



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, September 10, 2023 \* Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**Mass Times:** Sunday, 9:00am,  
11:00am (Livestream w/ASL) 5:30pm  
**(Saturday 5pm Returns 9/16)**

**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30pm

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Tuesday-Friday, 7am

**September 17, 2023**

FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30-28:7

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:121-35

PRESIDING: MATTHEW PYRC, SJ

PREACHING: SAMANTHA BARGER

**Mass Intentions:**

For the people of St. Joseph

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## A Message from Fr. Chris

Dear Friends,

*Partners In the Gospel* asks us to consider creating one parish family with St. Therese Parish. **This is a matter of discernment**, which for us means we want to consider what it is that God would have us do. More specifically, because we are disciples of Jesus, the consideration for us **is to wonder and to discern how we can serve God's project of redemption.**

Putting it another way, our interest is not to choose what most pleases us but to respond to Jesus' request: "Go make disciples of all the nations: baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit." [Matt 28:19]

I think what is being asked of us is to imagine how we can unite parishioners of both parishes into one body, one parish with the common goal of serving God. Looking at the task before us, I think we need one another for this holy work.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic our parish has seen a loss of active members (based on Mass attendance counts) of about 25%. Even after welcoming St. Patrick's parishioners over the past months, we are a smaller community than we were before. The hard reality is that we, like most Catholic (and Christian) churches, are shrinking. For nearly thirty years, attendance at Sunday services has been declining throughout the country and in many parts of the world.

**This Sunday's gospel speaks to us of "gathering" in Jesus' name.** This is the fundamental meaning of being 'church'. **We do this together; we nurture in one another the memory of Jesus, the presence of Jesus, the desire of Jesus that we be one body with a single task to love one another.**

Together or separately our two parishes must go forward. We have work to do. Personally, I think we need each other to be a stronger Church. Loving one another, listening to one another, walking with one another, accepting one another is the holy work God has given us. ***This is God's plan for redemption; that we do it together.***

Blessings,

Fr. Chris



**Learn More About *Partners in the Gospel***

**[www.archseattle.org/partners](http://www.archseattle.org/partners)**



# THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Procession

### *Gather Your People*

*Hurd*

Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. One bread, one bod-y, one spir-it of love. Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the ta-ble of life: broth-ers and sis-ters,  
2. We are parts of the bod-y of Christ, need-ing each oth-er,  
3. Wash us, Lord, in the wa-ters of life; wa-ters of mer-cy,

each of us called to walk in your light.  
each of the gifts the Spir-it pro-vides.  
wa-ters of hope that flow from your side.

2 D.C.

## Gloria

### *Storrington Gloria*

*Haugen*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

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

To Verses

Last time

## First Reading

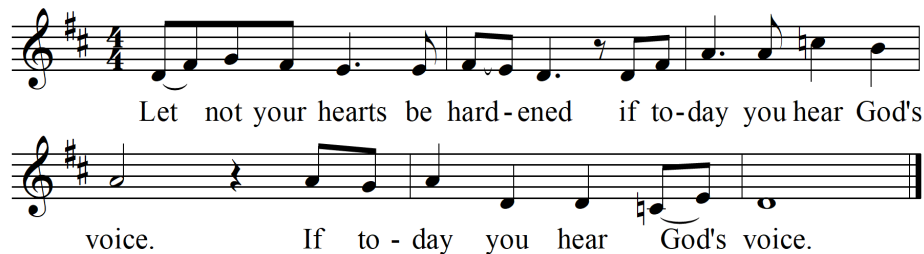
Ezekial 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

## Psalm

*Psalm 95*

*Warner*



Come, ring out your joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *Ref.*

Come, let us bow and bend low; kneeling before our Creator.  
For the Lord is our God, we his people, the flock that is led by his hand. *Ref.*

Oh, that today you would hearken! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert, when your ancestors tested me. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Haugen*



*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

## Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## Homily

**Chris Cartwright, S.J.**



## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*All bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

*All stand upright.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offertory Song

### *Ubi Caritas*

*Hurd*



U-bi ca-ri - tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i - bi est, De-us i - bi est.

The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,  
and in our love and care for all now love God in return. *Ref.*

In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease  
and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace. *Ref.*

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life  
become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ. *Ref.*

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might.  
Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life. *Ref.*

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face,  
rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise. *Ref.*

### Online Giving

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



# Holy, Holy, Holy

## Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth 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 in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

# Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

# Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

# Lamb of God

*Cantor* *All*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
*Cantor* *All*  
mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of world, — grant — us — peace. —

### 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 Song *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*

Lawton



Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is poured.  
 Here in the word that is spo - ken. Je - sus Christ is Lord!  
 Here wherethe poor findtheir treas-ure, here where the great-est are least,  
 come find a love be-yond meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

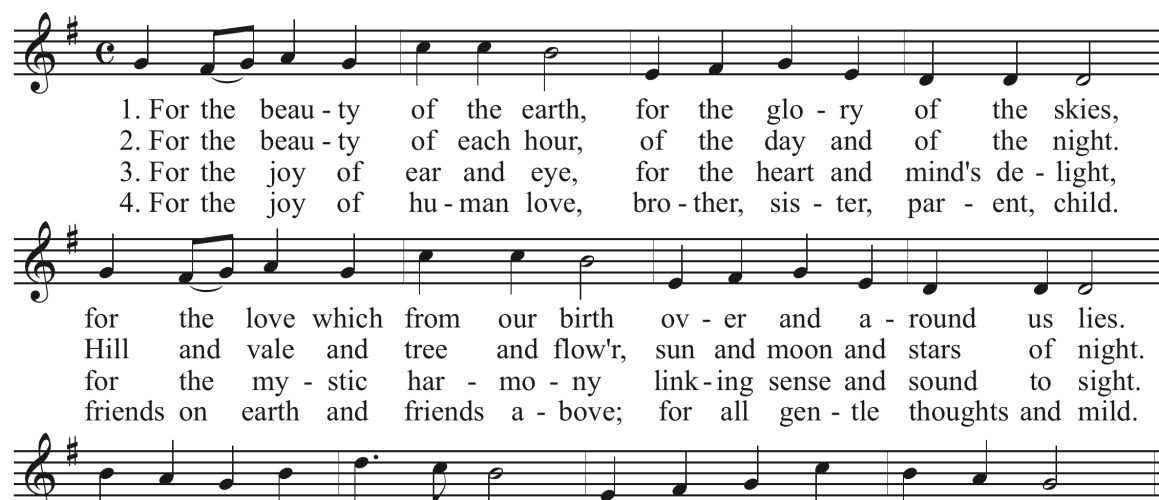
Where two or three are gath-ered.	gath-ered in my name,
Where two or three are gath-ered.	I am there as well,
Where two or three are gath-ered.	I am there with you.
Where two or three are gath-ered,	gath-ered in my name,
Where two or three are gath-ered,	I am there as well.
Where two or three are gath-ered,	I am there with you.

I come with words of com-fort to heal your hurt and shame.\_\_\_\_  
 in - vi - ting my di - sci - ples in per - fect love to dwell.\_\_\_\_  
 I lead you in - to free-dom, my path is safe and true.\_\_\_\_  
 I wash your feet in ser - vice. Now you must do the same.\_\_\_\_  
 The bless-ings of the king-dom I send you forth to tell.\_\_\_\_  
 My gifts of peace and mer - cy will strength - en and re - new.\_\_\_\_

## Recessional

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Pierpont/DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour, of the day and of the night.  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child.

for the love which from our birth ov - er and a - round us lies.  
 Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of night.  
 for the my - stic har - mo - ny link-ing sense and sound to sight.  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild.

Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.





## Join a Partners in the Gospel Input Session

SHARE YOUR  
THOUGHTS

WE'RE  
LISTENING




There will be two opportunities for our community to give input on the proposed Parish Family plan (merging with St. Therese Parish.)

Thursday, September 28, 7pm on Zoom (Scan the QR code to register!)



Sunday, October 1, 2pm at the Parish Center (No RSVP required)



  
**RecoveryCafé**  
**Standing in the Gap**  
Education of the Heart Friend & Fundraising Lunch  
  
Thursday, September 21, 2023  
*Spreading ripples of hope and healing*  
  
Coffee & Registration 11:50 am  
Program & Lunch 12:00 pm  
Conclusion 1:00 pm  
  
Seattle Center Exhibition Hall  
301 Mercer St. Seattle, WA  
  
Visionary Sponsors  
 



Deacon Steve is hosting a table for Recovery Café's "Standing in the Gap - Friend and Fundraising" event (details below). Now we need people to fill the table! You're invited! You can register here: <https://recoverycafe.org/registration/> or email [david@recoverycafe.org](mailto:david@recoverycafe.org) and he will register you. The event is free and there is a donation ask near the end.

Learn more about how Recovery Café helps people maintain recovery, reduce relapse, and fulfill their potential here: <https://recoverycafe.org/about/>



## September is National Deaf Awareness Month!

On **Sunday, September 17th**, the St. Joe's Deaf Community will begin to share information about deafness and American Sign Language (ASL) during the coffee hour, between the 9am – 11am Masses, and after the 11am Mass. Look for our table of information!



# PANEL DISCUSSION

## *Discerning Deacons*

### PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

**September 14th - 7pm**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**

You're invited to join us for a panel discussion on the past, present and future of the female diaconate. Speakers include:

**Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik**, will give a presentation on women deacons in scripture and a brief history of the female diaconate.

**Deacon Steve Wodzanowski**, who will share on his experience of serving as a deacon, as well as an explanation on the role of a deacons and the vocation to the diaconate.

**Sarah Pericich-Lopez**, of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, who will share about the role of Discerning Deacons at the Synod, and will lead us in a letter writing campaign to elevate the voices of women at the global Synod.

**For more information, contact Theresa**  
**[theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) (206) 965-1651**



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**Intercommunity**  
Peace & Justice Center



**St. Phoebe Day**  
**Celebration**

## **IPJC St. Phoebe Celebration**

**Tuesday, September 19th from 7- 8:30pm**

**South Park Hall - 1253 S Cloverdale St. Seattle, WA 98108**

Join the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center as we ground ourselves in the spirit, gifts, and tradition of women's leadership in the Church, joining over 100 Catholic communities to celebrate St. Phoebe during the month of September! During our gathering we will engage in: Communal Prayer, Witness the gifts of women preaching, Participate in a "Fishbowl" conversation, Small group spiritual conversation, Learn more about the Synod and how to participate further.



Learn more  
about  
St. Phoebe



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 2023 Men's Ministry Retreat

Friday, October 13th @ 4pm to  
Sunday, October 15th @ 11am

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center  
4700 Dash Point Road  
Federal Way, WA 98023  
\$325 registration - meals included

Join us for presentations by Joe Anderton, George Stein, Dave Weller, Mike Slater, Peter Heymann, and liturgy with Fr. Chris.

To register, contact Deacon Steve  
[stevev@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevev@stjosephparish.org) or 206.965.1646



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## Men's Ministry Mass and Potluck Barbecue

Friday September 15th 6pm

Join us for Mass with Fr. Chris, followed by a potluck BBQ! The parish is providing polish sausage, brats and hot dogs. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish, salad, dessert and beverage of choice to share.

For more info contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or [stevev@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevev@stjosephparish.org) All are welcome!

## GRATEFULNESS

SEEING WITH THE EYE  
OF THE HEART

St. Joseph Parish  
Women's Ministry

## Fall Retreat

Saturday October 14  
8:30A - 3:00P  
Parish Center

Morning snacks, beverages  
And lunch will be provided.

Suggested Donation: \$25

Presenter: JoAn Choi

JoAn has a Masters of Pastoral Studies from Seattle University and a certificate of Spiritual Direction from Benet Hill Monastery. She served as Pastoral Associate and Coordinator at St. Patrick Church. JoAn was a per diem hospital chaplain at hospitals in the Seattle area and now serves as a part-time chaplain at University of Washington Medical Center, for Catholic patients. JoAn has raised 6 children and currently has 8 grandchildren.



Please RSVP by October 6, 2023

[women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)

Scholarships are available:  
contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik  
[theresa@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresa@stjosephparish.org)

JOIN  
ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE  
FOR THE

## MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PREPARATION FOR THE SYNOD

SEPTEMBER 23 | 5:30PM  
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, SEATTLE



Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Etienne as a delegate to the Synodal assembly in Rome this October. In this special celebration, we pray together with him in preparation for this extraordinary time for the whole Church.  
**All are welcome.**

Join us in person or @ArchdioceseofSeattle on  
Vimeo and Facebook

### A synodal Church....

- ...is a listening Church
- ...is a Church of encounter and dialogue
- ...desires to be humble, and knows it must ask forgiveness and has much to learn
- ...is open, welcoming and embraces all
- ...is a Church of discernment
- ...offers a prophetic witness to a fragmented and polarized world

From the Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document for the Synod)



# SEASON OF CREATION: SEPT 1 - OCT 4



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023



## What Is the Season of Creation? A Webinar with Anna Johnson

September 14 at 1pm PST

Register here: <https://mission.maryknoll.us/2023septwebinar>

During this Maryknoll webinar, North America Senior Program Manager for the the *Laudato Si'* Movement (and St. Joe's parishioner!) Anna Johnson will present the effects climate changes have on the injustices seen world-wide and the work we are called to do, particularly during the Season of Creation and in light of the Laudato Si' Movement.



**SAVE THE DATE**



### 2023 All Our Relations Snake River Campaign



**You Are Invited:** Please join us as we raise our voices to support treaty rights in the Columbia River basin and the health of the Salish Sea bio-region by bearing witness to the urgency of breaching without further delay the Lower Snake River Dams.

**What:** The 2023 All Our Relations Snake River Campaign

**Why:** Our elected officials have dallied and delayed long enough. It is our Salish Sea, not theirs. This two-week, indigenous-led campaign has been organized to offer you the opportunity at this critical time to stand up and make your voice heard for the salmon and the First Nations Salmon People, the Southern Resident Killer Whales, the Salish Sea, and all our relations into the Seventh Generation.

Where	Date	Time	Contact
Olympia United Churches of Olympia with a Procession to Capitol steps	Sept. 23	1:00-4:30	Rev. AC Churchill ac@earthministry.org
Portland Ecotrust (Billy Frank Jr., Conference Room)	Sept. 25	6:00-8:00	Abby Dalke abby@wildsalmon.org
Celilo Falls Celilo Park	Sept. 26	Morning Event	Kurt Russo frkvalues@aol.com
Spokane Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture	Sept. 27	6:00-8:00	William Rutt wrutt@ipjc.org
Moscow, ID Moscow Contemporary	Sept. 28	6:00-8:00	Megan Mack meganmackphotography@gmail.com
Nez Perce Hells Gate Park	Sept. 29 Sept. 30	Evening Gathering 8:30-2:00	Julian Matthews protectingniniipuu@gmail.com
Seattle Town Hall Seattle	October 1	6:00-8:00	Robin Everett robin.everett@sierraclub.org

**RSVP**

RSVP - for one or multiple "All Our Relations" events | [ipjc.org/all-our-relations-snake-river-campaign/](http://ipjc.org/all-our-relations-snake-river-campaign/)

Hysh'ye ("thank you")



The St. Joe's Climate Justice Committee invites you to support this Indigenous-led movement. Register now for the October 1st event at Town Hall!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## High Schoolers!

Do you serve at mass or are interested in serving at mass?  
We are looking for high schoolers who are interested in ushering, cantoring, lecturing, etc for our monthly youth masses which will take place at the 1am masses.

No prior experience is necessary as all new ministers can be trained!

Interested? Scan the QR Code here to sign up.



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**Friday, September 22, 2023**  
**Prayer for people of ALL AGES | 6:30pm**  
**Synodal Gathering for YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS | 7:30pm**

Join youth and young adults from around the Archdiocese as we gather to pray together for the Church as we prepare for the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which begins on October 1. All are welcome to this celebration of Evening Prayer with the beautiful music of the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. In a special way, all youth and young adults are invited to participate. This prayer is part of a worldwide prayer vigil leading up to the next phase of the Synod. Find out more at [together2023.net](https://together2023.net).

Please come, pray, share, and experience what synodality is all about!

All are welcome to join in the prayer.

The prayer will be livestreamed at  
<https://vimeo.com/event/3538193> and at  
[facebook.com/archdioceseofseattle](https://facebook.com/archdioceseofseattle).



ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE | YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



**Join Archbishop Etienne for a youth and young adult synodal gathering and meal**

**7:30 | Cathedral Place Hall**

Following the prayer, youth and young adults are invited to share a meal with Archbishop Etienne. Together, we share our own experiences and hopes for our Church and reflect on how we can carry out our mission more effectively.

The archbishop wants to carry the voices of young people with him when he goes to Rome to participate in the Synod as a delegate.

Youth and young adults must register for the dinner and synodal gathering that follows.

Scan here to register,

visit our website:

[ArchSeattle.org/TogetherSept22](https://ArchSeattle.org/TogetherSept22)



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Joseph's Prayer Shawl Group next meeting will be in-person. We will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Brebuef room, in St. Joseph's Parish Hall basement.

**New members are always welcome.** Please contact Anna Morzinski at [prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org) if you have questions or to attend, or you can just show up! All interested persons are welcome! **NOTE:** We also have Blessed Shawls available upon request for yourself or a friend or relative in need of the comfort and prayers that a shawl can provide. Please contact Anna Morzinski at [prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org) to request a shawl.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**The Saturday 5pm Mass is returning, and we need ushers to help ensure a welcoming experience for all. Can you help with this important volunteer role?**

Ushers help with weekend Masses on a rotating basis and are essential to making sure things go smoothly and that people feel welcome. Don't worry – we will train you! Email Deacon Steve [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org) if you can help – we are also looking for a few more ushers for the Sunday 5:30pm Mass.

If you would like to be a lector for the 5pm Saturday Mass, let Deacon Steve know! We are in need of a few more lectors as well.



# RCIA

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



### **Come and See What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer**

Classes on Tuesday Nights

Informational Session on September 19th

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

- ♦ Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- ♦ Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or Full Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church?
- ♦ If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.
- ♦ We begin with your faith journey, your questions about the faith, and if you discover that you want baptism or full communion in the church, you will continue on in your journey toward the sacraments, but no commitment is required for the first few months of the journey.

**If you are interested contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik @**

**[theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1651**



# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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## Primary School Faith Formation Classes

**Sunday School CFF classes for grades 1-6** have open registration now through late September! Classes begin mid-October and run through May, for three Sundays each month. Sign up today!

**CFF 1** The first year of the Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Children are usually in 1st grade or at a minimum, age 6. CFF 1 introduces students to scripture, prayer, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. Successful completion of CFF 1 is a requirement for CFF 2.

**CFF 2** The second year of the Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. This year continues to build upon the foundation set in CFF 1. In addition to classes meeting three Sundays a month, children and parents will work through at home materials and attend workshops to prepare for Reconciliation and First Communion.

**CFF 3 / 4** This class combines grades 3 and 4. Students will discuss God as Trinity, Community, Church, Sacraments, Morality, Liturgical Year, and continue to develop a relationship with God through Jesus.

**CFF 5 / 6** This class combines grades 5 and 6. Students will continue to develop themselves as Catholics and reflect on the how Scripture pertains to each of us today. Discussion will focus on themes from Breakthrough! The Bible for Young Catholics. Students will dedicate one year to the Old Testament and one year to the New Testament.

## Volunteer for Children's Faith Formation



**The Faith Formation Program needs a strong team of teachers!** This vibrant and critical ministry is only successful with help from volunteers. The curriculum and students are ready, and no prior teaching experience is needed.

The more volunteers we can count on, the stronger our programs serving the children and families of our parish. Contact Meredith Wright ([meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org)) or Theresa Shepherd Lukasik ([theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)) today to find out how you can put your Catholic faith and practical skills to use in Children's ministry. Volunteer hours in CFF Programs apply to the required SJS volunteer hours.



## Confirmation Prep - Enrolling Now!

It's that time of year again! Sign up for Confirmation preparation classes! All rising 7th graders or youth ages 13-15 who have previously received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) are welcome to sign up. Registration is open now. Classes will begin in fall 2023 and will run through spring 2024. To register, visit our website: [www.stjosephparish.org/middle-school](http://www.stjosephparish.org/middle-school)

**We will be having a parent meeting on September 24th at 10:00am in Mother Theresa. We will be distributing the required paperwork at that meeting, so it is essential for all parents of those being confirmed to be present.** Questions? Reach out to Samantha [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

## Volunteers Needed for Confirmation

Enjoy working with youth? Enjoy helping others explore their faith? Consider helping with the confirmation program! We're looking for 2-3 volunteers who can help us with our confirmation classes which will start in October. No prior teaching experience necessary. All materials provided. Interested? Reach out to Samantha for more details. [Samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:Samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

# FAITH JUSTICE



## 7th Annual Catholic Immigration Summit September 30th at Seattle University

Come join fellow Catholics as we listen, learn, and celebrate ways to be a place of refuge for our brothers and sisters fleeing war, persecution, climate change, and violence. On the recent anniversary of his visit to Lampedusa, Pope Francis urged us to reflect on the question "Where is Your Brother?" and to see everyone who knocks on our door as "worthy of love, acceptance, and every care." Considering the enduring plight of migrants, Pope Francis called for renewed solidarity. This follows National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees (September 18-24). Register here:



## Housing Advocacy Committee: Two Upcoming Events

Facing Homelessness and the St. Joseph Parish Housing Advocacy Committee Invite You to a

**Conversation** on  
**Homelessness in Seattle**

with  
**KARINA WALLACE**

**Thursday**  
**SEPTEMBER 21st, 7pm**  
**St. Joe's Parish Center**  
**Arrupe Room**

Join us for an in-depth conversation about the lived experience of homelessness, and how the parish can better advocate for our unhoused neighbors.

Karina Wallace is the Community Programs Manager for Facing Homelessness, a direct outreach organization in the U District.

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Questions? Email [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Candidate Forum** on  
**Housing & Homelessness**


with  
**Seattle City Council Candidates**  
District 2: Councilmember Tammy Morales  
District 2: Tanya Woo  
District 3: Alex Hudson  
District 3: Joy Hollingsworth

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 19th**  
**6:30pm**  
**St. James Cathedral Hall**  
**912 Columbia St**  
(Parking available at O'Dea High School)



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No RSVP Required. Questions? Accommodations? Email [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)