



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, September 24, 2023 \* Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?”  
Thus, the last will be first, and the first  
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30pm

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

### September 24, 2023

FIRST READING: EZEKIAL 18:25-28

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

PRESIDING: CHRIS CARTWRIGHT, SJ

PREACHING: JIM THOMAS

### Mass Intentions:

For the people of St. Joseph

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## A Note from Fr. Chris



Dear Friends,

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! This is a catchy title meant to get your attention about a not-so-catchy subject - funerals.

**On October 8th at 12:30pm** we are offering a workshop in the Ar-rupe Room/Parish Center for an important subject that most of us don't like to think about. We all know that we are going to die and we all hope it will not be too soon! Yet, the time (and God) will come and we will breathe our last breath.

It is common among us to put off making plans for our end. We will tell ourselves and our family we will 'think about it later'. Which generally means we will never give it thought until it is a bit (or too!) late.

So, friends, here is an opportunity to give some gentle yet serious thought to this important part of our lives: *"What do I want to be done with and for me when I die?"*

For all of us this workshop can provide some helpful information about what to do once we or a loved one has died. There are things that need to be done, arrangements to be made, decisions pressing regarding how and what and when and where our body will be treated.

Come to this workshop! You will have many questions answered and it will make facing the reality of one's passing into new life a bit easier for you and your remaining loved ones. I will be there to help with questions about the Church and funeral service arrangements. Staff from Catholic Cemeteries will be on hand to answer questions about such things as cremation, burial, gravestones, memorials and much more. Just an hour of your time to prepare for eternity.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! My generation (boomers) needs this workshop; you know, truth is we all do!

Blessings,

Fr. Chris

(See the event flyer in the bulletin for more information!)



# THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Procession

*All Are Welcome*

*Haugen*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 3. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of  
 out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the im - gae of God's  
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of

grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 grace, Let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

Gloria

*Mass of St. Francis*

*Lynch*

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
 And on the earth peace to all. Peace to all the peo - ple of good-will.

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.

## First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

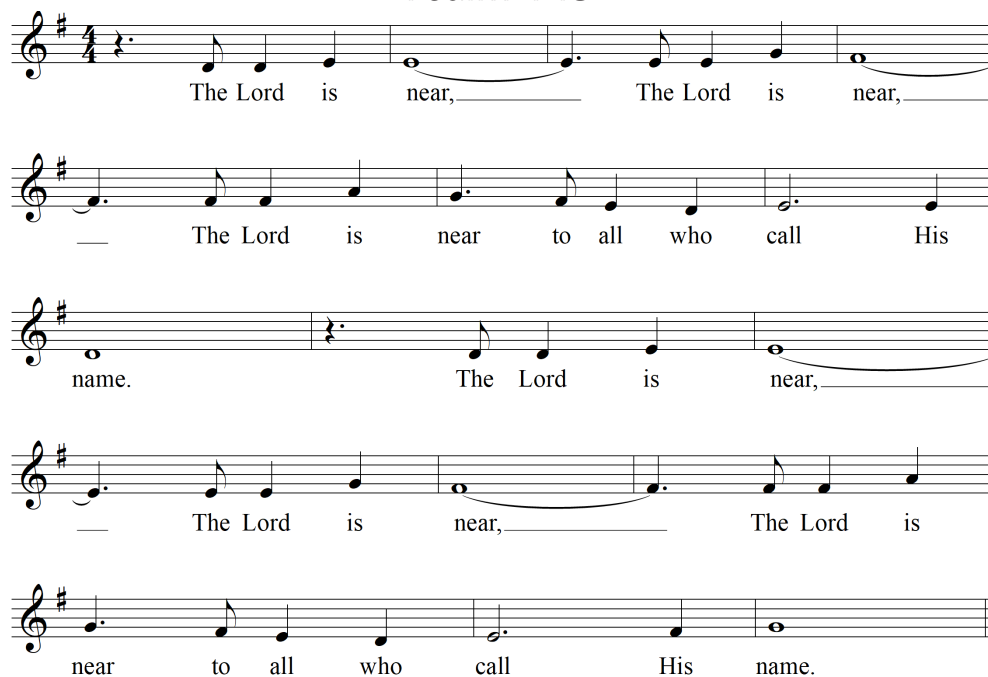
Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

## Psalm

### Psalm 145

Lynch



Ev'ry day I will bless you. I will praise your name forever.  
Great is the Lord in heaven. I will praise your name, O Lord. *Ref.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, full of kindness and great mercy.  
Good to all His creatures and compassionate toward His works. *Ref.*

The Lord is just in all His ways, and holy in all His works.  
The Lord is near to all who call, who call to Him in truth. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

O'Carroll/Walker



## Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## Homily

**Deacon Steve Wodzanowski**

## 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

## 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



### (11) Let Justice Roll Like a River

Haugen

A musical score for a single voice part in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the staff. The score consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody. The second line ends with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody. The third line ends with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody. The fourth line ends with a double bar line.

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
wash all op - pres-sion a - way; Come, O God, and take us,  
move and shake us, come now and make us a - new, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that we might live just - ly like you. \_\_\_\_\_

Take from me your holy feasts, all your off'rings and your music;  
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an everflowing stream. *Ref.*

How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,  
the day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? *Ref.*

Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:  
the Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous Day of our God. *Ref.*

Even now return to me, let your hearts be broken and humble,  
for I am gracious, gen'rous and kind; come and seek the mercies of God. *Ref.*

You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace;  
to act justly, to love gently, and walk humbly with God. *Ref.*

## **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**  
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**  
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.

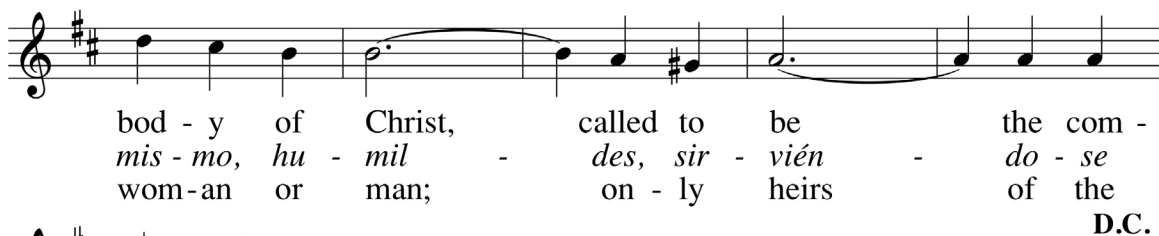
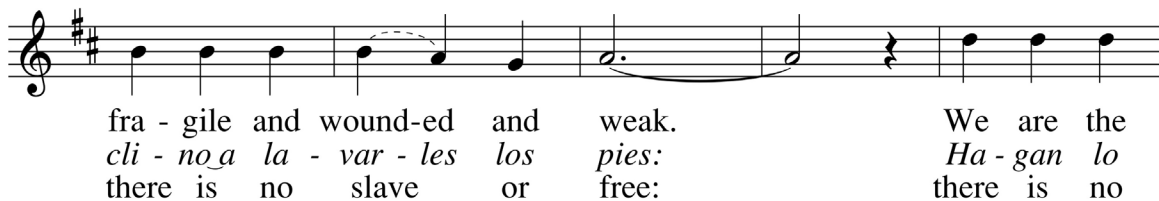
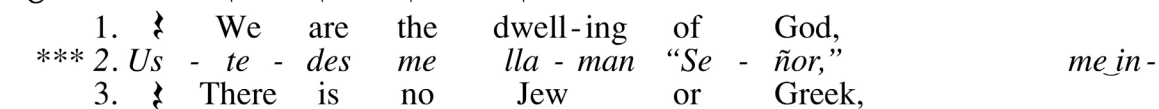
# Communion Song

## Pan de Vida

Hurd




Verses





Verses




1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,  
 2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,  
 3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,  
 4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,  
 5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,  
 6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,  
 7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,  
 8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion,

Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we  
 They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will know mer - cy, too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our  
 They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us  
 They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your  
 Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they

poor in spir - it; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 meek and hum - ble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 share their sor - row; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 cry for mer - cy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 pure and ho - ly; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.  
 per - se - cute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain



We are the light of the world, May our light shine be - fore all,  
 That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.



## 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 (forming a family 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)

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

A Workshop to  
answer questions  
Regarding Catholic  
Funeral Mass and Burial

## WHERE:

**St. Joseph Parish - Arrupe Room**

732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

## WHEN:

October 8, 2023 at 12:30pm

*To save a seat please contact*

Bengt Johnson

206-979-3297

[BengtJohnson@MyCatholicCemetery.org](mailto:BengtJohnson@MyCatholicCemetery.org)



# FAITH JUSTICE



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)

## 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)

## Walk-A-Long for Our Sister Parish

**September 24, 2023 - Meet at St. Joe's at 12:30**

Our sister parish in El Salvador, San Bartolome, is composed of two regions - Arcatao and Nueva Trinidad. As has St. Joe's with Arcatao, St. Pat's had a sister parish relationship with Nueva Trinidad for 30 years. The St. Pat's community had a more than 20-year tradition of an annual walk-a-long in the fall. We walk to remind ourselves of the walk the people made from refugee camps in Honduras to repopulate and rebuild Nueva Trinidad.

This year as we continue to bring our two communities and relationships with El Salvador together, we will again walk from St. Joe's to St. Pat's - gathering there for updates, food and time together. If you can't walk that distance, please consider meeting us at St. Pat's.

Our walk is also a fundraiser for programs providing nutrition support for seniors and the community center at Nueva Trinidad. Donations via cash, checks [made out to Keystone UCC or online (choose Nueva Trinidad)] are welcomed.

Questions: Betty Lucas at [betty.lucas@gmail.com](mailto:betty.lucas@gmail.com) or Kate Speltz at [katespeltz@yahoo.com](mailto:katespeltz@yahoo.com).

## St Vincent de Paul Donation Matching

Under "normal" times there are members of our community who struggle to get by. A single mom with three mouths to feed, an elderly couple on a fixed income dealing with expensive utility bills, or a man facing an eviction notice because he was ill and lost his job.

With the many waves of COVID infections and now significant inflation, the pressure from the economic struggle our neighbors face is great. Today, unfortunately, the number and size of requests from our neighbors in need is outpacing regular donations, forcing our SVdP conference to lower the maximum financial amount available per neighbor visit.

This week the Church celebrates the feast of St Vincent de Paul. With this in mind and in an attempt to better address the needs of each of our neighbors, **the members of our St Vincent de Paul conference and a group of anonymous donors have pulled together a \$13,000 donation matching fund.**

**Starting with the SVdP collection next weekend (Sept 30 / Oct 1), all donations to the conference will be matched \$2 for every dollar donated by you up to a total of match of \$13,000.**

# 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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## 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-Lukasiuk  
[theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

## St. Joseph School

Accepting Applications on October 1st!

Interested in applying to St. Joseph School? St. Joseph School is the only Catholic, Jesuit K-8 school in Seattle that teaches students to be lifelong learners who are inspired to use their gifts to serve others and positively impact the world. We invite you to apply to become part of our school community today!

Our application portal for grades K-8 opens on October 1. All signups for school tours, Information Nights, Junior Jaguar Playgroups will be available on October 1. Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign up and/or apply on October 1. We can't wait to meet you!



SCAN ME

## 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

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## Seniors Ministry

Friday, October 6th 11:30am - **Healing Mass** followed by a delicious Oktoberfest luncheon!

Thursday, October 12th, 12:45pm – **Replay Matinee: Dr. Beverly Tatum, Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?** Film screening at Town Hall. To RSVP and save your spot on the bus, call 206.324.2522 or email [caprices@stjosephparish.org](mailto:caprices@stjosephparish.org)

Thursday, October 19th, 10am – **Join us for a day out in Snohomish!** First, we'll head to Craven Farm for their pumpkin patch, then we'll head to the Cabbage Patch restaurant for lunch. To RSVP and save your spot on the bus, call 206.324.2522 or email [caprices@stjosephparish.org](mailto:caprices@stjosephparish.org)

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Joseph's Prayer Shawl Group's next meeting will be in person. **We will meet on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Brebeuf room, in Parish Center 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.

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## Upcoming Youth Masses

High Schoolers! Join us for youth Mass at the 9:00am Sunday service on Oct 15th, Nov 12th, and Dec 10th. After Mass, grab a donut and head over to the old gym for games, socializing, and conversation!

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## Young Adult 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!

## Young Adult 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 [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.

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

## 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 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)



# FREE PRESENTATION

# Pilgrimage of Peace

A JOURNEY TO  
JAPAN FOR  
NUCLEAR  
DISARMAMENT



PRESENTER: JIM  
THOMAS,  
ST. JOE'S  
PARISHIONER

**October 26th - 7pm**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**

St. Joe's parishioner Jim Thomas accompanied Archbishops Paul Etienne and John Wester (Santa Fe) on their Pilgrimage of Peace to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, for August's commemoration of the atomic bombings. On Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 pm, Jim will give a presentation on this grace-filled journey.

About Jim Thomas: Jim has more than forty years experience on nuclear weapons issues including a walking pilgrimage to Bethlehem (1982-1983) and uncovering the secrets of the Hanford plutonium factory. While at Gonzaga University, his master's thesis examined the morality of nuclear deterrence. He is the author of the forthcoming memoir *Atomic Pilgrim: How a 6700-mile Walk Helped Me Find Peace and Uncover Long-Held Secrets about Nuclear Weapons Production*.

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