

# St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISHIN SEATTLE







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#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 23, 2015 **Homily Next Week:** Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J.

#### Readings for August 30, 2015

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27 GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

> 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

#### **Parish Center**

732-18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112 Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Friday - 8 am-3 pm; Saturday - 9 am-1 pm

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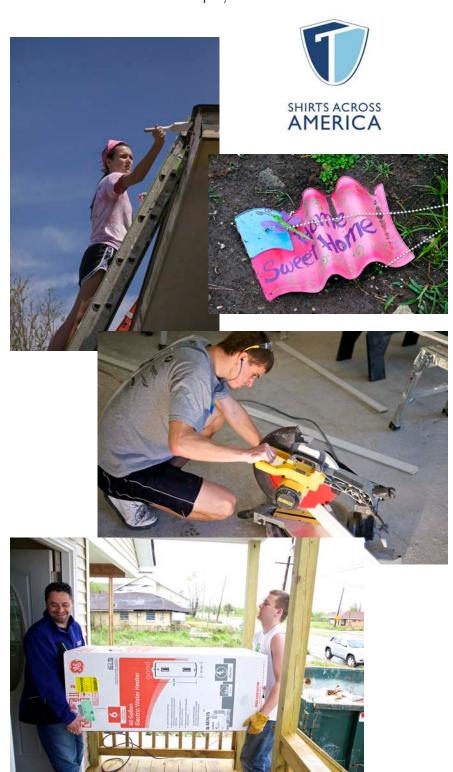
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# **Shirts Across America** 10 Year Hurricane Katrina Anniversary Trip

Please join us in praying for our St. Joseph delegation as they work in New Orleans this week, building houses and bringing hope to families.

On Sunday, September 6th, at the 9:30 am Mass we will have a blessing for all those who have helped Shirts Across America over the years continue their important work. Deacon Steve will be sharing his reflections on the trip and Father Whitney will donate the collection from the 9:30 am Mass to Shirts Across America.

Come pray with us!



# **Morning Glory**

Daily Mass made me feel simultaneously broken and triumphant, consoled and afraid. That the sacrifice upon which the world had been saved was re-enacted each day in the shadow of Tofu Cabin and Gentle Dental simultaneously mystified, moved, depressed, and cheered

#### -Heather King-

I grew up on daily Mass. Among my earliest memories is my mother, rushing around to herd all of us together in the morning, and then racing down the hill to St. Gregory's. My sisters and brothers would set off for class, but since I had not yet started school, I would go with my mother into the 8:00 am Mass—always sitting in the second to the last row, on the right side of the nave. Since the church was about as large as St. Joseph, I could not see many of the details of the liturgy, but I remember watching the priest at the altar, and the servers kneeling on the small red cushions on the step below. Even though it was just daily Mass, there were always servers from the school, and I remember watching them with fascination. My mother still trained in the Latin mass—would often say her rosary, and my father, usually running a little late, would often charge in and join us by the end of the readings. Since there was rarely a homily in those days—at least none that I can remember— Mass was often over in about 25 minutes, then my parents and I, and others whom they knew, would head out for a small breakfast at the Patio Coffee Shop, a ritual my mother continued until the morning of her death.

Later, when I was older, I would get up to serve that Mass, though I preferred serving the other daily Mass, at 6:30 am. Since I was one of the few boys who didn't oversleep, I was often assigned that time; and it was with some pride that I would ride my bike down the hill and help the priest when almost no one else was up. While the 8:00 o'clock Mass was always somewhat crowded with mothers dropping off students and dads on their way to work, 6:30 had a gentle and almost secret quality to it—peopled as it was by workmen and old women, by doctors who had to get to the hospital early, and by some of the Sisters from the school. Serving there made me feel like an insider, like Jesus had signed me up to get the day going, and I liked that.

As I went off to high school and then college, daily Mass was replaced by other, more important morning rituals—most of which involved finishing homework or sleeping for a few extra minutes. Yet, every now and then, as a student at Georgetown, I would duck into the morning Mass, especially when I was feeling homesick or blue: the words and gestures, connecting me to my family far away. And when I was home, I would still go with my parents in the morning, joining my dad at one table as my mother and her friends (whom my father christened the "Widows and Hunters Club") sat talking at another table.

In graduate school, at the University of Chicago, daily Mass seemed a distant memory, until things in my life started to fall apart. Unhappy, and feeling rootless and deeply depressed for the first time in my life, I fell out of touch with my family and with myself. Though I was doing fine in my classes, I saw no purpose or meaning, and began leaving courses unfinished, because I was too lethargic to complete the final paper. I got a job as a bartender at a local restaurant, and spent many nights with my companions there, staying up late, long after the doors were closed. Though I still went to Mass on Sunday, slipping in and out of the nearby St. Thomas Church without ever talking to anyone, I had no sense of God's presence in my life, no awareness of the movement of Christ in my heart—just an emptiness that I knew had once been full.

Then, one morning, after a long night at work (and after work), I woke up suddenly, and decided to go to St. Thomas for their 6:30 Mass. Slipping into the tiny side chapel, and taking my place in the last row (my mother had trained me well), I felt a rush of familiarity and peace—as though I were taking a deep breath, after a long and frightening flight. I started getting up every weekday morning and riding my bike to the chapel—despite what time I had gone to bed. And gradually, some of the darkness lifted and I began to find myself again, through the grace of the altar and the prayer of a community I barely ever knew. I know, without doubt, that it was the grace of those mornings the forgotten homilies, the mumbled prayers, the pure and simple gift of the Eucharist—that brought me back to the blessings of my youth, and the lessons of my parents; and that led me finally to the decision to leave Chicago and join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Alaska.

These days, as I regularly celebrate the 7:00 am Mass in the Arrupe Room at St. Joseph, I often look around and think with wonder of all that might be happening there: of hearts broken and healing; of women and men struggling with cancer or praying for a loved one who has just begun treatment; of the young adult who is on his way back from some great loss or the mother who is in the middle of one; of the parent who is trying to love their child well, without interfering, and the child who is trying to help their parents age without loss; of the many faithful hearts that gather around the Eucharist like swimmers around a fire feeling its warmth and the camaraderie of need. Though there is wonderful grace in the Sunday celebration, there is a homeliness to those mornings like nothing else I know, as this somewhat small community—this sacrament of the great Church—prays for the needs of the world and the longings of their own hearts. Here they place with Christ the past and the future, and receive, in a quite amazing way, their daily bread, and the daily blessing of all those who come to St. Joseph.

I grew up on daily Mass. I am growing by it still.

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

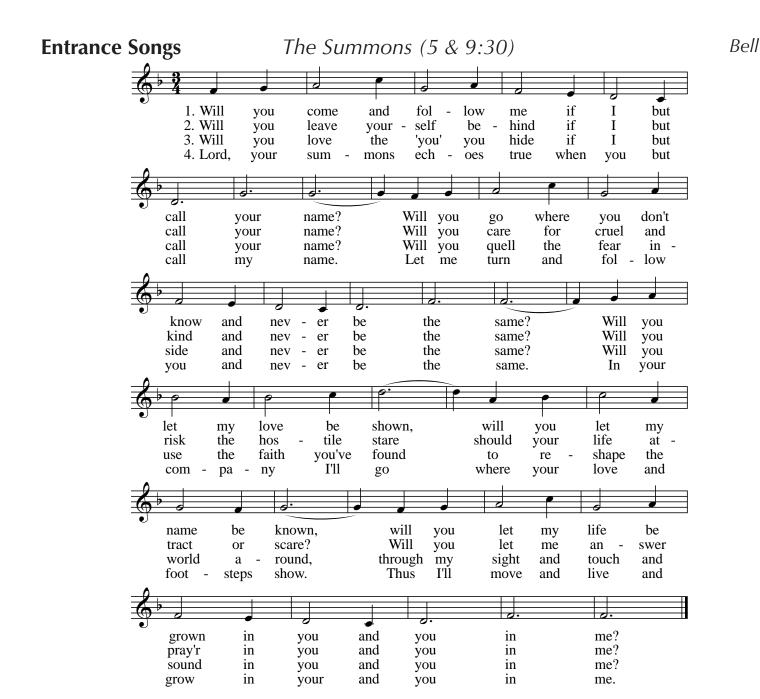
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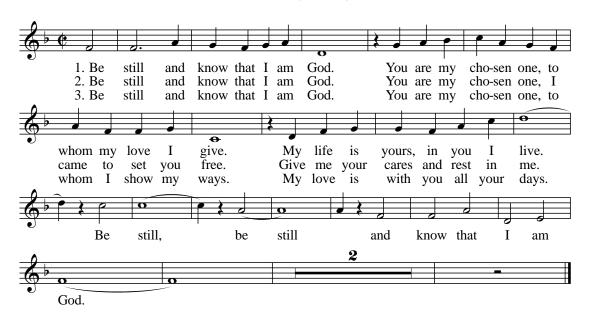


#### **Prelude**

*Instrumental (5 & 9:30)* 

Lord, To Whom Shall We Go (5:30)





# First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."



Psalm 34

Proulx



### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.



Gospel John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus'disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

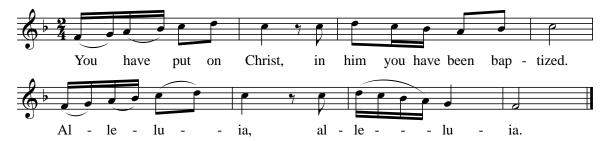
# **Homily**



### **Renewal Of Baptismal Promises**

## **Baptismal Acclamation**

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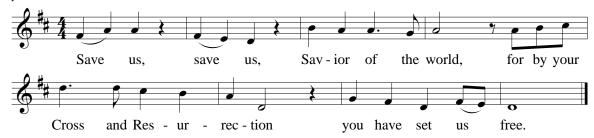
**Offertory Songs** 

Instrumental (5:30)





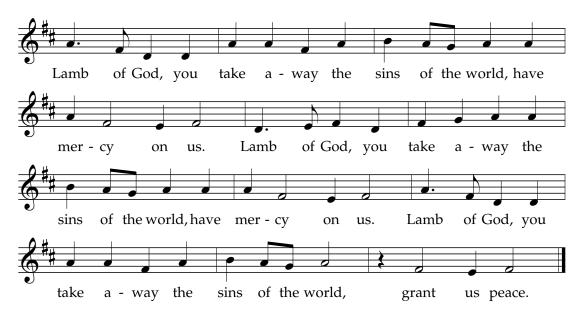
# **Mystery of Faith**



#### **Great Amen**



### Lamb of God Vermulst



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...

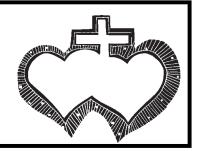
Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### 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,

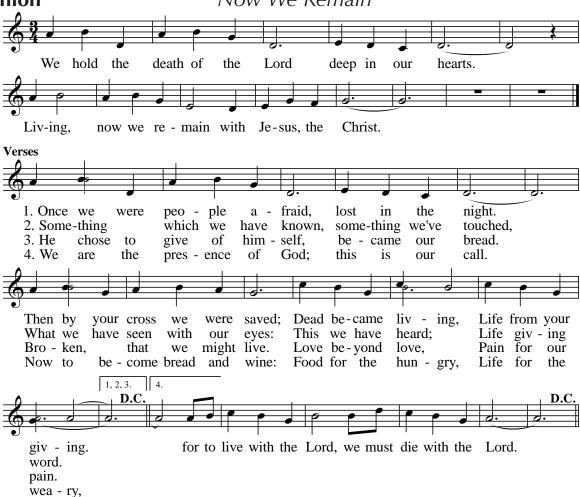
come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED OF A GLUTEN FREE HOST,
PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.



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#### 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 Prayer7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup

**Tuesday** 

7:00 AM Mass

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer

**Thursday** 

7:00 AM Mass

**Friday** 

7:00 AM 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

# LITURGY AND WORSHIP



# Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Claire's discernment and for her health . . . For Lola and her family and for Brian and Cathy and Lisa as they are coping with the death of loved ones . . .

For Amelia's safe travel in Namibia and South Africa.

#### **Rest in Peace**

Mary Seavey and her grandson, Nephi Seavey who both passed away last week. Ron Sperline who recently died. Jon Jacobus who died last week. Albert Hughes, father of John and Albert.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. . ."

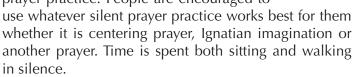
~ Revelation 19:11

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

#### 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



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

# In Need Of A Concert Quality **Grand Piano**

St. Joseph Parish is in need of a concert quality grand piano between 6-7 ft. The piano need not be brand new but should be in good condition. If you or a friend have one in your home that you no longer play or are downsizing and would like to donate, our Music and Liturgy Pastoral Assistant would love to hear from you.

Please contact Robert McCaffery-Lent at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1649 to explore whether your grand piano might be a good match. Thank you for your consideration!

Mark your calendars! September 13th, Sunday morning Mass times return to 9:00 and 11:00 am.

# **Parish Holy Hour**

Thursday, September 3rd, 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

# **Baptisms**

Please join us in praying for those being baptized this weekend.

Frances Jeanne Kunz and Evan Moore

# Parish Life



#### **Parish Life Commission**

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 21, Nov. 16, Jan. 25, March 21 and May 16. Ministries we currently oversee include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, Parish Picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

# Summer On The Green Potluck Barbecue

St. Joseph's Young Adult Ministry with JVC Northwest and FJV network invites you: to welcome the new Jesuit Volunteers to Seattle at a BBQ after the 5:30 Mass.

Sunday, September 13th 6:45 - 8:30pm We will introduce and bless the new JV's at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Parish will provide hot dogs, burgers/veggie burgers, buns and all the fixins, plus potato salad, some beer, wine & soda. Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert and/or beverage to share. We also need volunteer help. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

# St. Joseph Men's Home Mass & Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 25th, 6:00 pm at the home of Jim McAteer, 2109 E. Crescent Dr. Seattle, WA 98112. Main Dish provided. All Men invited to bring salad, appetizer, dessert or bread and/or beverage to share. Gather at 6:00 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm with Fr. Glen followed by dinner. Music provided by Rob Carroll. Questions or for more information contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206 965-1646.

#### **Parish Picnic 2015**

Join your neighbors, friends, & fellow parishioners on **Sunday, September 20th from 1 to 4 pm** for our Annual Parish Picnic.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with rides for the kids along with cotton candy, snowcones and popcorn with live music and beer garden for the adults.

The parish provides hot dogs, beer, wine and root-beer. Everyone's invited to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our parish office at 206-324-2522.

If you are new to St. Joseph Parish, please come and join in the fun and introduce yourself to us!

# Women's Ministry

Listening Session, Sunday, September 13th 2:00 to 4:00 pm Parish Center

The Parish Life Commission is hosting a listening session to discern the future direction of the Women's Ministry at St. Joseph. All women of the parish are invited to attend, especially those who have not typically participated in Women's Ministry events. Kathleen Pape, a member of the parish and a spiritual director grounded in Ignatian Spirituality, will facilitate the discussion. Please join us to get to know more women in the parish and to share our stories. For more information and to RSVP contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Mary Beth Hribar at marybeth\_hribar@yahoo.com

# Women's Book Group

Join us on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7 pm in the Parish Center, as Mary deRosas leads us in a discussion of Living Buddha, Living Christ by Thich Nhat Han. This well-known book offers a thoughtful exploration of the contemplative crossoads at which Christianity and Buddhism meet, as well as the common legacies of compassion and holiness left to us by Christ and the Buddha. Information, contact Shelagh Lane at lane. shelagh@gmail

# **Sounders Tailgate**

Sounders tailgate immediately following Mass next week! **Due to a few last minute cancelations we have some tickets still available** - email rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org for more info. T-shirts for those who purchased tickets will be available in the Parish Center for pickup starting this Tuesday afternoon.

# **FAITH FORMATION**



# Children's Faith Formation Register Now!

We are looking to fill the following volunteer 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.

Volunteer hours in CFF program apply to the required school volunteer hours.

This vital program is only possible with your support! Call me and let's talk about how you can help.

~Dottie, 206-965-1652

# **Course Offerings**

**Sunday Morning Childcare** 

**Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten** 

**Children's Faith Formation K** (CFF K)

**Children's Faith Formation 1** (CFF 1)

**Children's Faith Formation 2** (CFF 2)

**Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4** (CFF 3/4)

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6)

**Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High** 

**High School Confirmation** 

Children's Faith Formation registration is open now!

To register, visit our website www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

# Sign Up Now For High School Confirmation

The Confirmation preparation program begins October 11th and includes Sunday lunch. Class sessions are from 12:15 to 2:00 pm. We will also have a Saturday retreat, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation services. The date for the Confirmation Mass & Rehearsal will be in late January or early February. Students should be 16 years of age at the time of Confirmation or a High School Junior. The fee is \$135.00 and scholarships are available.

We will have an information meeting for students and their parents on Sunday, October 4th, following the 11:00 am Mass, in the Parish Center.

Register on our website, www.stjosephparish.org - click on the Faith Formation tab, then on High School Confirmation.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Parish staff and volunteers have been working over the summer to plan a coordinated Adult Faith Formation that will begin in September. Over the course of the year, we plan to offer a variety of programs based on what we are calling the five pillars of faith: Belief and Practice, Sacraments, History, Scripture and Spirituality. Some of the highlights include: scripture study based on the Gospel of Luke; Catholic 101; Emerging Issues like the Pope's Encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Synod on the Family, the Year of Mercy and the Pope's presentation before Congress. Many of the programs will be in the evening but we are also working on programs that will be offered during the day and programs that will be offered online. Look for more details coming up in the Bulletin in September.

#### We Need Your Help

To offer these programs we need a group of volunteers that will help us prepare for, promote and facilitate these programs in the parish. If you are interested in help-

ing out or would like to find out more about Adult Faith Formation, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206- 965-1652 or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.



# **FAITH FORMATION**

# Come and See What the Catholic Faith has to Offer

Tuesday, September 22nd - 7:00 pm - 8:30 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 or Confirmation 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 at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org *All are welcome in this journey of faith!* 

### A Little More About R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The R.C.I.A. program for bringing people into the Catholic Church has been called the greatest achievement of the Second Vatican Council. Whether or not you agree, R.C.I.A. is, undoubtedly, a wonderful ministry of the Church today. St. Joseph Parish invests a lot of time, talent, and prayer into those seekers who find their way to us.

If you are either coming to Catholicism for the first time or find yourself at a crossroads where you are desiring full communion, 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.

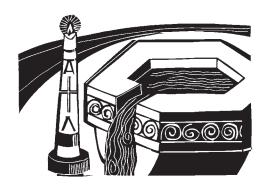
Contact Deacon Steve for more information or with any questions you may have at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

#### **Faith Formation Commission**

St. Joseph's Faith Formation Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Formation Commission forms and supports a spiritually and intellectually active community by developing educational programs appropriate to age and circumstances, supporting programs that nurture a sacred relationship with God, creation, and our local global communities, fostering dialogue and discussion in the Catholic Jesuit tradition. We meet on six Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: September 22, October 26, January 12, February 23, April 26 and May 24. Ministries we currently oversee include Children's Faith Formation (CFF), Adult Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, and Youth Ministry. If interested please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

# **Sign Up Now For Infant Baptism Preparation Classes**

We will have infant Baptism preparation classes for parents and godparents coming up on two consecutive Wednesday evenings on September 16th and September 23rd from 6 - 8 pm. To request information and registration materials, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652. Classes are open to parishioners and visitors. Class fees are \$50.00 per couple for the two classes. Scholarships are available.



# **FAITH JUSTICE**



### **Faith Justice Commission**

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 14, Nov. 9th, Jan. 11, March 14, and May 9th. Ministries we currently oversee include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph's Service Days. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

# A Summer Night with the Youth Delegation to El Salvador

Come join the St. Joseph's Youth Delegation for an evening presentation on our recent visit to the Sister Parish, San Bartolome, in Arcatao, El Salvador. Students will share stories, pictures and reflections on their trip.

Wednesday, August 26th
7:00 to 9:00 pm
Join us for a presentation and gathering with
refreshments and dessert!

# **Cabrini Ministry Training**

Join us at St. Therese Parish in Seattle, 10 am - 12 noon on **Saturday August 29th** to explore your call to ministry. Come hear about the different stages of discipleship and reflect on the particular gifts God is calling you to share with others. The morning of scripture study, prayer, and small group discussion is sponsored by Cabrini Ministry Training and will be facilitated by Jean Clancy, CMT alum, and Carla Loucks, CMT Executive Director. The same workshop will also be offered at Holy Family in Kirkland on Tuesday, August 25th from 7-9pm. Free of charge, but donations accepted. Please RSVP by contacting info@cabriniministry.org

### **Shirts Across America**

How did SAA come to be?

In 2007, 6 students from Washington state (including 2 students from St. Joseph's high school youth program) were challenged to grow \$500 each in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. That initial \$3,000 grew to over \$19,000 in 60 days, in large part from sales of t-shirts they designed and had produced. The group gathered friends and families to make their first trip to New Orleans in 2008, and quickly realized there was significant long-term work to be done.

Shirts Across America has continued their work in helping move families home with several "Build NOLA" volunteer trips throughout the year. SAA is focused on Building Homes to Build Leaders as we work with local high school students. "There are still thousands of families trying to move back home and living in dire situations," stated Randy Novak, Executive Director of Shirts Across America. "Our program has made a commitment to persevere and to stand with the poor who have been left behind in New Orleans. We know this is a solvable problem and it is truly inspiring to see these students roll up their sleeves to make lasting change."

#### 10 Years Later

August 29th marks the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. SAA's role is to educate people, so they'll want to get involved and help another family move home.

#### **Fun SAA Facts**

- NOLA = New Orleans, Louisiana
- SAA has sent over 1,750 volunteers to NOLA and Mississippi.
- SAA has fully funded 15 homes through donations and time worked by volunteers.
- SAA volunteers have worked on over 130 homes/ projects in the region.

#### How St. Joseph's can help

The cost to move a family off of the waitlist and build a home in New Orleans is approximately \$30,000. In the past, we've had individual parishioners generously donate for an entire home! We hope to move another family off of the waitlist, please be a part of the solution.

For more information, please visit: http://shirtsacrossamerica.org

# **Agape 2015**

Agape is a camp I will truly never forget. It gives you an amazing insight on migrant workers lives. While at Agape, I had lots of fun experiences along with feeling like I was making a difference in other peoples lives. I am

I am so happy that I had the opportunity to attend Agape with St. Joseph Parish again as a junior leader. I loved watching the kids interact and communicate with one another, even in difficult situations that the simulation of immigration brought. It was incredible to watch each of them learn new facts about migrant workers as well as immigration, and all that they do to help this country farm. It was a blessing to see the community strengthened and to live in solidarity with one another, including migrant workers. - Calli Liffring - Joe Raubvogel

eager to recruit my friends to go to Agape.

This was my first year at AGAPE and I had a great time. I loved volunteering and playing with the kids at the migrant camp. Learning about being a migrant has opened my eyes up to how hard it is to live as a migrant. I also liked having fun with my friends and learning with them. I am definitely coming next year.

- Elise Bernard