



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 3, 2023 * First Sunday of Advent * www.stjosephparish.org

First Sunday of **ADVENT**



1st Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 3, 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

December 10, 2023

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-14

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

PREACHING & PRESIDING: MATTHEW PYRC, S.J.

Mass Intentions:

12/3 For the people of St. Joseph

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A Note from Fr. Chris: Advent Begins!



Dear Friends,

Advent has arrived and you notice it in the changed colors in the church, in the music, in our prayers at Mass and the presence of our Advent Wreath.

It is also Christmas Season, shared with Advent as a time of preparation. Over the coming weeks we will be concerned with how we will celebrate December 25th. The decor, the meals, the travel and visits, the shopping and giving will be central to much of our thoughts and activity.

While we aim towards Christmas Day let's all give some time as well to - today! Whatever day of the week it is, it is a day when Christ is present to us and with us. It is likely we will need to take a few minutes of quiet and peace to notice and be aware of Christ. Well, a short break in the busy day is good for us. A few minutes of just sitting quietly with Christ, giving a thought and a thanks to Christ is Advent. Do it often and you'll find yourself ready for Christmas Day, or what we also call Jesus' birthday.

A weary world rejoices!

Fr. Chris

Advent Wreath Making Party Sunday, December 3rd, 10am & 12pm Parish Social Hall

Every family needs an Advent Wreath to prepare space in your home for the Christ child! At this annual workshop we teach you how to create your own Advent Wreath with fresh, locally sourced boughs.

The cost of this workshop is \$20 and includes all materials, instruction, candles, and your choice of prayer items to take home. And, if you already have an Advent Wreath, we have candle sets for \$5!

We'll also have a party in the Social Hall. Come kickoff Advent with coffee, hot chocolate, and delicious homemade cookies!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Procession

Prepare! Prepare!

Pishner

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord, oh,

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord... The

Lord our God is com - ing soon. Oh,

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord. Ready your hearts.

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon! *Ref.*

Make straight the path, level the hills, lift up the gates.

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon! *Ref.*

Blessing The Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.
Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.
Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.
Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

First Reading

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.]
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;
we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;|
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

Psalm

Psalm 25

Ash

*Refrain: Come, O Lord, and set us free.
Come, O Lord, and set us free.*

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are my savior God. *Ref.*

Good and upright is the Lord: showing sinners the way,
guiding the humble to justice, teaching the humble the way. *Ref.*

All the paths of the Lord are kindness toward those who keep God's decrees.
For those who fear God and the covenant, the friendship of the Lord is theirs. *Ref.*

Second Reading

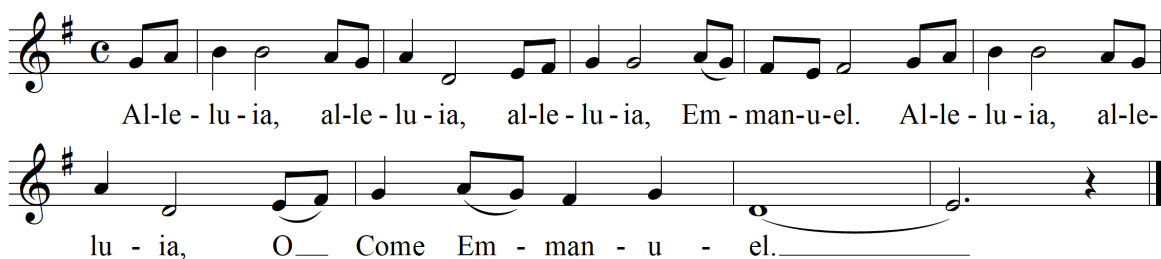
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Lynch



*Prepare the way of the Lord our God; make straight the path for the Lord.
And all shall see our saving God, we shall see the salvation of God.*

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Homily

Profession of Faith

Chris Cartwright, S.J.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

All stand upright.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Online Giving

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



Offertory Song

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a - u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,

We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Maranatha Mass

Lynch

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts.

5 Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho -

11 san-nah in the high-est. Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah to God on

16 *Fine* high, Blest is He who comes in the name, in the name of the

21 Lord our God. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your re-sur-rec-tion.

5 We pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Great Amen

A - mem, A - men. Come, O come, Em - man - u - el.

5 A - men, A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, _____

5 mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us. _____
mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us. _____
grant us peace, O grant us your peace. _____

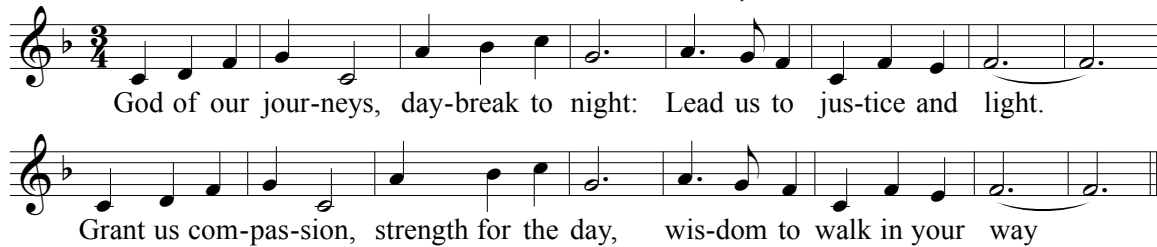
ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD

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

God of Our Journeys

Haugen



You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. *Ref.*

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God. *Ref.*

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the
lame to walk, bring us dancing into day,
lead your people in your way. *Ref.*

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind".
Ref.

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your people again. *Ref.*

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light. *Ref.*

Recessional

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL/Helmore

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us in the path of once knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



Adult Faith Formation

Advent: Making a Holiday a Holyday

Monday, December 4 | 7:00-8:30 PM | St. Joseph Church



This Advent, come join us in the church as Fr. Chris Cartwright, S.J. presents a multi-media presentation on the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Come learn about the history and culture behind these joyful Catholic traditions and seasons.

All are invited to attend.

It would be great for families with children 12 years and older.

Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies will be provided.

No RSVP Needed

For more information email theresal@stjosephparish.org
or call 206-965-1651

Advent 2023

Advent is almost here, and we are so grateful that we are able to spend this holy season with the wonderful community at St. Joe's. The theme for Advent at St. Joe's this year is "A Weary World Rejoices" as we acknowledge the pain and suffering our world is experiencing today, and look forward to the healing power of the birth of our Lord.

First Sunday of Advent: December 3rd

Advent Wreathmaking: December 3rd, 10am

Fr. Chris's Presentation: December 4th, 7pm

Senior Advent Reflection: December 7th, 10am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8th,
5:30pm

Men's Ministry Morning of Reflection: December 9th,
8:30am

Advent Racial Justice Vigil: December 10th, 3pm

Advent Reconciliation Service: December 10th, 7pm

Women's Ministry Evening of Reflection, December
14th, 6pm

Las Posadas for Holy Families: December 17th, 6:45pm

Small Group Bible Study: Ongoing

LGBTQ+ Bible Study: Ongoing

Young Adult Bible Study: Ongoing

And more!

Please take a look at this bulletin, as well as our Advent webpage - www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2023 - for a full listing of Advent events and series, as well as Christmas service times.



ST. JOSEPH SENIOR MINISTRY

My Soul Rejoices: An Advent Reflection

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM

ARRUPE ROOM

Join us for a morning of prayer, reflection, and sharing facilitated by, Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik. We will start with coffee and pastries.

Parking will be available in the parking lot and reserved in front of the parish center.

No need to RSVP, just show up.



The Giving Tree is Back!

UPDATE: Tags from the tree in the church are almost gone. We need more signups for the virtual giving tree!

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree is back once again, and you are invited to take a tag or two for our community partners as we share in the joy of giving back this holiday season.

Once again, the Tree will be 50/50 online and in-person. Pick up a tag from the tree in the Narthex, or scan the QR code below to see virtual tags that you can easily sign up for on Signup.com. (All instructions are on the website, as well.)

Remember to turn in your gifts by December 11th!



St. Joseph Women's Ministry Advent Reflection Evening



Andria Previtali ca 1520-1525 collection of Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

THE ANNUNCIATION

*December 14, 2023
6pm-8pm in the church*

A special evening of reflection and fellowship: Gathering and snacks at 6 PM, program at 6:30 PM, followed by cheer in the vestibule.

Optional: bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies for a cookie exchange.

Suggested donation \$10. Scholarships available.



RSVP: by December 11

women@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Men's Ministry

**ADVENT MORNING OF
PRAYER, REFLECTION AND
FELOWSHIP:**

**"STAYING VIGILANT IN A
WORLD YEARNING FOR JOY"**

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

- Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018

Saturday, December 9th

8:30am – 11:30am

Parish Center

All are welcome. For details, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646
or stevew@stjosephparish.org. Invite a friend!

For Heaven Sake: Cookie Bake



St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry is baking Christmas cookies to be packaged and distributed to Facing Homelessness. Please bring pre-baked cookies or bake and decorate with us. We will have Christmas music, hot chocolate & cider.

12.10.23

12:15 PM | SUNDAY
PARISH CENTER
ARRUPE RM.

For more information email:
theresal@stjosephparish.org





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ST JOSEPH YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, Starting November 29 at 7 PM
Brebeuf Room in the Parish Center



Come join fellow young adult Catholics (ages 20-35) in fellowship and study as we prepare for the upcoming Christmas joy.

We'll be journeying together using "Advent Light" by Stephen Binz as our study guide.

For more information, or to register please email
youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org



ST Joseph Young Adult Community

Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

Join us for the annual Young Adult Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on December 10, at 6:30, following the 5:30 Mass, in the parish center! There will be food, beverages, and a white elephant gift exchange (bring a gift to exchange, suggested budget of no more than \$25). All young adults (ages 21-35) are welcome!

PLEASE CONTACT ANELSON61990@GMAIL.COM TO RSVP
OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER INVITES YOU TO

Advent Evening of Prayer 2023

A Weary World
Rejoices

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 7-8pm
Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave, Seattle, WA 98122



FR. TRUNG PHAM, SJ
&
REV. LEIGH CURL-DOVE
PRESENTERS



Amidst the busyness of the winter and holiday season, let us gather as one community to ground ourselves in the story and gifts of Advent. Join the Ignatian Spirituality Center and Seattle First Baptist for the annual Advent Evening of Prayer – a contemplative evening of ecumenical prayer, poetry, art, music, reflection, and silence. Presenters Fr. Trung Pham, SJ and Rev. Leigh Curl-Dove will lead us in an evening to gather and bless us and our stories, our hopes and longings, and to share the gifts that are offered to us through the Advent season.

No registration required. Livestream available. Visit
www.ignatiancenter.org/advent-evening-of-prayer-2023



Questions?
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THE SOUTH SEATTLE DEANERY RACIAL SOLIDARITY
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

Lamentations & Hope
A VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Sunday, Dec 10th, 3pm
St. Joseph Church
732 18th Ave E

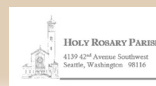
The South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Committee invites you to an Advent gathering of Lamentations & Hope. This service will include songs, readings, and time to reflect as we resist the sin of racism and its effects on our world.

All are welcome to join!

For more information or accommodations, contact Mark
Pettersen - markp@stjosephparish.org



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyful Voices Children's Choir

Joyful Voices-- the St. Joe's Children's Choir -- will return for the Christmas Eve 4pm mass again this year!

Would your child/children will be interested in joining the choir for Christmas Eve? (We welcome especially 4th-8th graders!) Scan the QR code to sign up!

Rehearsals will be: Sunday, December 17 at 12 pm / Wednesday, December 20, 5-6 pm in the church / One more rehearsal TBA

The Christmas Eve Mass is: December 24, at 4:00 / The children will need to arrive at 3 pm to warm up and sing carols.

Feel free to invite others! In gratitude,

Jen and Matt Tilghman-Havens (and St. Joe's Music Director, Laura Ash)



Thank You from the Recovery Cafe Team!

A heartfelt thank you for the generous donations of time, winter comfort items and bags, food, beverages, and table decorations to support the annual Recovery Cafe Thanksgiving event. We had many new people involved this year and we appreciate the new and past volunteers who worked to make this holiday meal so special for the cafe members. A special thank you to the confirmation group for help assembling the bags and for the special notes.

We will be holding a meeting in January for anybody who would like to join in supporting this life changing and important ministry that our parish has supported for over fifteen years - email Lisavis@windermere.com for details.

With much gratitude, Lisa Visintainer, Gretchen Brennan and Russell Janney

Simbang Gabi - December 16th at St. Therese Parish

The Filipino Tradition of SIMBANG GABI (Midnight Mass) will be co-celebrated this year with St. Therese Parish. Now on its fourth year of celebration here at St. Joseph Parish, St. Therese will be hosting the evening Mass on **December 16, Saturday at 4:00 in the afternoon.**

The traditional parol (lantern) that adorns the church during the Advent Season will be processed and displayed this year at St. Therese.

The usual after-Mass *salo-salo* (gathering) will follow the mass featuring favorite Filipino dishes like lumpia, pancit, adobo and pastries.

Finally, there will be a parol-making event at the social hall of St. Therese on December 10, Sunday starting at 9:30am to 11:30am. The lanterns made from this event will complement the processing of the lantern at the *Simbang Gabi* mass.

Simbang Gabi

A Christmastime Filipino Night Mass





A Posada for Holy Families

Join the St. Joe's Asylum Accompaniment Team and our friends from Central America who are seeking asylum for a Posada - an evening of traditional songs and rituals - as we stand in solidarity with migrants and raise funds for asylum defense.

**December 17
6:45pm
St. Joseph Parish**

RSVP: asylumteam@stjosephparish.org

Las Posadas is the name of a religious festivity that takes place every December and forms part of the Hispanic Christmas tradition. The word *posada* translates to "dwelling" or "lodging". Celebrated in Mexico and in Spanish speaking segments of the United States, *Las Posadas* celebrate Joseph and Mary's journey from Bethlehem to Nazareth in search of a place for Baby Jesus to be born.

A main component of this celebration is asking for a *posada*, a place to rest, which is done via singing. To remember the journey of Mary and Joseph, a group of people gather and break off into two groups: the travelers seeking *posada* and the "host family" inside the house. In a back and forth, the outside group asks to be let in, while the "host family" refuses entry at first. Both sides exchange songs, until the "travelers" convince the "host family" to let them inside. After this, the "host" offers a traditional dinner.

We will walk around the neighborhood, stopping at (pre-determined) houses, looking for *posada*, then end at the parish Social Hall where we will finish with singing and ritual (and food!).