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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



*God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the
destruction of the living.*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2015

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for July 5, 2015

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 2:2-5

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-6

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:30 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**

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Encountering Laudato Si'— On Care for Our Common Home Part One of Reflections on the Encyclical of Pope Francis

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.

-Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 15-

Since he first walked onto the balcony following his election, unencumbered by the ermine cape of his predecessors and seeking to receive the blessing of the people gathered in the square before he gave them his own, Jorge Bergoglio—Pope Francis—has sought to blow into a flame the ember of the Church; to show that the faith and tradition Catholicism, carried through two millennia, is not an artifact for a museum but a living body, that still has much to say to the world. Through his tenderness and accessibility, his humor and his hospitality, his scuffed black shoes and his tendency to call those who seek him out, Francis has put a decidedly human face and voice on the institution of the Church. He has, intentionally and powerfully, opened the doors of the Church to let the air of the world flow in and the faith of Christ flow out. For Francis, the Church is not a citadel of truth, but a home and hospital, where the poor of the world and the God who loves them encounter one another to find a path of healing and hope.

This last week, with the publication of his first independent encyclical, *Laudato Si'—On Care for Our Common Home*, Francis takes his most important step thus far in guiding the Catholic Church out of the fortress of dogmatic defensiveness and into the city square. An encyclical is one of the highest forms of Church teaching—surpassed only by the documents of an Ecumenical Council or by a dogmatic declaration spoken ex cathedra—and it entails an obligation on the part of all the Catholic faithful to study and reflect. In the recent history of the Church, encyclicals have often had profound affects on the development of the Church and its intersection with civil society—e.g. *Rerum Novarum*, by Leo XIII, which spoke of the rights of labor in the 19th century; *Pacem in Terris*, by John XXIII, which decried nuclear proliferation and the danger of war in the 1960's; *Populorum Progressio*, by Paul VI, which supported the aspirations of the poor in developing countries. In choosing this form to speak about “integral ecology” (as he calls it), Francis indicates the importance of the subject for the faith and formation of all Catholics, and indeed, for the life of all people.

Addressed not just to the bishops of the world, nor to Catholic faithful alone, but to all the peoples of the earth, *Laudato Si'* intends to apply Scripture and Tradition to what Francis sees as perhaps the most crucial issue of our day: environmental exploitation and degradation, and its affects upon the poor. *Laudato Si'* (the name comes from a hymn of St. Francis of Assisi) brings the rich

heritage of the Church into dialogue with scientists and sociologists, with humanists and atheists, with those of other religious traditions and with those who profess nothing but the desire to end suffering or protect the planet on which we live. Like the Incarnation itself, this letter determines not to shelter the mystery of God from the problems and passions of human life; determines to see our God in the midst of Creation, and to proclaim that this God cares intimately about the choices and actions we make as members of this Creation.

Because of its concern for the realities of human existence, *Laudato Si'* has already been accused of lacking a spiritual focus: of sanctifying a partisan political agenda rather than proclaiming the profound truths of the Catholic tradition. Asserting that Francis meddles in areas not consistent with papal authority or expertise—e.g., with economics and global warming, with matter of science and financial policy—some critics have, even before the publication of the document, called for the Pope to keep quiet, or have denied the teaching authority of this encyclical. Indeed, tales of intrigue, worthy of a Dan Brown novel, have surrounded leaks and rumors coming from within the Vatican itself and reported in the media, as opponents of Francis' teaching sought to dull the power of this letter before it came out. Even within the hierarchy, some have sought to mollify critics by smoothing the sharp edges of the Pope's analyses, suggesting that the letter offers nothing new or that it can be easily ignored. Yet, in the end the encyclical speaks for itself, and will stand or fall as a teaching instrument to the degree it expresses the faith of the living Church and helps that Church to come to know the God in whom "*we live and move and have our being.*"

Though it is a long document (246 paragraphs) and covers a wide swath of topics—from addictive consumption to biodiversity, from *Genesis* to the rights of property v. the right of the common good—it is vital that we engage *Laudato Si'* and prayerfully discern its teachings and its call. In often beautiful and passionate prose, Francis summons us to reflect not on abstract moral precepts, but on a dynamic moral vision which will effect how we live our lives, care for our neighbors, renew our earth, and form our government. If taken seriously, this letter will change us as individuals and as a community of faith: change the way we gather and the way we pray; the way we share with the poor and the way we educate our young; the way we reach out to our partners in the Church and our partners of other faiths; it will change us in our understanding of the mystery of God, played out in the richness of God's Creation.

But first, we must commit ourselves to reading the document, and reflecting upon it!

In the next few weeks, in this column, I hope to help us in that enterprise by taking *Laudato Si'* section by section and offering some reflections and (perhaps, at times) explication. This will not be a definitive or scholarly interpretation of the document, but a chance for us to read it together and, I hope, a spark to the conversations we will be having in the coming months as a Parish and as a Church. I hope, through these manageable bits, all will be able to read this important gift of Pope Francis, and prepare ourselves for what is to come, through God's grace and the power of the Spirit, alive in the People of God.



WELCOME!

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

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

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

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude

Instrumental

Entrance Song

Praise My Soul King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA / Lyte



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your trib - ute
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his peo - ple in dis -
3. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and it is
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be - hold him face to



bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Ev - er - more his
tress; Praise him still the same as ev - er, Slow to chide, and
gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un -
face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, Dwell - ers all in



prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
chang - ing on; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one!
time and space: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Gloria

Lee

Cantor: Glory to God in the **hí**ghest,

ALL: and on earth peace to peoplé of good will.

We praise you, we **bléss** you, we **adóre** you,
we glorify you, we **gíve** you thanks for **yóur** great glory,
Lord God, **héavenly** King, O God, almighty **Fáther**.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begóttén Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, **Són** of the Father,
you take away the sins **óf** the world, have **mércy** on us;
you take away the sins **óf** the world, **receíve** our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the **Fáther**, have **mércy** on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone **áre** the Lord, you alone are the Most **Hígh**, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy **Spírit**, in the glory of God the Father. **Ámen**.

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.
For he fashioned all things that they might have being;
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,
and there is not a destructive drug among them
nor any domain of the netherworld on earth,

for justice is undying.
For God formed man to be imperishable;
the image of his own nature he made him.
But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world,
and they who belong to his company experience it.



Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9. 13-15

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: *Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.*

Gospel Acclamation

Chant Alleluia



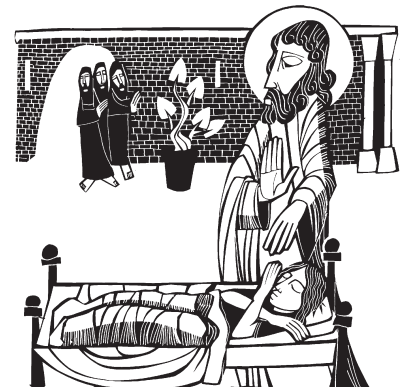
Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.



Offertory Song

Precious Lord

Dorsey



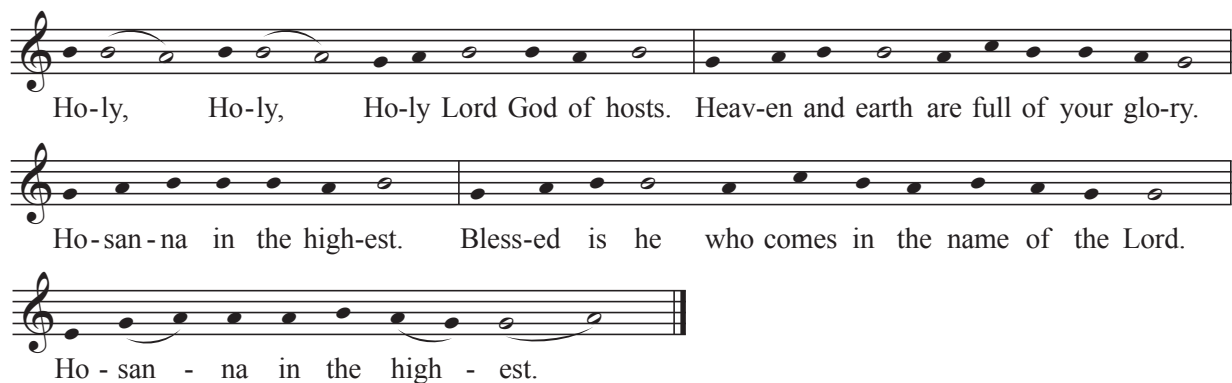
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows dark, Pre - cious Lord, Ha - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stead, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near, When my life is al - most gone,
 near, And the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant


Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer over the Offerings

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

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

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

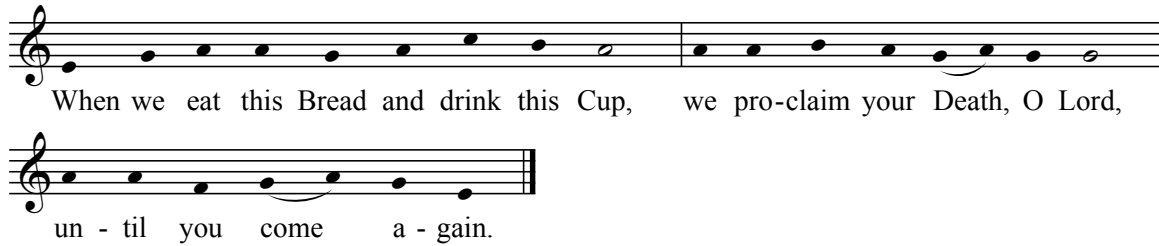
Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right and just.

Mystery of Faith

Chant



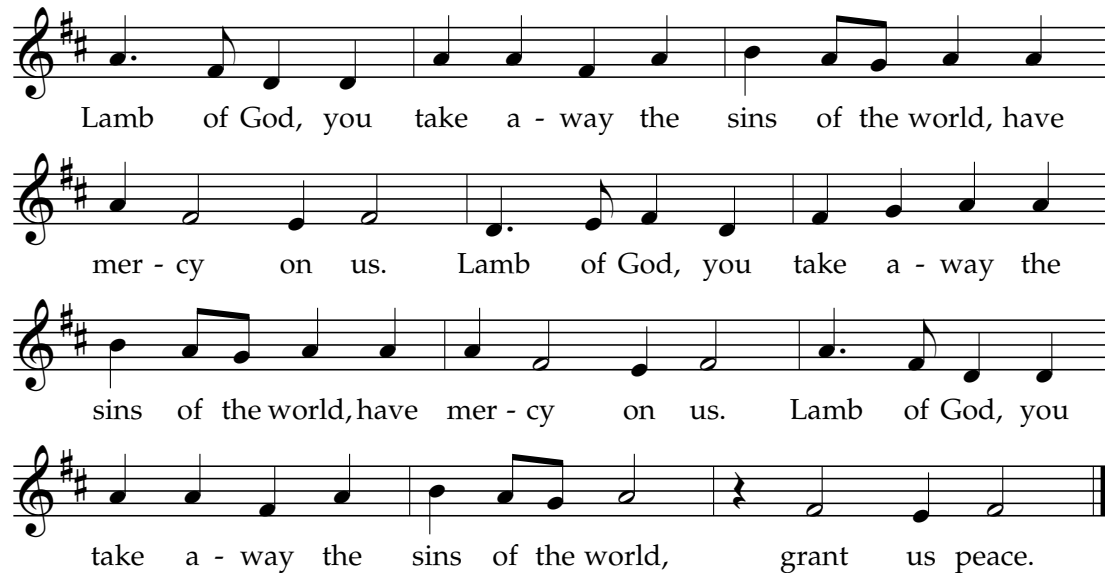
Great Amen

Chant



Lamb of God

Vermulst



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 OF A GLUTEN FREE HOST,
PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.





Communion Songs

Eye Has Not Seen

Haugen

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
 those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
 Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

Psalm 103--The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Cotter

The Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful; the Lord is kind and
 mer - ci - ful. Slow to an - ger, rich in
 kind - ness, the Lord is kind and mer - ci-ful.

Song of Praise

Your Hands, O Lord

MOZART/Plumtree

1. Your hands, O Lord, in days of old Were
 2. And then your touch brought life and health, Gave
 3. O be our might - y heal - er still, Great

strong to heal and save; They tri - umphed o'er dis -
 hear - ing, speech, and sight; And those you healed, their
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and strength - en,

ease and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave. To
 strength re - stored, Ac - claimed you Lord of light. And
 soothe and bless, With your al - might - y breath. On

you they came, the blind, the mute, The
 so, O Lord, be near eyes to that see, Al -
 hands that work and and that see, Your

pal - sied, and the lame, The lep - er set a -
 might - y now as then, In ev - 'ry street, in
 heal - ing wis - dom pour, That whole and sick, and

part and shunned, The sick, and those in shame.
 ev - 'ry home, In ev - 'ry trou - bled friend.
 weak and strong, May praise you ev - er - more.

Recessional

Instrumental



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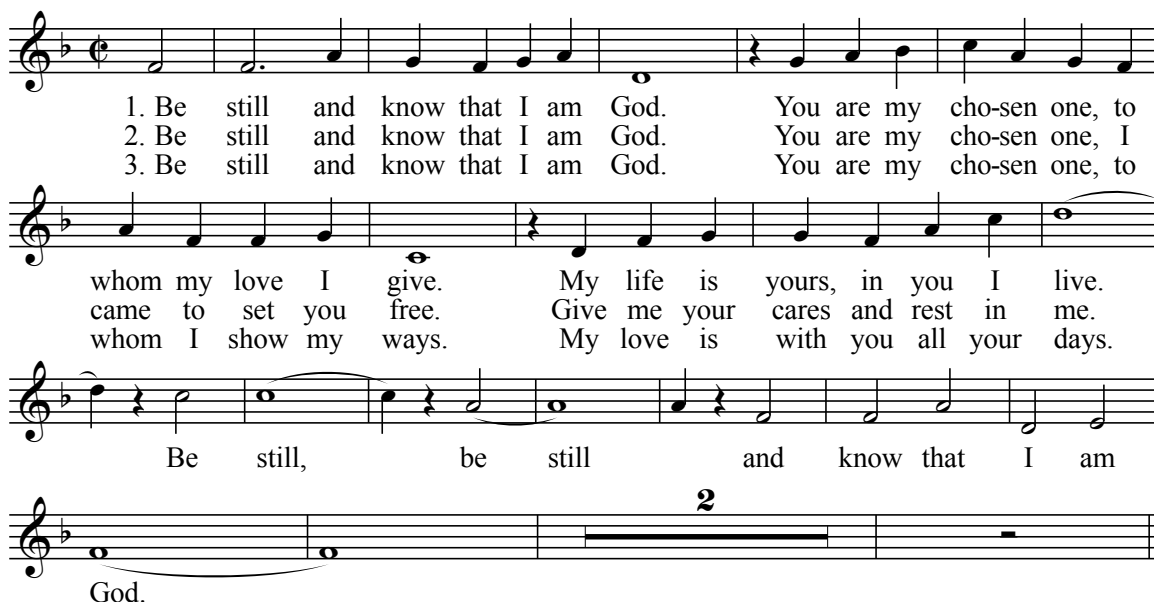
ORDER OF CELEBRATION 5:30 PM CONTEMPLATIVE LITURGY

All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude, Andrea's Choice, from 5-5:30 pm.

Entrance Song

Be Still

Walker/Freeburg



1. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, to
2. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, I
3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, to
whom my love I give. My life is yours, in you I live.
came to set you free. Give me your cares and rest in me.
whom I show my ways. My love is with you all your days.
Be still, be still and know that I am
God.

For readings, psalm response and Gospel acclamation, see preceding pages.

Offertory Song

Instrumental

For Eucharistic acclamations, see preceding pages.

Communion Song

Eye Has Not Seen (page 7)

Recessional

Instrumental

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



Sunday

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

Monday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group
11:30 AM Healing Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

We Are St. Joseph Events Save The Dates!

Parish Picnic - September 20th
Epiphany Dinner - January 10th



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

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



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

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

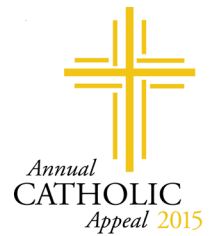
THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA).

ACA Assessment: \$143,986

Raised to Date: \$138,259

Amount Needed: \$5,726

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!



Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, July 2nd, 7- 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome!

"What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Michael Johnston, parishioner, sends his grateful appreciation to the community of St. Joseph whose prayers for him during his recent surgery and healing, made a difference . . . Safe travel for family and friends here and abroad during the summer . . . For the health and wellbeing of Catherine, Scott, Jean, John, Mary, Craig, Grace, Roland, Rebecca, Robert, Danny and Jane . . . To respect and cherish this earth.

"His splendor is above the earth and the heavens."

Psalms 148:13

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

PARISH LIFE



Seniors On The Go

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 7th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass

Friday, August 14th - Snoqualmie Railroad Days

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”. Rancho Bravo Tacos will be here with their taco truck to get us started!

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

The cost is \$36 which includes a ticket to the game, a Sounders T-shirt and Taco Truck lunch!

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.

FAITH JUSTICE

St. Vincent De Paul Helps A Veteran In Need

His doctor told Paul, a Vietnam vet, that physical therapy would help with his painful hip problem. Paul depended on crutches to get around. He took pain killers. Life for this man in his 60s wasn't easy.

Last January his expenses had outrun his pension, mainly because of the cost of medications. He needed help paying his light bill. He was barely getting by on two meals a day. St. Vincent de Paul stepped in to help him cover his basic needs.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are honored to provide these acts of mercy to help people make ends meet. It seems so simple. Yet, for Paul it means a world of difference, and he is grateful.

Many of the people helped by St. Vincent donations, including Paul, say they'll keep St. Joseph Parish in their prayers. Thank you for making our ministry possible.

Please remember our monthly St. Vincent De Paul collection is next week, July 4 & 5.



FAITH FORMATION

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.

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 stories, 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

Children's Faith Formation registration is open now for upcoming Fall classes.

To register visit our website: www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Please contact
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completed the CFF1 class last year. There is a \$100 annual fee for CFF2.

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

FAITH JUSTICE

Laudato Si

On Thursday Pope Francis released his long-awaited Encyclical on the environment, *"Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home,"* in which he calls climate change, and disregard for the earth, an environmental crisis that is more than a matter of science, politics, and economics but a spiritual and moral concern for all of humanity.

In this historic document he calls on all people--scientists, economists, politicians, community and civic leaders, citizens—to look beyond short term gain and work together to find sustainable solutions that preserve our air quality, oceans, farmlands, and forests and take into account how environmental degradation falls hardest on the poor and the young. He points to St. Francis of Assisi from whom he took his papal name and inspiration as the ultimate steward of God's creation.

Visit our parish website to read the entire Encyclical and learn more: www.stjosephparish.org/2500/laudato-si.html

What Steps Are We Taking to Steward Our Environment?

On our home front St. Joseph Parish and School have already made headway in contributing toward greater caretaking of our environment and natural resources. Both school and parish have successful recycling and composting programs, and in past years students have reviewed the school's efforts to increase their efficacy. Light bulbs in the church have been replaced with LED lights.

The school has installed solar panels and the church hopes to follow. The school has installed energy efficient windows throughout the building. Water saving plumbing fixtures have been replaced throughout all buildings. Church and parish center heating systems have been replaced with high efficiency boilers. All buildings are only heated/cooled when occupied to save power.

Recycled products are a priority when ordering janitorial supplies while compostable products are used throughout. And printing all materials on recycled paper is in the works.

Assisi from Father John's photos.

On Dominion

"We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judaeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which grants man 'dominion' over the earth (cf. Gen 1:28), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church.

Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. The biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to 'till and keep' the garden of the world (cf. Gen 2:15).

'Tilling' refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while 'keeping' means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature."

~Pope Francis, from Laudato Si



Happy 4th of July

The grace of liberty does not come without cost.

*It is passed on, generation to generation,
as an inheritance written in blood and sweat,
lived in faith, hope, and love.*

*As we celebrate the founding of our country,
may the gift that has been given to us
empower us to share that gift with others;
may it move us, not to see ourselves as "exceptional,"
but as women and men to whom much has been given,
and of whom much is expected.*

*May we honor our ancestors by deepening the liberty
they first planted on this soil.*

