“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”
It is a longstanding tradition of Church documents that their title is taken from the first words of the introduction. Consequently, authors choose first words carefully, knowing that they will be used to frame the meaning of the entire document. Thus, in beginning his encyclical with the words of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis seeks to do more than acknowledge his patron: he seeks to enlist the popularity of Francis, among both Catholics and non-Catholics, for the sake of ecological action among both secular and religious people. Indeed, by the end of the preface, St. Francis has become an icon for the entire encyclical, manifesting in his person and life both the interreligious attitude of the letter, and the “integral ecology” that Pope Francis hopes will harmonize “concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace” (10). Francis—who went from affluence to chosen poverty; who spoke to the animals as sisters and brothers; who called together women and men of many social classes, and went out among the Moslems in dialogue; who lived a life of prayer and reflection in simplicity—becomes for the Pope a model of what is needed, if we are to solve the challenges that threaten the planet, and the men and women who live on it.

The goal of this preface, however, involves more than enlisting St. Francis as the image of “integral ecology”: for Pope Francis also wants to offer his context for taking up this controversial subject, which he does by noting the encyclical’s continuity with previous papal and Church teachings. Citing the teachings of every pope since John XXIII (with the exception of the short-lived John Paul I), and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, of the Orthodox Church, Francis justifies both the scope and substance of the letter. Thus, John XXIII’s Pacem in Terris, which dealt with the international politics of nuclear disarmament, and was the first encyclical to ever address not just bishops but “all men and women of good will” (3), sets the precedent for Francis’ address to “every living person on this planet” (3) and for his teaching on the politically volatile issue of global environmental degradation. Likewise, the writings of each subsequent Pope, ground Francis’ critique of consumption and the exploitation of resources: i.e., Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI all argue that environmental issues have moral implications which are proper matter for the teaching office of the Church, as does the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

It is significant, and indicative of the profound healing Francis seeks, that Bartholomew is included in this list, placed in a position of authority, immediately after the popes, in the preface of this encyclical. Such a position in an encyclical—the highest expres-
sion of papal teaching authority short of a dogmatic definition or the document of a council—suggests a symmetry between the Ecumenical Patriarch and the popes. Reaching out to the Patriarch, “with whom we share the hope of ecclesial communion” (7) Francis is using this letter as a means to unite the Church. In citing the writings of the Ecumenical Patriarch—who calls us “to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a sharing, an asceticism ‘entails learning to give, and not simply to give up’” (9)—Francis not only bolsters his own position with interreligious support, he models the unity needed in society, and creates a connection between the teaching of the popes and that of the Patriarch. He goes on to reinforce this ecumenical outreach by referring to himself as “Bishop of Rome” [10], a title acceptable to the Orthodox Church in a way “Pope” is not.

Positioning *Laudato Si’* within the tradition of modern papal teaching, invoking the tradition of St. Francis, and reaching out across the ecumenical divide: there is a great deal going on in this preface. Finally, though, it is a means to prepare the reader for the whole of the document, an opportunity for Francis to explain the challenge which he sees (i.e., “to protect our common home” [13]), and the appeal which he hopes to make (i.e., “for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet” [14]), and then to provide a process by which we might have this dialogue effectively and so better face this challenge. Thus, the preface ends with an outline of the method and themes of the coming chapters—a method reminiscent of the Ignatian discernment in which Pope Francis was formed, and themes which will appear again and again in the encyclical (as they have already appeared in other writings of Francis).

To better understand the method of discernment used in *Laudato Si’*, we might do well to recall the Ignatian paradigm, which speaks of the dialogue of context and experience, leading to reflection and action, and ending in evaluation and on-going discernment—a paradigm roughly followed in *Laudato Si’*. Chapters One and Two provide a context for our discernment, laying out what is happening in “our common home” and then reminding us of Scripture’s teaching on Creation and our place in it. Chapter Three goes further, bringing out the crucial experiences of our day—including technological growth, globalization, and social breakdowns—which have brought to a head the issues covered by this encyclical. Only at this point, having given us context and experience, does Francis call us to the profound reflection needed for cultural transformation. In Chapter Four, the Pope introduces the notion of “integral ecology,” which seeks to unite the various themes of human and environmental degradation, and bring to bear the humanistic and theological principles previously discussed. Then, in Chapter Five, the Pope offers “Lines of Approach and Action,” in which he calls all people to implement change, though leaving many of the specifics to those personally involved in the issues. Finally, in Chapter Six, *Laudato Si’* presents an inspirational vision of on-going conversion and our continuing discernment as beloved children of God. For Francis, we are clearly engaged in a discernment—a search for the Spirit of God moving in the world, activating us for the purpose of the Kingdom. The great sin, then, is not to err, but to fail to try, to fail to unite ourselves with the vision given us by St. Francis and by the Church of a world redeemed and yet wounded, endangered yet accompanied always by the love of her Creator.

**Next Week: Chapter One — What is Happening to Our Common Home? [17-61]**
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This worship aide is for all Masses, including 5:30 contemplative liturgy. All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude from 5:00-5:30 PM.

Prelude  Instrumental

Entrance Songs  For the Healing of the Nations (5 & 9:30)  St. Thomas

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love and action.
2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom, From despair your world release; That redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness.
3. All that kills abundant living, Let it from the earth be banned; Pride of status, race or school in, may find. quest for justice.
4. You, creator God, have written Your great name on human-kind; For our growing in your likeness. sponse and service.

Be Still (5:30)  Walker/Freeberg

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

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest,

**ALL:** and on earth peace to peoples of good will.
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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Són 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.

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

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord. Pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated,
because of the abundance of the revelations,
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,
but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.”
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Chant Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Gospel

Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Offertory Song

These Alone Are Enough

Schutte

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams. Take my
mind with all its plans and schemes. Give me nothing more than your
ears, my joys, my liberty.
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory. Take my
turn to you your gifts untold.
3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold. I re-
very breath that sang your praise.
4. When the darkness falls on my final days, take the
love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
Preface Dialogue
Priest: The Lord be with you.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: And with your spirit.
Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.
Assembly: It is right and just.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,...

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

All Are Invited To Come Forward
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart. If you have a gluten allergy, & need a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.
Communion Songs

Earthen Vessels

Alonso

Taste and See/Gusten Y Vean

Foley, SJ

We hold a treasure not made of gold. In earthen vessels wealth untold.

One treasure only: the Lord, the Christ.

In earthen vessels.

Light has shone in our darkness. God has shown in our hearts.

God has chosen the lowly. Who are small in this world.

With the light of the glory of Jesus the Lord.

In this weakness is glory in Jesus the Lord.

Refrain

Gusten y ve-an, gusten y ve-an que bueno es el Senor, que bueno es el Senor. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Verses

¡Gusten y ve-an! Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, que bueno es el Senor.

America the Beautiful (5 & 9:30)

Song of Praise

Recessional

Instrumental

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Thursday
7:00 AM  Mass

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
“We Are One in the Spirit”
Friday, September 25th - Sunday, September 27th

Guest Retreat Animator: Eileen Flanagan
Author, Speaker, and Activist
www.eileenflanagan.com

Cost: $150 per person*
Includes two nights lodging and four meals, single occupancy
Partial Scholarships Available

*Cost does not include transportation. We will organize car pooling before the retreat. Accommodations are simple and rustic! A “must bring” list will be sent after registration.

Registration Deadline: September 15th
To register, please fill out the form and email/mail to or drop off at the parish. Bring a friend!

NAME_________________________PHONE_________________EMAIL_________________________

Will you drive? YES____NO_____ Do you need a ride? YES____NO_____

To submit registration or for questions, please contact:
Steve Wodzianowski (stevew@stjosephparish.org / 206.965.1645)
Sheila Marie Sifferman (smarie49@comcast.net / 206.251.7035)
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 sacramedsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For Natalie and her family . . . For Steve who helps others through his awareness and caring heart . . . For Matthew Dobie who needs a bone marrow transplant.

“He comforts us in our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him.”

2 Cor 1:4

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

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: $142,164

Amount Needed: $1,822

Ignatian Spirituality Center

Summer Ignatian Retreat 2015
“A Pilgrimage of the Heart”

2:00 pm Friday, July 24–2:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2015
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way.


For more information, visit http://www.ignatiancenter.org/programs/ignatian-retreat/
Seniors On The Go

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!

Calling All Seniors: Get Involved

The St. Joseph Parish community of Seniors invites you to join us for our many get togethers; join us and participate in the many ways we celebrate our community life together.

For those who have not been part of the senior variety of get-togethers each month but would like to join us, here are some things to look forward to: museum trips, movie outings, potluck meals, excursions by ferry to small towns around Puget Sound. We also have a wonderful van service that can help you get to Mass. In addition, we gather for a weekly game of Rummikub in the Parish Center each Friday.

Please come join us and build community. Call Mary Ott at (206) 324-7459 or Dolores Dorn at (206) 322-2259 or email seniors@stjosephparish.org for more information about our events and how you can help or participate.

Faith Justice

St. Vincent De Paul Helps James Leave “Nicklesville” Behind

After four years living in “Nicklesville,” James moved into a small—very small—subsidized studio apartment just a stone’s throw from St. Vincent De Paul. At 51, he looked 65: tired, walking with a cane, bowed but not broken.

The studio apartment offered a hopeful start: fresh smell, new paint and carpet, a tiny but well-appointed kitchen and a small but spotless bathroom. James seemed overwhelmed by his turn of fate, incredulous that outdoor encampment living now was a thing of the past.

There was no furniture in the studio. St. Vincent’s ordered James a new bed, including a mattress and box spring, a frame and full bedding package of sheets, pillows with cases, and blankets. A table and two chairs are also on the list.

It will be tough for James going forward, trying to make ends meet with about $380 per-month income that includes a food-stamp allotment. Even so, this new beginning while small in the scale of things is a huge step toward a better life. It is possible because of your generous donations to our St. Vincent De Paul group. Without your support, James still would be in “Nicklesville.” Thank you so much.
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 stores, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

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

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

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
**Laudato Si**

On June 18, 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

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**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.

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**Sister Parish Wish List**

On July 24 a youth delegation from St. Joseph’s The Voice will make a trip to San Bartolome to visit our Sister Parish in Arcatao, El Salvador.

The students have a Wish List of items they’d like to bring with them: laptops, laptop cases, printer (2), fax/scanner, lots of ink, paper (all types), scientific calculators, Digital camera (2), batteries (all types, double and triple A), school supplies, toolboxes (2), flashlights, and microscopes for science students.

If you can help supply any of the above items, please contact Sam Kennedy at samkennedy09@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646. Thank you!

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*Fr. John and Fr. Miguel during Nov 2014 Arcatao visit*
Mass and Hike July 12 with Young Adults

Come join us to hike Evans Creek Preserve east of Lake Sammamish! Everyone will gather on Sunday July 12 at St. Joe’s at 1 PM to work out carpools.

The hike will include Sunday Mass led by Father Glen!

Round-trip the hike is 4.2 miles with an elevation gain of 325 ft. and the highest point at 480 ft. This is a low impact, fun trail and is home to lots of wildlife. It is about a 30 minute drive away. There is no fee or cost to hike. Bring a water bottle, and depending on the weather, sunscreen or rain gear. We will do the hike rain or shine. Based on the group's consensus, we may head to Olympia Pizza for dinner following our return to the city!