How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Remembering

If the only prayer we ever say in our lives is “Thank you,” that will be enough.

-Meister Eckhart-

Five years ago, at the end of a beautiful Memorial Day weekend on Orcas, with her parents and siblings, 9 year old Sarah Mary Hughes passed quietly away. She left behind family and friends, nurses and doctors, teachers, supporters, and at least one priest, who wept, laughed, and marveled at the memory of her smile and the power of her courage. I remember well the day of Sarah’s funeral: the trees and lampposts bound with thousands of pink ribbons, from the Bertschi School, past St. Joseph Church, and down the hill all the way to the Seattle Tennis Club. I remember the church, overflowing with people—adults, children, close friends of the family and those longing to bring comfort or find it. I remember the call to prayer, and the powerful sense of the God in whom we believe: not a God who took Sarah for some selfish reason, but a God who knows what it is to lose a child to death, and who weeps with every mother and father forced to share that same horrible separation. On that day, we could not imagine what the future looked like; for we were too busy holding each other, listening as Sarah’s older sister read her words to us, and her younger brother told us how he loved her for the way she made him laugh.

This week, on the anniversary of Sarah’s death, her parents, sister, and brother called together a number of her friends for a party and a remembrance. Some of us, stunned that it could be, already, five years, were filled with stories of our time with Sarah—her laughter and her songs, her joyous presence and her love of all things pink. We gathered, listening to the songs she loved, looking at the photos, and telling tales punctuated by tears and smiles. We wondered what she would have looked like now, and imagined her, a half-decade older. Meanwhile, the children and the young adults—some of whom are now the age that Sarah would have been—sang and joked with one another. A group of girls, friends of Sarah, who once had tied pink ribbons in her honor, now choreographed a dance and lip-synced to Taylor Swift’s “Shake It Off”—a tribute Sarah would have certainly led, had she had the opportunity.

Then, at the end of the night, we all went down to the dock, beside Lake Washington, and we lit luminaries—paper balloons under which was an ignitable pad, intended to fill the balloon with warm air. Almost ignited by a mislaunched balloon, I watched as many first attempts caught fire or crashed into the lake: results that would have made Sarah laugh, I have no doubt. But soon, with greater patience, the little groups on the dock more-or-less mastered the process, and the balloons filled enough to fly, before they were let loose. Then, billowing with the heated air, and
catching the breeze from the shore, they began to float, gently and a bit magically, over the lake; gently ascending into the light of the full moon. Pink and white, in honor of Sarah, they pushed up from the water and gradually disappeared from our sight—like her, passing away sooner than we would have wished. Yet, even as they rose into the darkness, they raised up our hearts with longing and with hope. For we knew that, though unseen by us, their light would grace the night for others, long after we had turned towards home, carrying with us our memories, and transformed by the one in whose memory they were let loose.

Of all the powers given to human beings, perhaps none bears so fully the mark of God as does memory. In memory, the past is no longer past, but is made present in us. We hold it; we shape it; we fill it with meaning and with light. Through this power, we re-member—i.e., we take those moments that seem to have gone away from us and restore them to us, as part of our hearts and our lives. So it is that Sarah, who in the cold vision of the world lives no more, remains a living part of us, through the power of our memory and the rites of remembrance that we perform.

Nor is this re-membering delusion or self-deception. Rather, it is a sign of the power given to us as women and men, created in the image and likeness of God. We hold Sarah, and celebrate her, and she is not something past: she is a force and friend to us, one whose gravity changes our orbit, whose light opens our eyes. As with God—in whom all time is overcome by presence—so, too with us, through memory, do we come to taste eternity, do we glimpse the mystery which makes a lie of death. Though we have not yet reached the fullness for which we hope, not yet received complete re-membrance of our life with Sarah, in our memories we are given a glimpse through the door into the mystery of the resurrection, into the promise God gives us in Christ. And in our ritualizing of that memory, we create a sacrament, a visible sign of that invisible and wondrous reality.

This weekend, in the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the Church celebrates again the deep mystery upon which our faith is built, the mystery grounded in sacred and living memory. For when we bless the bread and cup; when we speak the words that Jesus himself spoke the night before his death; when we recall the self-emptying love, given to the disciples and given over and over again to all of us; when we allow ourselves to do all this “in memory of me,” then Christ becomes more than an historical figure who lived two thousand years ago. He becomes alive today: in the bread and in the cup, in each of us, re-membered through a love that never ends. This Sacramental presence of Christ comes to us not because of magic, but because God is faithful, because God’s love re-members us always and in all ways, despite time and distance, despite even death itself. Like those luminaries, floating out into the moonlight, we are not forgotten, and we are never ever lost.

John 86

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Please join us!

WELCOME!

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form.

While you’re registering you are also welcome to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter about happenings in our Parish by clicking on “Sign Up for Our eNewsletter” and sharing your email address. Should you have any question, whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Jack at jackh@stjosephparish.org, or 206-965-1653

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Prelude

**Ave Verum Chant**


ENGLISH TRANSLATION: Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Entrance Song

**All Who Hunger (5&11)**

Come from restlessness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
You that yearn for days of fullness, All around us is our food.
We that once were lost and scattered In communion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this table Live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
Table Of Plenty (9)

Antiphonal

Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest,

ALL: and on earth peace to people 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Són 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.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

Haas

I will take the cup of life, I will call God's name all my days.

Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation

Chant Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Reflection

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Offertory Song

Ave Verum

For the text, see prelude.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right and just.
Holy, Holy, Holy

**Chant**

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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**Chant**

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
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**Great Amen**

**Chant**

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Amen.
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**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

**Lamb of God**

**Agnus Dei**

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis. Agnus Dei,
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qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.
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Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

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All Are Invited To Come Forward

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

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

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Communion Song

Take and Eat This Bread

Take and eat this bread; this is my body.

Take and drink this cup; this is my blood. When you do this, do this in remembrance of me.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Murray

1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world reigns near us, With ever joyful hearts And bless-ed peace to giv-en, The Son, and Spir-it blest, Who joic-es; Who, from our moth-ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our cheer us; Pre-serve us in his grace, And guide us in dis-heav-en, E-ter-nal, Tri-une God, Whom earth and heav'n a-way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to-day. tress, And free us from all sin, Till heav-en we pos-sess. dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

Recessional

Instrumental

Now Thank We All Our God

Recessional

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This Week At St. Joseph

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

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body In Prayer

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

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

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer Group
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass
**Liturgy and Worship**

**Sacred Silence**
*A time for silent prayer and peace*

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

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

**The Rosary At St. Joseph**

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

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

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

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**Daily Mass**
*A Eucharistic Community*

We gather in the Spirit, hear the words of scripture, reflect on the Gospel, and worship God in the Eucharist.

We are a community with different backgrounds, diverse in life, men and women, but strong in faith and worship, coming together for the daily Mass at 7 AM from Monday to Friday, in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. A part of the everyday life of the parish, the Daily Mass community offers its devotion and prayers for the life of the whole parish.

**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For students and staff as they prepare for summer vacation . . . For Bob who is celebrating his 82nd birthday.

“Between morning and evening the weather changes; Before the Lord all things are fleeting.”

~Sirach 18: 26

Rest in Peace

Patricia Wilson, sister of Betty Shorett, who passed away last week.
Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

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

Upcoming Outings - Stay tuned for details

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

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

Friday, August 14th - Snoqualmie Railroad Days

Women’s Ministry

2015 St. Joseph Women's Fall Retreat "We Are One in the Spirit", September 25-27, 2015 at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island

SAVE THE DATE & INVITE A FRIEND! All women are welcome.

Eileen Flanagan, a spiritual writer, speaker, and activist, will be our facilitator. A former Peace Corps Volunteer, a graduate of Duke and Yale, a wife, and a mother, Eileen’s new book “Renewable: One Woman’s Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope” is the story of a woman who, while trying to change the world, unexpectedly finds the courage to change her life. Won't you take a break, meet Eileen, and reconnect with the women of St. Joseph’s on this weekend away?

To reserve your spot, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

To ask a question, contact Sheila Marie Sifferman at smarie49@comast.net

Lost & Found

For mislaid sunglasses left in church, please call Renee at 324-2522 ext. 100.

Book Reading

St. Joseph parishioners, Lester R. Sauvage, MD, and his son-in-law Paul Huddleston, DDS, invite you to a book reading on Saturday June 27th at 4:15pm in the Parish Center for Dr. Sauvage’s latest book, “Opening Hearts: A Cardiovascular Surgeon Reflects on Faith, Healing, Love & the Meaning of Life.” Dr. Sauvage will be present to greet you and Dr. Huddleston will read selections from the work which was published in May.

The book is a distillation of Dr. Sauvage’s ideas about how faith in God and loving service to each other creates a life of purpose and meaning. In the book Dr. Sauvage shares his wisdom about how spiritual awareness and life choices relate to healing, health, and happiness, and he reveals his path to living in a more conscious, loving, and heart centered way. Books will be available at the reading or can be purchased in advance on Amazon.com.

Sounders Tickets

Join us as we head back to the Clink to cheer on the Sounders as they take on Portland!

This year we will have the chance to gather after the 9:30 mass (we will still be on our summer schedule) in the parking lot for our own version of a “tailgate”. Rancho Bravo Tacos will be here with their taco truck to get us started!

This event has sold out each year so get your tickets early!

The cost is $36 which includes a ticket to the game, a Sounders T-shirt and Taco Truck lunch!
Let’s Create Art!

Class Description:
Create beautiful sketches with ink and watercolor washes! With quick, easy techniques and simple materials, using an intuitive approach, we will create a “watercolor journal” as we learn to capture the essence of flowers, plants and everyday objects. We will begin with fun warm up exercises in pen and gradually layer in watercolor to make drawings pop!

Class Location
St. Joseph’s Church
732 18th Avenue east,
Seattle, WA 98112

Class Days and Times
Wednesdays
July 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26
Time - 1-3pm

To Register contact: (206) 965-1646 class size limited to 15 participants

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to inspire hope and purpose for seniors by providing access to create art.

Please visit our website, www.seniorscreatingart.org for more information or to make a donation!
Magis Alumni Living the Mission

Exploring an Ignatian Approach to Leadership
Friday, July 31, 2015  I  8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Seattle University (Campion Ballroom)

Explore the concept of Ignatian Leadership and how to apply and integrate Jesuit values and Ignatian practices into your personal and professional life.

Join leaders from various professional walks of life for this one-day conference to dialogue and learn tools to become a more effective, authentic Ignatian leader.

There will be opportunities to learn about the role of self-awareness and personal discernment in leadership, healthy group decision-making and communal discernment, how to work for social justice and the Common Good as leaders, as well as a chance to discuss the role of love in leading. We also look forward to welcoming our keynote speaker, Fr. Scott Santarosa, S.J., Provincial of the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus. Please join us!

Early Bird Rates before June 26th: General Admission - $100 & Young Adult Rate - $50. Partial scholarships are also available. Please email us at magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu with your questions. All are welcome! To register go to https://www.regonline.com/ignatianleadership-conference

Summer Day of Reflection

"Inner Landscapes": A Midyear Examen
Saturday, June 20, 2015 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
Mary Hartrich, facilitator

This June, you are invited to take time to slow down, step back, and prayerfully "examine" your life's journey in the middle of the year. Facilitator Mary Hartrich (Executive Director, ISC) will offer brief presentations on the movements of the Examen, followed by abundant time for reflection, using suggestions for prayer and journaling on the first half of your year or another longer period of time. This day invites you to ponder what is most important to you and to consider possible next steps in your life. People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome, especially those with an openness to deepening one’s experience of prayer in the Ignatian tradition. Invite a friend, colleague or family member to join you! Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org)


INFO: For more information about this day, or for questions about partial work scholarships, contact Andrea Fontana at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org.
What’s Up With CYO Sports at St. Joseph?

Our St. Joseph CYO Sports program has a new Athletic Director! We welcome Mr. Robby Hayes to our community. Besides his work as A.D., Mr. Hayes will teach K-3 P.E. in our parish school. He comes to us with experience, having worked already in the Archdiocese as a coach and as one of the cross country commissioners with CYO Athletics. He will begin as Athletic Director this coming fall.

A huge thank you to the members of the CYO Board for their work this year: retired A.D. Jordan Howell, Meg Wolfe, Mike and Patrice Theisen, Debbie Duffy, Trish McGonigle, Joe Augustavo, Bruce Mirkin, Carlos de la Torre, Ann Marie Skov, Doug Skrobut, Brooks McMahon, & Liz Pauldine. They have been wonderfully generous to our young people and should be applauded by all of us!

A few other notes about CYO at St. Joseph. Because the structure and needs of the CYO program has shifted, instead of the current board structure we are creating an Appeals Board, to deal impartially with issues that may arise. The Appeals Board, will communicate directly with the Pastor and will help settle disputes over structures and practices that cannot be worked out with the Athletic Director. CYO Sports continues to operate with volunteer sport coordinators for grades K thru 5, and now the A.D. will directly oversee the 6-8 grade sports. We are the largest CYO program in the Archdiocese and look forward to having participation from our parish and school youth athletes, along with adult volunteer coaches. For more information, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This past year, we had almost 250 students, a volunteer staff of 8 teachers for each class, many volunteer parent assistants, and 15 high school helpers. This definitely is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners.

Looking to next year, we will have the following openings: CFF K (kindergarten), CFF 1 (first year of the two year Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist), CFF 3/4 (grade 3 & 4) co-teacher, CFF 5/6 (grade 5 & 6), and CFF Jr. High (scripture studies course). All materials, trainings and support are provided. If you are not yet able to jump in, but have teaching experience and would like to be a substitute, please let me know. For any and all inquiries you may reach Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Children’s Faith Formation registration is open now for upcoming Fall classes. To register visit our website: www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.
Our Community

Annual Catholic Appeal: A Gift that Keeps Giving

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA gives St. Joseph Parish an opportunity to support the work of the wider church in Western Washington—the education of seminarians, support of retired priests and women religious, the work of Catholic Community Services, multicultural ministries, and so much more.

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

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

Annual Catholic Appeal - WEEK 5

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment.................................................. $143,986
Raised to Date.................................................................$ 87,757
Percent of Goal Reached.......................................................... 61%
Percent Participation (222 households)................................. 18%

If you haven’t brought your envelope from home, envelopes are available in the pews in front of you. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket TODAY. Your gift (however large or small!) will make a real difference in the lives of those touched by the wider church in Western Washington. Thank you for your generosity!
Volunteer Chore Services

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a low income Senior or an Adult living with a disability?

Volunteer Chore Services of Catholic Community Services needs you!! Become a long-term one-on-one volunteer, organize a group to clean up a yard or adopt a low-income Senior Housing facility! Opportunities in your neighborhood are available!

Contact Katrina Hale at katrinah@ccsww.org or 206.328.6858 to change the life of someone in need near you.

Catholic Community Services

Pregnancy Support - Fundraiser Work Party
Saturday June 6th - 10 am – 2 pm
4250 S. Mead St. Seattle - (St. Edward’s Parish)

Pregnancy Support Services needs our help to prepare for a fundraiser Yard Sale to be held on June 27th. St Joseph volunteers will help sort, stage and price items. Donations for the yard sale are also welcomed including garden related items. To sign-up or for more information contact Joe Prusa at shejoprusa@hotmail or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646

St. Vincent de Paul

Please know that your St. Vincent de Paul donations make a difference!

Doris’ electricity was shut off in March. Her part-time work paid just enough to meet the rent, purchase a small bag of groceries, and cover a short list of other expenses. She avoided taking the bus, and walked to her appointments, in order to save money. Still she found time to volunteer at the St. Mary’s Food Bank.

When she called the City to find out how much she owed to get the lights turned back on, the person on the other end of the line repeated a list of charges she did not understand much less why they had been billed to her account. So Doris amended her life to live without electricity.

After several weeks without power, she swallowed her pride and called St. Vincent de Paul for help. Two of our St. Joseph members last week visited her and pledged the amount Doris owed which was under $200. Her electricity will be turned back on this week. And the extra charges on her bill will be removed.

It is both humbling and inspiring to meet people like Doris, who manages with so little, does not complain, and only asks for help when she reaches the end of her rope. It is your donations that enable us to help people like her. Thank you St. Joseph for your generosity and open-heartedness.

St. Francis House

Specific Items Needed

St. Joseph parishioners have generously donated food to St. Francis house for a very long time. All donations of non-perishable food are greatly appreciated, however there is a particular need for canned chili, baked beans, canned meat such as chicken or spam, and tuna fish. Peanut butter and jams/jellies are also favorites! Thank you for your continued support!

Blood Drive Coming Soon!

June 15th 2015--St. Joseph Church
1pm-7pm (closed 3-4) -- Parish Center, 732 18th Ave E

Summer is here! Before you start slapping on the sunscreen and head out to the beach, come donate blood! During the summer months there is a great decrease in donor participation but YOU can help change that!

Sign up today! Contact Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522, Ext 100.
Yuri grew up in the Boise, Idaho area in a small town called Eagle. Throughout high school and afterward he worked with his father running the family tile business. He met his future wife in Seattle, they got married, and he settled here in 2009. He immediately began work as a custodian at Blanchet High School and then became Maintenance Engineer for the school from 2010-13.

During his time at Blanchet Yuri continued to advance his understanding of facility maintenance and operations, taking classes at Renton Technical College in their commercial building engineer program and earning his Boilers License. He especially enjoyed furthering his knowledge in the LEED Green Building program and coursework, which he feels will come in handy as St. Joseph Parish considers installing solar panels and other energy-saving devices for the church.

Yuri is delighted to continue his work for both parish and now the school. He will continue to work closely with Craig Nelson and Max Andrews as this reinforced team is now poised to better share skills and resources for the betterment of the entire block.

Maintaining the buildings, addressing and averting emergencies, ensuring a safe environment, responding to parishioners and volunteers, and preserving the historic beauty of the campus and its buildings—all are a part of a good day’s work for Yuri.

We are truly blessed to have his presence on the block. If you see him please say hello.

The Light of Faith

There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfilment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. On the one hand, it is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death. Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness. Dante, in the Divine Comedy, after professing his faith to Saint Peter, describes that light as a "spark, which then becomes a burning flame and like a heavenly star within me glimmers".[4] It is this light of faith that I would now like to consider, so that it can grow and enlighten the present, becoming a star to brighten the horizon of our journey at a time when mankind is particularly in need of light.

The light of love proper to faith can illumine the questions of our own time about truth. Truth nowadays is often reduced to the subjective authenticity of the individual, valid only for the life of the individual. A common truth intimidates us, for we identify it with the intransigent demands of totalitarian systems. But if truth is a truth of love, if it is a truth disclosed in personal encounter with the Other and with others, then it can be set free from its enclosure in individuals and become part of the common good. As a truth of love, it is not one that can be imposed by force; it is not a truth that stifles the individual. Since it is born of love, it can penetrate to the heart, to the personal core of each man and woman. Clearly, then, faith is not intransigent, but grows in respectful coexistence with others. One who believes may not be presumptuous; on the contrary, truth leads to humility, since believers know that, rather than ourselves possessing truth, it is truth which embraces and possesses us. Far from making us inflexible, the security of faith sets us on a journey; it enables witness and dialogue with all.

~Pope Francis, Lumen fidei
St. Joseph is headed back to the clink!

Visit our website www.stjosephparish.org for tickets to the August 30th Sounders game!

Be sure to join us for this fun event!