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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2015
Homily Next Week:
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for August 9, 2015
First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center
Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

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“Integral Ecology”
Chapter 4 of Laudato Si’

We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.

-Laudato Si’, 139-

Late in the evening, on the roof of the Jesuit residence in Rome, after a long day of writing letters or lobbying Cardinals, working among the poor or giving direction to distant brothers, Ignatius Loyola would often stand, gazing out at the stars. Long before light pollution had dimmed the view of city dwellers, the founder of the Society would peer for hours into the vast sea of stars, spread like bits of silver across the night sky. And standing there, he would weep, overwhelmed by the beauty of creation and by the love given to him at the hands of the Creator. To Ignatius, the brilliance of the stars and the smallness of his body, the vastness of creation and the gentle call of the Gospel, the movement of the human heart and the service of the poor were not separate items, to be sought in isolation, but were all wondrously bound together, united in the mystery of God’s own being. Thus, truth overcomes division, as we “seek God in all things, and all things in God.”

Formed in the Ignatian tradition, Pope Francis maintains that any true ecology must include the varied elements that make up “the relationship between living organisms and the environment in which they develop” (138); i.e., must include not only environmental concerns but also the social, cultural, economic, and historical concerns of human beings. Conversely, any consideration of human justice must always consider the environmental conditions in which all humans exist, and of which humans are a part: “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it” (139). In Laudato Si’, Francis seeks to present a model of “integral ecology”—an ecology which does not choose between environmental preservation and human flourishing, but recognizes that the two are mutually dependent: dimensions of a single ecological reality. Integral ecology proclaims a common identity, endangered by the same source: a “consumerist vision” (144) that reduces both nature and persons to mere resources for exploitation.

For Francis, the work of the current age entails the development of a functioning integral ecology, in which environmental problems and social problems are approached with a unified sensibility and an awareness that “everything is related” (142). Such an ecology cannot be merely theoretical, or even legislative, but must be sustainable in the ordinary lives of people. Thus, Francis notes, it is not enough to outlaw the destruction of forests and wetlands, if the social structures to enforce such laws do not exist. Likewise, so long as the demand for drugs continues in the developed...
world, the cultivation of drugs by the poor—with all its corrosive effects—will continue. Integral ecology requires sensitivity to both the environmental and human conditions that are at work, shaping people's choices, conditioning their freedom. Integral ecology calls us to a holistic vision, which avoids reductionist ideology, whether from simplistic environmentalism or free-market capitalism. Indeed, for Francis, we must build an ecology in which the intrinsic value of life, and the intricacies of both natural systems and human society, are valued and preserved.

Throughout much of Chapter 3, Francis outlines how various dimensions of human and environmental ecology unite under the common threat of a “consumerist vision of human beings, encouraged by the mechanisms of today's globalized economy” (144). For example, just as nature creates diverse species and sub-species, so human beings create a variety of cultures—cultures that express the relationship of a community to its environment through particular forms of art, music, literature, architecture, etc. Such cultures are dynamic and distinct—as are diverse eco-systems—and different cultures can even offer alternative notions of “quality of life” (144). However, just as modern industrial farming often destroys diverse species for the sake of standardization, so, too, a globalized culture often destroys indigenous cultures through an imposition of processes and systems contrary to and often oppressive of local cultures. In this way, minority cultures are homogenized and absorbed into a single world-culture of consumers and producers.

Further, such consumption of culture is often joined to an exploitation of the natural environment—as when international corporations “exhaust the resources which provide local communities with their livelihood” and thus “undo the social structures which, for a long time, shaped cultural identity” (145). At St. Joseph, we need only consider the current struggle of our Sister Parish in El Salvador to recognize Francis' point. In the region around Arcateo, where the local culture has struggled to maintain itself through a long and violent war, and now progresses through a home-grown water system, international gold mining conglomerates threaten to destroy the very mountains on which the people live, and to poison the water they have developed through the run-off that comes from hydraulic mining. This is not merely an assault on the natural environment, but an assault on the entire way of life. In such a case, one sees the Pope's point clearly: the damage to the social structure and to the environment exist in union with each other.

While pointing to such threats, Francis also praises au-

thentic community development, where human ecology and natural ecology are raised together through respectful inclusion of all voices and appropriate use of the human sciences. Speaking of the need for an urban development built not on homogenization or selfishness, the Pope offers some key characteristics: e.g., the preservation of “common areas, visual landmarks, and urban landscapes which increase our sense of belonging” (151); the inclusion of housing for the poor and the integration of the poor into the life of the city—including its architecture; and the “need to give priority to public transportation” (153). These recommendations, which rely not merely on market forces but on social action and the inclusion of all, affirm the dignity of the person as a part of the natural order; they seek to respect nature—including human nature—as intrinsically valuable, and as part of the common good. Human beings are valuable not abstractly, not as mere consumers, but in our own bodies; thus, our bodies, like all of nature, must be respected as “God's gift. . .for welcoming and accepting the entire world” (155).

In the final sections of Chapter 3, Francis expands on the notion of the common good, now within the context of integral ecology: “An integral ecology is inseparable from the notion of the common good, a central and unifying principle of social ethics” (156). For this Pope, the very notion of integral ecology entails respect for the person, as such: i.e., the person as an individual, as a member of society, and as a part of the natural order. Like the common good, integral ecology demands justice—especially distributive justice, so often overlooked in societies governed primarily by market economics. Further, the common good demands a long-view, which recognizes the inevitability of death and the duty one may have to future generations. In other words, an integral ecology must evoke in us—as the night sky did for Ignatius—a sense of humility (not mastery) before the greatness of creation, and a sense of responsibility for all that is and all that has yet to be.

John
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This worship aid 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)
I Am the Bread of Life (5:30)

Talbot

Entrance Songs

Gather Your People (5 & 9:30)

Hurd

1. Draw us forth to the table of life; brothers and sisters,
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other,
3. No more harm on the mountain of God, swords into plow-shares,

each of us called to walk in your light.
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
Free-us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Eat This Bread (5:30)

Taize
First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “Would that we had died at the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God.”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?” for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, “This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia
Gospel

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.” So they said to him, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.” So they said to him, “What can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” So Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Homily

Fr. Glen Butterworth

Offertory Songs

All Who Hunger (5:00 & 9:30)  Dunstan

Bread for the World #827 (5:30)
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.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Mystery of Faith

Great 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 of a gluten free host, please come to the Presider & indicate this.
Lamb of God

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

Gifts of Finest Wheat #815

Haugen

You sat-si-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat; Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Eat This Bread (5:00 & 9:30)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hung-ry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.
**Song of Praise**

**I Am the Bread of Life (5:00 & 9:30)**

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh for the life of the world, and if you believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to eat of this bread, you shall live forever.

**Recessional**

**Instrumental**

**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

**Thursday**
- 7:00 AM Mass
- 7:00 PM Holy Hour
- 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday**
- 7:00 AM Mass
- 11:30 AM Healing Mass

**Saturday**
- 3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

**We Are St. Joseph Events**

**Save The Dates!**
- Parish Picnic - September 20th
- Epiphany Dinner - January 10th
The Rosary At St. Joseph

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who’ve prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary,
Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center
Loyola Chapel

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.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, August 6th, 7-8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome!

“What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer.”

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Daily Mass

We gather in the Spirit, hear the words of Scripture, reflect on the Gospels, and worship God in the Eucharist.

We are a community with different backgrounds, diverse in life, men and women, but strong in faith and worship, coming together for the daily Mass at 7 AM from Monday to Friday, in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. A part of the everyday life of the parish, the Daily Mass community offers its devotion and prayers for the life of the whole parish.

The most beautiful part of this community is that everybody is involved. And we are always in need of new people who want to join us. We also need people who are active during Mass as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Afterwards, some of us almost always walk to Tully’s to enjoy coffee and conversation, Join us!
Young Adult Community
Looking for meaningful community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? The St. Joseph Young Adult Community focuses on building spirituality, friendship, and creating social, spiritual, and service opportunities for young adults in the Seattle area.

A vibrant, diverse community, we get together often for social time after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass, which many of us attend. We also have a softball team, go on hikes and grab drinks together, and participate in great, local service projects.

Join us for TRIVIA SOCIAL
Immediately following 5:30pm Mass
On Sunday August 9th in the Parish Center.
Light Refreshments provided. Bring a friend!
For info email:
youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org
Or like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stjosephyoungadultcommunity

Seniors On The Go
Friday, August 7th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass
Friday, September 4th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Calling all knitters and crocheters of all abilities and even beginners. We would love for anyone interested to join the Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry and help us continue our ministry of providing shawls and blankets to those in need of healing and prayer. Our next gathering will be Thursday, August 6 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please join us and if you are a new knitter or crocheter we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com

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.
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| 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 stores, 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 is 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 Service Trip
This week fourteen middle school students and two high school volunteers will travel to Bellingham to participate in the Agape service trip. Agape allows participants an opportunity to serve the migrant community of Whatcom County and gives them a better understanding of how they can impact their local community and the world through serving others. Please keep them in your prayers as they go to serve those in need.
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

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/yp and clicking on “Learn More about Volunteering.” For questions and more information, please contact us at VolunteerYTP@ccsww.org or 206-328-5970.

Sister Parish Youth Delegation

Since 1988, St. Joseph’s parish and the parish of San Bartolomé have been engaged in a relationship of solidarity and community. In the last ten years, the St. Joseph’s high school youth group has initiated a new chapter of this relationship. On July 23, a delegation of youth traveled to Arcatao, El Salvador. Comprised of high school students from the parish, the delegation serves a similar function of building and extending the relationship between these two communities, but with the specific focus of connecting the youth from our respective parishes. Through these youth exchanges, we have faith that all will come to better understand each other, to recognize the unique challenges faced by youth of each country, and to become better global citizens of an increasingly interconnected world.

Youth delegates include: Kate Badley, Sam Connors, Hannah Connors, Analise David, Angelo De Laurentis, Roman De Laurentis, Rowan French, Michael Janny, Victoria McSmith, Madison McVicar, and Emma Roffey. Adult leaders include: Sam Kennedy, Meredith McVicar, Lish Olson, and Nathan Wolfe. Please pray for safe travels upon their return home August 3.
Women’s Ministry
2015 Fall Retreat

“We Are One in the Spirit”
Friday, September 25th - Sunday, September 27th

Guest Retreat Animator: Eileen Flanagan
Author, Speaker, and Activist
www.eileenflanagan.com

Cost: $150 per person*
Includes two nights lodging and four meals, single occupancy
Partial Scholarships Available

*Cost does not include transportation. We will organize car pooling before the retreat.
Accommodations are simple and rustic! A “must bring” list will be sent after registration.

Registration Deadline: September 15th

To register, please fill out the form and email/mail to or drop off at the parish. Bring a friend!

NAME________________________ PHONE__________________ EMAIL____________________

Will you drive? YES____NO____ Do you need a ride? YES____NO____

To submit registration or for questions, please contact:
Steve Wodzanowski (stevew@stjosephparish.org / 206.965.1645)
Sheila Marie Sifferman (smarie49@comcast.net / 206.251.7035)
A Prayer for Peace

Blessed be the God of Peace, who breaks our stony hearts & dissolves the might of nations in the graced waters of hope.

Blessed be the God of Peace, who silences the pride of rulers and quiets the raging storm by the whispered prayer of faith.

Blessed be the God of Peace, who brings home the warrior, and restores the refugee through the living power of love.

God of Peace, Son of Justice, send forth your Spirit: ignite our hearts with passion, & our minds with wisdom, for the end of hateful war, & the healing of the world now & forever. Amen.