Celebrating Shirts Across America

10 years after Katrina: Hope Still Floats!
Stand Up For Shirts Across America

All money taken in the collection will be
given to Shirts Across America
for their work restoring New Orleans
and training young people
in service and leadership

Hope Floats . . . Always

Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start. . . No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true, and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts.

-Pope Francis-

It began with one shirt, adorned only by the image of a single rubber duck and two simple words, “Hope floats.” And so, Shirts Across America was born from the impractical and youthful dreams of a small group of young people, part of the youth group at St. Joseph Parish, who decided that they must do something for those made homeless by Hurricane Katrina and then seemingly forgotten by their own government. It was, of course, ridiculous to think that selling a few shirts and sending the money to the agencies serving in New Orleans would do anything significant. After all, these were just high school students, living in Seattle, what could they possibly do? Even the name, chosen as a slightly whimsical reference to Hands Across America, the idealistic movement of 1986, suggested that this effort—for all its good intentions—was something of a long-shot.

But sometimes, when grace takes the reins, long-shots cross the wire first; and hope, which seemed drowned beneath the waters of the flood and the swelling tide of bureaucratic despair, floats.

Since Randy Novak and the St. Joseph youth group began the work of Shirts Across America, literally thousands of shirts have been sold to raise money for the rebuilding of some of the poorest,
most stricken regions of New Orleans. These sales have helped pay for the renovation of many small homes and supported the homecoming of many women and men, many of whom had struggled as refugees in their own country. Yet, even as the first shirts were being sold, the student founders of SAA knew that the raising of money—while vitally important—was not enough to satisfy their hearts. Within a year of its inception, SAA was already organizing a trip for young parishioners, together with parents and friends, to the wounded heart of the Gulf Coast, where they could donate their strength and tears, their bruises and weariness in communion with the people of New Orleans and southern Mississippi.

Since that first trip, nearly 1800 people have boarded planes to sweat and struggle in the wreckage of America’s southern coast. Young people have come from more than a dozen high schools—in Portland and Oakland, in Seattle and surrounding towns—and parents or teachers, who came as chaperones, have ended up working as colleagues along side their children. Some have poked themselves with nails or gotten splinters in their knees while laying floors; others have been scratched by thorns growing over the porches of abandoned houses, or strained their muscles shoveling shattered glass and warped flooring from a health club being converted to a church; many have learned to hang and mud dry-wall (usually wearing quite a bit of mud along the way), and then sweltered in masks while sanding down their work. They have labored at the side of women and men from St. Bernard Project and AmeriCorps, and have celebrated the homecoming of the elderly blind and the newly born, of mothers and babies, and grandmothers caring for the children of those children they lost in the flood.

And through all of this, these young women and men—these foolish, impractical, and naïve volunteers—have become something more than they were when they began their journey to New Orleans: they have become companions; they have become disciples; they have become the Church (often, without even knowing it).

Today, having helped construct 139 houses, having fully-funded the construction of 15 of those homes, having spread SAA to the University of Southern California and Santa Clara University, to Whitman College and Seattle U., and having inspired similar programs in numerous other schools, Shirts Across America stands as an independent organization, born of St. Joseph Parish, but continuing, in its own way, to live the Jesuit tradition of “faith doing justice.” At the same time, that first gaggle of idealistic teenagers has become a cohort of women and men dedicated to service and to the transformation of the world. Laura Snowden, Erin Boniface, Shannon McCarty, Martha Russell, Barbara Twohy, Patrick Goodwin, Sean McQueen, Garrett Little, Grace Little, Erin Tobin, Shannon Tobin, and Steven Tobin: all remain to this day unredeemed believers in the power of hope and the grace of hard work, done together for the common good. These SAA alums, along with many others who have been touched by the spirit of Shirts, stand in the storm against a culture of consumption, remaining afloat with hope and joy, with generosity and transformative love. Hope floats, and when it does it raises all those who have placed their hand on it.

In his encyclical, Laudato Si’, Pope Francis notes that “The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she need things to buy, own, or consume.” Through the work of Shirts Across America, we at St. Joseph have been lucky to see that the opposite may also be true: that when we put aside the things we buy, own, or consume, we find how full our hearts can truly be. I have been fortunate to go to New Orleans twice with Shirts Across America—once when it was still a part of the Parish, and once in its current form as a partner organization—and I have seen and felt the graces offered by this program. At the side of Randy Novak, whose love and leadership shepherded Shirts into being, and who now acts as its director, I was blessed to watch young women and men become companions with the poor and leaders in the healing of the world. I have watched privileged youth become rich by getting dirty in the muck of the Mississippi and become full by sharing a plate and a story with a homeless pensioner. I have been overwhelmed by what I saw, feeling the hope in my own heart float to the surface and call me to deeper love.

This weekend, everything put into the collection baskets at St. Joseph will be given to the work of Shirts Across America. Please give whatever you can. . .and maybe just a little bit more. Give with hope—it floats up in a way that I promise will surprise you.

In order to fully support the good work of both organizations, the St. Vincent de Paul collection has been moved to September 12 & 13 so not to conflict with the SAA collection on the first weekend of the month.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION

TWENTY -THIRD 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

Entrance Songs

Bless The Lord My Soul (5:30)  Berthier & Taize

All Are Welcome #753 (5 & 9:30)

Instrumental

Bell

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
   And all can safely live, A place where saints and words are strong and true, Where all God's children
dare to seek To dream God's reign anew. Here the children tell
ho - ly ground, Where peace and justice meet. Here the hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and
cross shall stand as witness And as symbol of God's grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Bless The Lord My Soul (5:30)  Berthier & Taize

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Spanish: Ten - go sed de ti, oh fue - te del a - mor.
Portuguese: Ben - diz o Se - nhor, lou - va - o seu San - to no - me.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.
Ben - diz o Se - nhor, que á vi - da nos con - duz.
Gloria

Cantor: Gloria to God in the highest,

ALL: and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore 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, Són 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146

Joncas

I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live,

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Sit here, please,” while you say to the poor one, “Stand there,” or “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?
Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Offertory Songs

You Have Anointed Me #676 (5:00 & 9:30) Daigle

Instrumental (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.
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.

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 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**

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.
Verse 1
1. A wake from your slumber! A rise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain
Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

Verse 2
2. God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Recessional
Instrumental
Next Week, September 13th, Sunday Morning Mass Times Will Change To 9:00 am & 11:00 am!

**This Week At St. Joseph**

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

**Monday**
- Labor Day Parish Office Closed
- 7:00 AM Mass
- 7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer
- 7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
- 7:00 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
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.

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!

Summer On The Green BBQ

St. Joseph’s Young Adult Ministry invites you to welcome the new Jesuit Volunteers to Seattle after the 5:30 Mass. Sunday, September 13th, 6:45 - 8:30pm
Introduction & blessing 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 an item to share. To volunteer, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Safe Environment Training

Thursday, September 17th
6:00 pm, Social Hall

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

St. Joseph Men's Home Mass & Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 25th, 6:00 pm
McAteer home, 2109 E. Crescent Dr. Seattle
Main Dish provided. Please bring an item to share. Questions or for more information contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206 965-1646.

Parishioner Book Reading

Are you just wild about Harry Potter? Crazy for Katniss Everdeen? Here’s your chance to meet their new sister in literature: Astra Fairweather. Long-time St. Joseph parishoner Brian Jaybush, co-author of “The Summer Apprentice,” Astra’s first story, will read selections from that novel in the Parish Center on Monday, September 21 at 7 pm. The reading is free and open to everyone - and just like the novel - is appropriate for readers from fourth grade through adult!

Further information about Astra is available on Brian’s website: www. Psiwriters.info, along with links to those merchants who can give you a head start into Astra’s world!
Women’s Ministry Retreat
2015 St. Joseph Women’s Fall Retreat "We Are One in the Spirit", September 25-27, 2015 at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island.

Eileen Flanagan, a spiritual writer, speaker, and activist, will be our facilitator. A former Peace Corps Volunteer, a graduate of Duke and Yale, a wife, and a mother, Eileen’s new book “Renewable: One Woman’s Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope” is the story of a woman who, while trying to change the world, unexpectedly finds the courage to change her life. Won't you take a break, meet Eileen, and reconnect with the women of St. Joseph’s on this weekend away?

To reserve your spot, contact Deacon Steve at stjosephparish.org

To ask a question, contact Sheila Marie Sifferman at smarie49@comast.net

Seniors On The Go
Friday, October 2nd - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Attention All Young Adults 21-35
Please join us for our quarterly planning meeting this Wednesday September 9th 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center. So far on the docket is FLAG Football, Good News People, Pumpkin-Carving, Service project at either Jubilee or Noel House and back by popular demand... Our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party plus pictures with our SANTA... Deacon Steve... We welcome your ideas and energy. If you are new to Seattle... come and make some new friends and get involved.

For details contact Annapatrice.clarke@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646. Bring along a friend!

Children’s Faith Formation Register Now!
Thank you to the parishioners who stepped up and said “YES!” to the call to teach our young ones. We are still looking for a co-teacher for grades 3 & 4, and a beginning scripture studies teacher for one of our three Junior High classes. **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

Course Offerings

**Children’s Faith Formation**

- **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**
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!

Pathfinders Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be more involved with youth programming at St. Joe’s? We are currently seeking adult volunteers to help with the Pathfinders (middle school) youth group. We meet on Wednesday nights during the school year from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish center. Our program involves helping youth with service projects, crafting, reflections, holiday celebrations, teamwork activities, etc. If you are interested or would like more information please email Erin at pathfinders@stjosephparish.org or call (206)324-2522 x111.

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 helping 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.

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 service. 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.
Volunteer Chore Services
We have opportunities to make a difference in the Capitol Hill, Central District & Downtown Neighborhoods.

Our mission is to assist low-income elders and adults with chronic illnesses or disabilities remain independent in their own home. We match volunteers with clients in need, who provide companionship, light housework, and other simple chores. Opportunities to help are available all over the county.

Volunteer Chore Services, a program of Catholic Community Services, is a “safety net” for elders and adults living with disabilities who are unable to afford chore help or are ineligible for state/paid chore services. All recipients are low-income, have health problems or difficulty with mobility, and most live alone. We carefully match volunteers to opportunities based on their personalities, neighborhood, and preferences.

For more information on how you can help, please call 206.328.5787.

Liturgical Ministries
Now is the time in parish life when parishioners are invited to consider serving in one of the various liturgical ministries at St. Joseph. If you have a knack for welcoming people and enjoy helping to create a hospitable environment, perhaps you may be called to serve as an “usher.” If you love to read and pray with scripture, have a good strong, clear voice there may be a place for you as a part of the team of parish “lectors.” “Eucharistic ministers” always talk of the very special joy that they experience serving the body and blood of Christ to the “Body of Christ”. And, of course, if you love singing and using your voice to help spirits soar in song, perhaps the choir is for you. If so, please speak with music director Robert McCaffery-Lent after mass, or contact him at the parish center or visit the website to schedule an audition. For the ministries of lector, eucharistic minister and usher the “Open Enrollment” period is Sept 15th to Oct. 15th. Please visit the liturgy section of the parish website for more information and to sign up or contact one of the ministry captains for consultation. Or, simply talk with one of the ministers after mass who will be happy to speak with you about the ministry. Finally you can always contact Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy Robert McCaffery-Lent at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1649.

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.

Prayer Tree
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For Alex, who is struggling . . . For Lisa’s intentions . . . For St. Joseph students beginning a new school year . . . Welcome back Randy, Deacon Steve and Shirts across America team who are working with the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans to move families home . . . For Lynn’s success in transitioning to a new home and work environment . . . For Bettie’s wellbeing . . . For Maggie who has various health challenges and has an amazing spirit as she copes . . . For Nancy’s quick recovery from a mastectomy and for April’s successful outcome from breast biopsy.

“Lord . . . you seek all, and you want everyone to feel the warmth of your mercy and love.”

~Pope Francis

Rest In Peace
Jim Derrig, brother of Kay Raab.
**Have Dinner with the Pope!**

On Thursday, 24 September 2015, Pope Francis will address the U.S. Congress. Since it will be broadcast at 6:30 am in Seattle, St. Joseph Parish will re-broadcast the address at 6:30 pm, and we will provide a simple Italian dinner, as well.

*Join us to watch the Pope & eat together, then discuss what you hear.*

*6:30 PM, 24 September in the Parish Center*