



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 17, 2023 * Third Sunday of Advent * www.stjosephparish.org

Third Sunday of **ADVENT**



3rd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 17, 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 24, 2023

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A,16

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

PRESIDING: MATTHEW PYRC, S.J.

PREACHING: DEACON STEVE WODZANOWSKI

Mass Intentions:

12/17 For the people of St. Joseph

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A Note from Fr. Chris



Dear Friends,

"It's the hap-happiest season of all!" goes the song (Andy Williams version, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," 1963)

Actually, not all folks find this season so very happy. The 'holiday season' for many brings forth feelings of sadness, loneliness, regrets, anxieties. Family issues and disputes can be intensified in the midst of all the efforts to make for a 'Merry Christmas.'

A sense of loss can also accompany this time of year, especially the remembrance of loved ones who passed away during the year or those whose death occurred during Christmas past. Broken relationships or past disappointments might occupy space in our minds and hearts while all around us 'Christmas cheer' is being pushed.

It can be hard to go through the days this time of year when one's heart is heavy or aching. Even when one wishes to find joy in the celebrations of Christmastime, it can feel like so much work.

Christ's coming into the world doesn't need us to be overly glad or celebratory. It is true that the scriptures tell of a host of angels singing and praising God; of shepherds telling everyone about the Messiah child they had seen. Remember also this: the scriptures show us a quiet Joseph and a mother Mary who "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" [Luke 2: 8-21]. Yes, a quiet Christmas (Jesus' birthday) has a long history of gentle quiet and reflection.

Let us all take in this season with a sense of calm and awareness of God's action in our lives. Christ came for our good - even when we are not able to feel it or see it at the moment. It takes faith to affirm Christ's presence in one's life. If God is to be 'Emmanuel' (God with us) we need to be ready for that grace. Maybe this season doesn't work for all of us. God is patient. Let us be patient as well.

Blessings,

Fr. Chris

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prelude

Comfort, Comfort O My People

Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Procession

Prepare! Prepare!

Pishner



Prepare the way, the way of the Lord. Ready your hearts.
Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

Sing and rejoice! The Lord is near, I say rejoice!
Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon!

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 came 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

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

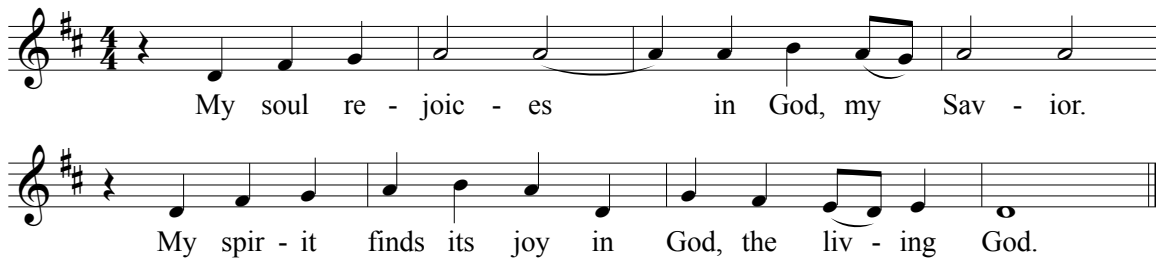
The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Psalm

Canticle Of Luke

Alstott



My soul proclaims your mighty deeds. My spirit sings the greatness of your name. *Ref.*

Your mercy flows throughout the land and every generation knows your love. *Ref.*

You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life. *Ref.*

You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away. *Ref.*

Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel. *Ref.*

Second Reading

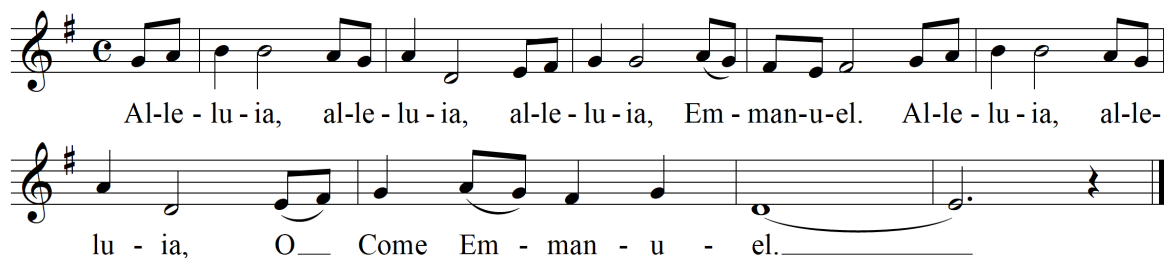
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Homily Jennifer Kelly, Director, Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative NW

Profession of Faith

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

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Offertory Song

(9&11) *Illumine Me*

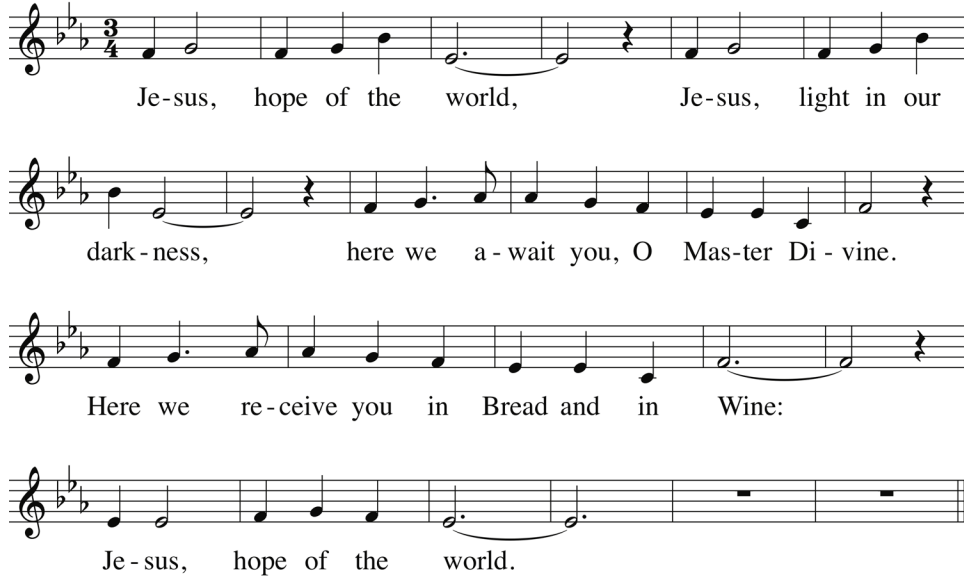
McWalter Huff

Musical notation for the Offertory Song "Illumine Me" by McWalter Huff. The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "Il-lu-mine me, O Spir-it Di-vine! O-pen my eyes, my ears, my mind. Help then O Lord, Thy will to see. O-pen my heart to Thee, il-lu-mine me, il-lu-mine me." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines, with some lyrics placed below the staves and others above. A double bar line with a repeat sign is at the end of the third staff.

Il-lu-mine me, O Spir-it Di-vine! O-pen my eyes, my ears, my
mind. Help then O Lord, Thy will to see.
O-pen my heart to Thee, il-lu-mine me, il-lu-mine me.

(5 & 5:30) Jesus Hope of the World

Refrain

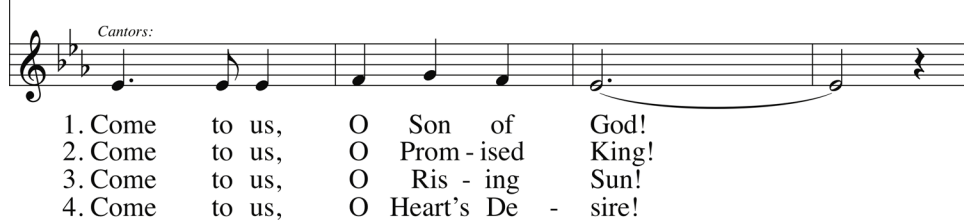


Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our
dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.
Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:
Je-sus, hope of the world.

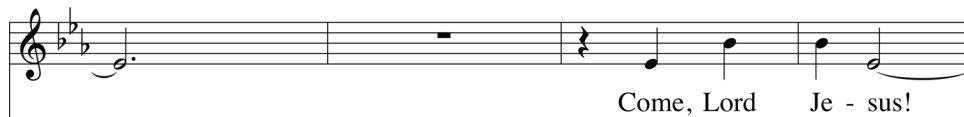
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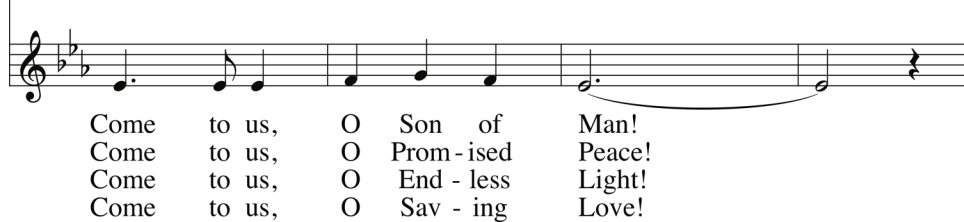
All:
Come, Lord Je-sus!



Cantors:
1. Come to us, O Son of God!
2. Come to us, O Prom-ised King!
3. Come to us, O Ris-ing Sun!
4. Come to us, O Heart's De-sire!



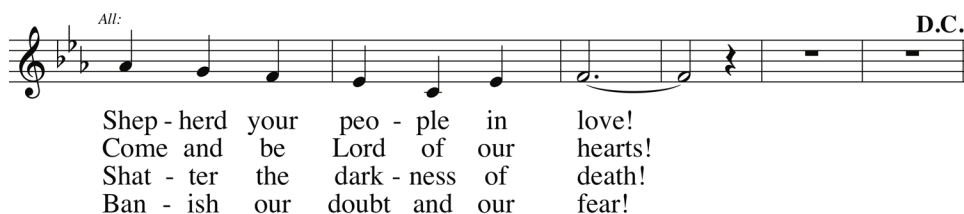
Come, Lord Je-sus!



Come to us, O Son of Man!
Come to us, O Prom-ised Peace!
Come to us, O End-less Light!
Come to us, O Sav-ing Love!



Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!
Come, Prom-ised King! Come, Prom-ised Peace!
Come, Ris-ing Sun! Come, End-less Light!
Come, Heart's De-sire! Come, Sav-ing Love!



All:
Shep-herd your peo-ple in love!
Come and be Lord of our hearts!
Shat-ter the dark-ness of death!
Ban-ish our doubt and our fear!

D.C.

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.

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

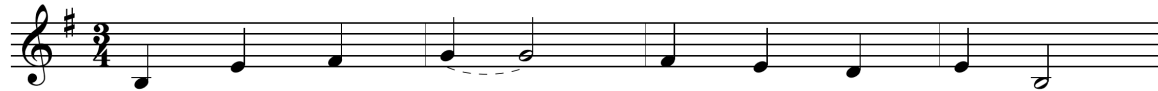
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart. If you have need of a gluten free host, please come to the presider and make that known.

Communion Song

Christ, Be Our Light!

Farrell

Verses



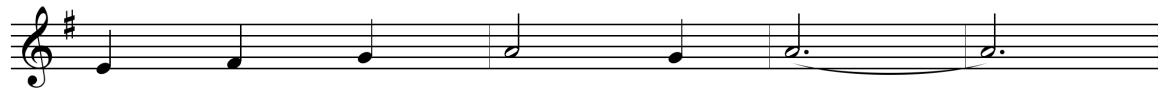
1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one a - no - ther



Light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
Shared un - til all are fed.
mak - ing your King - dom come!

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
 5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley

a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple look
 nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple look
 fro - zen He for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple look
 weath - er, Bright as the sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple look
 hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple look

East and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long - December 21st

Come friends and family and join in the cherished tradition of gathering together to enjoy singing traditional Christmas carols and holiday favorites - around the piano - in a warm, informal setting.

Join us on **Thursday, December 21 at 7pm in the St Joseph Parish Center** for an evening of seasonal music and merriment. The Christmas Carol Sing-Along will be hosted by St. Therese Music Director/Pianist Kent Stevenson with music presentations from Fr Chris Cartwright, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, and St. Joseph Music Director, Laura Ash.

Special Guests will be violinist BJ Montoya, and Fred West, Musical Director of both the City Cantabile Choir and the Seattle Peace Chorus, who will bring an exquisite collection of German handbells. So, come as you are, drop a donation in the basket, and after singing, Meet & Greet with a hosted fellowship featuring warm beverages and holiday sweets and treats.

For more information contact: Kent Stevenson (206 519 4575)

A Weary World Rejoices

Christmas Eve Masses:

4pm

Doors Open at 3pm

6pm

(6pm Livestreamed and ASL-Interpreted)

10pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10am

(Livestreamed & ASL-Interpreted)

Sunday, December 31: Mass at 9am, 11am & 5:30pm

Monday, January 1: Mass at 10am

***Join us for 10am Mass on December 24th (the 4th
Sunday of Advent)**

***Parish Offices Closed 12/22 - 12/27**



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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!). Email asylumteam@stjosephparish.org to RSVP!



"I WILL LIVE UNTIL I DIE"

A MUSICAL OF THE LIFE OF SR. THEA BOWMAN

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MARCH 1 & MARCH 2
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Save the Date for a this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Experience an original musical with 14 beloved Spirituals, four classic Gregorian chants, and a talented cast bringing to life the story of the dynamic Black Catholic Sister, Thea Bowman.

Follow her journey from Canton, Mississippi, to the all-white community of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, where she became a Sister and eventually a world-renowned social activist and pioneer of intercultural awareness, unity and acceptance.

Acclaimed playwright Vallimar Jansen plays Sr. Thea, along with local actors in supporting roles. You won't want to miss it! More information about the play at www.stjosephparish.org/theabowman. Tickets available in 2024!



PRAYING IN SOLIDARITY

As we mourn the deaths of thousands in the midst of this terrible war in Israel/Palestine, we pray in solidarity with all those affected, especially Palestinian Christians, who are mourning and refraining from public celebration during this year's Advent and Christmas season.

CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE,
HEAR OUR PRAYER AND LAMENT,
FOR OUR SUFFERING SISTERS AND BROTHERS.
OUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY AS WE WITNESS LIVES TORN APART,
AS WE SEE THE FACES OF FRIGHTENED CHILDREN
AND HEAR THE PLEAS OF THOSE WITHOUT WATER OR FOOD.
WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND THE GRIEVING,
FOR THE INJURED AND THE AFRAID.
WE PRAY FOR COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE,
FOR THOSE WORKING FOR HEALING AND TO BRING AID.
WE PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS,
THAT THEY MAY STRIVE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.
GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS,
IN YOUR WAYS ARE COMPASSION AND HOPE.
OPEN OUR HEARTS TO DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING.
LEAD US ALL TO ANSWER YOUR CALL
TO BECOME PEACEMAKERS
TODAY, AND ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.
AMEN.

~PRAYER BY CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
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Living Water: The Ebb and Flow of Marriage

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

LaConner, Washington
February 2nd - 4th, 2024

\$475 per couple*
Partial scholarships available

*Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.

For details and to register, please contact
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at
(206) 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

Food Donations Needed!

1st Saturday Meal for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Continuing our longstanding partnership with the St. Martin de Porres shelter downtown, we serve 100+ unhoused men dinner once a month on the first Saturday. To keep this important project going, we need your help! Can you donate a few items once a month to help our friends in need?

We need: hard-boiled eggs, milk, fresh fruit, hot dogs/buns, and cooked Costco lasagna.

For more details and to sign up, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

New Giving Platform for the New Year

PushPay to Replace OSV

We are excited to announce that on January 1st, our parish will begin using Pushpay as our new giving solution. Pushpay is an industry leader known for creating an easy, secure way for to manage your own giving from the convenience of a mobile device or your computer (gifts by check or cash won't be affected!). Look for more information about how to move your recurring giving from OSV (our current program) to PayPal in parish communications during the next few weeks.

NW IGNATIAN ADVOCACY Summit

FEB 22-24TH
SEATTLE

3 DAYS OF LEARNING, PRAYER AND ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN SOLIDARITY WITH NATIVE PEOPLES

Youth Led

Students and young adults from Jesuit ministries across the northwest will spend 3 days in relationship building, reflection and training to take direct action for justice.

Intergenerational

Adults are invited to evening programming to hear from youth, learn about the Native struggle for salmon protection; and to take direct action on Saturday. Your paragraph text

Ignatian

Co-organized by Jesuit universities, schools, parishes and social ministries, this will be a chance to use our collective voice for action.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT
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NW IGNATIAN ADVOCACY Summit

DETAILS

- **Thursday Evening 2/22 at St. Joe's Parish: Covenant of the Salmon People film screening, dinner, and discussion with the film makers.**
- **Friday Evening 2/23 at Seattle U:**
 - **Dinner for Parish Social Ministry Leaders**
 - **Intergenerational Conversation on Faith and Justice with Jesuit students, JVs and more**
- **Saturday Morning 2/24 at Seattle U: Public Witness & Action on Salmon Watershed Protection and Native Leadership**

PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 9TH

Housing Available. Suggested Donation \$25

More Details and Registration at:

bit.ly/NWAdvocacySummit



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