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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 14, 2015**

**Homily Next Week:**
Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

**Readings for June 21, 2015**

**First Reading:** Job 38:1, 8-11

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mark 14:26-34

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** - 5 pm

**Sunday** - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Monday - Friday,** 7 am, Parish Center

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday** - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church

**or by appointment**

**Parish Center**

732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

**Monday-Friday**

- 7 am, Parish Center
- 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
- 8 am - 4:30 pm
- 9 am - 1 pm

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**Zoinks!**

**The times they are a-changing!**

Beginning next week our Mass times will change for the summer from June 21st to September 6th, to one Mass on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Saturday Mass at 5:00 pm & Sunday evening Mass at 5:30 pm.

*Note: Sunday morning time was previously reported incorrectly in the Northwest Catholic magazine.*

**Mass is at 9:30 am!**

Please join us!

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**To Gather a People to Yourself**

You are indeed Holy, O God, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

**-Eucharistic Prayer III-**

Each week, gathered at the table which Christ himself has set for us, we are invited to praise the power and the scope of God’s creative love—a love that “gives life to all things and makes them holy”; a love that reaches “from the rising of the sun to its setting.” Though beautiful in its sentiment, this call to praise, so often repeated, can become mere rote, mere background: recited as one would reply “God bless you” to a stranger’s sneeze, or heard as one might hear the music on an elevator moving from floor to floor. Yet, every now and then, circumstances seem to collide to empower these words with meaning, and allow us to hear them, as though for the first time. And in that moment, God, so often anonymous in the clutter of our lives, suddenly becomes visible.

It began last Wednesday, I suppose, when the phone rang at 3:00 AM, and I suddenly remembered that I was on-call for Catholic Hospital Ministry. Bleary on my way to Virginia Mason, I met the old man, gathered with all his adult children around the bed of
his dying wife. Fearing that she had not been to Confession in too long a time, he wanted to insure that his wife received the sacrament before her death; and so we prayed—with all the family—over this wife and mother who would soon be home with God. Then, as I left the room, the old man pulled me aside again, and with tears in his eyes spoke of his own shame and fear at having been so long away from the sacraments. In that hallway, he spoke of his repentance, and I gave him the gift of absolution, in the name of the Church. Then I went home to bed, my heart changed, just a little, by that moment.

Though I did not know it at the time, that small prayer in the hallway of Virginia Mason would begin a series of events—some foreseen, some impossible to predict—that would open my eyes to grace in a way I find a bit astounding. For from that day on, the pace and scope of events, the collision of coincidence, has been stunning. Of course, in some ways, it has been just the usual explosion of events, common to June at St. Joseph—the end of the year picnic with our seniors, the retreat and graduation of the eighth grade, the planning for weddings and baptisms; but, this year—with the death of Lester Sauvage, with the unexpected arrival of summer, with the looming completion of my first term as Pastor, and with the surprising appearance of the daughter of the man who created the stations and mosaics of the church—past and future, initiation and commendation have taken my heart, by God’s mercy, “from the rising of the sun to its setting.”

The Christian faith is not a faith of recurrence or reincarnation. We do not believe, as do some religious traditions, that all exists in a great cycle of being, eternally replayed, generation to generation. Yet, neither do we believe in the Myth of Progress, so common in the United States, which sees every moment as new, a feature of the straight line of advancement, in which the past is gone and the future is wholly unmade, awaiting our stamp. Rather, in the tradition of the Church, we move as though in a gyre, from the outside ever inward, ever upward. Like climbers ascending a mountain along a long path, we walk around and around, each day a little higher; yet each, as well, above a path we have already trod. Along this path are moments of great beauty and power—viewpoints where we see all that has come before: the paths that have crossed our own, and those that have turned from ours. We see the prints of those who have walked beside us or before us, and we hear the footfall of those coming up behind. Our path will not always be theirs, but for a time the paths may intersect, and for that we are grateful.

We are not meant to be tourists in this climb, not meant to live our lives caring only for what awaits us as the top. Rather, we are meant to be pilgrims, who choose the road we follow, and love each step for its continuity with what has come before and for the special view that it alone can offer. Though no viewpoint lasts forever, we know that to be alive is to be on the way: upward along the gyre, higher above a path that led us here.

In all the Sacraments, we celebrate the great cycle of life, as it winds upward toward our end. From birth and Baptism, to Anointing and good-bye, our journey is common though our pathways are unique; and at the heart of it all of them is Eucharist—the feast of memory, the promise of communion, the spirit of our going-forth and the promise of our homecoming. Let us give thanks for the sisters and brothers at whose side we walk—for a moment, for a day, for a lifetime—for Lester Sauvage and the graduates of our school, for the husband in the hallway and the artist whose beauty graces our church, for all those who walk their paths, “from the rising of the sun to its setting,” just as we do, in the love of a God who will never cease to gather us together.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude

Instrumental

Entrance Song

How Great Thou Art #494 (5&11)

Stuart Hine

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
   consid - er all the works thy hands have made,
   I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thunder,
   Thy pow'r through - out the uni - verse dis - played!

2. When through the woods, and for - est glades I wander
   And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
   When I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
   And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
   And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion
   And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
   Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ration
   And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!
Refrain

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who storms, the gentlest breeze; They blow where they will, they made to let your life show; The flowers and trees that

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas mightily light up the way Un to your throne.

5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you help us to know The heart of love.

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel Acclamation

Chant Alleluia

Gospel

Jesus said to the crowds: “This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Renewal Of Baptismal Promises

Baptismal Acclamation

Hughes
Offertory Song

For the Fruits of All Creation

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

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Chant

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,...

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

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 a gluten free host, please come to the Presider & indicate this.
Communion Songs

One Bread, One Body #830

Foley

One bread, one body,
One Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many,
Through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gift Of Finest Wheat #815

Kreutz

You sat-sfy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;
Give to us, O sav-ing Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

Recessional

Instrumental

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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 Mass
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM Mass

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

Thursday
7:00 AM Mass

Friday
7:00 AM Mass
7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday
3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
ORDER OF CELEBRATION 5:30 PM CONTEMPLATIVE LITURGY
All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude, Many and Great, from 5-5:30 pm.

Entrance Song
Confitemini Domino
Taize

Psalm 92

Gospel Acclamation
Chant Alleluia

Offertory Song
For the Fruits of All Creation (page 6)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Chant (page 6)

Mystery of Faith
Chant (page 7)

Great Amen
Chant (page 7)

Lamb of God
Chant (page 7)

Communion Song
One Bread, One Body #830
Foley
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 sacraments@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 peacefullness 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

Pray With Us

Please join us in prayer for the following children being baptized this weekend.

**5 pm Mass**
Harriet Abstoss
Ian Anderson
Natalie Chun
Charlotte Jones
Berkeley Peterson
Mason Skinner

**9 am Mass**
Leo Collins
Charles Douville
Lily Hall
Colette McLean
Stella McLean
Kadence Price

**11 am Mass**
Spencer Ginter-Harrast
Simon Kocarnik
Isla Perez
Eva Trister

Prayer Tree

*St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: In times of joy and celebration and in times of sorrow, grief and deep lamentation, Christ is with you . . . For Carol who is recovering from a broken ankle, may she heal well . . . For our St. Joseph students who graduated this past week.*

*“We walk by faith, not by sight.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:7*

*Rest in Peace*

*Lester Sauvage, M.D. whose celebration of life was this past week at St. Joseph. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org
Seniors On The Go

**Summer 2014 - Seniors Creating Art**, please see flyer in bulletin.

**Wednesday, June 24th** - Trip to LaConner and Swinomish Reservation. Leaving the Parish Center at 10am then visiting the town of LaConner and the Swinomish Reservation. No cost except everyone buying their own lunch. Please call Renee to reserve your spot, 206-324-2522 ext 100!

**Friday, July 3rd** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass

**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

LGBT Ministry

The LGBT Ministry would like to wish all LGBT parishioners and allies a happy pride month. We will be extending the celebration through the summer by having an end of summer LGBT Ministry BBQ on August 23rd. Please save the date and join us for a fun evening of meeting new people and forming community. Watch the bulletin for more details the beginning of August.

Over the last 3 years we have greatly appreciated the support of Fr. John and the whole parish as the LGBT Ministry has marched in the Pride Parade. However after much discernment we as a ministry made the decision to not participate in the parade this year. We will continue reflecting on how participation in the pride parade fits into the mission of the LGBT Ministry. If after further thought we desire to continue marching, we will resume participation next year.

Sounders Tickets

Join us as we head back to “The Clink” to cheer on the Sounders as they take on Portland! Get your tickets at www.stjosephparish.org

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”. Ranchero 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!

Women’s Ministry

Coffee Connect

Please join our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Group Coffee Connect to sip and socialize Saturday, June 20th at Tully’s on 19th & Aloha, 10 -11 am. Call Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.

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An art program by

Seniors Creating 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

The mission of Seniors Creating Art is
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!
SEEL

“Ignatius asks us to open our spiritual sensitivity to encounter God beyond a purely empirical approach.” - Pope Francis

Do you desire to draw nearer to a God who desires to draw nearer to you?

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a retreat community meeting here at St. Joseph. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying daily, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2015. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call 206-721-3518.

There will be a brief information session to give more details and answer questions about this transformative retreat on Sunday, June 14 at 6:30pm (after 5:30 mass) in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us, an RSVP is encouraged by emailing/calling Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Lisa Dennison (SEEL Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

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 journalling 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.
Children’s Faith Formation 2015-2016

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This definitely is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**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.

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

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**Course Offerings**

**Children's Faith Formation Childcare** During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin to experience church through play. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. The annual fee is $50 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K)** During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5* years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K)** During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten beginning fall 2015. Classes consist of scripture stores, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1)** ALL children planning to receive these Reconciliation and Eucharist during the 2016/2017 (next year) school year must register for CFF1. The CFF1 annual fee is $60. Financial assistance is available.

**Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2)** ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during this 2015/2016 (this year) school year must have completed the CFF1 class last year. There is a $100 annual fee for CFF2.

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**Children’s Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4)** This class is for children just completing their Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our knowledge and faith in the Church. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6)** This class is for youth in 5th, & 6th grades. This is a religious education class that will focus on learning and practicing their faith. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High** This class is for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is $30 for each of the classes PLUS $25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

**High School Confirmation** The Confirmation preparation program includes class sessions along with a Saturday retreat, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation service. A Confirmation Mass rehearsal and Confirmation Mass will be in late January or early-February. The annual fee is $135 and scholarships are available.

**Agape Donations**

To help our middle school youth in their Agape summer service mission, please consider making a donation so that we can purchase school supplies for children in migrant farm communities. For only $15 we can fully supply a backpack and all the needed school supplies for one migrant child.

Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Parish, MEMO: Agape Donation
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 6

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment……………………………………….. $143,986
Raised to Date…………………………………………………........... $125,067
Percent of Goal Reached…………………………………………...... 87%
Percent Participation (285 households)…………………………….. 21%

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.

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.

Praised Be: Pope Francis calls us to care for creation

Thursday, June 18 7pm • Our Lady of Guadalupe
7100 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Join Us in Celebration of the Papal Encyclical on the Environment: The community of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Earth Ministry invite you to join us on June 18 at 7pm for a celebration of Laudato Si (Praised Be), Pope Francis’ encyclical on caring for creation. On that day in Rome, the Vatican will release the first comprehensive Catholic moral statement on creation care and climate change to the faithful around the world. You are invited to gather with the larger Catholic community of the region, ecumenical faith leaders, our neighbors, and those who have worked tirelessly in the Northwest to protect God’s creation. We will honor the Holy Father’s call to protect Earth’s atmosphere, oceans, and the most vulnerable of God’s children. There will be a pre-event tour of the parish solar panels, children’s solar kiosk, rain garden, and sustainable building at 6 pm. Please join us!

Peter’s Pence

The Peter’s Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis and his works of charity toward those in need. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. “There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace,” he said. Your contributions to the Peter’s Pence Collection allow our Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and others most in need of assistance. Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity in the world. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church if you would like to contribute.

Bloodworks Northwest
Blessing of Graduates

Let us unite our hearts in prayer and entrust to the hands of the Lord those who will be graduated tomorrow.

May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

Amen.

- Fr. Michael Graham SJ
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!