



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

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# *A Weary World Rejoices*

**The Nativity of the Lord**



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December 25, 2023**

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**Upcoming Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, 12/30 5pm**

**Sunday, 12/31 9am, 11am, & 5:30pm**

**Monday, January 1st 10am**



# Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends,

With great love, deep respect and affection, St. Joseph Parish wishes you a most holy and blessed Christmas.

Let grace in great abundance come your way, and fill your life with goodness, peace and love.

To you and your loved ones – MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR!

~Fr. Chris, Parish Staff & the St. Joe's Community

## Stay Up-to-Date!

**New? Visiting? Interested?** Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? **Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) and click on the "Sign up for our eNewsletter" link in the upper right corner of the homepage.**

**Register!** Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joe's, yet haven't officially registered? Join us!

**Why register?** St. Joe's is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) and click on the "Join Our Parish" link, or scan the QR code below.



Photo from the LGBTQ+ Ministry Advent Cookie Bake



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## 10AM MASS

### Oh Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth;  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices, O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts, by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from the Eastern land.  
The King of Kings lay thus, in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be a friend.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices, O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine, O night, O night divine

### Choral: Sing Now a Song of a Child Who Was Born

Refrain : Sing now a song of a child who was born, promise of peace and joy;  
Born to a world of questions and fears: Mary and Joseph's boy.

What is that sound, waking our hearts, breaking the silent air?  
Is it a laugh? Is it a cry? Is it an answered prayer? *Ref.*

What is that gleam, high in the sky, piercing the dark of night?  
Is it a star? Is it a sign? Is it the dawning light? *Ref.*

What lies ahead, facing this child? Will he know gain or loss:  
Blessings or blows, wonders or woes, hope or a heavy cross? *Ref.*

Prayers feel unheard; laughter falls still; light's brightest rays grow dim.  
Yet we sing on, sharing our song, finding new faith in him. *Ref.*

### Choral: Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame.  
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

"How blest among all women you shall be, whom ev'ry age will praise continually.  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever, ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady." GLORIA!

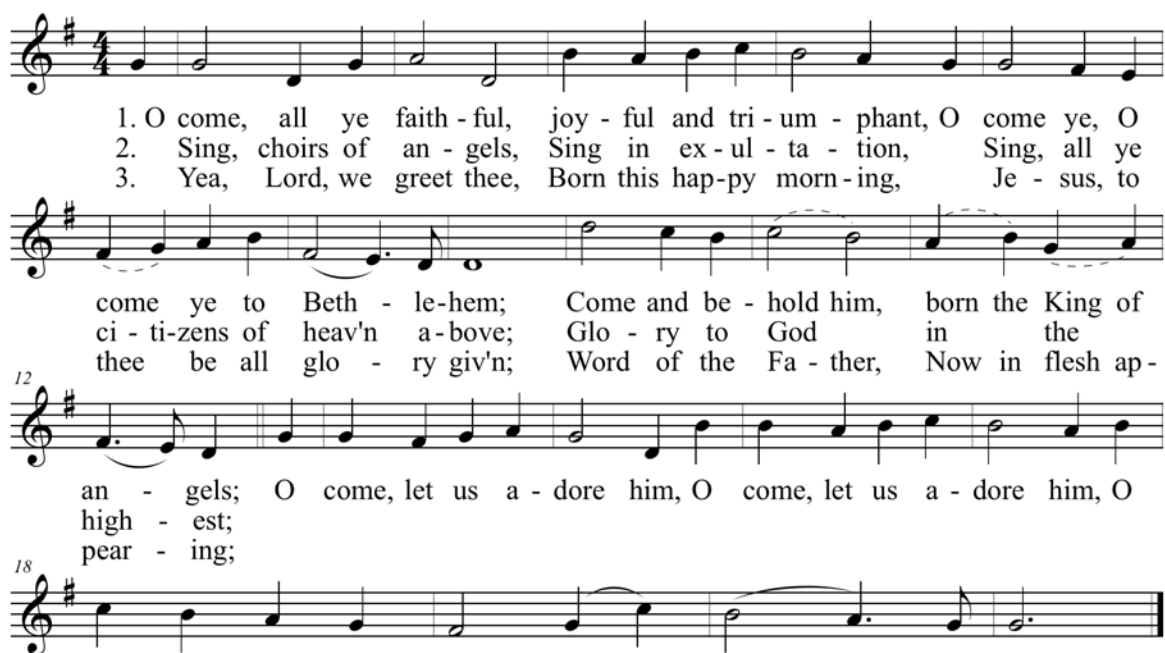
### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we may no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"



## Procession

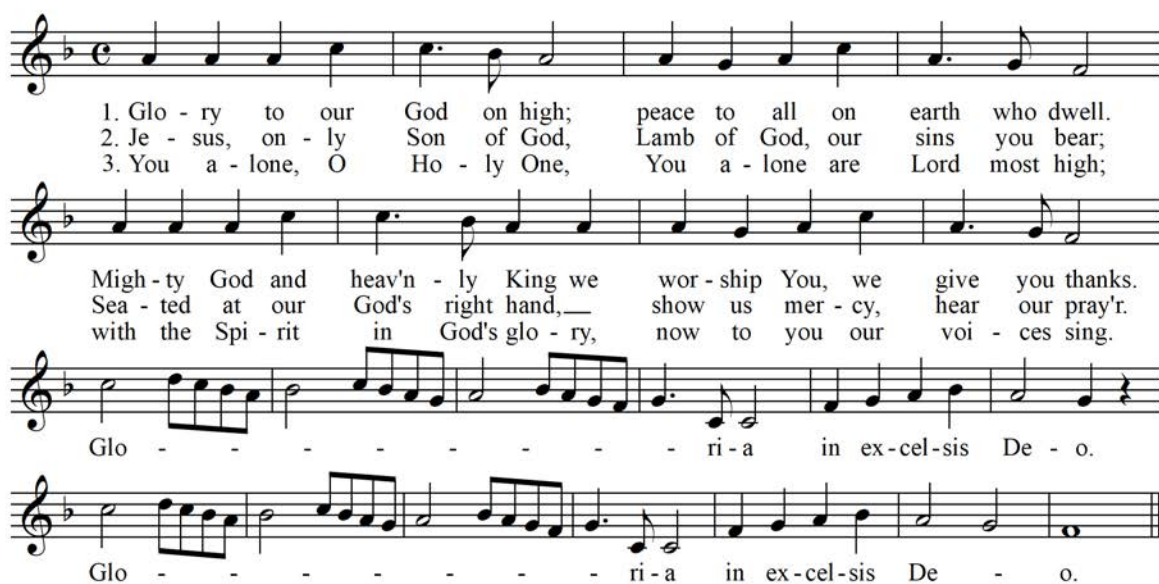
## O Come All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O  
 2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, Sing, all ye  
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap-py morn-ing, Je-sus, to  
 come ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and be-hold him, born the King of  
 ci-ti-zens of heav'n a-bove; Glo-ry to God in the  
 thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, Now in flesh ap-  
 12 an-gels; O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, O  
 high-est;  
 18 pear-ing;

## Gloria

Gates



1. Glo-ry to our God on high; peace to all on earth who dwell.  
 2. Je-sus, on-ly Son of God, Lamb of God, our sins you bear;  
 3. You a-lone, O Ho-ly One, You a-lone are Lord most high;  
 Migh-ty God and heav'n-ly King we wor-ship You, we give you thanks.  
 Sea-ted at our God's right hand, show us mer-cy, hear our pray'r.  
 with the Spi-rit in God's glo-ry, now to you our voi-ces sing.  
 Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.  
 Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

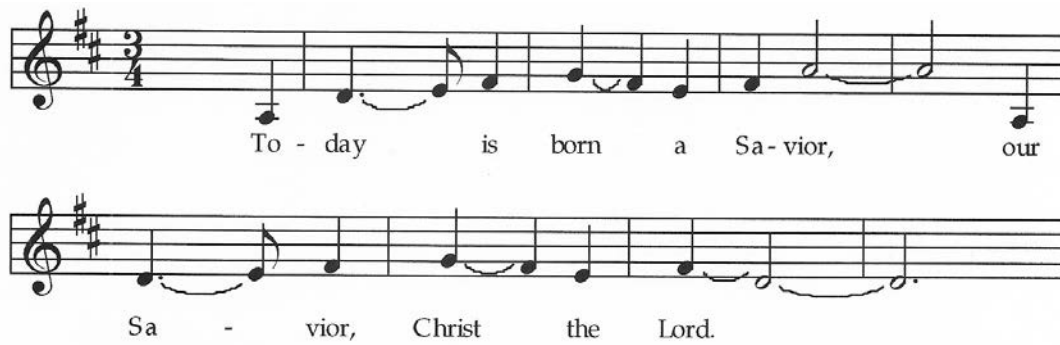
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!



## Psalm

## Psalm 96

Ash



Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all you lands.  
Tell all the nations the glory of God; tell of God's wonders to all. *Ref.*

Let earth and heaven rejoice; let all the oceans resound;  
let the plains and all that is in them be glad, and the trees of the forest exult. *Ref.*

They shall exult before God who comes to rule the earth;  
to rule the earth with justice and peace, and the peoples with constancy. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.



## Gospel Acclamation

## Christmastime Alleluia

Chepponis





## Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



## Homily

Rev. Matthew Pyrc, S.J.

## Profession of Faith

*Apostles Creed*

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

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a one-time gift to St. Joe's





## Offertory Song

## Ding Dong Merrily on High

McWalter-Huff

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing.  
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen.  
And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.

Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime ye ringers.  
May ye beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.  
Glo-----ria Hosanna in Excelsis.



## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Mass Of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this\_ bread, and drink this cup,\_\_\_ we pro-  
claim your death O Lord,\_\_\_ un - til you come a\_\_ gain.

## Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.



## Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. world: 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 Songs

### Wood of the Cradle

Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross, bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss,  
Who is your loved one? Who could he be, born in a manger to die on a tree? *Ref.*

#### Refrain

This, this is Je - sus the Lord, here in the bod - y and blood out - poured. Come, come, walk in his ways. Kneel at the man-ger and rise from the grave.

Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams; angels awaken them: "What could this mean?  
Whom do you herald? Whom must we find? A child in a manger? Our God born in time?" *Ref.*

Star in the heavens bearing new light, guiding the sages and ages this night:  
Where will you lead us? Where can he be, the child born of myst'ry who died on a tree? *Ref.*

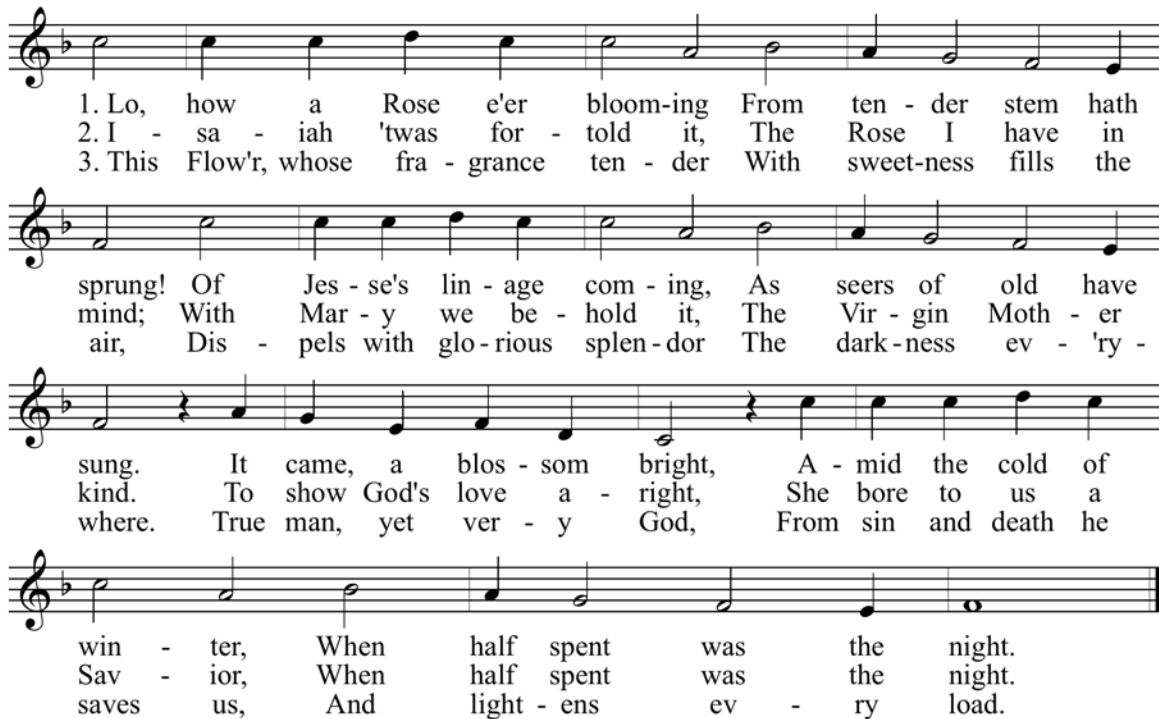
Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst; Come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth.  
Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm; see in all people his love being born. *Ref.*

### Away in a Manager

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay Close by me for -  
Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus! Look  
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in  
down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky And stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care, And fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.



## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
 3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - age com - ing, As seers of old have  
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A - mid the cold of  
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to us a  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death he

win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
 saves us, And light - ens ev - ry load.

## Recessional

## Joy To the World



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And

earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry  
 us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, And  
 floods, rocks, hills and plains; Re -  
 of his right - eous - ness, And

heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, And heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



# Advent at St. Joe's







# "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  
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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](http://www.stjosephparish.org/theabowman). Tickets available in 2024!







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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](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)

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## **Support Youth in El Salvador and Asylum Seekers in Seattle: Two Ways to Help This Christmas Season**

### **The Santa Marta Center in El Salvador**

The Santa Marta Center welcomes LGBTQ+ young adults in San Salvador who are facing violence, homelessness, and deportation. The Center provides immediate shelter and comprehensive wrap-around care - the only shelter of its kind in El Salvador.

The St. Joe's Sister Parish delegation got to visit the center this year, and we are now a part of the Friends of Santa Marta network.



Donate Here



### **Asylum Accompaniment Fund**

The St. Joseph Parish Asylum Accompaniment Fund exists to provide newly-arrived asylum seekers from Central and South America support for housing, food, education, and legal fees.

So far, we have accompanied two individuals and one family, and are currently fundraising an additional \$25,000 to reunite our friend Alvaro with his family, who are currently in Nicaragua.



Donate Here







# 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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# 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**



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GONZAGA  
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**PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 9TH**

**Housing Available. Suggested Donation \$25**

**More Details and Registration at:**  
**[bit.ly/NWAdvocacySummit](http://bit.ly/NWAdvocacySummit)**





# 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.

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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





# 2024 MLK MASS



15 JANUARY 2024  
11:00 AM

**NOW IS THE TIME TO  
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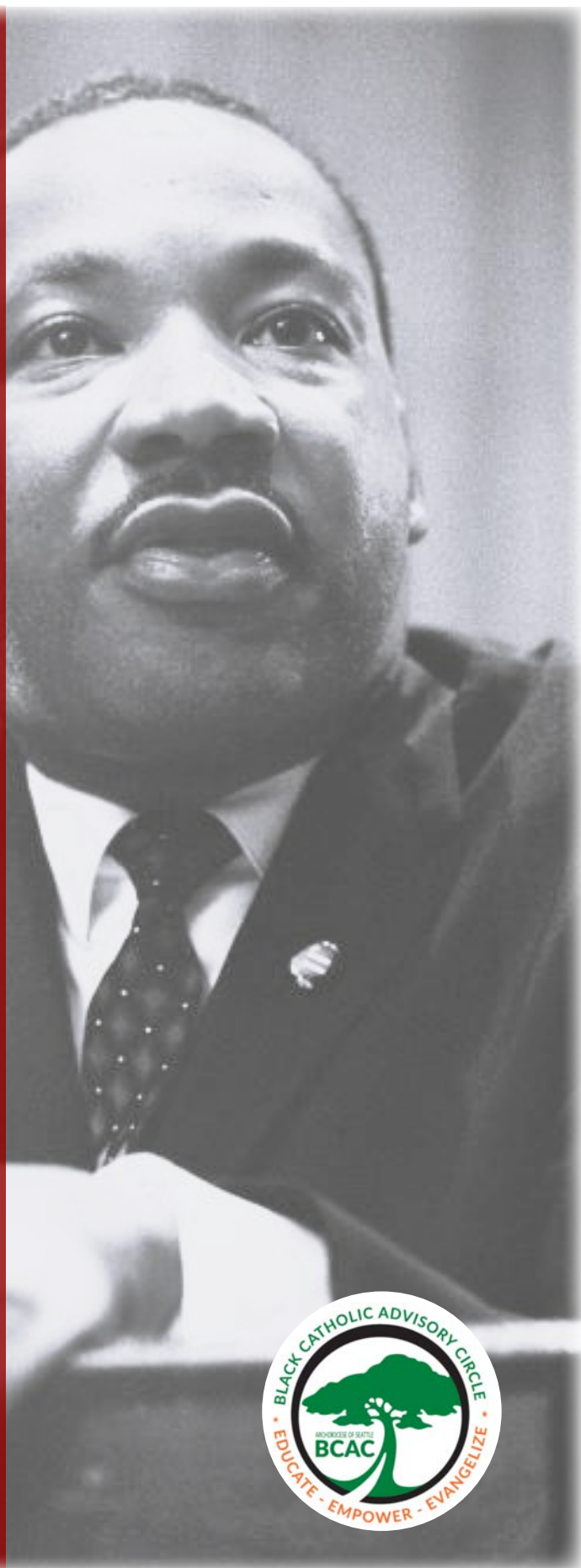
Seattle University Campus Ministry

## LOCATION

Seattle University - St. Ignatius Chapel  
901 12th Avenue | Seattle, Washington

Very Rev. Gary F. Lazzeroni, Celebrant

[www.bcacseattle.org](http://www.bcacseattle.org)





## Liturgy & Worship

**Daily Mass** - Start your day with Holy Mass! Stop by the Parish Center at 7 am T - F and introduce yourself. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact [dailymass@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dailymass@stjosephparish.org)

**Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, have been confirmed, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please contact team captain Mary Sepulveda at [eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org)

**Lectors** - Lectoring is a ministry of proclamation, giving strong voice to the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture, and announcing the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, contact [lectors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lectors@stjosephparish.org)

**Ushers** - Ushers greet people warmly, introduce strangers, help people sit together, distribute worship aids, provide hearing assisted devices and offer hospitality. For more information or to become a part of this important ministry, please contact usher captain Bruce Mirkin at [ushers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:ushers@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 391-6155.

**Choir** - The choir sings on Sunday mornings as well as some holy days and the liturgies around Christmas and Triduum/Easter. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Laura Ash, Pastoral Assistant for Music, at [lash@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lash@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1649.

## Parish Life Ministries

**Men's Ministry** - For information about our activities, email [men@stjosephparish.org](mailto:men@stjosephparish.org)

**Women's Ministry** - For information about our activities, email [women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)

**LGBTQ Ministry** - For information about our activities, email Theresa at [lgbtq@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lgbtq@stjosephparish.org)

**Young Adult Ministry** - Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? For more information, email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

**O.W.L.S. Seniors Group** - Join us in the many ways we celebrate our community life together. For more information, email [seniors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:seniors@stjosephparish.org)

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of healing. For more information, please email [prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org)

**Funeral Hospitality Ministry** - As part of our loving concern our ministry team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services. We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance. To help, Mary Ott at [funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org](mailto:funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org) or 206-324-7459.

**Welcome Ministry** - Join us to welcome new parishioners [welcome@stjosephparish.org](mailto:welcome@stjosephparish.org)

**Sister Parish** - In El Salvador, areas of focus include addressing the root issues of poverty and immigration to the United States. To get involved, please email [sisterparish@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sisterparish@stjosephparish.org)

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## Faith Formation

### Sacramental Preparation

**Infant Baptism** is for infants to children 6 years of age. Baptisms are held 6 times a year in the context of Mass. Baptism prep is for parents and godparents; for more information contact [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

**Children's Baptism** is for children 7 years or older; for more information contact [Meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:Meredithw@stjosephparish.org)

**First Reconciliation & First Communion** begins in 1st grade or age 6. This is a two-year process during the school year. For more information contact [meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org)

**Middle School Confirmation** – The age for confirmation is 13 years of age and 7th grade. For more information contact [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

**RCIA** is for adults seeking baptism or for Christians baptized in other traditions who are seeking Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

### Continuing Faith Formation

**Children's Formation:** Pre-k – 6th grade, contact [meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org)

**Young Adult Community:** Includes faith formation opportunities; contact [samanthab@stjosephparish.org](mailto:samanthab@stjosephparish.org)

**Adult Faith Formation:** Includes things beyond RCIA like parish retreats, lecture series, bible study, etc. Contact [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) for more information.

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## Faith Justice

**Anti-Racism Committee** - The St. Joseph Parish Anti-Racism Committee is a committee of the Faith Justice Commission. We partner with local organizations and facilitate anti-bias trainings. Want to join our work? Email [antiracism@stjosephparish.org](mailto:antiracism@stjosephparish.org)

**Housing Advocacy Committee** - Volunteers help serve our houseless neighbors through community partnerships and engage in advocacy for housing justice. Contact [housingadvocacy@stjosephparish.org](mailto:housingadvocacy@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like to get involved!

**Asylum Accompaniment Team** - The Asylum Accompaniment Team, a certified Welcome Circle of the Archdiocese, supports recently-arrived asylum seekers from the southern border with housing, healthcare, and legal assistance. [asylumteam@stjosephparish.org](mailto:asylumteam@stjosephparish.org)

**Climate Justice** - We coordinate with local, national, and international groups to bring attention to the climate crisis and engage the parish through both education and action. Contact [climatejustice@stjosephparish.org](mailto:climatejustice@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like to learn more.

**Gender Justice** - In collaboration with the LGBTQ and Women's ministries, the Faith Justice Commission supports the Discerning Deacons women's ordination movement and advocates for inclusion for LGBTQ youth. For more information, contact [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph Parish serves the poor by making in-home visits, listening to those in need and providing support as resources allow. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in learning more about the society, please email [svdp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:svdp@stjosephparish.org)

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# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

## Welcome to St. Joe's!

Merry Christmas! We welcome you to St. Joseph Parish, a place where Everybody Belongs. Whether this is your first time with us or you've been a parishioner for decades, we are so grateful that you are joining us for this holy celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

In the following pages of this bulletin, you'll find current events and liturgies, and also a listing of all our ministries and how you can connect. Together, as a community and as a weary world, we rejoice.

**About St. Joseph Parish:** For more than a century, the community of St. Joseph Parish has been an example of God's presence in the world. *Ignited by the Eucharist to Love & Serve*, we are called to a passionate and personal relationship with God and our world.

A destination for Catholics in Seattle who are seeking a justice-driven parish that is focused on inclusion, St. Joe's is home to more than 1550 families and a second home to even more friends. Many of our parishioners are active volunteers in our ministries, contributing both time and talent to our three dozen ministries, undertaken to serve those in our parish and to the elderly, ill, and needy in our area. Our parish school enrolls 600+ children from kindergarten through 8th grade, as well!

As a part of this community of faith and justice, we ask you to open your heart fearlessly, and to support our ministries, not out of guilt, but out of the love of God that has been poured into your heart.

Thank you for being a part of St. Joe's. Thank you for the grace you have, and the grace you share with all of us.



## Support Our Community