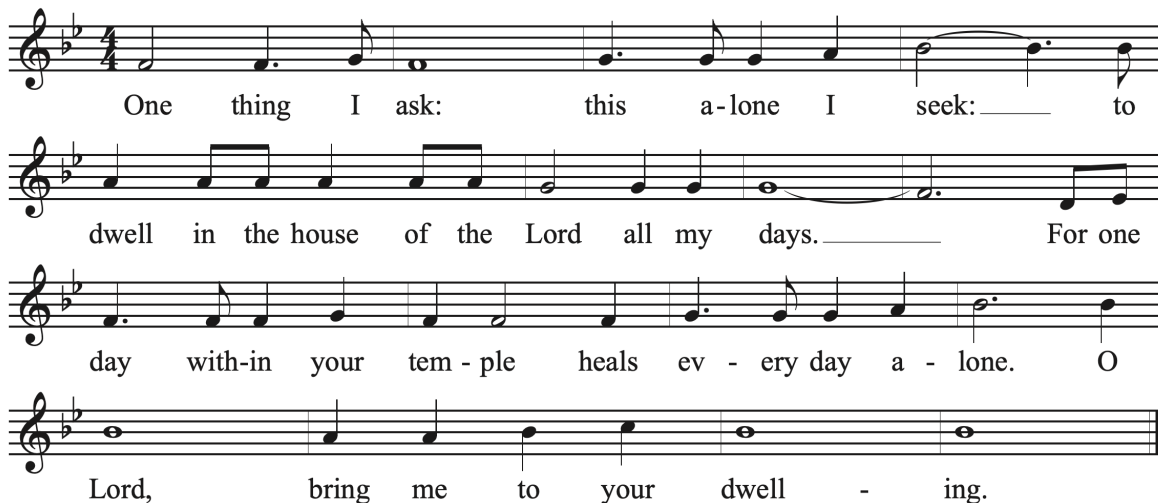
He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

## Psalm

*Psalm 27*

*Manion*



1. Hear, O Lord, the sound of my calling  
Hear, O Lord, and show me your way. *Ref.*
2. The Lord is my light and hope of salvation.  
The Lord is my refuge; whom should I fear? *Ref.*
3. Wait on the Lord, and hope in his mercy.  
Wait on the Lord, and live in his love. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Philippians 3:20-4:1

Brothers and sisters: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Lenten*

*Proulx*



*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.*



## Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

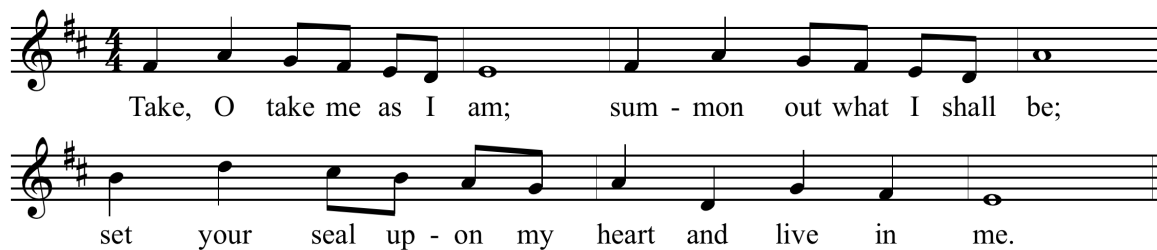
Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

## Homily Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik, Director of Adult Faith Formation

### Dismissal

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

BELL



### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

### Online Giving

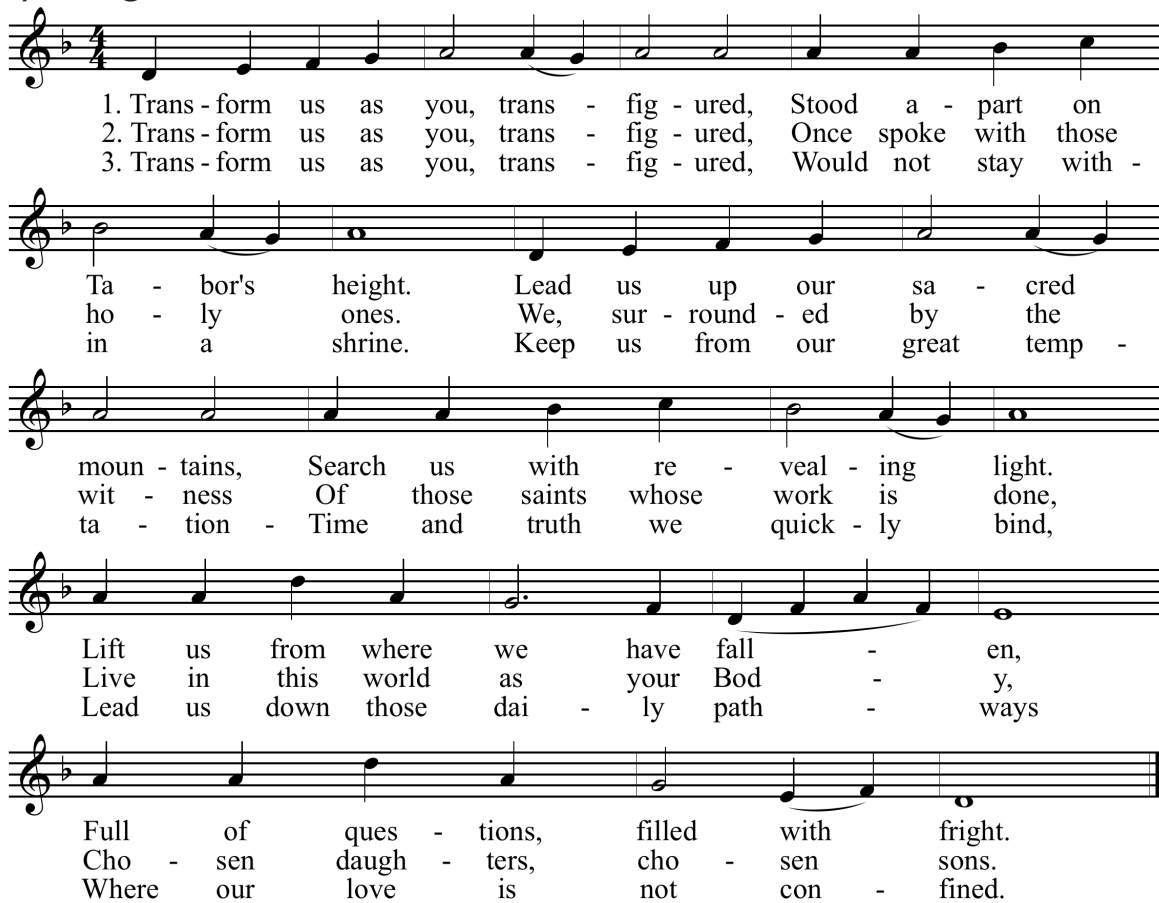
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## Offertory Song

## Transform Us

PICARD/Dunstan



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Stood a - part on  
2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Once spoke with those  
3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Would not stay with -

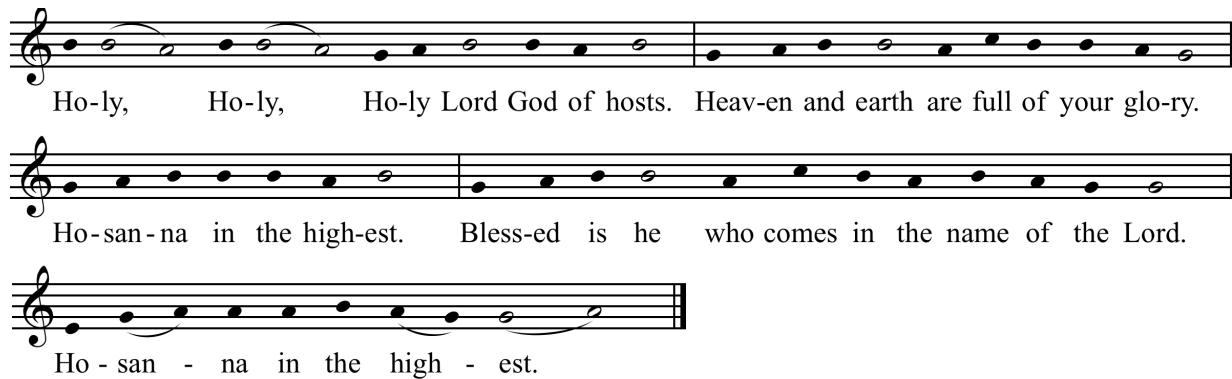
Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred  
ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the  
in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp -

moun - tains, Search us with re - veal - ing light.  
wit - ness Of those saints whose work is done,  
ta - tion - Time and truth we quick - ly bind,

Lift us from where we have fall - en,  
Live in this world as your Bod - y,  
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways

Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.  
Where our love is not con - fined.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

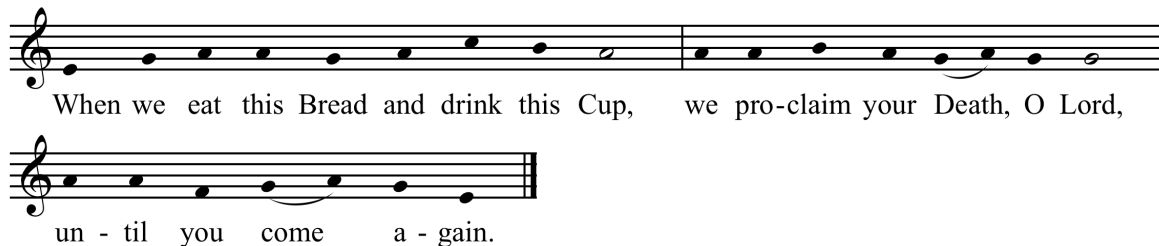


Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,

un - til you come a - gain.

## Great Amen



A - men.



## Lamb of God

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

## Communion Songs

### *Mercy, O God*

*O'Brien*

Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your mer-cy to

set us free. Mer - cy, O God, have mer-cy on us.

Send down your mer - cy to set us free.

## Prayer for the Synod

*Whitney, SJ*

Oh God, send forth your Spirit! Awaken in us your grace!

Fill your Church with the breath that enlivened the waters,  
when all of Creation was born:  
that we might find beauty in the midst of chaos,  
and bring life where stagnation has been.

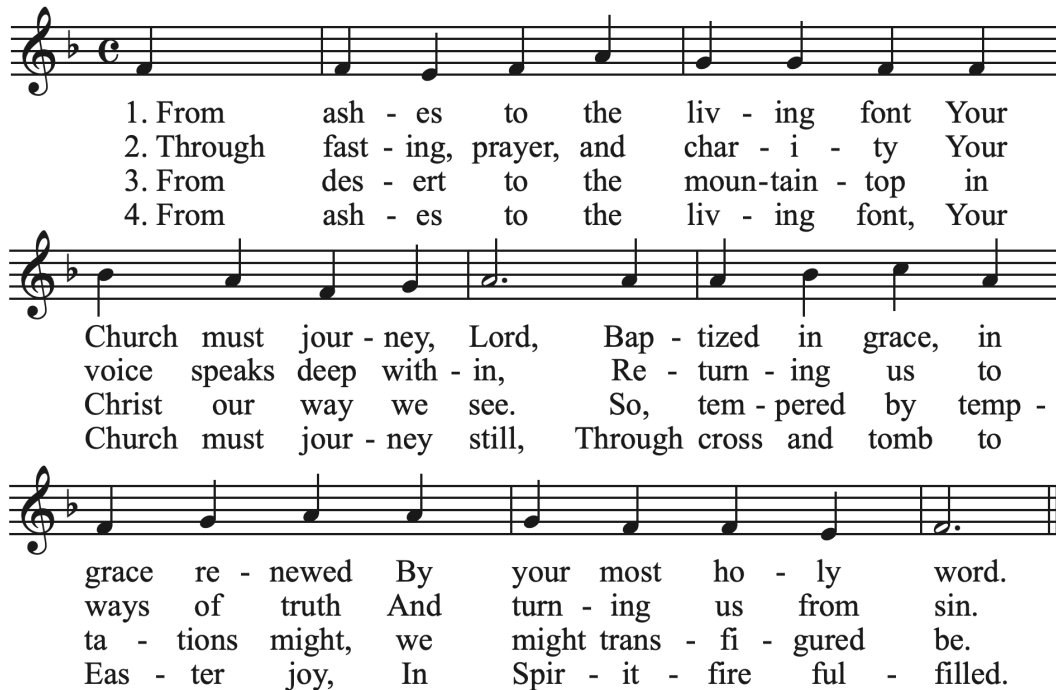
Oh God, send forth your Spirit! Awaken in us your grace!

Ignite your People with the fire that enflamed the disciples  
when the Risen One stood in their midst:  
that we might be courageous in an age of fear,  
and nurture healing where the wounds are deep.

Oh God, send forth your Spirit! Awaken in us your grace!

Mission us, your beloved ones, in an abundance of your Spirit,  
as in synod we gather in your name:  
that we might listen with the humility of hope,  
that we might speak with the wisdom of faith,  
that we might accompany each other with the fullness of love,  
and so become a Church of the poor, a priestly People,  
a communion of Pilgrims on our way to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your  
 2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your  
 3. From des - ert to the moun-tain - top in  
 4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font, Your  
 Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in  
 voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to  
 Christ our way we see. So, tem - pered by temp -  
 Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to  
 grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.  
 ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.  
 ta - tions might, we might trans - fi - gured be.  
 Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

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## The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: RCIA

By Katy Huston, MAPS

Where are those people going? If you go to the Sunday 5:30 Mass, between November and Palm/Passion Sunday, you will see a few people come up in front of the altar after the Homily. The priest says a prayer and hands the Book of the Gospels to another person who leads the group out of the church. Where do they go? And why are they leaving Mass halfway through?

Some of us are old enough to remember a time when Mass was divided into “the Mass of the Catechumens” and “the Mass of the Faithful”. In the ancient church, those not yet baptized were not allowed to participate in what we now call “The Liturgy of the Eucharist”. The practice of the Dismissal was restored with the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. This is the time for the Elect and the Candidates to “break open the Word” and apply that Word to their lives.

These are the ones who have been called to Baptism, or to Lives of Continuing Conversion (receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation). They have been meeting weekly (usually in ten-week segments with breaks for holidays and Holy Days). They began their studies with the Creed—breaking it down and sharing their responses. They went on to learning about the Sacraments, the Mass, the history of the church, and Catholic Social Teaching. They have participated in service activities and spent time getting to know our community.



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# PARISH LIFE

## The Synod: St. Joe's Listens!

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

On October 9th, Pope Francis used these words to open a unique [Synod of Bishops](#), one that will last two full years (instead of the usual three months) and will have a long-lasting effect on how the Catholic Church listens to the people, and not just leadership.

This synod, rather than investigating one particular topic, is meant to discover how the Church can listen better. Reflexively, it is a *synod on synodality*.

The process "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" begins with a diocesan listening phase from October 2021 to April 2022, followed by a continental phase from September 2022 to March 2023 and a final "universal church phase" that will look more like past synod meetings in the Vatican in October 2023.

**St. Joe's is offering a series of listening sessions in March 2022 (both in-person and on Zoom) to hear the Spirit speaking to this parish.** These sessions will be identical in format: an opening prayer and contemplation with the full group, then smaller breakout groups to converse with one another, beginning with some opening questions but open to the Spirit moving.

We invite you to attend one of these sessions - while our responses will eventually make their way to the Vatican in one form or another, the main goal of this Synod is learning how to listen to each other, as a parish. Please come and make your voice heard.

**Join us for one of the two remaining sessions:**

**3/19 10am – 12pm ON ZOOM**

**3/24 6:30pm – 8:30pm IN PERSON**

\*to set up a group-specific session, please contact [Matthew Pyrc](#).





# FAITH JUSTICE

## Parishioner Reflection on *Laudato Si'*

*To bear witness to hope is one of the Christian's essential functions in the world.*

~Ladislaus Boros, We Are Future

I grew up terribly poor. I can say with certainty that poverty is terrible. Yet, borne within it were seeds of hope.

One spring morning, the farmer who lived nearest us rode his tractor to our place to till the small field adjacent to our house. My mother had told him that she planned to plant vegetables. He knew she was a woman alone with four children. She told me later that he would not accept payment.

She bought the seeds from a feed store. They were cheaper there, she said. Early on a Saturday morning, she led me out to the field to begin the planting. I carried the cardboard box containing the seeds, and she carried trowels and a bucket of water. She kneeled onto the soft earth, pausing for a moment in a sort of reverence and respect. I watched as she dug a hole for each seed, explaining to me that the hole could not be too deep nor to shallow. A seed was dropped into each, followed by a scoop of water, which immediately soaked into the soil around the seed. With her hand, she pulled the remaining soil back into the hole, covering the seed, and patted it firmly but gently, a blessing for the earth and her hopes for the growth to come. I was struck then as now at the care she took and the attention she placed on each seed.

Scrunched down next to her, I watched her repeat the pattern until she said it was my turn. She watched and coached me on the right depth for each hole and the pattern for planting. When she was confident that I knew what to do, I began my own rows. We planted most of the day. With each hole and each handful of soil to close the hole, I became acutely aware of the feel of the soil in my hands. Large clumps were refined between my palms to achieve a consistency in the soil being returned to the hole, mirroring, I hoped, the easy naturalism and respect I saw in my mother's handling of the soil.

For days afterwards, when the school bus dropped me off at the highway entrance to our old house, I would run to the field, until the afternoon when I saw the entire field covered in dots of green. My pace slowed to take in what I was seeing. Two tiny leaves had pushed up through the

planting seeds of  
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FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am–3pm  
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crusty surface of the soil. I could hardly believe it was possible. How could those tiny seeds have produced these tender leaves, and how could those leaves have pushed upward through the soil? How had my mother known?

My oversight of the plants continued. I was six years old and believed, although it was never spoken, that I had responsibility for their care. I witnessed their growth day by day, often surprised to see the rapidity of change. One afternoon, I found hard-shelled bugs on the leaves of many of the developing seedlings. When I picked them up, they did not bite but would walk harmlessly up and down my arm as I played with them until they took wing and flew back to the plants. I thought they were delightful and was excited to tell my mother when she returned from work. She paused to listen to the story of my tiny bug friends, "a shiny orange and green," I described. "They are pretty. I like them. They are fun to play with." A resolute look came to her face as she explained, "They are Japanese beetles. They eat leaves. They will kill all the plants." I was horrified.

Thereafter, I became an ardent defender of the vegetable plants. Many of my summer days were spent picking off the Japanese beetles, one by one, determined that none of the plants would suffer or die under my care. In the Fall, the vegetables were harvested and canned. We ate them throughout the winter, and shared them with neighbors, as our neighbors shared the bounty of their harvests with us.

Although I was likely a bit of a zealot for the plants, as I assuredly did not then fully understand how they would become our food for the winter and the financial necessity they were for our family, I did learn how dependent all of creation is upon our care.

# FAITH JUSTICE

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## Parishioner Reflection on Laudato Si', continued:

In the years that have followed, I have learned that, for the most part, if we pay attention, plants will tell us what they need. We have not deliberately tried to deny their needs; we simply have not been paying attention, choosing to attend first to our wants. Moreover, and importantly, we have forgotten or overlooked that we are responsible for the care of everything and everyone in our common home. We have been alerted by scientists that this pattern of behavior is, quite literally, killing our environment. We are learning, latently, how much we need our peer inhabitants of the planet as they need us, whether plant or animal.

**On Saturday, March 19th, we have an opportunity to come together to share in conversations about “Planting Seeds of Hope, Taking Action for Our Common Home.”** Archbishop Paul D. Etienne will welcome us in prayer. Jeff Renner, whom you will likely remember as the much admired but now-retired King 5 Meteorologist, will lead us through the day with presentations and small group discussions on caring for our common home. It all takes place at Seattle University. Lunch will be provided along with free parking. All you have to do is sign up! See the attached flyer with the links. Come and explore. We're all in it together, learning as we go.

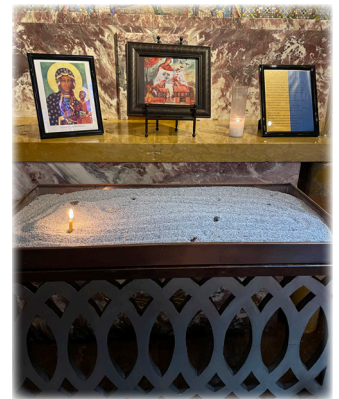
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## Crisis In Ukraine

As people of goodwill around the world work and pray for peace, Jesuit Refugee Service continues to monitor the situation in Europe as the countries surrounding Ukraine respond to those fleeing the war and violence. They've created a special website that explains the coming refugee crisis and how you can help: Crisis in Ukraine: [www.jrsusa.org/crisis-in-ukraine](http://www.jrsusa.org/crisis-in-ukraine). All are welcome to come and pray at the Mary Altar in the north transept.



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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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## SYNODALITY

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Justice and Inclusion

**Bishop Robert McElroy**  
Archdiocese of San Diego

**MONDAY, MARCH 28 AT 4PM ON CAMPUS**

Patrick Howell, SJ, **Catholic Heritage Series**  
Winter/Spring Quarter Main Lecture



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Monday, March 28 at 4pm, Pigott Auditorium

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This synodal moment in the life of the Church constitutes a unique opportunity to transform the Catholic community at its core. It also provides a powerful antidote to the culture of division that is corroding our church, our society, and our world.

Bishop McElroy has written two books: *The Search for an American Public Theology* and *Morality and American Foreign Policy*. In addition, he has written a series of articles on theology and public policy for a variety of journals. Bishop McElroy currently serves the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the committees on domestic justice, international justice, ecumenism, Africa, and Latin America.

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## Irish Mass For Peace

**All are invited for the Seattle St. Patrick's Day tradition of the annual Mass for Peace in Ireland and Around the World at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2702 Broadway East, Seattle, at 12:00 PM on Thursday, March 17.** This Mass for Peace is an annual opportunity for us to come together – now back in-person – and pray for peace in Ireland, in our world, and in our families. We hope to see you there!

# FAITH JUSTICE

## Kino Stories: Brothers and Sisters Seeking a Better Life, Part 2

The vision of the Kino Border Initiative is a humane, just, and workable migration system between the US and Mexico. My days on the St. Joseph's Kino immersion trip impacted my mind and heart to recognize the urgency of this vision.

We had the opportunity to share the Eucharist and share a lunch with local US ranchers. The ranchers were kind and hospitable. We heard stories of how people crossing the border, who they described as primarily drug smuggling cartel, were taking away their safety and their livelihood. We heard stories of cartel with guns, miles of garbage, and dead bodies on their property.

We also spent half a day with Border Patrol Agents, who shared about their days seizing those "illegally" crossing the border, which they also described as primarily drug smugglers. They focused on how their job is to keep US citizens safe.

The stories that were transformative, though, were the stories of the migrants. We met individuals and many families with children at Kino. These were not drug smugglers, but courageous, loving people. Stories the migrants shared included life-threatening situations, which included threats by gang members, domestic violence, environmental changes making it impossible to make a living and more. These heroic people were willing to leave everything familiar for the hope of new opportunities and a better life for their family. My fear was that these important stories were being lost.

I realize it is a complicated issue, but not allowing legal compassionate immigration is not the answer. Our country is built on immigration and it is their legal right to allow asylum and immigration. I'm so very grateful for the work of Kino and for the opportunity to be on the St. Joseph Kino immersion trip.

~Karen Quinn-Shea





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## Women's Ministry Lenten Reflection

The Woman at the Well: For what do you thirst?

March 18, 2022 | 7 PM to 8:30 | via ZOOM

Join us for a peaceful evening of song, prayer, scripture, reflection and small groups, reflecting on hope, healing, and living waters.

For the zoom link please RSVP to [theresaL@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresaL@stjosephparish.org) or call 206.965.1651

This year's guest speaker is Cameron Bellm. Cameron is the author of *"Prayer for a Pandemic,"* which went viral in the early days of Covid-19. She also writes the Spirit & Verse column at [Jesuits.org](http://Jesuits.org) and is the author of *A Consoling Embrace: Prayers for a Time of Pandemic* and *No Unlikely Saints: A Mental Health Pilgrimage with Sacred Company*. She lives in Seattle with her husband and two children and is a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish.



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## Seniors On The Go! Help Us Plan for the Year!

Join us for a Seniors ministry planning meeting on **Wednesday, March 16th 11:30am to 1:00pm** in the parish center. Bring a brown bag lunch, we'll provide a fun dessert! Bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

For details contact Mary Wiseman at 206.965.1654 or [maryw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:maryw@stjosephparish.org). Newcomers are encouraged to join!

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## New Masking Guidelines

As you know, the State, King County, and Archdiocese of Seattle are all lifting mask mandates, beginning this weekend, March 12th. St. Joe's will also no longer enforce a mask mandate at Mass, based on this guidance.

**However, we will still reserve the back left quarter of the sanctuary (as well as the north transept) for those who wish to remain socially distanced and masked. We ask that if you choose to sit in the socially distanced section, you also wear a mask.**

A reminder about respect for others, from the Archdiocese: "We understand that removing masks will be a new experience for everyone, and some of us may not feel comfortable. We encourage everyone to be gentle and respect those among us who continue to wear a mask."

