"In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory"
“What is Happening to Our Common Home”

The Social Context of Laudato Si’

In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

-Matthew 3: 1-2, 5-6-

As often occurs in periods of deep crisis which require bold decisions, we are tempted to think that what is happening is not entirely clear... Such evasiveness serves as a license to carry on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption. This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen.

-Laudato Si’, 59-

While the Prologue of Laudato Si’ establishes its historical continuity with prior Church teachings, and outlines the method to be employed, it is only in Chapter One—What is Happening to Our Common Home—that one begins to see why this encyclical might make some readers uncomfortable. Framed not as a question but as declarative statement, the title of this chapter indicates the Pope’s intention: to describe the current ecological and sociological conditions of the world, for the sake of engaging our common humanity. In other words, as in all discernment, the Pope intends to use empirical data, taken from the best scientific research available, to provide himself (and all people of good will) with a context for action. As he says, “Our goal is not to amass information to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it” (19).

In saying this, the Pope makes no claim to special knowledge or infallibility about scientific matters (as some of his critics assert); but instead demonstrates that an incarnational faith must always look to the reality of the world as a starting point for determining the moral actions of real human beings. Catholicism is not a religion of disembodied principles, but seeks to unite moral principles with the world as it is, since the world is a revelation of God (a notion taken up more fully in the following chapter). Science provides a critical—albeit not exclusive—part of the context for any moral discernment, when speaking about ecological issues. And, when united with the principles inherent in natural law (e.g., the common good), this scientific knowledge offers us insights that can be understood by the whole human family, even those who might deny the insights of revelation. This desire to find common ground is why Francis begins Laudato Si’ with an explication of the scientific and social realities of the world.

The first scientific issue addressed by Francis is pollution and climate change. Though vigorously denied by some or mitigated by
others, Francis accepts that a “very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system” (23), and points out that such a conclusion is reasonable given the tendencies of our “throwaway culture” (22). Because our use of natural resources does not mirror the natural processes by which all things grow, die, return to the earth, and then form the beginning of a new generation, we are left with mounds of waste—containing everything from unused styrofoam or airborne pollutants such as carbon and methane—which must, reasonably, disorder the world. What science establishes, reason suggests: we cannot simply continue a pattern of consumption and waste without endangering the earth—and, consequently, those who depend upon the earth. For, as Francis notes, the change in climate, coming so quickly, will not allow animals and plants to adapt, nor allow people to remain in the places where the environment is becoming increasingly hostile. This creates social, as well as environmental changes, which harm not only the place of origin but the whole world and its people. Indeed, anyone in the U.S. who recalls the acid rain of the 1980’s—which was caused by the smokestacks of eastern industrial cities and led to the death of huge swaths of forest land in Canada and the midwest—can understand the Pope’s point: “Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political, and for the distribution of goods” (25).

The Pope then moves from air and climate, to water—which is equally endangered through activities of consumption and waste. Yet, in speaking of water, Francis notes the additional issue of privatization of water resources. Unlike air, water resources can be controlled and restricted within a market environment, leading to wastefulness on the part of those who control the resource and suffering on the part of those who do not. On the west coast of the United States, in the middle of a drought, it is not hard to see this conflict already being lived out, as wealthy landowners in southern California claim that they should be able to use any amount of water they want, if they can pay for it; while poorer regions suffer with great levels of salt and other minerals coming from their tap. As Francis notes throughout this section, the right to clean air and sufficient water is a natural right, which emerges from our identity as human beings. To subordinate that right from many, simply because they are poor, in order to protect the property rights of a few, simply because they are rich, is contrary to the natural law, and creates a conflict that society must resolve—a conflict already causing bloodshed in Africa and the Middle East.

In speaking of a third issue of concern, the loss of biodiversity, Pope Francis mourns the unknown varieties of life that are lost as regions such as the Amazon or Congo basins are burned down for fuel or plowed under for farmland. Yet, he mourns them not just as lost resources, but because destruction of these species, by human action, is unjust. Each species has an inherent dignity apart from its status as a “resource.” Opposing the self-centered attitude of consumerism, Francis appeals to the great tradition of natural law, which notes that living things have their own reason for being, and do not exist simply for our use. We are not the center of the universe, but are part of a community that extends across borders and through time, across species and systems; as Francis says: “All creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another” (42). For a person to assume that he can consume and then discard everything that exists, simply because he had the good fortune to get to the trough first, undermines any notion of natural justice, impoverishes our children, and makes all but the individual into a mere object of consumption—which leads to Francis’ next point.

In the final sections of Chapter One, Pope Francis moves from an explication of environmental science, to a look at the sociological effects of our “throwaway culture.” In sections IV and V, Decline in the Quality of Human Life and Breakdown of Society and Global Inequality, the Pope recognizes that “Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity” (43). Unlike those ecological positions in which human beings are seen as the enemy of nature, and where privatization is used as a method to keep the vast majority of people away from the world of which they are a part, Francis asserts that “The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together” (48). In Francis’ analysis, the excessive consumption by the developed nations, and the recognition that if such consumption became universal it would be catastrophic, leads to a repression of the poor, rather than a reduction of consumption. This is why Francis says the issue is not one of birth rates, but of the distribution of goods: “To blame population growth, instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues” (50).

For Francis, then, what has happened to our common home begins with the denial of commonality, so prevalent among those comfortable in their extraordinary consumption. Laying the groundwork for the reflection and action that will come later in the encyclical, the Pope calls for an awareness of “differentiated responsibilities” (52), which will call upon the wealthy to live in communion with the poor, understanding that only together can we develop the comprehensive solutions incumbent on us as human beings, and even more so, as children of a loving God.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This worship aide is for all Masses, including 5:30 contemplative liturgy. All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude from 5:00-5:30 PM.

Prelude

Instrumental (5 & 9:30)

You Are Near #604 (5:30)

Entrance Songs

Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior #515(5 & 9:30)

Peace Prayer # 729 (5:30)
Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the **highest**, ALL: and on earth peace to **people** of good will.

We praise you, we **bless** you, we **adoré** you, we **glorify** you, we **give** you thanks for your **great** glory, Lord God, **heavenly** King, O God, **almighty** Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son** of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have **mercy** on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the **Father**, have **mercy** on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the **Lord**, you alone are the **Most High**, Jesus Christ, with the Holy **Spirit**, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.
Gospel Acclamation  Chant Alleluia #177

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Al-le-lui-a, al-le-lui-a, al-le-lui-a.
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Gospel

Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey—but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Homily  
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Songs  Dwelling Place #594 (5 & 9:30)  Foley, SJ
Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

Priest: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Assembly: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Mystery of Faith

Chant

Priest: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Assembly: Amen.

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 a gluten allergy, & need a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,...

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion

Here I Am, Lord #686

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and fame.  

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them They turn away.  
I will set a feast for them My hand will save.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

Here I Am, Lord #686

Schutte

Lamb of God

Here I Am, Lord #686

Schutte
Lord, You Give the Great Commission (5 & 9:30)

1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
2. Lord, you call us to your serv-ice: "In my name baptize and teach."
3. Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the Church ne-glect its mis-sion, And the Gos-pel go un-heard,
That the world may trust your prom-ise, Life a-bum-dant meant for each,
Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, May we serve as you in-tend,

Help us wit-ness to your pur-pose With re-ne-wed in-teg-ri-ty;
Give us all new fer-vor, draw us Clo-ser in com-mu-ni-ty;
And, a-mid the cares that claim us, Hold in mind et-e-ri-ty,

With the Sprit’s gifts em-power us For the work of min-is-try.

This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join Us!
5:30 PM Mass

Monday
7:00 AM Mass
7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM Mass
7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer
Sacred Silence

*A time for silent prayer and peace*

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

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**SEEL**

“*Ignatius asks us to open our spiritual sensitivity to encounter God beyond a purely empirical approach.*” - Pope Francis  Do you desire to draw nearer to a God who desires to draw nearer to you?

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a retreat community meeting here at St. Joseph. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying daily, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2015. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call 206-721-3518.

There will be a brief information session to give more details and answer questions about this transformative retreat on **Sunday, July 19th after the 9:30 am Mass** in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us or have questions an RSVP is encouraged by emailing/calling Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Lisa Dennison (SEEL Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

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**Ignatian Spirituality Center**

**Summer Ignatian Retreat 2015**

“*A Pilgrimage of the Heart*”

2:00 pm Friday, July 24–2:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2015
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way.


For more information, visit http://www.ignatiancenter.org/programs/ignatian-retreat/
Women’s Ministry
Spirituality Book Group
Join us for a discussion of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard on Monday, July 13 at 7 pm in the Brebeuf Room of the Parish Center. This award-winning personal exploration of the natural world in Dillard’s own backyard is a great match for this time of year when we’re all out and about playing in nature and the garden. The selection is also very timely in light of Pope Francis’ recently issued *Laudato Si*.

For more information, contact Shelagh Lane at lane.shelagh@gmail.com

Seniors Planning Meeting
Join us to help plan our upcoming outings and events while sharing lunch and fellowship. Meet Tuesday, July 14th from 11:30am-12:45pm at the Parish Center. Bring a Brown Bag lunch. For info contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Seniors On The Go
Saturday July 25th – Scottish Highland Games – King County Fairgrounds/Enumclaw; 10 am-4pm, $12 admission, transportation provided on Parish Bus from the church. To sign up contact Renee at 324-2522, for more details contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Friday, August 7th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass

Friday, August 14th - Snoqualmie Railroad Days

Sounders Tickets
Join us Sun, August 30 as we head back to “The Clink” to cheer on the Sounders as they take on Portland! Get your tickets at www.stjosephparish.org

This year we will have the chance to gather after the 9:30 Mass (we will still be on our summer schedule) in the parking lot for our own version of a “tailgate”. Rancho Bravo Tacos will be here with their taco truck. The cost is $36 which includes a ticket to the game, a Sounders T-shirt and Taco Truck lunch!

This event has sold out each year so get your tickets early! DEADLINE TO ORDER: JULY 15.

Faith Formation
Come and See
What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer
Sunday August 9th
Immediately following
9:30am and 5:30pm Masses
St. Joseph’s Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph’s?

- Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?

- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome in this journey of faith.
Children’s Faith Formation 2015-2016

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This definitely is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Looking to next year, we will have the following openings: CFF K (kindergarten), CFF 1 (first year of the two year Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist), CFF 3/4 (grade 3 & 4) co-teacher, CFF 5/6 (grade 5 & 6), and CFF Jr. High (scripture studies course). All materials, trainings and support are provided. If you are not yet able to jump in, but have teaching experience and would like to be a substitute, please let me know. For any and all inquiries you may reach Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

**Course Offerings**

**Children's Faith Formation Childcare** During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin to experience church through play. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. The annual fee is $50 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten** (CFF Pre-K) During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation K** (CFF K) During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten beginning fall 2015. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation 1** (CFF 1) ALL children planning to receive these Reconciliation and Eucharist during the 2016/2017 (next year) school year must register for CFF1. The CFF1 annual fee is $60. Financial assistance is available.

**Children's Faith Formation 2** (CFF 2) ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during this 2015/2016 (this year) school year must have completed the CFF1 class last year. There is a $100 annual fee for CFF2.

**Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4** (CFF 3/4) This class is for children just completing their Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our knowledge and faith in the Church. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6** (CFF 5/6) This class is for youth in 5th, & 6th grades. This is a religious education class that will focus on learning and practicing their faith. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High** This class if for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is $30 for each of the classes PLUS $25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

**High School Confirmation** The Confirmation preparation program includes class sessions along with a Saturday retreat, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation service. A Confirmation Mass rehearsal and Confirmation Mass will be in late January or early-February. The annual fee is $135 and scholarships are available.

**Agape Donations**

To help our middle school youth in their Agape summer service mission, please consider making a donation so that we can purchase school supplies for children in migrant farm communities. For only $15 we can fully supply a backpack and all the needed school supplies for one migrant child.

Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Parish, MEMO: Agape Donation
St. Martin de Porres
Golf Tournament

Please help support three critical Catholic Community Services programs serving the elderly and disabled homeless of Seattle

When: Thursday, August 6, 2015
Where: Harbour Pointe Golf Club

Join us for a day of fun in the sun.

$300 per golfer
$100 to attend the banquet (and win prizes!)
$500, $2000 and $5000 sponsorships available

100% of the money raised goes directly to our shelter and housing programs

Register, sponsor or donate today!
https://ccsww.ejoinme.org/SaintMartinsGolf

For info, please contact: Tracy Kenney-LaBossier at stmartingolf@gmail.com

Sister Parish Wish List

On July 24 a youth delegation from St. Joseph’s The Voice will make a trip to San Bartolome to visit our Sister Parish in Arcatao, El Salvador.

The students have a Wish List of items they’d like to bring with them: laptops, laptop cases, printer (2), fax/scanner, lots of ink, paper (all types), scientific calculators, Digital camera (2), batteries (all types, double and triple A), school supplies, toolboxes (2), flashlights, and microscopes for science students.

If you can help supply any of the above items, please contact Sam Kennedy at samkennedy09@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646. Thank you!

Catholic Community Services’ Youth Tutoring Program

The Youth Tutoring Program (YTP) serves nearly 500 at-risk students in 1st – 12th grade who live in affordable public housing communities across Seattle. Our students come from diverse backgrounds—representing many nationalities, cultures, languages and religions.

Students receive tutoring services four days a week at our centers. All of our centers have spaces open for new tutors during the 2015-2016 academic year (beginning in September). Tutoring is offered Monday through Thursday, 4:30-7:30pm, and volunteers are asked to contribute 1-2 hours of support each week.

No experience is necessary and training is provided! Learn how you can volunteer with YTP by going to http://www.ccsww.org/ytp and clicking on “Learn More about Volunteering.” For questions and more information, please contact us at VolunteerYTP@ccsww.org or 206-328-5970.

Fr. John and Fr. Miguel during Nov 2014 Arcatao visit
St. Joseph Parish is hosting a diaper drive on July 26th

WestSide Baby’s big yellow bus will be in our parking lot between from 9am-2pm on July 26th. Bring a package (or a case!) of diapers and help us “Stuff the Bus” for families in need.

Most needed items: Diapers (NB, size 6), Pull-Ups (all sizes) and Baby Wipes

westsidebaby.org
Come join us to hike Evans Creek Preserve east of Lake Sammamish! Everyone will gather on Sunday July 12 at St. Joe’s at 1 PM to work out carpools.

The hike will include Sunday Mass led by Father Glen!

Round-trip the hike is 4.2 miles with an elevation gain of 325 ft. and the highest point at 480 ft. This is a low impact, fun trail and is home to lots of wildlife. It is about a 30 minute drive away. There is no fee or cost to hike. Bring a water bottle, and depending on the weather, sunscreen or rain gear. We will do the hike rain or shine. Based on the group’s consensus, we may head to Olympia Pizza for dinner following our return to the city!