



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 11, 2022 \* Third Sunday in Advent \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

Mass Times: **5pm Saturday**

**9:00 AM Sunday**

**11:00 AM Sunday - Livestream w/ASL**  
on our YouTube channel (Available for viewing all week)

**5:30 PM Sunday**

Reconciliation: **Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30pm**  
Weekday Mass Schedule: **Tuesday-Friday, 7am**  
**YouTube & Parish Center**

**Readings for December 18, 2022**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

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# Ministry of the Week: Music!



**By Laura Ash, Director of Music at St. Joe's**

As a young girl, I loved to sing more than anything else, more than any subject in school, more than any sport! As I grew older, I realized that the real joy was, and is, in singing with others! That is where the true magic happens. There is something powerful when people come together to unite in song, and communal singing has been a powerful instrument of transformation through the ages: at times of great joy, at times of protest, and in times of suffering.

This is why I love liturgical music so much. Each week, when we come to church, we bring all that has happened to us during the week, our joys and sorrows, and the very act of singing lifts them to God. ALL who are present are part of the Great Choir, which is enhanced and supported by choristers and instrumentalists in music ministry to the assembly. **If you feel called to join in that music ministry to help our assembly to sing, you are welcome! We would especially love some more lower voices - those who sing in the tenor and bass range! Email me at [lash@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lash@stjosephparish.org) or catch me after Mass!**

Another part of what helps the assembly to sing with confidence is our sound system, and we are looking for interested folks that would like to learn about how to support the ministry of song and spoken word from our sound board.

It is a very interesting piece of technology, and has an amazing way of adding to our prayer! It would be wonderful to have a person at our sound board at each Mass on Sunday morning, at least to start. **Please let us know if you are interested in being part of this new ministry.** Thank you all for being part of our sung journey through the years!

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Call To Worship

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

## Procession

*Prepare! Prepare!*

*Pishner*



Prepare the way, the way of the Lord. Ready your hearts.

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

Sing and rejoice! The Lord is near, I say rejoice!

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

## Blessing The Advent Wreath

### Penitential Act *(Sung)*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.

Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.

Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.

Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.



## First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers,  
and rejoice with joyful song.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!

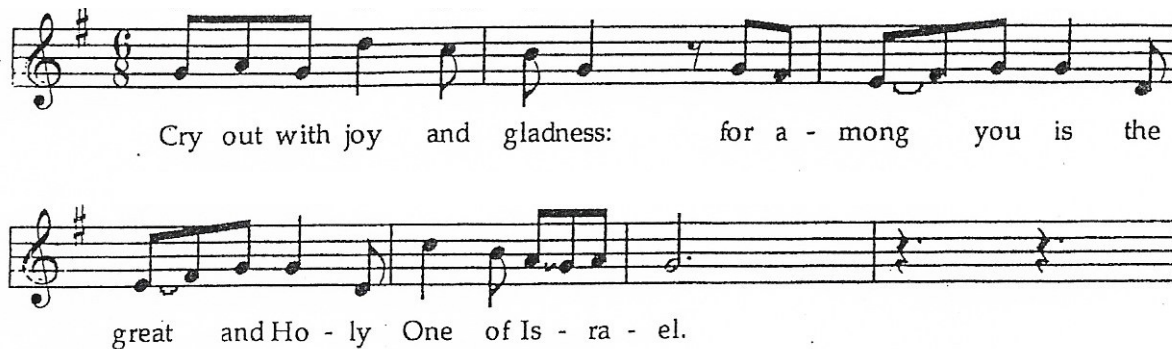
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
he comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee.

## Psalm

Isaiah 12

Ash



God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord,  
the Lord has been my savior. Draw water with joy at the font of salvation! *Ref.*

On that day we will say: We give you thanks and call on your name;  
make known your deeds throughout the earth, proclaim how great is your name. *Ref.*

We sing our praise to you for all of your glorious deeds. Shout and sing, O city of Zion,  
shout with exultation, for great in your midst is Israel's Holy One! *Ref.*

## Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Lynch



Prepare the way of the Lord our God; make straight the path for the Lord.  
And all shall see our saving God, we shall see the salvation of God.

## Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

## Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

## Profession of Faith

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
*All stand upright.*

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Online Giving

Scan this QR code to make  
a one-time gift to St. Joe's



# Offertory Song

*Choral: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning (9&11)*

Thomas

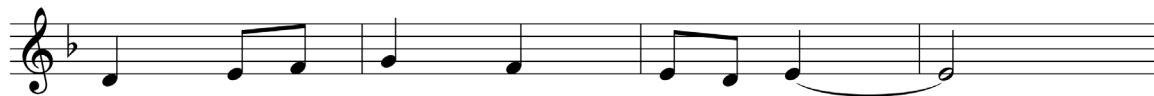
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## *There Is A Longing (5&5:30)*

### Refrain



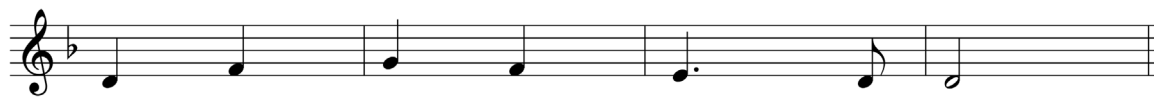
There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for



you to re - veal your - self to us.



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we



on - ly find in you, our God.

### Verses



1. For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2. For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3. For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4. Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
dark - ness.	We call you,	we wait:



be near, hear our prayer, O God.

**D.C.**

### 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

## Maranatha Mass

Lynch

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts.

5 Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho -

11 san-nah in the high-est. Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah to God on

16 *Fine* high, Blest is He who comes in the name, in the name of the

21 Lord our God. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

# Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your re-sur-rec-tion.

5 We pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

# Great Amen

A - mem, A - men. Come, O come, Em - man - u - el.

5 A - men, A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

# Lamb of God

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

5 mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us.  
mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us.  
grant us peace, O grant us your peace.

## Communion

### *My Soul In Stillness Waits*

Haugen



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits, tru-ly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
Your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (Refrain)

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,  
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. (Refrain)

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
And in your advent draw us all to you,  
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising. (Refrain)

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,  
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,  
Open to us the pathway of your peace. (Refrain)

## Recessional

### *People, Look East*

Farjeon

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who  
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley  
a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple look  
nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple look  
fro - zen He for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple look  
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple look  
hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple look  
East and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.  
East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

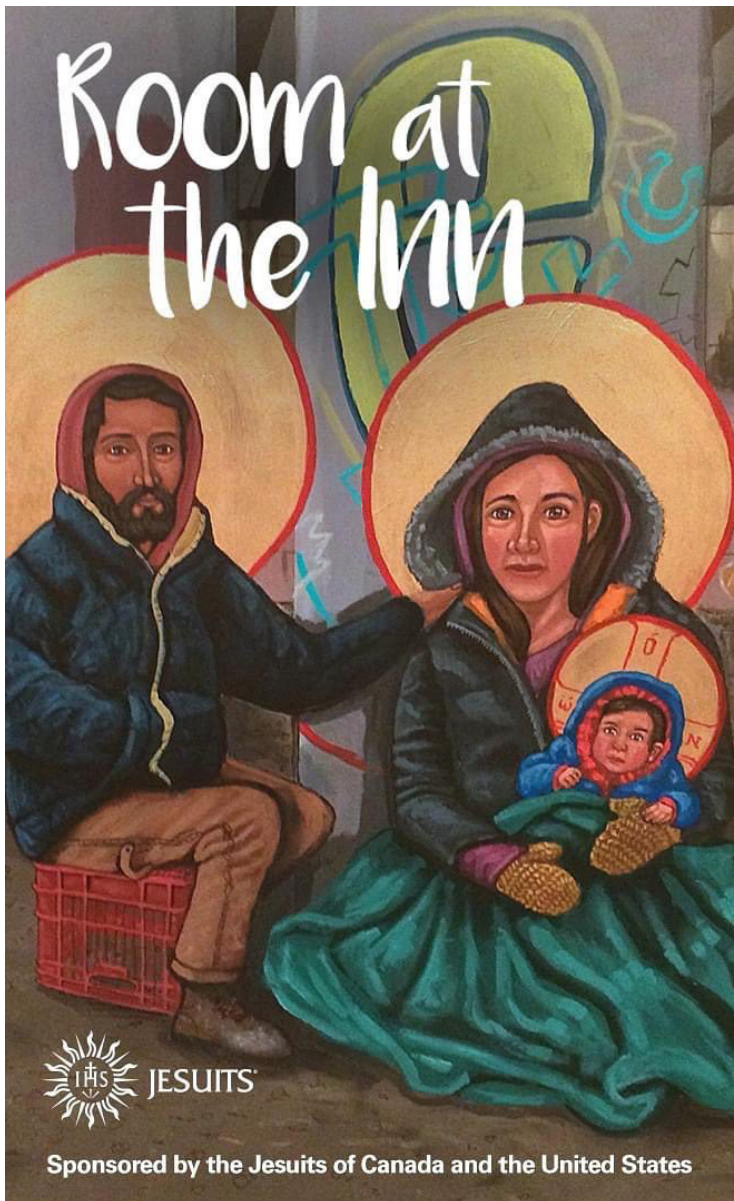


## Advent and Christmas

Take a look at our full Advent and Christmas calendar on our website:

[www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2022](http://www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2022)

or scan the QR code:



### An Ignatian Journey with the Holy Family into Advent

A free, virtual evening of  
prayer and reflection

**Wednesday**  
**December 14, 2022**  
**7:30pm ET**

Journey with the Holy  
Family through "visio divina"  
(praying with images) and  
Ignatian contemplation of  
Scripture

*Facilitated by:*

**Kelly Latimore**, renowned  
iconographer

**Cameron Bellm**, poet and  
Jesuits.org columnist

Register at  
**Jesuits.org/adventprayer**



# Simbang Gabi

The Filipino Community of St. Joseph Parish  
warmly invites you to our third annual

## ***Simbang Gabi***

A Christmastime Filipino Night Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**5pm**

Refreshments and appetizers  
immediately following Mass  
in the Social Hall



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# The Origin of “Simbang Gabi”: A Reflection

by St. Joe's Parishioner Remy G. Edwards

During the Christmas season, when the darkness of night covers all of Asia & Africa, a strange light glow throughout the Philippines, that bring to the minds of people the beginning of the Christian era. This light, of course is that which heralds the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in history. But in the Philippines, because of the great tradition of Filipinos, this light shines even before Christmas Eve.

According to this tradition, to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord, Filipinos hear Mass very early in the morning, long before the break of dawn, for nine consecutive mornings before Christmas Eve. It is a tradition that is perhaps unique in the world. I am not aware of a similar tradition elsewhere on earth. And I say that this tradition is a very powerful instrument which makes that strange light I am speaking about shine so brightly in the Philippines. A light far more powerful than any physical light because it is the light of faith. According to this tradition, Filipinos would go to their churches very early in the morning, at about 4 o'clock, when the sky is still dark and the winds are chilly & cold. And they go to their churches to hear Mass in preparation for the birth of Our Lord.

The practice is observed for nine consecutive mornings, beginning on the 16th of December until the morning just before Christmas Day. The Mass, which Filipinos attend during this period, is known as the “misa de gallo”, translated as the “Mass of the rooster”. The tradition of attending the “misa de gallo” for nine consecutive mornings before Christmas Day came about during the Spanish colonial occupation of the Philippines. The Catholic Faith was introduced to the Filipinos by the Spanish friars. To spread the faith and induce it to grow its roots deep in the country, the Spanish friars introduced numerous religious customs. Many were unique in the Philippines, reminding the Filipinos of the great dogmas of the Faith. One of these religious customs was the “misa de gallo”.

The tradition of “misa de gallo” began because the Spanish friars wanted the Filipinos to attend mass every morning for nine consecutive mornings before Christmas Day. The intention was that, by attending these Masses, the Filipinos would be indoctrinated with the supreme importance of the coming of the Lord. But the friars met a major difficulty. Many of the Filipinos, being farmers, could not attend the morning Masses because at that time they would already be working in their fields, tending their crops. Consequently, the friars decided to hold the Mass much earlier in the morning before the Filipinos would start their work. The signal for attending the Mass was the crowing of the cock which, in the ancient times, was the guardian that would rouse the Filipinos from their beds to begin the day.

And so the Mass would be known as “misa de gallo”, the “Mass of the rooster”, which would become one of the finest traditions in the country. When we recall the tradition of “misa de gallo” we are overwhelmed by an irresistible feeling of nostalgia, a feeling of loneliness, a longing for bright things, especially when one is living in another land beyond Philippine shores. In the Philippines, mornings in December are often very chilly; December is a part of what I call the tropical winter in the Philippines. In December, icy winds from Siberia would lash throughout the country, making one shiver with the cold. To attend the “misa de gallo”, one would have to rise from a warm bed, dress up and, though still drowsy, one would have to leave the comfort of the home and brave the chilly winds. For many, this is a heavy sacrifice to make for Our Lord. But once one steps into the church, there is that instant feeling of a kind of warmth which may be mystical more than anything else. Inside, the church is glowing with light, the light which is physical and also, that light which is faith. Then the mass begins, amid a lot of singing, songs in veneration of the Virgin Mary, songs in praise of the Lord.

After the Mass is over, as one leaves the church, you are met by vendors selling rice cakes, cookies, and hot drinks, just right for an early breakfast at home. The grounds around the church would be alive with people. But what I remember most of all, aside from the Mass, was the golden light of so many candles warming the cold wind and driving away the dark.

**Join the St. Joseph community next Saturday at 5pm to experience Simbang Gabi for yourself, and come to the reception afterwards, in the Social Hall, for a wonderful reception with Filipino food and fellowship.**

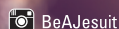
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## Advent Taize Service

**FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 16th  
7pm  
St. Joseph Parish**

*A reception will follow.*

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## St. Joe's Giving Tree



Our annual Giving Tree program is going strong! This year we have over 700 gift tags helping 12 local out-reach partners.

**While the gifts on the tree have all been taken, we really need everyone to sign up for gifts on our virtual Giving Tree site!**

Sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/WeqnAdP> (or scan the QR code)



**The deadline for gifts to be brought in is Monday December 12th 4:00pm.** Gifts can be brought to the parish center or to any weekend Mass and placed underneath the Giving Tree.

Gifts will be secured daily, but please take gift cards to the parish center or give to a staff member or usher. Thanks for your generosity! **If you have questions, email Deacon Steve at [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org) or call 206-965-1646.**

The Giving Tree supports our following Outreach Partners - this year we have 700 gift tag items!

***Facing Homelessness***

***St. Vincent de Paul***

***International Rescue Committee***

***Jubilee Women's Center***

***Recovery Café***

***L'Arche***

***St. Martin de Porres***

***Casa Latina***

***Pregnancy and Parenting Support***

***Noel House***

***St. Francis House***

## Sister Parish Info Session Sunday, December 11th

**Immediately Following the 11am Mass**

**Arrupe Room**

Interested in joining a St. Joe's delegation to Arcatao and Nueva Trinidad, El Salvador, to visit our sister parishes? Join us after the 11am Mass this weekend

We are planning for a late March 2023 trip to commemorate the anniversary of Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination.



# FAITH FORMATION & COMMUNITY

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## Volunteers Needed! Preschool Catechist/Teacher

We're looking for someone who loves working with children to help teach a Sunday School class for three and four year-olds. Training for this position will begin in January, and classes will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the social hall. Can you help? Contact Elisa at [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org)

### **Families: Are your kids ready to be baptized and join the church? Explore our RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) offerings!**

As we welcome young folks into the Church, we're starting new classes for children ages 9-12 that will include Baptism Prep, Reconciliation, First Communion, (and Confirmation, if desired).

One RCIC class will be on Wednesdays at 4pm, starting this Winter, taught by Mary Guerra. 6 spots available - join today!

Please contact Elisa Cooper ASAP to connect [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org)

## Joyful Voices Children's Christmas Choir

Joyful Voices - the St. Joe's Children's Choir - will return for the Christmas Eve 4pm mass again this year!

Would your child/children will be interested in joining the choir for Christmas Eve? All children of reading age and above are welcome!

Rehearsals will be: Sunday, December 18 at 11am-12 in the Arrupe room in the parish center / Wednesday, December 21, 5-6 pm in the church / Thursday, December 22, 5-6pm in the church (followed by a pizza party)



To sign your child up to participate, scan the QR code or visit [www.stjosephparish.org/3650/childrens-choir.html](http://www.stjosephparish.org/3650/childrens-choir.html)

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## High Schoolers & Middle Schoolers - We Need Your Help!

Are you in high school or middle school and want to help out your community? Faith Formation is looking for students to volunteer as a helper with the Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School classes. You don't need to be an expert - just someone who enjoys helping out little ones.

We'll give you all the training - contact Elisa at [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org) if you're interested!

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## Junior Jaguar Playgroup - December 15th

St. Joseph School is hosting a free, monthly Junior Jaguar Playgroup this school year. The next one is Friday, December 16th! Join us in the Social Hall (below the church) from 8:15-9:30am for some free play time and socialization. Parents, grandparents, nannies and little ones are all welcome. We will provide all of the toys, crafts and fun! You bring yourself and your little loved ones! Reserved parking will be provided in the parking lot at 8:15am.

Register with the QR code below! Any questions, please contact Kesslie Hollingshead at [khollingshead@stjoseph-sea.org](mailto:khollingshead@stjoseph-sea.org)





# PARISH LIFE

## Young Adult Community



### White Elephant Gift Exchange & Ugly Sweater Christmas Party



December 11th - This Sunday!

6:45pm in the Parish Center

The St. Joe's tradition is back! Bring your festive-iest outfit and a wrapped, anonymous gift. It could be something you already have at home or purchased for around \$15. (Don't worry if you can't bring a gift; we'll have extras!) Dinner, drinks, and music will be in full swing.

## Save the Dates!



### Places We Find Ourselves

#### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

LaConner, Washington  
February 3rd - 5th, 2023

For details and to register, please contact  
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at  
(206) 965-1646 or [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)

**\$450 per couple\***  
*Partial scholarships available*



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\*Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.



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CEIE Winter Workshop Series

The Art of Spiritual Direction:  
Foundations, Practice, and Applications

January 19th - Foundations  
February 16th - Practice  
March 16th - Applications

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Jeanie Robinson



Leonetta Elaiho



Patty Repikoff



Patrick J. Twohy, SJ



### Couples Examen

Saturday, January 21

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### Parish Center

You and your partner are invited to a Couples Examen Retreat at St. Joe's. This is an opportunity to prayerfully examine your life throughout this past year. We'll engage in private reflection, couples' private sharing, and then small group sharing with other couples.

ALL couples are welcome: LGBTQIA+, straight, married, dating - Everybody belongs here.

We will provide lunch and snacks and refreshments throughout the day. Cost for the day is \$30 per couple.

Please RSVP no later than January 15th!



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## Women's Ministry Advent Series



Advent is a special time of year to reflect and experience peace, joy, love and hope. This year, the Women's Ministry is hosting a Weekly Advent Reflection Series led by Tricia Burns. This is an opportunity to draw more intentionally into the season of Advent and to celebrate the graces found in the Gospel of Luke.

Two evenings will be via zoom and two will be in-person events at the parish. Please mark your calendar and RSVP for each event. This way we can get you a zoom link and plan on numbers for refreshments, programs, prayer cards and space. You may attend one, two, three or all! Specify your RSVP with specific dates you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

### Four Thursdays in Advent

- **Dec.1**      **7:00 - 8:30 pm** evening reflection with music and Lectio Divina **via zoom**
- **Dec 8**      **7:00– 9:00 pm** Mass in the church with Gospel Proclamation by Betsey Beckman, followed by refreshments and reflection in the Arrupe Room 8:10-9:00.
- **Dec. 15**    **6:30 – 8:30 pm** gather in vestibule; Program begins at 7pm in Church.  
Bring Christmas cookies to share.
- **Dec 22**    **7:00—8:30 pm** evening reflection with music and Lectio Divina **via Zoom**

**To RSVP or if you want more information, please email  
[women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org) or call 206-965-1651**