



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 24, 2023 * Fourth Sunday of Advent * www.stjosephparish.org

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



4th Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 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

December 31, 2023

FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22, 39-40

PRESIDING & PREACHING: CHRIS CARTWRIGHT, S.J.

Mass Intentions:

12/24 For the people of St. Joseph

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A Note from Fr. Chris



Dear Friends,

We are almost there!!! Finishing touches and pleas to God for help to get across the 'finish line' with **everything done** whirls in our heads.

Okay, take a breath. Sit a minute (or more!).

Just breath and rest your mind. Let your heart enlarge with the love that motivates you right this moment. Close your eyes and imagine God looking at you with a huge smile adorning his/her face.

Isn't it amazing what love can do? The love we give and the love we receive!

With great love and deep respect and affection St. Joseph Parish wishes you a most holy and merry Christmas. Let blessings in great abundance come your way and fill your life with goodness, peace and God's grace.

To you and your loved ones – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

- **Fr. Chris and all the parish staff & community!!!**

Fr. Chris



Christmas Weekend Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd: 5pm Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 24th: 10am Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 24th: 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm Christmas Eve Mass (doors open at 3pm)

Monday, December 25th: 10am Christmas Day Mass

*Parish Office closed 12/22 - 12/27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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!

A virgin will bear a son, Emmanuel: God with us!
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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

Psalm

Psalm 89

Haugen



I have found David my servant, with my holy oil I have anointed him, that my hand may ever be with him and my arm make him strong. *Ref.*

My faithfulness and love shall be with you, in my Name your name will be exalted. *Ref.*

He shall cry to me, "My God, my rock of salvation, my salvation. *Ref.*

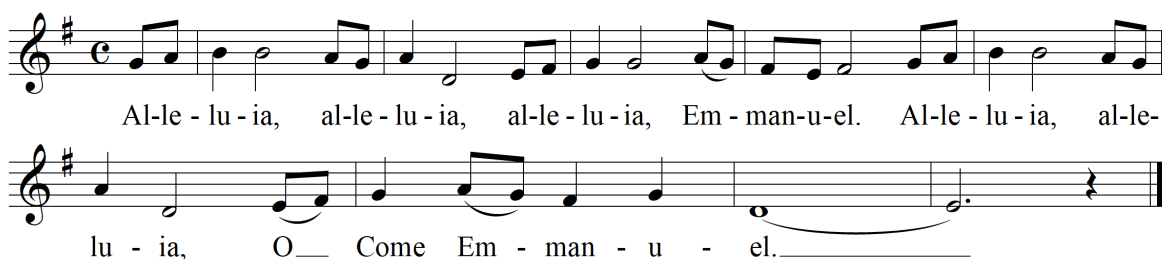
Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

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

Online Giving

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



Offertory Song

There Is A Longing

Quigley

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for
you to re - veal your - self to us.
There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we
on - ly find in you, our God.

Verses



1. For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
2. For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
3. For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for new life:
4. Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our
hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
dark - ness. We call you, we wait:
D.C.
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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.

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

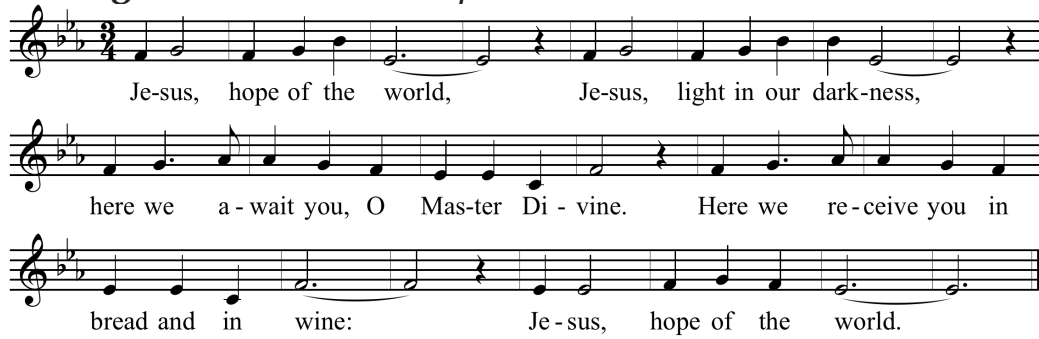
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

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.

Communion Song

Jesus, Hope of the World

Light/Tate



Come to us, O Son of God! Come to us, O Son of Man! Come, Son of God!
 Come, Son of Man! Shepherd your people in love! *Ref.*

Come to us, O Promised King! Come to us, O Promised Peace!
 Come, Promised King! Come, Promised Peace! Come and be Lord of our hearts! *Ref.*

Come to us, O Rising Sun! Come to us, O Endless Light!
 Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light! Shatter the darkness of death! *Ref.*

Come to us, O Heart's Desire! Come to us, O Saving Love!
 Come, Heart's Desire! Come, Saving Love! Banish our doubt and our fear! *Ref.*

Recessional

O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

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,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,
 6. O come, O Day - spring from on high,
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

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
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
 And cheer us by your draw - ing night;
 In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the Law
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.
 And death's dark sha - dow put to flight.
 And be for us our King of Peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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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"I WILL LIVE UNTIL I DIE"

A MUSICAL OF THE LIFE OF SR. THEA BOWMAN

STARRING VALLIMAR JANSEN



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 1 & MARCH 2
ST. PATRICK CHURCH
815 E EDGAR ST, SEATTLE, WA



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!



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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.

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
[BIT.LY/NWADVOCACYSUMMIT](https://bit.ly/nwadvocacysummit)



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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**

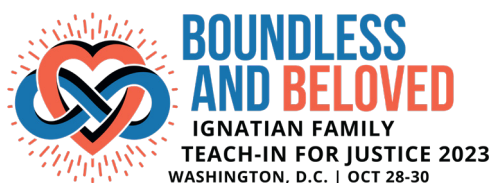


PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 9TH

Housing Available. Suggested Donation \$25

**More Details and Registration at:
bit.ly/NWAdvocacySummit**





Students Doing Justice: A Presentation on IFTJ 2023

January 10 - 7pm

St. Joe's Parish Center

In October, over 1,800 High School and College Students from Jesuit Preps and Universities, including students from Seattle Prep, attended the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, DC.

Over the weekend, they networked with students from all over the US, participated in workshops and plenary sessions on Justice issues, learned about advocacy and community organizing, stood in solidarity as advocates in front of the US Capitol, and met with their legislators to share their concerns.

Now that they are back home, the students who attended from Seattle Prep would like to share their experiences with the Jesuit Works in Seattle, their school community, their parents, and parishioners at St. Joe's. Join us for this special event!



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Email vherberholt3@comcast.net for more information or accommodations.

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

