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# St. Joseph Parish

#### THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE













"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter replied, "You are the Christ!"







TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
Homily Next Week:
Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for September 20, 2015

FIRST READING: WISDOM 2:12, 17-20 SECOND READING: JAMES 3:16-4:3 GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 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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#### **God Builds No Walls**

Then the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother, Abel?" He answered, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

-Genesis 4:9-

The image haunts me. Every day since I first saw the photograph of young Aylan Kurdi (did you know that was his name?) lying dead on the Turkish beach, I have thought of him. I have imagined how much his parents must have loved him—loved his laugh, loved his hugs, loved his still innocent smile. It was love that led his mother to take him on that boat with his brother, and led to both of them dying, as well. It was love that sent his father ahead, hoping to find a place for them where they could be safe together, away from the carnage of Syria and the threat of death at the hands of ISIS or Assad, Western-backed rebels or Russian-backed government troops. This was not negligence nor ideology, but a mother's love. In the face of an unendurable situation of violence and war, Aylan's mother did a desperate calculation, concluding that the only way for her family to be alive and together was to flee to Europe illicitly—since the governments of the West remained largely unwilling to help, and the violence in Syria made it too dangerous to remain.

Aylan's family was not the only one to perish, of course, they were not even the first in this most recent round of displacements. Thousands have drowned off the coast of Europe and the Middle East; millions more sit hungry and idle in refugee camps around the borders of Syria, waiting for a chance, trying to keep alive both their children and their hopes—and these are the fortunate ones, who have not died as victims of poison gas or Russian ordinance, airstrikes or ISIS incursions. Today there are an estimated 6.5 million displaced Syrian people, of whom approximately 3 million are on the move or in exile as refugees across the world. A relatively few have been given refugee status in Germany or France, although on the way to apply for such status, many have died—if not at sea, then asphyxiated in the back of unventilated trucks, abandoned on the side of the road by callous smugglers. Yet, still they have come, carrying their children and belongings with them and, at

times, pushing their weak and elderly in wheelchairs or carts for miles. What is one small child against such a backdrop of horror and loss; one more death in a sea of national bloodletting and international apathy? Is he not just another momentary image, soon forgotten, as we move our cursor down to the next post on Kim Davis or the next article professing outrage at this or that politician?

On his first pastoral visit in office, Pope Francis traveled to the tiny island of Lampedusa, where countless migrants and refugees first reach land on the European continent—and where thousands have died trying. At the water's edge, dressed in penitential purple, Francis condemned the policies by which the gates of entry were closed to virtually all the suffering peoples. He spoke out against the silence of the West, where the fate of migrants and refugees was largely invisible. He spoke out against the culture of consumption, "which has forgotten how to weep, how to experience compassion." There, amid the exiled and unwanted, the Vicar of Christ spoke to those who would promote border walls and fear of "anchor babies," lamenting: "We have become used to the suffering of others. It doesn't affect us. It doesn't interest us. It's not our business." And then, as he has done so many times since, he prayed for us to be given sight, prayed that we might see the crucifixion in our midst, prayed that God might grant "pardon for those who are complacent and closed amid the comforts which have deadened their hearts." And through his prayer and his presence, his humility and his summons, we have begun to see the suffering Christ, enfleshed in the dispossessed, and calling to us now.

Aylin Kurdi was a little boy who loved to play and laugh, whose grandmother spoiled him and who was the pride of his father's heart. He is not a symbol, nor an angel, nor a meme, nor a metaphor. And we reduce him when we make him that. He was our brother, and in our complacency we allowed him to drown, as we have allowed so many others. He drowned not because God allowed it, but because we allowed it. We allowed it when we invaded Iraq, heedless of the tens of thousands of innocents who would suffer. We allowed it when we funded weapons instead of schools; border guards instead of refugee services; regimes who serve our will, instead of the will of their own people. We allowed it when we and our allies refused to open the door to those in need because we fear . . . (insert any number of things here). We allowed it when we cultivated the xenophobic tendencies in our own hearts and grumbled, like Cain, about how ungrateful and annoying is the call of our brother. We allowed it with our indifference and we allowed it with our actions. And now simply to weep at a photograph is not enough.

This weekend, Pope Francis called on every religious community and parish, every monastery and diocese in Europe to welcome and make a home for the refugees streaming into the continent from Syria—receiving two families into the Vatican itself. And though few from Syria may come to the United States, we must ask ourselves, what can we at St. Joseph do to stand with them? What can we do to make our love more than just weeping: to make it resurrection? I want your thoughts and proposals, and invite your comments. Please write me at jwhitney@stjosephparish.org Let us discern with courage the call of Francis, and hold fast, in this discernment, to the heart and mind of Christ.

John of

Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the people who are seeking safe refuge and a land of opportunity . . . For Francis and her upcoming surgery . . . For John's leg to heal well . . . For Changthou's hand to be

okay . . . For the wellbeing of Patricia, Rebecca, Betty, Michael, and Scott . . . For blessings upon Carol and her children.

> "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

> > ~Romans 12:13

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

### ORDER OF CELEBRATION

#### TWENTY - FOURTH 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** 

Prayer Of Peace #729 (5, 9 & 11)

Instrumental (5:30)

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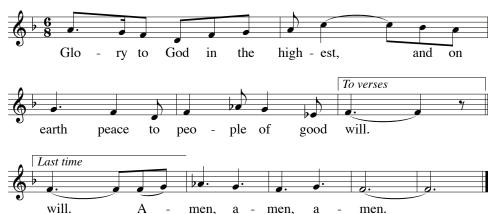
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**Gloria** Haugen



- 1.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, 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.
- 3. 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**

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.



Isaiah 50:4c-9a

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 116 (5, 9 & 11)* 

**Psallite** 



I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord; I will walk in the land of the liv-ing.



Second Reading James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, " but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.



Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



#### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

#### At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Offertory Songs** *Anthem: There Is A Love* (5, 9 & 11)

Janco

There is a love that reaches out to all, that loves the loveless and unloveable, And never fails to hear us when we call. There is a love that reaches out to all.

There is a love that wants to make us whole, a love that searches out the one lost soul. and has the world's salvation as its goal: There is a love that wants to make us whole.

There is a love that counts all humans kin that gathers outcasts and insiders in, and knows where peace and justice must begin: There is a love that counts all humans kin.

This love of God in Jesus crucified, as he foreshadowed may at first divide. But, oh, how high and deep it is and wide: This love of God in Jesus crucified.

#### 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.

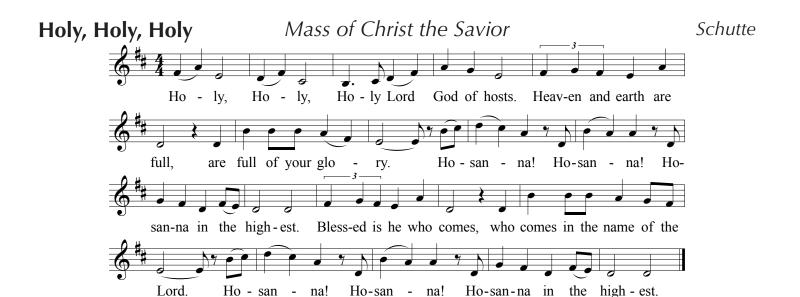
Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### **Preface Dialogue**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **Assembly: And with your spirit.** 

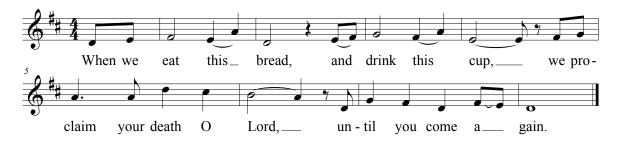
Priest: Lift up your hearts. **Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.** 

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Assembly: It is right and just.



#### **Mystery of Faith**

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#### **Great Amen**

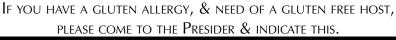
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#### All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward.

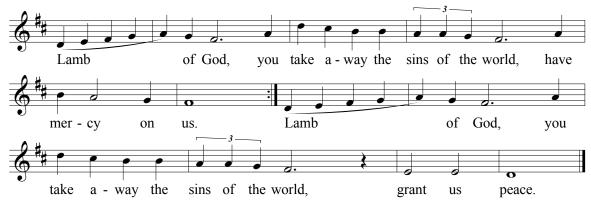
If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist,
or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire
by putting your hand on your heart.





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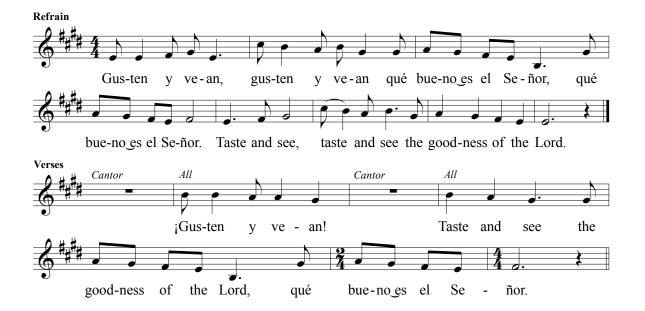
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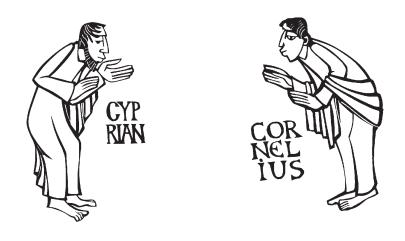


Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...

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** Gusten Y Vean Alonso







**Recessional** 

Instrumental

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join Us! 5:30 PM Mass - BBQ Following

**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 7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

**Thursday** 

7:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Senior Potluck Luncheon

**Friday** 

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



### Parish Life



#### **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. Josephy 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 21at 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!

## 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.

#### **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!

#### **Safe Environment Training**

Thursday, September 17th 6:00 pm, School Auditorium

#### 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 stevew@ stjosephparish.org

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

#### **Seniors On The Go**

**Thursday, September 17th** - Please join us for **FALL POTLUCK LUNCHEON** on Thursday September 17th. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Center. Beverages are provided. Please bring a dish or lunch item to share (salad, casserole, dessert, soup, fruit etc.) There will be designated parking on the playground behind the parish center. Any questions, please contact Mary Ott at 324-7459 or Dolores Dorn at 322-2259.

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

#### **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, October 1st from 7 to 8:30 pm.** 

Please join us. 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 JUSTICE



#### **Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS)**

When I began volunteering at PSKS, I experienced some life changing events which greatly altered my "we and they" vocabulary. For the first time I was on the other side and needed to "learn to receive."

Overwhelmed by the Pentecostal-like agape that swirls around PSKS, my soul is well filled.

~ PSKS Volunteer & St. Joseph parishioner Susan Bannon

Volunteering as a tutor and a member of various committees at PSKS has been a satisfying and eye opening experience. It's allowed me to work with a uniquely challenged community while being supported by a positive high energy staff, in an environment of much need yet great possibility. It has really expanded my world.

~ PSKS Volunteer & St. Joseph Parishioner Dorothy Crean

Celebrating 20 years this year, PSKS is a grass roots organization that serves over 500 homeless youth and young adults a year, ages 13-29 on Capitol Hill. Located across from Mt. Zion Baptist Church on the corner of 19th and Pine, our staff of 14 provides basic services including food, year round shelter, basic survival supplies, laundry, and soon, showers to complement our case management, education and employment programs.

PSKS values the gifts and talents of every individual and treats them with the respect and dignity that every person deserves. Many of the youth we serve have "aged out" of other mainstream youth services or have difficulty accessing other mainstream services due to gender identity, having pet companions, or mental health crisis. We are the net below the safety net.

Volunteers are integral to our success whether it's being a GED tutor, serving food, assisting with our community clothing closet, or taking the lead on donation drives for toiletries, etc. We encourage you to lend a hand!

#### **Towel Drive for our New Showers!**

During the week of September 14 we will be collecting new, white bath towels (white only please) at the Parish Center, and after all masses the weekend of September 19th and 20th, in bins in the church vestibule! PSKS volunteers will also be at information tables after each mass. Please stop by!

To learn more about PSKS' volunteer opportunities or to schedule a tour please visit www.psks.org or call Susan Fox, Executive Director at 206.726.8500 x105 or susan.fox@psks.org. Thank you!



### FAITH JUSTICE

#### Thank you, St. Joseph Parish!

Wow! I will never be able to adequately reflect my feelings after last weekend. When Fr. John offered to acknowledge Shirts Across America and its work in front of the Parish I never could have imagined the response.

Thank you St. Joseph for seeing the value in an organization created by high school students. Thank you for supporting us as we poise ourselves to work harder than ever, 10 years after Hurricane Katrina. Thank you for standing with thousands of families who are still trying to get home. Thank you for your generosity this weekend. Most importantly, thank you for igniting the flame within the 1,800 SAA volunteers who have loved and served others along the Gulf Coast.

Please follow our progress this year and visit shirtsacrossamerica.org, it will be well worth your time!

Sincerely, Randy Novak Exec. Director, Shirts Across America

#### **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.



#### **Jesuit Refugee Services**

We Must Act: European Refugee Crisis

The images say it all. Overcrowded camps and cities filled with refugees. Boats holding more than they should carry over the Mediterranean waters. Families carrying children across railroad tracks in transit throughout Europe. Bodies washed ashore.

Since the current conflict in Syria began in 2011, almost four million Syrians have fled in search of peace, safety and security. As prospects for peace diminish in the region, people are struggling to find hope and are willing to do

anything for the future of their families.

Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is working within Syria, in neighboring countries, along transit routes and within Europe to provide safe spaces for refugees and assist them with food and water, clothing, bedding and medicine, and counseling and education programs.

Many of us are asking ourselves, what can we do? We can pray. We can learn. And we must act. "To conquer our fear we must extend the hand of friendship to people in need. Together with policymakers we can learn from local initiatives of welcome," says Jean-Marie Carrière of JRS.

Please take a moment today to urge the U.S. Government to demonstrate leadership at this critical time. Only by rallying the voices of citizens can we demonstrate that we will not stand by while this crisis unfolds before our eyes. We must ensure that refugees are offered the dignity, compassion and opportunity they deserve.

Thank you for your support. For more information visit www.jrsusa.org

### **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!



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.

Deadline to register is September 30th!

#### **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



### LITURGY AND WORSHIP

#### **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.



#### 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