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THE EASTER TRIDUUM



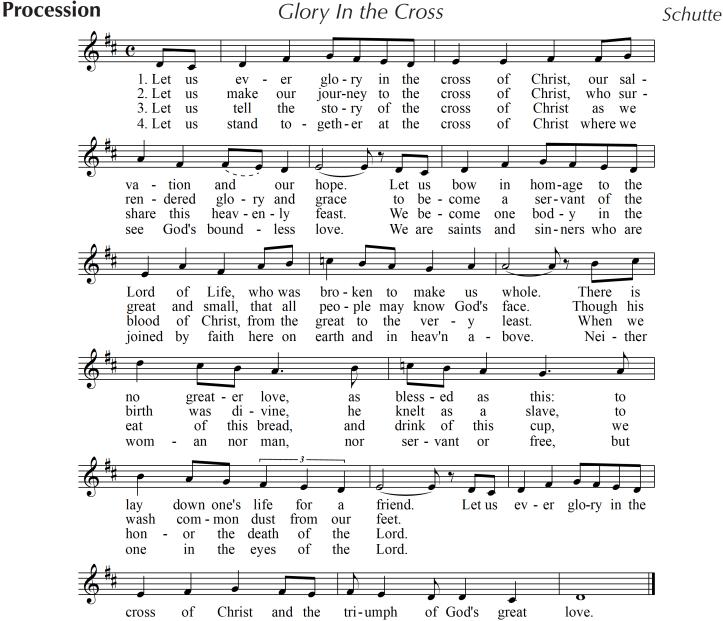
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"I have given you a model to follow, so this as I have done for you, you should also do."
- Jn 13:15

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prelude

Organ Instrumental on Pange Lingua



Bringing up the Oils - Mary Helen Dean, Justin Baggett, and George Stein

Kept in the ambry, near the altar, the three Sacred Oils of the Church, which were blessed by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, are carried in procession and received into St. Joseph. The Oil of the Catechumen, used to bless those preparing for entry into the church; the Oil of the Sick, used for the Sacrament of Anointing; and the Sacred Chrism, used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination are brought forward by those who have received, or will soon receive, their blessing.

As each oil is presented, all respond: Thanks be to God.



Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.



- We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading



Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every first-born of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

"This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."



How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

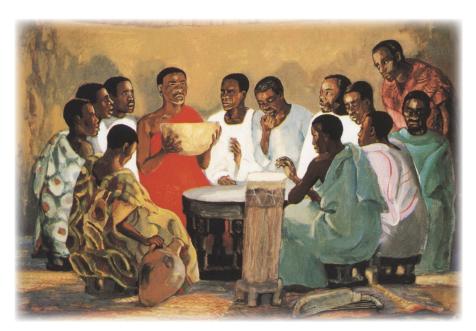
Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones; and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.

Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you. In the presence of all who have called on your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.



Gospel Acclamation

Proulx



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel John 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."



The Washing of Feet (Mandatum)

On the night before his death, Jesus set an example of mercy for his disciples by washing their feet, an act usually done by slaves. The Kingdom of God comes not by our power, authority, or right, but by service. Tonight we remember and celebrate Christ's mercy by sharing this ancient tradition. Each of us is called through Baptism into intimacy with God and one another. Each of us is called to imitate Jesus by serving with humility and compassion and by receiving the service of others. Through this ritual, we strengthen our bonds of love and commitment as we continue to strive to be disciples of Jesus in the world. The following individuals are having their feet washed in gratitude for their service to St. Joseph.

Mary Sepulveda – Ministry Lead for Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Planning, Sacristy

Peter Wurmbauer - Daily Mass and 5:30 Sacristan

Jenn Olegario – Pastoral and Mission Council, Lector

Laura Young – Executive Director of Francis House

Mary Ott - Outreach with seniors, Funeral Hospitality Lead, First Friday Mass Sacristan

Vince Herberholt – Chair of Pastoral and Mission Council

Gee Miller – Pastoral and Mission Council, LGBTQ Ministry

Matthew Adeiza – Delivers food to Blessed Sacrament Food Bank

Eloisa Cardona – Choir, Filipino Community Organizer, Lector

Janet McDermott - Online Scripture Reflections, Adult Faith Formation, Women's Ministry

Tony Guanzon – Facilities Team member keeping everything running smoothly

Astrini Sei – RCIA Team Member

Daniel Stoner - Chair of Sister Parish Committee

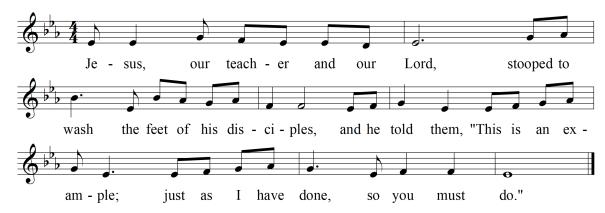
Rich Lappenbush – Founder of Webcast Ministry to Livestream Masses during pandemic

Matthew Price - Associate Director of Mission Appeals for Catholic Community Services

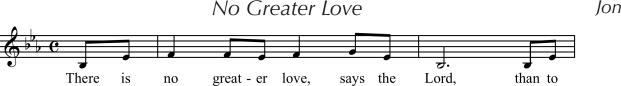
Dorothy Ambuske - Second Grade Teacher at St. Joseph School

Kristie Guo - Coordinates meals for Noel House

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When Jesus had gathered with those he loved, as a humble servant he knelt at their feet. Ref. With towel and basin he washed their feet, so that they might share in his passion and death. Ref. He asked, "Do you know what I have done? I give you a witness of what you must do." Ref. "As I, your teacher, have washed your feet, so must you be willing to serve in my name." Ref. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love each other as I have loved you." Ref.





As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commands, even as I have kept my Father's.

All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. Love one another as I have loved you: This is my command.

You are my friends if you keep my commands; no longer slaves but friends to me. All I heard from my Father, I have made known to you: Now I call you friends.

It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you, chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so you will receive all you ask the Father in my name.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Our collection tonight will benefit Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" collection. Rice Bowl helps communities all over the world as well as neighbors right here in our diocese. Please scan the QR code if you want to contribute.



Preparation of the Altar & the Gifts



Hurd



The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him, and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

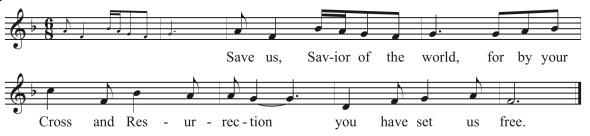
In true communion let us gather May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.

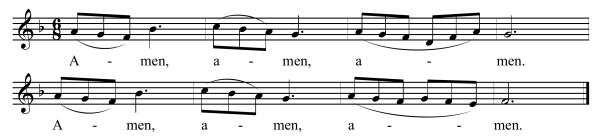


Mystery of Faith

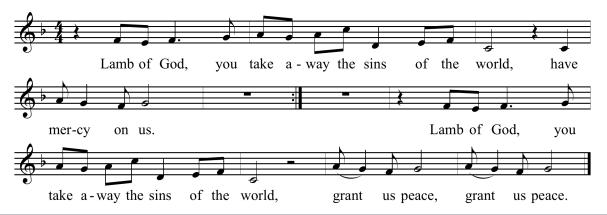


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Great Amen



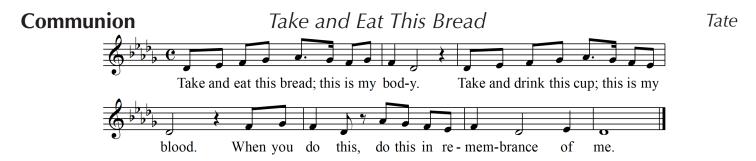
Lamb of God



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.

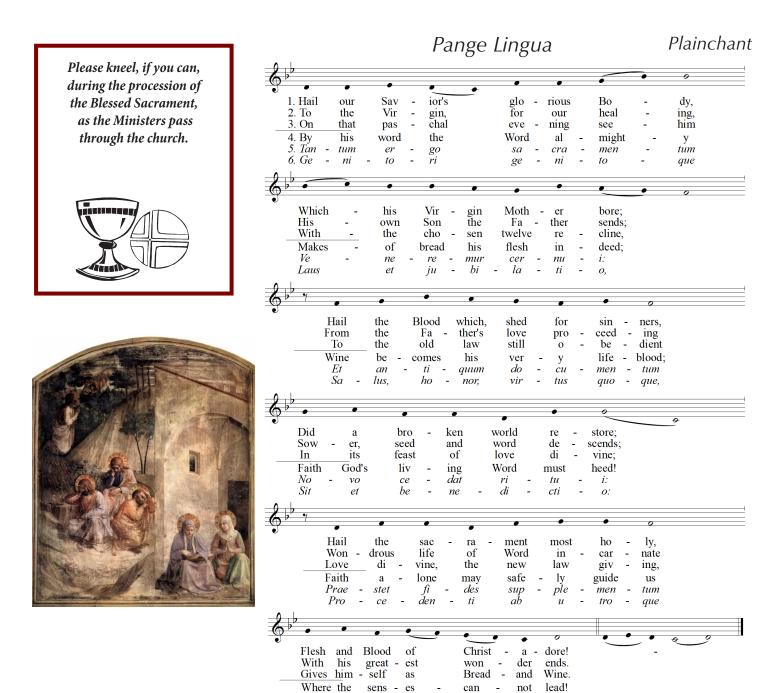
If you have need of a gluten free host, please come to Fr. Matthew and make that known.



- 1. Come before the table. Come with all your heart. Come seeking healing and forgiveness. Come and find love! *Ref.*
- 2. Come before the table. Come with all your heart. Come seeking hoe and new direction. *Ref.*
- 3. Come before the table. Come with all your heart. Come seeking comfort and protection. *Ref.*
- 4. Come before the table. Come with all your heart. Come seeking clarity of vision. *Ref.*

Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament

In a tradition that goes back to the 13th century, the Blessed Sacrament is now carried in solemn procession through the assembly to the altar of repose. Consecrated at this Mass—all previously reserved Eucharist is consumed prior to Holy Thursday—what is carried from the altar will be used for the celebration of Communion during the Good Friday services, since no Mass may be offered on that day. During the procession, the community is asked to listen to the "Pange Lingua Gloriosi" (which means, "Sing My Tongue The Savior's Glory")—a hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas in honor of the great gift of this Sacrament.



Stripping of the Altar

After the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to be seated. In an ancient ritual, calling to mind the Passion of Jesus, arrested and stripped of his glory, the altar is stripped—the candles extinguished, the cloth removed, the tabernacle left open. The ministers exit through the south transept. You are invited to medidate and pray following the stripping of the altar, We return to continue the three-day Triduum Liturgy tomorrow evening, with our Good Friday service.

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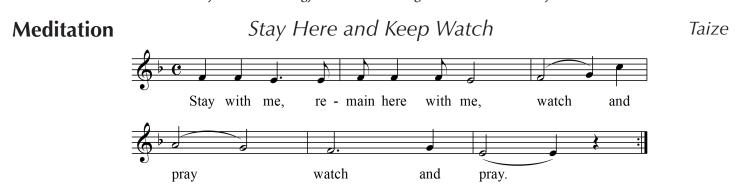
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WELCOME!



Whether this is your first time back with us or you are a daily Mass regular, we're are so glad you are here to celebrate the Triduum and Easter with this community.

Here at St. Joe's, you'll experience beautiful music and meaningful liturgies with a family of people who care deeply about one another. These last two years have been difficult for all, and while we mourn the family, friends, relationships that we have lost, we also learned that when we come together to support each other, we can do more than survive – we can thrive.

Everybody Belongs at St. Joe's, and we are committed to creating an environment where everyone, no matter your background, race, income, sexual orientation or gender identity, feels welcome and supported.

We invite you to get involved!

If you're new to the parish, contact Mary Wiseman (<u>maryw@stjosephparish.org</u>) and she can connect you to our Welcoming Ministry.

If you are interested in any of our social justice programs, get in touch with Mark Petterson – markp@stjosephparish.org

For Children's Faith Formation or Adult Formation questions, contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org

For pastoral needs, you can contact either Deacon Steve (<u>stevew@stjosephparish.org</u>) or Fr. Matthew (<u>mpyrc@stjosephparish.org</u>)



The Paschal Triduum at St. Joseph www.stjosephparish.org/lent2022

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

Good 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

Next Week: Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest

Longtime parishioner Jennifer Kelly, Director of Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest (JRJINW), will be preaching at the April 23rd/24th Masses, and discussing the work of JRJI in Washington State. We invite you to come, learn more about JRJI, and see how you can get involved. You can reach Jennifer at jrjinw@jesuits.org

About JRJI Northwest: Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest (JRJINW) is a pastoral ministry of restorative justice that strives to heal broken relationships with those who are incarcerated and their families as well as victims of crime and their families through prayer, education, and advocacy. JRJINW mobilizes constituencies to advocate for transformation of the justice system to become more restorative than punitive. Ultimately, we all strive to help people find meaning in their lives and offer them a deeper alternative to life than gang membership and incarceration. https://www.jesuitswest.org/ministry/jesuit-restorative-justice-initiative-northwest/



St. Vincent de Paul: Neighbor to Neighbor

Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands. — Frédéric Ozanam

Our Vincentian volunteers are the heart and soul of our mission. They are instrumental in us helping people like Jean. Jean was a homeless individual who was referred to case management through our volunteers. She is disabled and was living at a shelter for quite some time. She found her path to self-sufficiency with case management and community connector support to access supplemental income, benefits and resources. One of the resources was the <u>"Ticket to Work"</u> program. This is a free, voluntary program that provides career development for Social Security disability beneficiaries ages 18 through 64 who want to work. She also received support from Seattle's Downtown Emergency Services Center.

Jean is now housed and living independently. Some of the items for her home even came through one of St. Vincent de Paul's <u>thrift stores</u>. The Case Management team continues to work with her and reports her motivation remains high.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about our network of care or <u>click here</u> or scan the QR code to donate to SvDP St. Joseph.

From svdpseattle.org *Name changed to protect neighbor's privacy.





Scan this code to support the St. Joseph conference of St. Vincent de Paul



Crisis In Ukraine

As people of goodwill around the world work and pray for peace, Jesuit Refugee Service continues to work in the countries surrounding Ukraine to assist those fleeing the war and violence. They've created a special website that explains the humanitarian crisis and how you can help: Crisis in Ukraine. (www.jrsusa.org/crisis-in-ukraine)



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We did it! Thanks to you and your tireless advocacy for our migrant neighbors forced into inhumane conditions at the border, the Biden administration has announced that they are rescinding Title 42, the CDC policy being used inappropriately to keep refugees fleeing Central America from seeking asylum, as is their right under international and US law.

This is a major victory for justice, but it comes much too late. We agree with Ronnate Asirwatham, Director of Government Relations at NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, said:

"It is a relief to hear that President Biden plans to end the misuse of Title 42. Catholic Social Justice demands that we care for our neighbor, especially those who flee from threats of violence and death and seek a better life for themselves and their families. President Biden has heard faith leaders, immigrants, and advocates calling to end the Title 42 expulsion policy. However, we are dismayed by the decision to delay the termination of this policy. For many asylum seekers, especially Black immigrants at our southern border, delay means danger and death. The Biden administration has had two years to prepare for the end of Title 42. We call on Administration to work with our faith and secular colleagues who are ready to welcome immigrants at the border as partners in order to restore a humane and just asylum system."

Learn more about Title 42 and how you can help refugees at the Kino Border Initiative's website: www.kinoborderinitiative.org/what-is-title-42-why-does-it-need-to-end

Contact Mark <u>markp@stjosephparish.org</u> if you'd like to get involved with our immigration advocacy efforts, and practical initiatives to welcome refugees from Central America and Afghanistan.



Scan QR to learn more



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Save the date for our

BLOCK Party!

Facing Homelessness' 5th Annual Fundraiser for the BLOCK Project

Date: May 25, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

Location: givebutter.com/BLOCKParty2022





St. Francis House - A Thriving Partnership

There are big things happening at St. Francis House! Last winter, you showed us what a big heart the St. Joseph community truly has. When presented with a big ask from St. Francis House for their "Welcome Home Campaign" to move into a larger, more modern facility on 12th Ave, St. Joe's came through in a BIG way: in December, we presented a check to St. Francis House for \$35, 488! Your support will help St. Francis House serve the poor for a long time to come. Thank you! Visit www.stfrancishousesea.org for more information.

The new facility, which is scheduled to open this summer, will also include 100 apartments for chronically houseless neighbors, especially veterans, run by Plymouth Housing. Take a look at the progress they've made!







Intersections of Mercy:
Catholics Advocating for
Housing Justice and
Homeless Services

South Seattle Catholic
Day of Advocacy
Saturday, May 14
9:30am-12pm
St. James Cathedral Hall
803 Terry Avenue

Catholics are called to heed Pope Francis' exhortation to "immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

Join Catholics from the parishes of the South Seattle Deanery to learn about Catholic Social Teaching on housing and homelessness and how we can raise our voices to advocate for our houseless neighbors and other who have been pushed to the margins by public policy.

We will welcome representatives from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority and City Councilmembers Lisa Herbold and Andrew Lewis, who both sit on the KCRHA Governing Committee, to engage in civil dialogue so that we may learn from one another and to find ways to work together to bring housing justice to all in our community.

No RSVP required! Park in the O'Dea High School lot (or take public transit!). Questions? Contact Erin Maguire at ErinMa@ccsww.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Just as Easter is a joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection, so too is an act of generosity.

Remember that old song "Walking on Sunshine" by Katrina and the Waves? (Yes, that was the actual name of the band). If you don't recall it, get online today and listen to it. It'll be stuck in your head the rest of the day. You can thank (or blame) me later! It's a feel-good song about a feel-good moment. Why am I bringing it up? Because we all need more feel-good in our lives, and there's no better time to add some than Easter! I also bring it up because that song represents



how I felt the first time I gave money to help someone else. At the time, I didn't understand why handing over my hard-earned cash felt so good. But now I know why—because God wired me that way. It's what Luke mentioned when he remembered the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

One of the remarkable things about St. Joseph is how the community responds to our partner ministries needs. whether it's food for the Blessed Sacrament Food Bank, sandwiches and snacks for Facing Homelessness, to the generous donations to rebuild St. Francis House, St. Joseph always answers the call.

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song," said Pope John Paul II. Alleluia has been reflected back to me with St. Joseph's care for others and your care for our beloved church.

This Easter, if you are able, please consider a gift for the care of St. Joseph.

Should you want to get together and karaoke some Katrina and the Waves, just give me a buzz! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at maryw@stjosephparish.org or call me at (206) 324-2522 ext.114 with any questions or concerns.

Easter Blessings, Mary Wiseman, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship

Click here to give online.



Online Giving

Scan this QR code to make a gift to St. Joseph.



Rice Bowls for CRS!

Remember to bring your CRS Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday Mass - we'll be collecting them and will also take up a special collection for Catholic Relief Services.

If you forget, just drop it in the offertory at any Mass or bring it by the Parish Office.

Parish Life



The Basin and Towel:

A Summit on Synod, Women and the Future of Leadership

Saturday, April 30 9am-4pm

Campion Ballroom Seattle University



Patrick Howell, SJ, Catholic Heritage Series
Spring Quarter Summit







Scan the QR code or visit www.seattleu.edu/ictc for more information and to register for this event!





Join our Senior Ministry

Our seniors have re-branded themselves as St. Joseph OWLS: Older Wiser Livelier Souls

Join us for some fun upcoming events!

Wednesday, May 4th – 11:30am, Brown Bag Lunch Seniors Planning Meeting. Join us at the Parish Center to help plan upcoming events.

Friday, May 13th – 11:30am, Anointing Mass followed by a delicious luncheon. Please note the change of date, it is NOT the first Friday of the month, but is the SECOND Friday of May.

Wednesday, May 18th – 10am, Join us to visit the Museum of History & Industry on Lake Union. We'll visit the museum and then enjoy lunch. There is a café on site to purchase lunch or you can bring a brown bag lunch. Tickets are \$16, we must purchase them in advance, so please email caprices@stjosephparish.org or call 206-324-2522 to reserve your spot.

Parish Life



Synod Update

For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission Listening Session Update

During the month of March, St. Joe's hosted four open Synod Listening Sessions (two virtual, and two in-person) to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to each other. Over 100 people attended these sessions, and we are so grateful for your time and honesty in sharing what joys and heartbreaks you've experienced at this parish.

What's next? The Synod planning committee (Vince Herberholt, Mary Wiseman, Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik, Bob McCaffery-Lent, Fr. Matthew Pyrc, and Mark Petterson) will review each of the twelve small group reports and synthesize recurring themes into one document, which will be sent to the Archdiocese of Seattle.

We will share this document with the parish (no quotes, names, or other identifying information will be included in this document), and Archbishop Etienne has

promised that the ten-page report from the Archdiocese of Seattle will also be shared with the public.

But most importantly, we have begun the process of learning how to listen, both to the Holy Spirit and to each other. We have shared our hopes, dreams, and heartbreaks. We have envisioned what the church of the future looks like, and what we want our parish to be. We came together in the Spirit, Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve All.

"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

Liturgy Notes: Holy Week - By Katy Huston, MAPS

We have moved through Lent, with fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the purple and rose and simple liturgies, we have strengthened our spiritual life.

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, begins Holy Week, whose color is red. As early as the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, with a procession in which they carried branches and sang the Hosanna. At St. Joseph, we have traditionally processed outside with palm branches and song. This year we will simply gather in the church.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday are all one liturgy. We begin on Thursday with the color white, and with lights and flowers and song. In the Eucharistic Procession at the end of mass, the presider carries the hosts the Altar of Repose; the church is darkened, the altar stripped. There will be time and space for your personal reflection on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The music for the procession begins our Good Friday liturgy.

The color for Good Friday is red. The Veneration of the Holy Cross begins is a common act of honor and prayer. The cross is taken by members of the Elect—those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil—and given into the hands of the community. Hand over hand, we are invited to pass the cross, each one given a chance to touch it and lift it on to others. On this cross we symbolically place our prayers and our own brokenness, moving it through the congregation until it is taken and placed at the front of the nave, where each of us will be invited to offer private veneration as our evening service ends. We leave in silence.

The Easter Vigil is the time when we initiate new Roman Catholic Christians into our community. We will have Baptisms of two adults. They will also be confirmed and receive their first Eucharist. There will be others who will make a profession of Faith as Catholics—they were baptized in another Christian church. And we have some who are being confirmed as adults. This is our joyous "High Holy Days" and we hope you can join!

Join us as we welcome our new friends in the Lord to St. Joseph!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults brings into our midst, the Elect - those who are involved in immediate preparation for initiation at the Easter Vigil, the Candidates - the baptized Christians who are preparing to become Catholic, and the Confirmandi - adults seeking Confirmation in the Catholic church.

The Elect



Hello, my name is Katrina Schuette. I'm a transplant from the Midwest and am being baptized. I come to the Church as a queer woman who has been a Buddhist for over 10 years. Last year I got divorced, accepted a job offer near Tacoma, and drove out from south Florida in my little 4-cylinder. During this latest period of loss and suffering, I saw my choice as to either try having a relationship with God--to believe I am still cared about and loved unconditionally, despite damaging experiences to the contrary--or allow my spirit to be crushed by the broken actions of other people and by the brokenness of the world. I also felt I needed to come to Mass specifically, although I've visited various Christian services and denominations over my lifetime. So for a year, I have shown up to Mass in different parishes, in different states, while talking to God and reading some of the Bible. RCIA has helped affirm that this path is not a mistake. It has also given me a community out here, better direction/ relationship with God, and deeper appreciation for the lineage and practices of the Church. I've chosen St. Joseph's because it felt right when I came to Mass here. I also enjoy the inquiring spirit, welcoming atmosphere, and emphasis on application of faith, and am very grateful to have found you all.

Hi, my name is **Nelly Vance.** I moved to Seattle from Oklahoma 4 years ago. My last church affiliation was in Oklahoma City at People's Church. My family is from a Catholic background and I am really grateful to have been introduced to St. Joseph's. It took me a long time after moving to Seattle to go back to church. The members I have met at St. Joseph's have been very welcoming and I truly appreciate all the wonderful work the church does for the community. I decided RCIA and baptism would be my next step after attending mass virtually and in person. RCIA has helped answer MANY questions I had about the Catholic church, traditions and history.



The Candidates



My name is **Colette Courtion** and I was born and raised in the greater Seattle area. I was baptized at Overlake Christian Church and spent most of my childhood and young adult years involved in the Overlake parish. Now that I have a son (Coleman – aged 7), I want to incorporate faith into my son's life and have it play a bigger role in our family. I was introduced to St. Joe's through many friends. I'm particular drawn to the openness of this church and the love the parish shares for all. Having spent a great deal of my adult life advocating for marginalized people, especially homeless women and children, I'm impressed with the charitable commitment of the Catholic Church. I am very excited about getting more involved in St. Joes after RCIA and having my son grow with the Catholic faith.

The Candidates

Hi! My name is **Dongni Hu**. My husband Anthony Santos and I got married at St. Joseph in 2018 and we live a few blocks away from the church. St. Joseph is a special place for us. This year, I am excited to embark on the journey to RCIA as I became a mother and godmother. I hope to be a good spiritual role model for my son and godson. I grew up atheist but converted to Christianity when I was 12. My husband grew up Catholic and went to Jesuit schools. Even though we came from different faith back¬grounds, we both are drawn to the Jesuit values in building a more just and humane world through education and compassion. I am an multilingual learner facilitator at Lake Washington School District, I serve students from around the world who are new to the English language. My husband is a software engineer manager at Amazon. Our son is named Enzo Antonio, and he is almost 2. In our free time, we love exploring nature and enjoying the unique cultural/culinary experiences that PNW has to offer. We look forward to getting to you at St. Joe's.





My name is **Leo Segovia**, and I was born and raised in Seattle. I was baptized in the Catholic Church when I was a young child. As a teenager I decided to hold off on completing anymore sacraments because I wasn't sure if the Church is where I belonged. Finding St. Joe's changed that for me. Participating in a parish that is welcoming of everyone has transformed my relationship with Catholicism and encouraged me to deepen my spiritual practice and relationship with God.

My name is **Seth Watson.** Born and raised in Rockport, Massachusetts, I was baptized in the Catholic church. Since 2011, Capitol Hill has been my home and I work downtown in public service. My faith journey has taken me through the Congregational church, the Presbyterian church, and the United Church of Canada where I served a term as the chair of Saint Andrew's-Wesley in Vancouver's West End. RCIA has been a very natural extension of my faith journey with the affirming, progressive and open inquiry approach of Saint Joseph. The rich and complicated history of the church and its theology speak to me deeply.





The Confirmand

My name is **Melissa Berumen** and I have been coming to St Joseph's for about a year now. Having moved from Southern California to Seattle about a year ago, I found that I needed God more in my life. Luckily for me, I found a wonderful welcoming community at St. Joe's to join. Over the course of the year as I have grown in faith, I decided getting the sacraments I did not receive when I was younger was something I desired as God has become a more important part of my life. I am so glad I have found a wonderful community to do RCIA at and look forward to getting confirmed.

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