



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, September 17, 2023 \* Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 24, 2023

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16A

PRESIDING: CHRIS CARTWRIGHT, SJ

PREACHING: DEACON STEVE WODZANOWSKI

### Mass Intentions:

For the people of St. Joseph

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## Welcome Our New Pastoral Assistant for Children's Faith Formation, Meredith Wright!



**About Meredith:** I was born and raised in Massachusetts and attended UMass, where I received a degree in English and Education. After college, my older brother moved to Seattle, and I tagged along. After a year of city life, I was ready to return home but met my husband, Peter, through mutual friends. Peter was a long-time parishioner of St. Joe's. He brought me to a Mass service here, and it just felt right! Now we've been coming to Mass here together for almost 20 years.

Having grown up in a small town in New England, I'm not completely at peace with city life, but St. Joe's School and the parish help make Seattle feel smaller and provide community. Even prior to having children myself, I saw a bulletin asking parishioners to volunteer for the Children's Faith Formation program and answered the call to serve. One of my fondest memories from volunteering with CFF was the year I taught CFF 2. I was so proud of our students receiving Holy Communion - it's an incredible moment for the children and their families.

I'm thrilled for my new roll: guiding students, parents, and Catechists on the journey of Sacramental Prep, finding God's love, and finding their own place in our St. Joseph community.

My husband and I have three children: Wilhelmina (7), Peter III (6), and Henrietta (4). Wilhelmina and Peter III attend St. Joseph School. When not at work, I can be found skiing, hiking, or baking with my kids. Our family enjoys road trips because the journey is just as exciting as the destination!

You can reach Meredith at [meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 324-2522

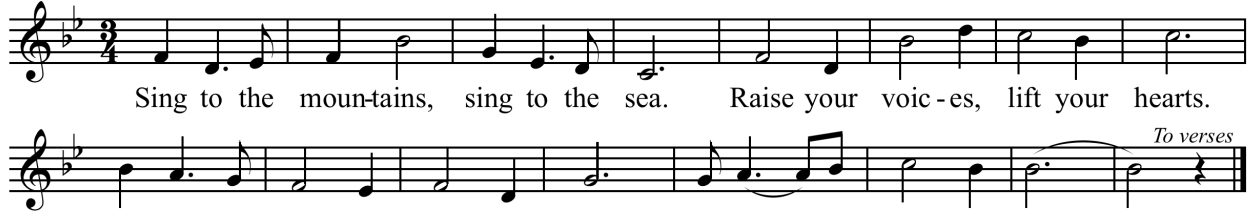
# THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Procession

### *Sing to the Mountains*

*Dufford*


Refrain



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re-joice. *To verses*


Verse 1



I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea.

You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song. *To Refrain*

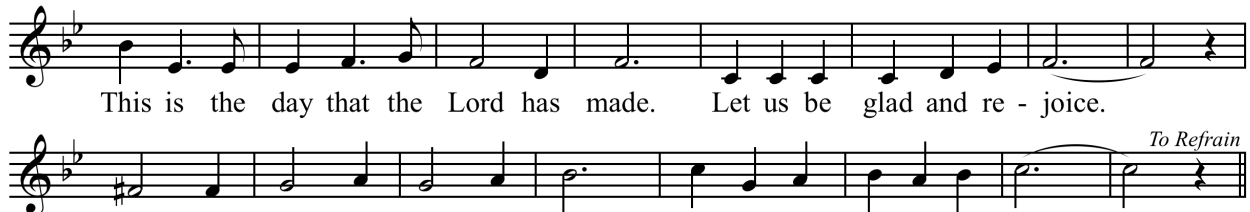
Verse 2



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry. *To Refrain*

Verse 3



This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re-joice.

Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo-ry of God. *To Refrain*

## *9am God Brings Us Together*

*Carroll*

God brings us together, God brings us together,

God brings us together, together in harmony

Christ brings us together...

The Spirit brings us together...

Church brings us together...

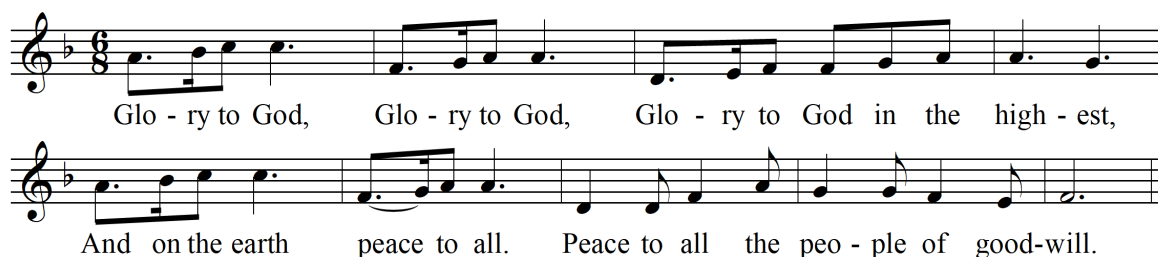
St. Joseph, bring us together...

Love keeps us together...

## Gloria

## Mass of St. Francis

Lynch



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;
- you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
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.

## First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

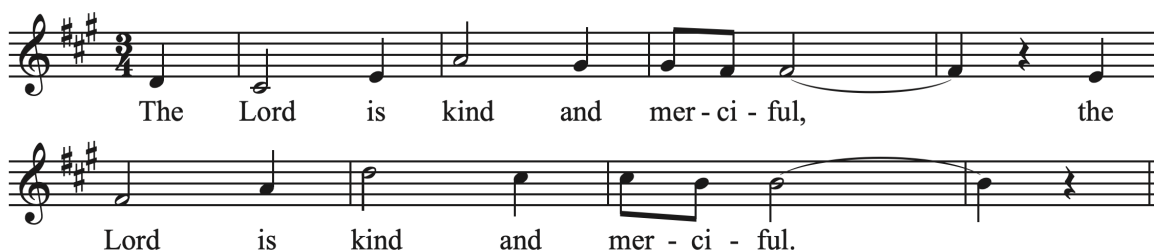
Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,  
for he remembers their sins in detail.  
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
Could anyone nourish anger against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,  
can he seek pardon for his own sins?  
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?  
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;  
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!  
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

## Psalm

## Psalm 103

Haugen



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;  
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits. *Ref.*

God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness. *Ref.*

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

## Gospel Acclamation

O'Carroll/Walker



*I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you*

## Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

## Homily

**Samantha Barger, Campus Minister**

### 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

## We Are Many Parts

Haugen

We are man-y parts, we are all one bod-y, and the gifts we have  
we are giv-en to share. May the Spir-it of love make us one in -  
deed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -  
spair, one, the cross that we bear. *Fine*

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your  
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is  
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est

ser - vants true, let us be your love to all the world.  
my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.  
gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord. *D.C. al Fine*

## 11 Choral: O Come Now to this Table

Ash/THE PARTING GLASS

O come now to this table here and gather round to sing this song  
Of how Christ taught us, "Do not fear." To all creation we belong.  
Each elder, child, each husband, wife, is welcome in this worship hall.  
So share the bread and cup of life; God's peace and joy be with you all.

We gather in this sacred space though we are broken and profane.  
We are his feet, his hands, his face, and called to heal a world of pain.  
When sin cuts through us like a knife, come hear the Savior's altar call  
And share the bread and cup of life; God's peace and joy be with you all.

Each crumb we hoard, each coin we hide prevents the setting of the feast.  
Each dram we bottle is denied from flowing outward to the least.  
The barns we've built must open wide; the love of Christ we must recall  
To share the bread and cup of life; God's peace and joy be with you all.

So walk as once our Lord did tread, where need and hardship are entrenched.  
Let ev'ry hungry mouth be fed; let ev'ry thirstiness be quenched.  
This blessed meal will end all strife when those bent low are standing tall.  
So share the bread and cup of life; God's peace and joy be with you all.

### Online Giving

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





## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

## *Mass for the Healing of the World*

Thomson

Cantor: Holy, Holy, Holy; **All: Holy, Holy, Holy**  
Cantor: Lord God of hosts; **All: Lord God of hosts.**  
Cantor: Heaven and earth; **All: Heaven and earth**  
Cantor: Are full of your glory; **All: Are full of your glory.**  
Cantor: Hosanna in the highest; **All: Hosanna in the highest.**  
Cantor: Hosanna in the highest; **All: Hosanna in the highest.**  
Cantor: Blest is he who comes; **All: Blest is he who comes**  
Cantor: In the name of the Lord; **All: In the name of the Lord.**  
Cantor: Hosanna in the highest; **All: Hosanna in the highest.**  
Cantor: Hosanna in the highest; **All: Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Mystery of Faith**

Cantor: When we eat this Bread; **All: When we eat this Bread,**  
Cantor: And drink this Cup; **All: And drink this Cup,**  
Cantor: We proclaim your Death; **All: We proclaim your Death,**  
Cantor: O Lord; **All: O Lord,**  
Cantor: Until you come again; **All: Until you come again.**  
Cantor: Until you come again; **All: Until you come again.**

## **Great Amen**

Cantor: Amen; **All: Amen.**  
Cantor: Amen; **All: Amen.**  
Cantor: Amen; **All: Amen.**  
Cantor: Amen; **All: Amen.**

## **Lamb of God**

Cantor: Lamb of God; **All: Lamb of God**  
Cantor: You take away; **All: You take away**  
Cantor: The sins of the world; **All: The sins of the world.**  
Cantor: Have mercy on us; **All: Have mercy on us.**

Cantor: Lamb of God; **All: Lamb of God**  
Cantor: You take away; **All: You take away**  
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Cantor: Lamb of God; **All: Lamb of God**  
Cantor: You take away; **All: You take away**  
Cantor: The sins of the world; **All: The sins of the world.**  
Cantor: Grant us peace; **All: 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

*Gusten Y Vean*

*Alonso*

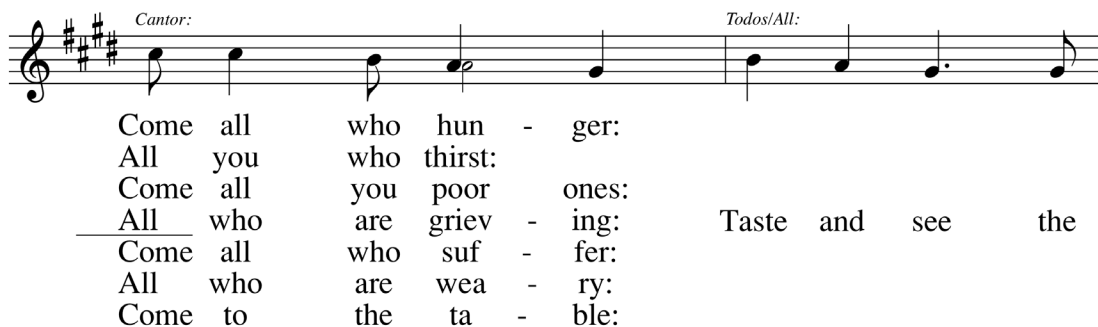


Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué bue-no es el Se -  
 ñor, qué bue-no es el Se - ñor. Taste and see,  
 taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

Estrofas / Verses



1. Ven - gan los ham-brien - tos:  
 2. Ven - gan los se - dien - tos:  
 3. Ven - gan los po - bres:  
 4. Ven - gan los do - lien - tos: ¡Gus-ten y ve - an!  
 5. Ven - gan los que su - fren:  
 6. Ven - gan los can - sa - dos:  
 7. Ven - gan a la me - sa:



Come all who hun - ger:  
 All you who thirst:  
 Come all you poor ones:  
 All who are griev - ing: Taste and see the  
 Come all who suf - fer:  
 All who are wea - ry:  
 Come to the ta - ble:



good-ness of the Lord, qué bue-no es el Se - ñor.



# Recessional

## 5 & 5:30 God Sends Us Forth

Alonso



1. God sends us forth to love and serve,  
2. Nour - ished by Christ, our Word and Bread,  
3. Called to the ones the world ig - nores—  
4. So, with the cross to lead the way,



Make known God's name and live God's word,  
Burn - ing with love and Spir - it - led,  
Hun - gry and thirst - y, weak and poor—  
Let us go forth in peace to - day,



Mir - ror God's love, re - flect God's grace Till  
Sent to em - brace a world in need, To  
Let us bear Christ, who heals all pain And  
And to the ends of earth make known The



all have seen the Sav - ior's face.  
make God known in word and deed.  
com - forts those bowed down by shame.  
sav - ing love our God has shown.

## 9 & 11 Go Out and Tell the Good News

Ash



Go out\_ and tell \_ all the\_ world, \_ Go out\_ and tell \_ the good news!

Cantor: Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord; **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: All you nations, all you nations. **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: Glorify the Lord, our God; **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: All you peoples, all you peoples. **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: Steadfast is the love of the Lord; **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: Oh, the kindness God shows to us; **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: And the faithfulness of the Lord **All: Go out and tell the good news!**

Cantor: Will endure forever more. **All: Go out and tell the good news!**



## 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  
  
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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!

# FAITH JUSTICE

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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**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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Join the St. Joe's Climate Justice and Anti-Racism Committees at Town Hall Seattle on October 1st, 6pm, for an Indigenous-led event honoring sacred salmon and advocating for a more just system of dams and rivers.

Register Here:



[CLIMATEJUSTICE@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG](mailto:CLIMATEJUSTICE@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG)

# 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  
steve@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646**



ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
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## 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**

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

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER INVITES YOU TO

## THE FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES A Retreat of Inner Peace in Divine Love



MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23  
6:30-8 PM  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, SEATTLE  
ERIC WATSON, SJ, PRESENTER



The First Spiritual Exercises is a form of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius presented by Jesuit Michael Hansen, SJ in his innovative book, *The First Spiritual Exercises*. It combines spiritual conversation and spiritual exercises, akin to the form given by Ignatius and the early Jesuits.

The theme of this retreat is centered on the gift of inner peace and is available for those with a desire to experience divine love. Retreats are open and accessible to anyone without getting away from ordinary life. Join us!

**For more information and to register, visit  
[www.ignatiancenter.org/the-first-spiritual-exercises/](http://www.ignatiancenter.org/the-first-spiritual-exercises/)  
Please register by September 20.**



Questions?  
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(206) 329-4824



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 4TH @  
ST JOSEPH CHURCH  
6PM**

**Bring your pets (or stuffed animal!)  
for a blessing on the Feast Day of St  
Francis of Assisi. We'll be on the  
front lawn of the church on 18th Ave.  
Everyone is welcome!**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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## St. Phoebe Day Celebration

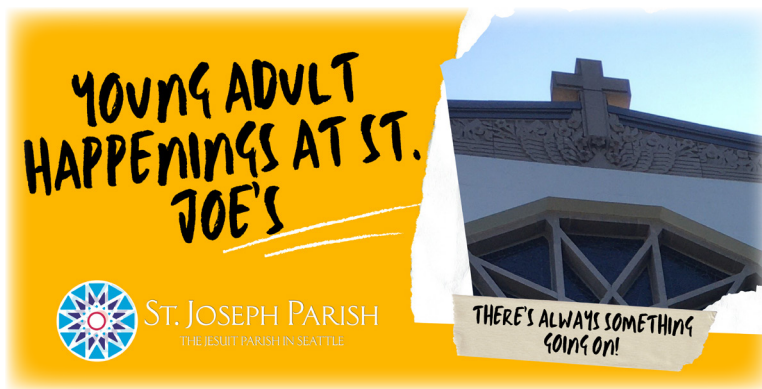
### IPJC St. Phoebe Celebration

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.



## Sunday Social

September 24th

After the 5:30pm Mass, 6:30pm -7:30pm in the Arrupe room, Parish Center (next to the church). Join us to cap off the weekend with some drinks, snacks, and good conversation!

## Happy Hour: Speed-Friending

October 6th

6:00pm-7:30pm in the Arrupe room, Parish Center. It's like speed-dating, but more fun! Join us and meet new friends!

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## 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 [steveuw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steveuw@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.

# 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)



# 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 @**

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