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Sunday, May 29, 2022 * The Ascension of the Lord * www.stjosephparish.org



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Ascension Sunday
MAY 29, 2022

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on our YouTube channel
(Available for viewing throughout the week)
9 AM Sunday, 11 AM Sunday
5:30 PM Sunday

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30pm
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tuesday-Friday, 7am
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Readings for June 5, 2022

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

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Meet the Homilist: Jeff McDougall, S.J.



About Fr. Jeff: Fr. Jeff McDougall, S.J. has served as the President of Seattle Nativity School since 2014. He's no stranger to the Nativity model, having served as a teacher and administrator at St. Andrew Nativity School in Oregon for eight years. He has also taught at Seattle Preparatory School and Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon. He is a member of the Faber Jesuit Community located near St. Joseph's Parish. When he is not at school, he enjoys hamburgers and cheering for the Seattle Kraken.

The Nativity School Model: Nativity schools are faith-based middle schools modeled after the first institution founded by the Jesuits in 1971 at the Mission of the Nativity on Manhattan's Lower East Side. These schools follow a successful model in preparing children from low-income backgrounds for the rigors of college prep for the rigors of college prep high schools, and ultimately universities. Nativity model middle schools use small classes, longer school days and an extended school year to help low-income, at-risk children break the cycle of poverty in their communities.

Seattle's Nativity School: Seattle Nativity School is an independent, Catholic (category 2) middle school in the Archdiocese of Seattle, serving students in grades 6-8 who qualify for the National School Lunch Program for free and reduced lunches based on income status.

As a co-educational institution serving 15-20 students per grade, students receive class and individualized instruction based on performance levels. The school's mission is aligned with Catholic identity standards and the Jesuit charism of social justice, pursuing collaboration and companionship with our families and community partners. Admission is not limited to Catholics or Christians. Seattle Nativity School's commitment is to helping under-served students close the widening achievement gap in Central and South Seattle.

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**Presiding
Procession**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Matthew Pyrc, S.J.

Alleluia, Sing To Jesus

HYFRYDOL/Pritchard

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus!
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels,

His the scep - ter, his the throne.
 are we on left in sor row now;
 here on earth, our food, our stay!

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful

his the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 flee to you, from day to day.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived on
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,

thun - der like a might - y flood:
 when the re - dee - mer, days were o'er,
 earth' re - dee - mer, plead for me.

"Je - sus out of ev - ry na - tion
 Shall our hearts for of - get his pro - mise:
 Where the songs of of all the sin - less

has re - deemed us by his blood".
 "I am with you ev - er more"?
 sweep a - cross the cry - stal sea.

Gloria/Sprinkling Rite

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

Last time
 will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.
 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.
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.”

Psalm

Psalm 47

Guimont



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

All peoples clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, the great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise! Sing praise to our king, sing praise!

God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel Acclamation

Haugen



“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.”

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Homily


Jeff McDougall, S.J.

Offertory Song

I Have Loved You

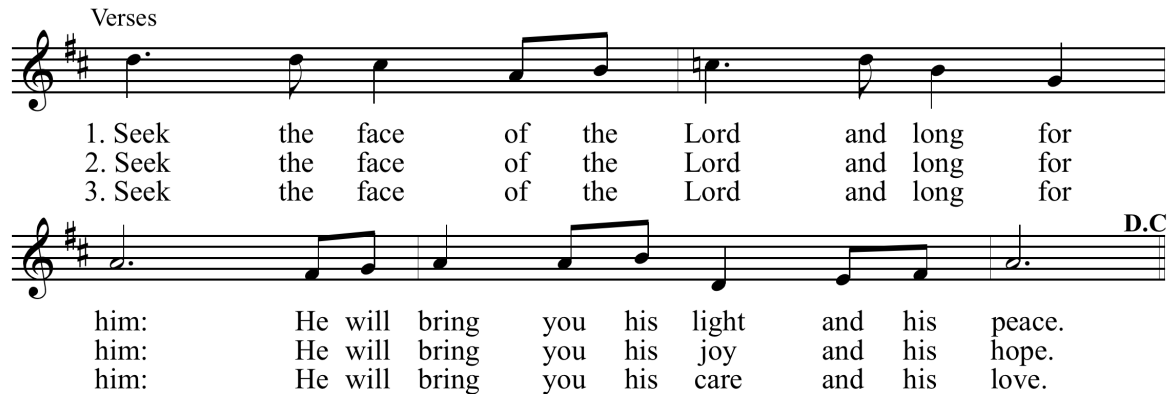
Joncas

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses



1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
him: He will bring you his care and his love.

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 the Presider and make that known.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass

Haugen

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, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written on five staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Mystery of Faith

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical score for 'Mystery of Faith' is written on two staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Great Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score for 'Great Amen' is written on two staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written on three staves. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Communion

Live On In My Love

Psallite



I Receive the Living God

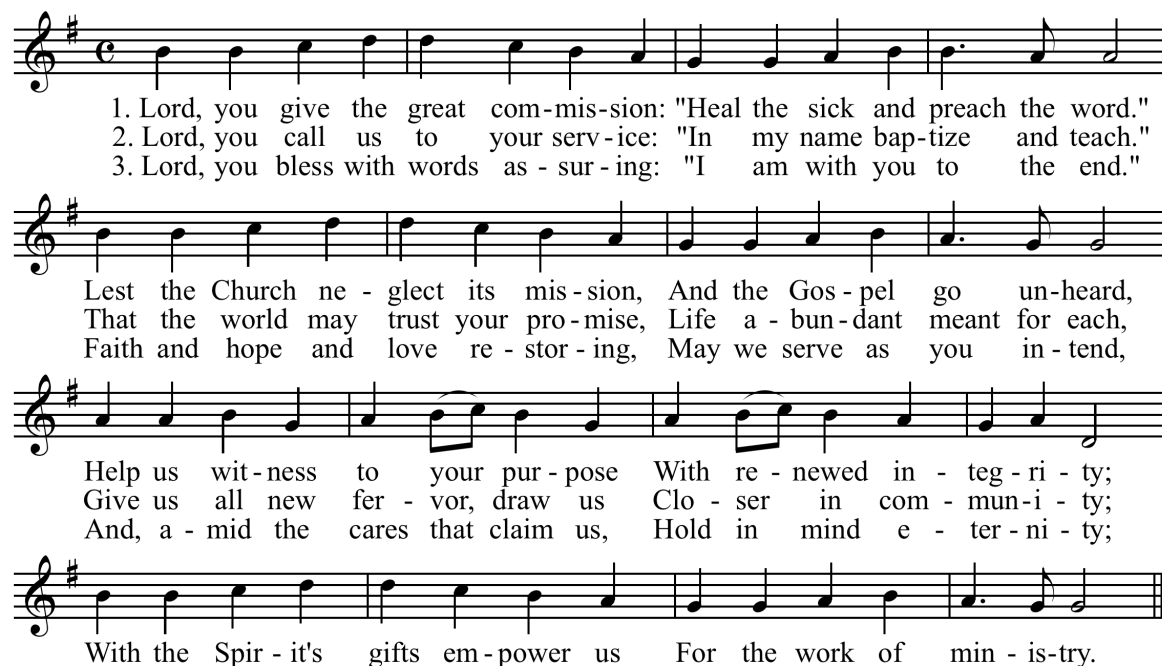
Dom Clement Jacob



Recessional

Lord, you Give the Great Commission

HYMN TO JOY/Rowthorn



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Joe's is Hiring a Pastoral Assistant for Children and Family Faith Formation

St. Joseph Parish, a vibrant Jesuit parish in Seattle, that strives to form parishioners in Ignatian Spirituality, especially building a community of faith that seeks justice. We are looking for a detail-oriented, energetic, collaborative, and creative person to serve as Pastoral Assistant for Children and Family Faith Formation.

This person will develop, implement, and direct Faith Formation Programs for preschool and elementary children and their families. In addition, this person will coordinate the Sacramental Preparation Programs for First Reconciliation, First Communion and elementary RCIA. Interested candidates should have a passion for evangelization and enthusiasm for forming the faith of young children and families.

This is a 15-20 hour per week position for 44-48 weeks per year. Salary is \$25 an hour. Must be able to work most Sundays during the school year until 1pm. Position open until filled.

Full job description can be found at <https://www.stjosephparish.org/files/1132.pdf> Please submit cover letter and resume to marti@stjosephparish.org.

SEEL Info Session

May 31st at 7pm on Zoom

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9-month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius that goes from September through May. It is a dynamic program of prayer, monthly communal retreat mornings and individual spiritual direction.

SEEL will offer a hybrid retreat in 2022-23 which currently consists of 2 in-person meetings (September and May) and online retreat mornings for the other seven retreat experiences. SEEL is accepting applications now for the program starting in late September and offers the retreat at no set fee so that all who are accepted can participate. SEEL offers a gentle structure to help you experience God's love and discern God's call in your life. Join us on this transforming pilgrim journey!

For more information, please see the website at www.seelpugetsound.org We will also host an online info session on Tuesday, May 31 from 7:00-7:30pm-email info@seelpugetsound.org to get zoom link!



Join Our Senior Ministry for Fun Upcoming Events!

Friday, June 3rd – 11:30am, Anointing Mass followed by a delicious luncheon. The stay with us for a wonderful afternoon playing games. We've got some great fun planned!

Tuesday, June 14th – 10am, Join us to visit the Kruckberg Botanical Garden. This four-acre public garden contains a unique blend of Pacific Northwest native plants and unusual exotics set in a naturalistic wooded setting. It may take multiple visits to see the more than 2,000 species, which include native and exotic conifers, hardwoods, rhododendrons, magnolias, ferns and groundcovers. After our garden tour, we'll visit Third Place Books for lunch and shopping. Tickets are \$10, please email caprices@stjosephparish.org or call 206-324-2522 to reserve your spot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US!



For more information and to RSVP visit:
www.stjosephsea.org/alumni

Inaugural Alumni Reunion Weekend

Friday, June 17, 2022

St. Joe's Class of 2018

Reconnect with friends, socialize, enter to win a St. Joe's swag, tour the school and more.

Saturday, June 18, 2022

We welcome you for an 'all alumni' Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a social hour, tours, complimentary food and drinks, and bingo in the gym.

2's Reunions:

We're celebrating the "2's" this year, which are the 1972 Golden Jaguars, 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012. If your "2's" class would like to host your own reunion, we've reserved space for you on campus.

To be a class rep please contact:

Erin Oest-Larsen, Director of Advancement
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Annual Catholic Appeal

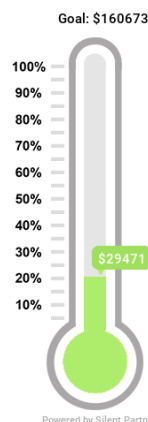
Your gift to the Annual Appeal supports the mission to help others encounter Jesus. Your contribution supports ministry to those in hospitals and prisons, Deacon formation, as well as work on behalf of refugees and immigrants, and most recently, our houseless neighbors. Our Parish goal is **\$160,673**. So far, we've raised **\$29,471** from **65** donors!

There are four simple ways for you to donate:

- Mail the pledge envelope that was sent to the address we have on file for you
- Go online to www.archseattle.org/acadonate to make a secure pledge or gift
- Call 1-800-809-4921
- Make your "in lieu of" gift to St. Joe's here: www.osvhub.com/stjosephparish/giving/funds



 **Give ACA**



BECOMING ANTIRACIST

June 2022: Juneteenth and Beyond

RACIST: One who is supporting a racist policy through their actions or inaction or expressing a racist idea.

ANTIRACIST: One who is supporting an antiracist policy through their actions or expressing an antiracist idea. (definitions are from the book *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, 2019)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 25-26 For the body does not consist of one member but of many; that there be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Juneteenth (June 19): Juneteenth is a celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States. While the Emancipation Proclamation took effect in January, 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865, that the announcement was made in Texas that all slaves were free. The observation of this celebration began the following year to celebrate the day in history that slaves in the far South were told they were free. In 1979, Texas was the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Although 47 states (including Washington) currently recognize Juneteenth as a celebration or holiday, many Americans are still not aware of its importance. (from "*The African Americans, Many Rivers to Cross, What is Juneteenth?*" with Henry Louis Gates Jr. on PBS.org., PBS Learning Media, 2013.)

Education: Racism exists. We live in a highly racialized society. We're all part of the picture and impacted. None of us asked for this. None of us are responsible for the past. But all of us are responsible for how we show up in the present and for our part in creating the future. (from St. Joseph parish Antiracism training by Scott Winn, 2022)

Reflection/ Question: How do we unlearn the attitudes about race we have inherited? How do we learn to be truly antiracist? In what ways do you see Christianity being about struggle and liberation? How do we love one another (all people) as Jesus taught us to do?

For education and awareness about becoming antiracist, see the St. Joseph Parish website under Antiracism Committee for an archive of monthly Antiracism columns in our weekly bulletins from June 2021 through June 2022

Here is a partial reading list for becoming antiracist: (books)

1. *Stamped From the Beginning*, by Ibram X. Kendi, 2017
2. *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander, 2012
3. *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby, 2019
4. *Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome*, by Dr. Joy Degruy, 2017
5. *Until We Reckon*, by Danielle Sereed, 2021
6. *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo, 2018
7. *I'm Still Here*, by Austin Channing Brown, 2018
8. *Uprooting Racism*, by Paul Kivel, 2017 (includes how to be a strong white ally)
9. *How To Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi, 2019
10. *Between The World and Me*, by Ta-Nahisi Coates, 2015
11. *Me and White Supremacy*, by Layla F. Saad, 2020
12. *How the Word is Passed*, by Clint Smith, 2021



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Becoming Antiracist archive

BECOMING ANTIRACIST

13. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, by James H. Cone, 2013
14. *Across that Bridge*, by John Lewis, 2017
15. *A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege*, by Daniel P. Horan, 2021
16. *A Testament of Hope, The Essential Writings and Speeches, Martin Luther King Jr.*, edited by James M. Washington, 1986
17. *40 Days of Prayer for the Liberation of American Descendants of Slavery*, Simmons College of Kentucky, 2019

JUNETEENTH A CALL TO ACTION

Before we can celebrate Juneteenth, we as a country must do better at living into its promise.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from the inhumane and long-term effects of systemic racism.

We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

So, on Juneteenth, we recommit to the work that needs to be done for reconciliation to address and correct our participation in unjust structures. To fully embody our belief in the life and dignity of every human person.

And, while we persist in these endeavors, we do not forget our mission to meet our community's immediate needs in the Archdiocese of Seattle offering care, food, shelter and other services to all who require it.

Every day, let us honor the dignity in every person and work to fulfill the promise of Juneteenth.

Excerpts from Msgr. John J. Enzler, President and CEO of Catholic Charities

CATHOLICS CELEBRATE
JUNETEENTH

— DAY OF FREEDOM —



JUNE 19
DAY OF RECOGNITION
DAY OF RESTORATION
DAY OF CELEBRATION

SYNOD REPORT

Synod Listening Sessions 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.

The Synod planning committee (Vince Herberholt, Mary Wiseman, Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik, Bob McCaffery-Lent, Fr. Matthew Pyrc, and Mark Petterson) reviewed over 40 pages of notes and synthesized recurring themes into one document, which was submitted to the Archdiocese of Seattle. (The Archdiocese asked that the report answer five questions, below.)

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.

St. Joseph Parish Synod Report:

What were common or important themes that emerged from the listening sessions?

The Church is at a moment of opportunity. We should leave behind limiting, exclusive practices and policies that are causing people of all ages to leave the Church, particularly our youth and young adults. Ordain women, ordain married men, bless LGBTQ marriages, invite divorced Catholics back to the Eucharist, and work to address discrimination and biases (especially concerning race and gender). Parishioners also were adamant about the need to stop weaponizing the Eucharist or using it as a reward for "proper behavior."

Which particular stories or real-life experiences were shared related to the way our church currently journeys together?

Again and again, parishioners spoke of the real wounds of clerical sexual abuse, oppression of LGBTQ Catholics (specifically mentioning the CDF letter in 2021 denying blessings for same-sex couples and the language of "intrinsically disordered" for LGBTQ persons), and the continued suppression of women's leadership.

New parishioners also spoke of the joy that the RCIA process brought to them, and the community support that other small groups offered, especially during COVID. Our community is drawn to the church by the sacraments and faith justice initiatives.

Any time an inclusive or freeing practice was mentioned, it was in a positive light. Exclusive and limiting practices were discussed negatively.

What dreams, desires, and aspirations for our Church were expressed by participants?

Parishioners desire a big, open church, where everyone is welcome, particularly full inclusion of LGBTQ persons. Welcoming is not simply words – it needs to be backed with intentional and inclusive actions. Post-COVID is a chance for the Church to completely change how it operates – there's no reason to go back to "the way things were."

The Discerning Women Deacons movement was very popular with parishioners, and the idea of ordaining women as deacons as soon as possible was discussed.

The people desired that the hierarchy be more present and available to the people – Pope Francis' idea of "smelling like the sheep." Only then would they feel our pain and disappointment and be inspired to move forward with revitalizing reform.

What challenges or opportunities do these reflections pose as we journey together?

Too many bishops have a strictly conservative political agenda. Young people are leaving the Church in large numbers. There is cynicism that the synod won't lead to any substantial change. Lots of people are in pain and grieving after COVID.

Climate change threatens our existence as humans; forcing corporations to cease destroying our home must be a top priority for the Church. Wealth inequality is growing, which is against Catholic Social Teaching, and the Church must resist this with all the political will it has.

What did participants share related to the question of “what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together”?

Parishioners responded that the Holy Spirit may be asking us to focus less on the organization of the church and more on the enterprise – the action – of the Church. How are we helping connect people to God's love and form people in their faith, while caring for community?

Specific steps mentioned included empowering lay people, empowering women in leadership, facing white privilege, and caring for the oppressed and marginalized.



FAITH JUSTICE

Next Weekend: Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center Executive Director Will Rutt

Will Rutt, Executive Director of IPJC, will be preaching at all the Masses the weekend of June 4th & 5th. In addition to discussing the work of IPJC, he'll be discussing activism and advocacy for human rights in the Philippines.

Take a look at the informational flyer on the next page about the Philippines Human Rights Act (Will Rutt will be sharing how you can help support this legislation), read this article by Seattle activist Michael Alcantara, and make plans to attend the Townhall on Saturday, June 6th, at the Beacon United Methodist Church.

Philippine Human Rights Townhall with Representative Adam Smith Saturday 6/4 | Time TBD | Beacon United Methodist Church

7301 Beacon Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

For updates on time, check this link: linktr.ee/philippinesupport

Sponsored by Kabataan Alliance WA + Malaya Seattle + International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines

Resources: Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center: ipjc.org

IPJC article about the PHRA, by Michael Alcantara: www.ipjc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AMOSummer21_PassThePHRA_Alcantara.pdf



Article by Michael
Alcantara



IPJC Webpage



Townhall Updates

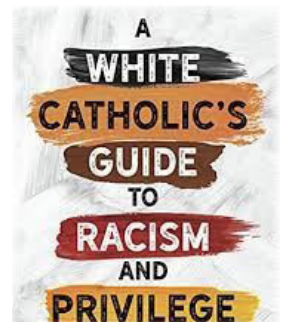
Racial Justice Book Group

June 8 at 7pm on Zoom

Please note the book change!

Join us on Zoom Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm for a discussion of *A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege* by Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M.

As a white man, Horan shows his fellow white Catholics how to become actively anti-racist and better allies to our Black brothers and sisters as we work against racism in our culture and in the Church. He offers us the hope and surety of the Gospel, the wisdom of Catholic tradition, and some practical ways to educate ourselves and advocate for justice.



Contact racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org to receive the Zoom link.



Philippine Human Rights Act

Objective

To suspend the provision of security assistance to the Philippines until the Government of the Philippines has made certain reforms to the military and police forces.

Findings

- **Long history of friendship and solidarity** ties between the US and Philippines **including 550 million dollars in military aid since 2016.**
- **Over 4 million Filipinos in the US**, one of the largest and fastest growing immigrant communities from Asia with significant contributions to American society and history.
- Since 2016, **US has continued to support the administration of Philippine President Rodrigo Roa Duterte**, whose brutal drug war and other campaigns have claimed over 30,000 lives from the urban poor, farmers, peasants, indigenous, environmental activists, and government critics.
- Local elected officials, journalists, and Catholic bishops **critical of the Duterte government** and advocating for the rural poor **have also been killed.**
- 2019, **Brandon Lee**, a US citizen, journalist, and environmental advocate living in the Northern Philippines **became the victim of an attempted assassination by the Philippine military** after being harassed and surveiled for years for his environmental justice work against corporate mining in the area.
- In 2007, a historic **US Senate hearing led by then-Senator Barbara Boxer resulted in the cutting of Foreign Military Financing to the Philippine government** the following year based on the Philippine military's culpability in rampant human rights abuses.

Suspension and Restrictions

- **Suspension of security assistance** to Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippines National Police (PNP).
- US representatives of multilateral development banks to **veto loans to Philippine military and police.**
- US State Department and US Department of Defense to jointly **submit a report** to the Congressional Appropriations Committee specifying: 1) **All security assistance** from the US to the AFP and PNP, 2) Reports from the Philippine recipients on **usage of said aid**, 3) **All misuses of said aid by the recipients**, including but not limited to extrajudicial killings, intimidation, illegal sales, and misappropriation.

Conditions for Lifting Restrictions

- **Investigating and prosecuting members of the military and police forces** who are credibly found to have violated human rights.
- **Withdrawing the military** from domestic policy.
- **Establishing protections of the rights** of trade unionists, journalists, human rights defenders, indigenous persons, small-farmers, LGBTI activists, and critics of the government;
- Taking steps to **guarantee a judicial system that is capable** of investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to justice members of the police and military who have committed human rights abuses; and
- **Fully complying with any and all audits or investigations** regarding the improper use of security aid.