



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

6PM & 10PM - MASS IN THE NIGHT

## The Nativity of the Lord



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**Welcome to St. Joseph**

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**Upcoming Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, 12/31 5pm**

**Sunday, 1/1 10am & 5:30pm**

**The weekend of January 7&8**

**we resume our normal Mass schedule of  
Saturday, 5pm, Sunday, 9am & 11am,  
5:30 pm**



## Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

Merry Christmas! We welcome you to St. Joseph Parish, a place where Everybody Belongs. Whether this is your first time with us or you've been a parishioner for decades, we are so grateful that you are joining us for this holy and joyous celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

In the following pages of this bulletin, you'll find current events and liturgies, and also a listing of all our ministries and how you can connect!

**About St. Joseph Parish:** For more than a century, the community of St. Joseph Parish has been an example of God's presence in the world. *Ignited by the Eucharist to love & serve*, we are called to a passionate and personal relationship with God and our world.

A destination for Catholics in Seattle who are seeking a justice-driven parish that is focused on inclusion, St. Joe's is home to more than 1550 families and a second home to even more friends. Many of our parishioners are active volunteers in our ministries, contributing both time and talent to our three dozen ministries, undertaken to serve those in our parish and to the elderly, ill, and needy in our area. Our parish school enrolls 600+ children from kindergarten through 8th grade, as well!

### Stay Up-to-Date!

**New? Visiting? Interested?** Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? **Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) and click on the "Sign up for our eNewsletter" link in the upper right corner of the homepage.**

**Register!** Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joe's, yet haven't officially registered? Join us!

**Why register?** St. Joe's is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) and click on the "Join Our Parish" link, or scan the QR code below.





# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## 6PM & 10PM - MASS IN THE NIGHT

### Pre-Mass Carols

### Choral: The Wexford Carol

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done in sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day: in Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, the noble Virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go", the angels said, "to Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger he was laid, and by his side the Virgin maid, attending on the Lord of life, who came on earth to end all strife.

There were three wise men from afar, directed by a glorious star, and on they wandered night and day until they came where Jesus lay. And when they came unto that place where our beloved Messiah was, they humbly cast them at his feet, with gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day: in Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born.

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

### Choral: Gaudete

*Refrain:* Gaudete, Gaudete, Christus est natus ex Maria virgine, Gaudete.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. *Ref.*  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor. *Ref.*  
Angels sang about his birth, wise ones sought and found him; Heaven's star shown brightly forth, glory all around him. *Ref.*

Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing; All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing. *Ref.*

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger. *Ref.*  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory! *Ref.*



## Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we may no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Processional

### O Come All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
2. Sing choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion.  
3. God of God, Light of Light.

come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and be-holdhim,  
Sing! All ye ci-ti-zens of hea-v-a-bove. Glo-ry to God!  
Lo! He comes forth from the vir-gin's womb. Our ve-ry God, be -

born the King of an-gels; O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a -  
Glo-ry in the high-est:  
got-ten not cre-a-ted;

dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Gloria



1. Glo-ry to our God on high; peace to all on earth who dwell.  
2. Je-sus, on-ly Son of God, Lamb of God, our sins you bear;  
3. You a-lone, O Ho-ly One, You a-lone are Lord most high;

Migh-ty God and heav'n-ly King we wor-ship You, we give you thanks.  
Sea-ted at our God's right hand, show us mer-cy, hear our pray'r.  
with the Spi-rit in God's glo-ry, now to you our voi-ces sing.

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

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## First Reading

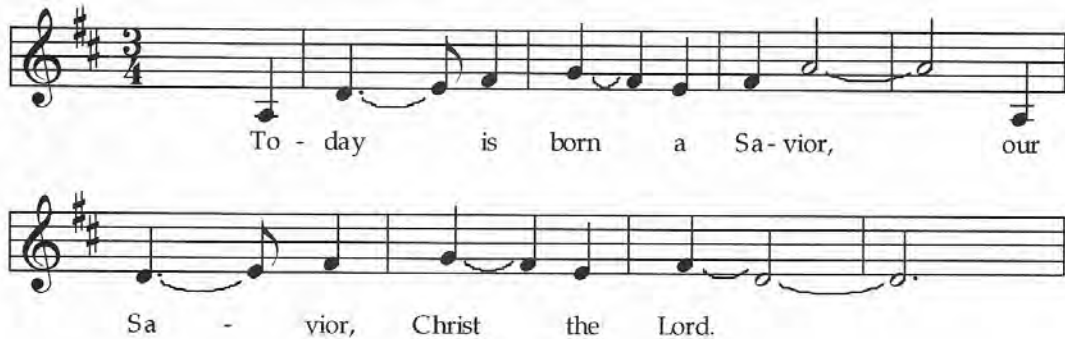
Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

## Psalm

Psalm 96

Ash



Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all you lands.

Tell all the nations the glory of God; tell of God's wonders to all. *Ref.*

Let earth and heaven rejoice; let all the oceans resound;

let the plains and all that is in them be glad, and the trees of the forest exult. *Ref.*

They shall exult before God who comes to rule the earth;

to rule the earth with justice and peace, and the peoples with constancy. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Christmastime Alleluia





## Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

**Homily**      6pm Deacon Steve Wodzanowski, 10pm Fr. Matthew Pyrc, S.J.

## 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

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## Offertory Song

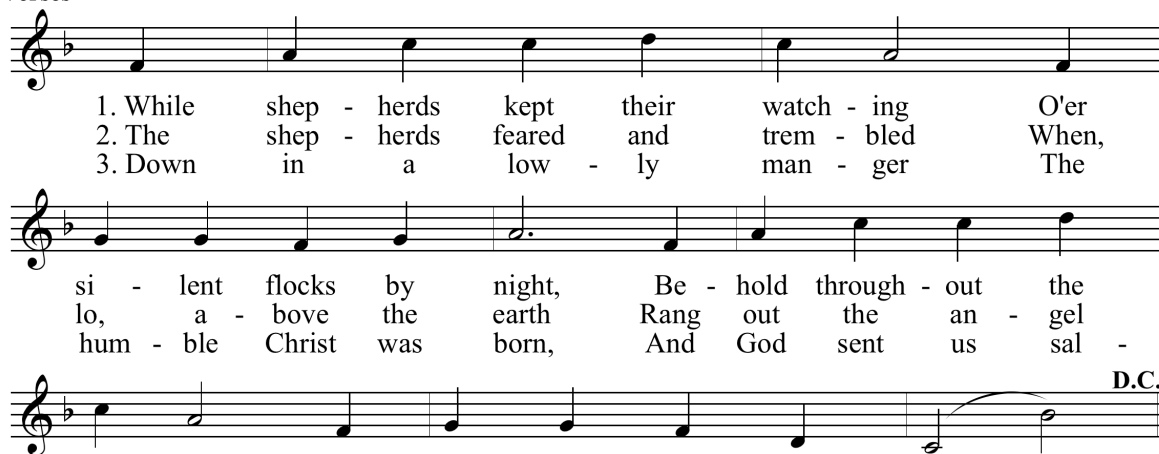
## Go Tell It on the Mountain

### Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

### Verses

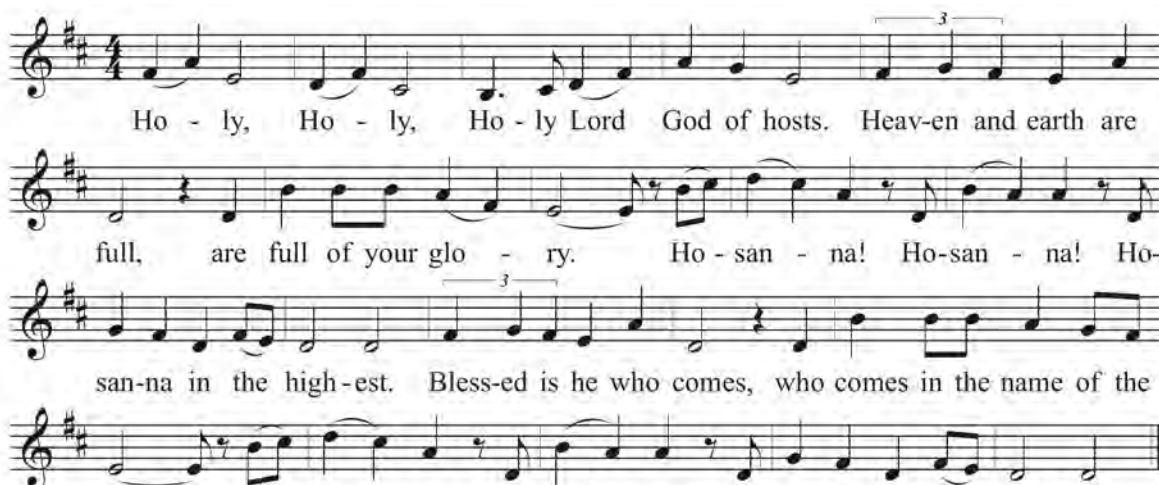


1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When,  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The  
si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the  
lo, a - bove the earth, Rang out the an - gel  
hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -  
D.C.  
heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Mass of Christ the Savior

*Schutte*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith



When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, — we pro-  
claim your death O Lord, — un - til you come a — gain.

## Great Amen



## Lamb of God



### ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart. If you have need of a gluten free host, please come to the Presider and make that known.

## Communion Songs

### (6) Choral: A La Nanita Nana

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea, sleep,  
sleep my little Jesus, may peace surround you,  
may peace surround you.

Like a clear running fountain, new hope you're bringing,  
like a bird in the forest joyfully singing. Quiet now the  
cradle, rocking so gently, a la nanita nana, nanita ea.



## Nativity Carol





## (10) Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - age com - ing, As seers of old have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A - mid the cold of  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to us a  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death he

win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 saves us, And light - ens ev - ry load.

## Candlelighting

## Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night.  
 Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping; flowers that will echo the sunrise.  
 Fire of hope is our only warmth; weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.  
 Gentle on the ear you whisper, softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing.  
 Breathless love awaits darkened souls. Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.  
 Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love.  
 Star unknowing of night and day; Spirit we wait for the loving Son.

## Silent Night

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant so  
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing  
 Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

# Recessional

## Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry  
 us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, And  
 floods, rocks, hills and plains; Re -  
 of his right - eous - ness, And

heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, And heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



# 10 PM Lessons & Carols

## Choral

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## Opening Prayer

### Lesson One

#### Madeline L'Engle

Was there a moment, known only to God,  
when all the stars held their breath,  
when the galaxies paused in their dance  
for a fraction of a second,  
and the Word, who had called it all into being,  
went with all his love  
into the womb of a young girl,  
and the universe started to breathe again,  
and the ancient harmonies resumed their song,  
and the angels clapped their hands for joy?  
I stand on the deck of my cottage,  
looking up at the sky full of God's children,  
and know that I am one of them.





## Carol

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! A -  
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y And, gath - ered all a - bove While  
3. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray; Cast

bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet  
mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love. O  
out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day. We

in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light. The  
morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And  
hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid ings tell; O

hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth!  
come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## Lesson Two

### Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
"Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.  
Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

## Choral

### Gaudete

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Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory! *Ref.*

## Lesson Three

## Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
a spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
But he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

There shall be no harm or ruin  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse,  
set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out;  
for his dwelling shall be glorious.



## Carol

## Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;

O give heed to what we say:      Je - sus Christ is born to - day!  
Now you hear of end - less bliss:      Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
Now you need not fear the grave:      Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day!      Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this!      Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save!      Christ was born to save!

## Lesson Four

### Denise Levertov

It's when we face for a moment  
the worst our kind can do, and shudder to know  
the taint in our own selves, that awe  
crack's the mind's shell and enters the heart:  
not to a flower, not to a dolphin,  
to no innocent form  
but to this creature vainly sure  
it and no other is god-like, God  
(out of compassion for our ugly  
failure to evolve) entrusts,  
as guest, as brother,  
the Word.

## Choral

### A La Nanita Nana

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea, sleep,  
sleep my little Jesus, may peace surround you,  
may peace surround you.

Like a clear running fountain, new hope you're bringing,  
like a bird in the forest joyfully singing. Quiet now the  
cradle, rocking so gently, a la nanita nana, nanita ea.

## Lesson Five

### John 1:1-5, 9-11

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
and without him, nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shined in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.





## Carol

### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

## Closing Prayer

## Christmas Proclamation

Please turn to page 3 for the Worship Aid for Mass



## Faith Formation

### Sacramental Preparation

**Infant Baptism** is for infants to children 6 years of age. Baptisms are held 6 times a year in the context of Mass. Baptism prep is for parents and godparents; for more information contact [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

**Children's Baptism** is for children 7 years or older; for more information contact [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org)

**First Reconciliation & First Communion** begins in 1st grade or age 6. This is a two-year process during the school year. The first year is basic faith formation, the second year is direct preparation for the sacraments. For more information contact [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org)

**Middle School Confirmation** – The age for confirmation is 13 years of age and 7th grade. For more information contact [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

**RCIA** is for adults seeking baptism or for Christians baptized in other traditions who are seeking Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

### Continuing Faith Formation

**Children's Formation:** Pre-k – 6th grade, contact [elisac@stjosephparish.org](mailto:elisac@stjosephparish.org)

**Young Adult Community:** Includes faith formation opportunities; contact [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

**Adult Faith Formation:** Includes things beyond RCIA like parish retreats, lecture series, bible study, etc. Contact [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) for more information.

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## Faith Justice

**Anti-Racism** - The St. Joseph Parish Anti-Racism Committee is a committee of the Faith Justice Commission. We partner with local organizations and facilitate anti-bias trainings. Want to join our work? Email [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)

**Housing Justice** - Volunteers help serve our houseless neighbors through community partnerships and engage in advocacy for housing justice. Contact [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like to get involved!

**Immigration Assistance and Advocacy** - The Immigration Committee works with local and national partners to advocate for immigrants, especially refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented people. [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)

**Climate Justice** - We coordinate with local, national, and international groups to bring attention to the climate crisis and engage the parish through both education and action. Contact [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like to learn more.

**Gender Justice** - In collaboration with the LGBTQ and Women's ministries, the Faith Justice Commission supports the Discerning Deacons women's ordination movement and advocates for inclusion for LGBTQ youth. For more information, contact [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph Parish serves the poor by making in-home visits, listening to those in need and providing support as resources allow. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in learning more about the society, please email [svdp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:svdp@stjosephparish.org)

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



## Liturgy & Worship

**Daily Mass** - Start your day with Holy Mass! Stop by the Parish Center at 7 am T - F and introduce yourself. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact [dailymass@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dailymass@stjosephparish.org)

**Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, have been confirmed, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please contact team captain Mary Sepulveda at [eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org)

**Lectors** - Lectoring is a ministry of proclamation, giving strong voice to the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture, and announcing the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, contact the lector coordinator, Jessica Smits, at [lectors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lectors@stjosephparish.org)

**Ushers** - Ushers greet people warmly, introduce strangers, help people sit together, distribute worship aids, provide hearing assisted devices and offer hospitality. For more information or to become a part of this important ministry, please contact usher captain Bruce Mirkin at [ushers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:ushers@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 391-6155.

**Choir** - The choir sings on Sunday mornings as well as some holy days and the liturgies around Christmas and Triduum/Easter. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Laura Ash, Pastoral Assistant for Music, at [lash@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lash@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1649.

**Rosary Group** - Our current rosary group meets on zoom on Tuesdays at 2pm, to get the information and join them, email [rosary@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rosary@stjosephparish.org)

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## Parish Life Ministries

**Men's Ministry** - For information about our activities, email [men@stjosephparish.org](mailto:men@stjosephparish.org)

**Women's Ministry** - For information about our activities, email [women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)

**LGBTQ Ministry** - For information about our activities, email Theresa at [lgbtq@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lgbtq@stjosephparish.org)

**Young Adult Ministry** - Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? For more information, email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

**O.W.L.S. Seniors Group** - Join us in the many ways we celebrate our community life together. For more information, email [seniors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:seniors@stjosephparish.org)

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of healing. For more information, please email [prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org)

**Funeral Hospitality Ministry** - As part of our loving concern our ministry team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services. We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance. To help, email Mary Ott at [funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org](mailto:funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org)

**Welcome Ministry** - Join us to welcome new parishioners [welcome@stjosephparish.org](mailto:welcome@stjosephparish.org)

**Sister Parish** - In El Salvador, areas of focus include addressing the root issues of poverty and immigration to the United States. To get involved, please email Daniel Stoner at [sisterparish@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sisterparish@stjosephparish.org)

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# FAITH FORMATION & PARISH LIFE

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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)

## 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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## Women's Ministry

The St. Joe's Women's ministry is looking for help with planning events. We would like to offer four events per year for the women of our parish for spiritual renewal, and we need help in a few areas:

- We need people who are willing to help **plan and facilitate** women's events. If you want to lead a small group bible study, lead a hike, retreat, or other event, we need you.
- **Do you have computer skills?** We have need of someone to help manage email lists and RSVP's, and to help create flyers for an event. If you think you could help with that, we need you!
- **Hospitality:** we need people who are interested in support with set-up and the party planning of the events. Please let us know if you would like to work with our nice group of planners for 2023.

Do any of these sound interesting to you? Email us at: [Women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:Women@stjosephparish.org)



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## After-Mass Hospitality: We Need You!

Want to be a part of the most welcoming of St. Joe's traditions, after-Mass coffee and donuts? We always need volunteers to setup and clean up for hospitality after the 9am and 11am Masses. It's easy - we have everything ready for you, and will train you before your first time! Help us build this community and facilitate the camaraderie that makes our parish so special - contact [sundayhospitality@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sundayhospitality@stjosephparish.org) to get plugged in



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## *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*

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

## **Kino Border Initiative Immersion Trip: April 29th - May 5th, 2023**



St. Joe's has confirmed a date to send a parish delegation to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, AZ/MX, for an Immersion Trip in 2023. We are planning on sending a group of 8-12 people, as we've done for many years in the past. Don't miss this opportunity for a life-changing trip!

Stay tuned to the bulletin for a planned informational session, but in the meantime, if you're interested, let us know - simply email [kino@stjosephparish.org](mailto:kino@stjosephparish.org) to register your interest.



## **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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**RSVP to Samantha: [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)**



# Advent at St. Joe's



From the lighting of the tree on the Feast of St. Nicholas, to the blessing of the *Simbang Gabi* Parols, to witnessing the extraordinary generosity of parishioners who purchased over 700 Giving Tree gifts for our Outreach Partners, it has been quite an Advent season! We are so grateful to each and every one of you for making this community so special. Merry Christmas!

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