



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

4PM VIGIL MASS - JOYFUL VOICE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

# ***A Weary World Rejoices***

**The Nativity of the Lord**

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December 25, 2023**

**Welcome to St. Joseph**

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**Upcoming Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, 12/30 5pm**

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



# 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

## 4PM VIGIL MASS - JOYFUL VOICE'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

### Pre-Mass Carols



### O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

### God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Savior Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray. *ref*

*Refrain:*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. In Bethlehem in Judah This blessed babe was born,  
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn:  
For which His mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn. *ref*
3. Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,  
And with true love and charity Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas All others shall replace. *ref*

### What Child Is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping.  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? *ref*

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. *ref*
3. So bring him incenses, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. *ref*

### Choral: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy.  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy And they say that his name was Jesus.  
He come from the Glory, He come from the Glorious Kingdom,  
Oh yes, believer, oh, yes, believer. He come from the Glory, He come from the Glorious Kingdom.
2. The angels sang when the baby was born...*He come from the Glory...*
3. The shepherds came where the baby was born. ...*He come from the Glory...*
4. The wise men saw where the baby born...*He come from the Glory...*

## Blessing of the Creche

## Silent Night

1. Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant, tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
3. Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake, at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven above, Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.



## Processional

## O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Sing choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion.  
3. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light of \_\_\_\_\_ Light. \_\_\_\_\_

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him,  
Sing! All ye ci ti-zrens of hea'v - a - bove. Glo - ry to God!  
Lo! He comes forth from the vir - gin's womb. Our ve - ry God, be -

born the King of an - gels; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
Glo - ry in the high - est:  
got - ten not cre - a - ted;

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Gloria

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain.  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strain. *Gloria...*

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

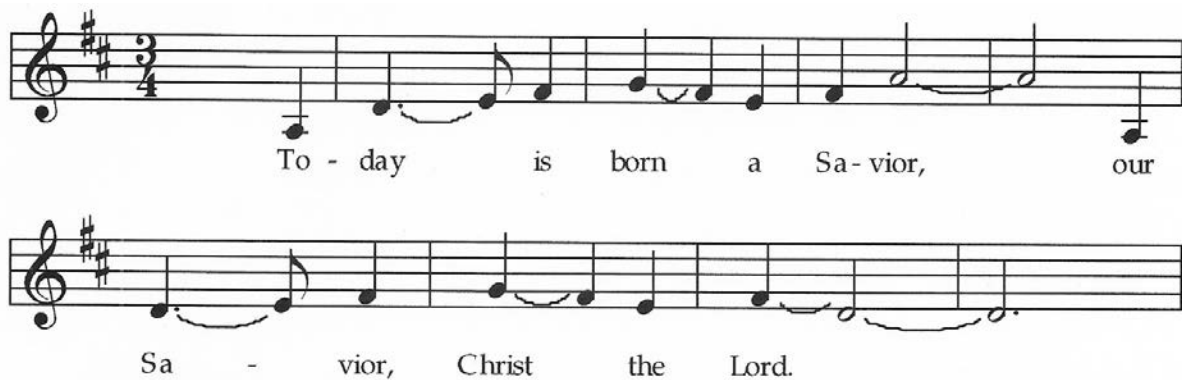
The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened 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

## Celtic Alleluia





# Dramatic Proclamation of the Gospel by the youth of St. Joseph

## 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

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

## 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

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



## Offertory Song

## 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!"

### 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.

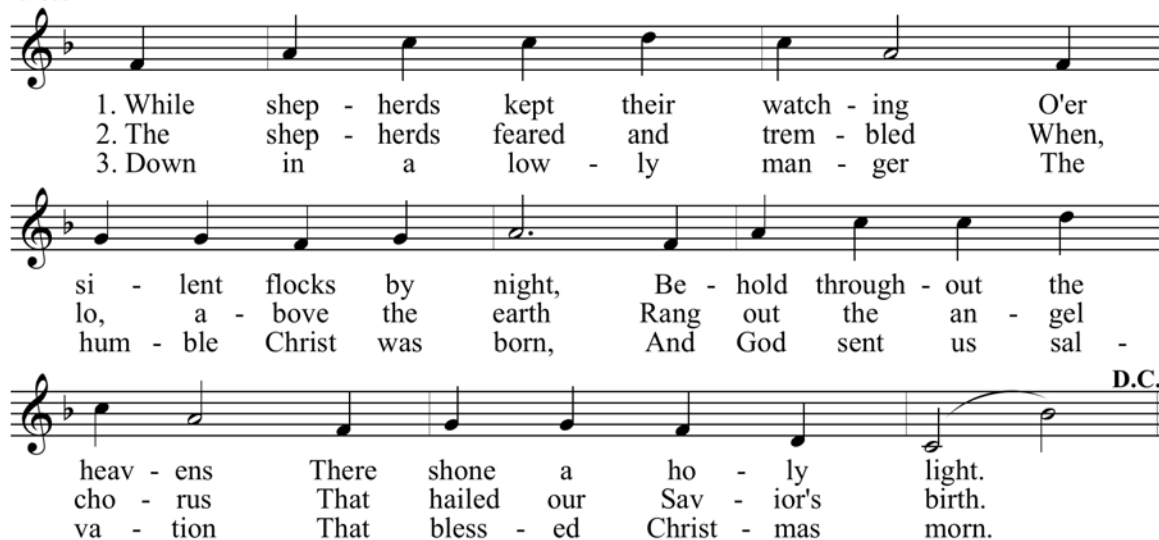
## Communion Songs

## Go Tell It On the Mountain

### Refrain



### Verses



## Away In a Manger



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.

## Choral: He Came Down

*South African*

He came down that we might have love. He came down that we might have love.

He came down that we might have love. Hallelujah, forevermore!

He came down that we might have peace...

He came down that we might have joy...

He came down that we might have life...

## Song of Praise We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas. We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

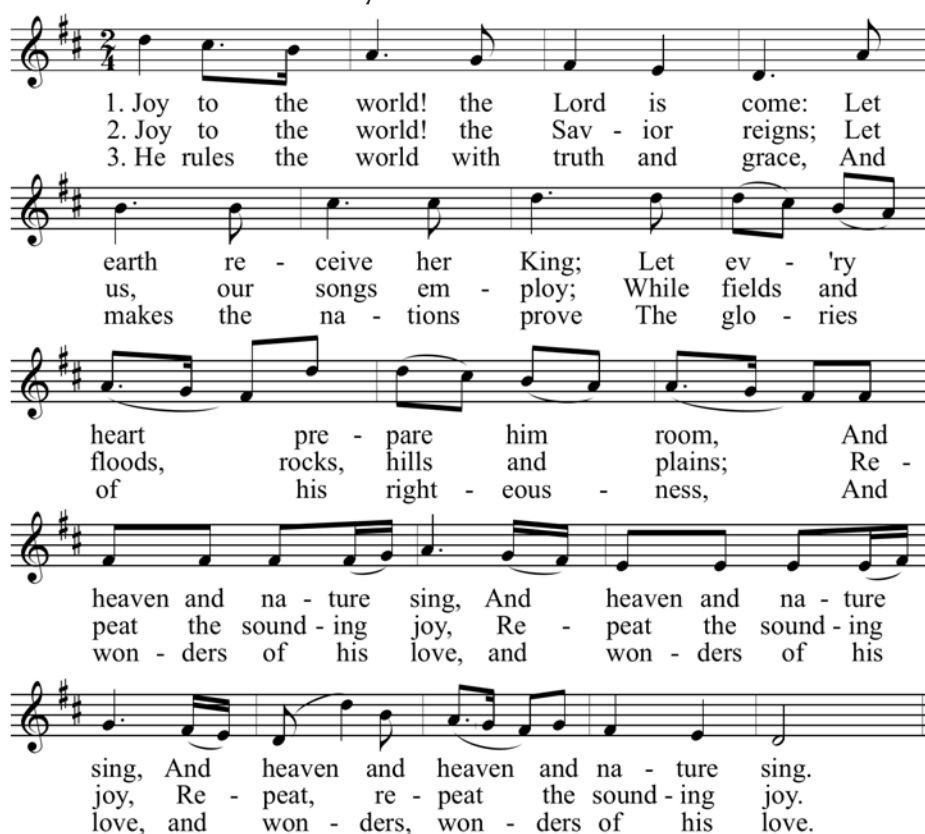
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



## 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.





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



## 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)

[www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.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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# 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](mailto: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.

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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







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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  
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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.



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### **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.



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# Advent at St. Joe's





# 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 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

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