

Four Communities - One Parish Family

ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve

St. Joseph

732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
www.stjosephparish.org (206) 324-2522
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am, 11am, 5:30pm
Livestream w/ASL 11am

Reconciliation: Tue. 5pm - 6pm & by Appointment
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tue-Fri, 7am



ST. THERESE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Worship With Joy, Work For Justice,
and Grow In God's Love*

St. Therese

3416 E Marion St, Seattle, WA 98122
www.st-therese.cc (206) 325-2711
Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-4pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am and 11am
Livestream (9am) 2nd and 4th Sundays,
(11am) 1st and 3rd Sundays
Reconciliation: Tue. 5pm - 6pm at St. Joseph
& by Appointment

July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



JESUS MAFA. *The Parable of the Sower*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48309>. Original source: <http://www.librarie-emmanuel.fr>.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE

We are delighted to welcome you to our church today. Whether it is your first time here or you have been coming for years, **WELCOME!**

Our communities are known for passionate social outreach, communal worship, lay leadership, faith formation, and commitment to working for justice. Whatever your interest, there is a place for you within our Parish Family.

Reach out and join in! www.st-therese.cc or www.stjosephparish.org

READINGS & PREACHING INFORMATION

Next Sunday - July 19, 2026

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30

St. JOSEPH

PRESIDING & PREACHING: JOE DICKAN, SJ

REFLECTION: VICTORIA RIES

St. THERESE

PRESIDING & PREACHING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ

REFLECTION: ROSE HESSELBROCK

This Sunday - July 12, 2026

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9

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PARISH FAMILY SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow along with both St. Joseph and St. Therese on Facebook and Instagram!



St. Joseph - St. Joseph Parish, Seattle
St. Therese - St. Therese Parish of Seattle



St. Joseph - @stjosephparishseattle
St. Therese - @st.-therese-parish

PARISH HAPPENINGS - JOIN US!

2025 Parish Family Annual Catholic Appeal Wrap-Up

We are thrilled to share the results of last year's Parish Family Annual Catholic Appeal. Rebates that we receive once we surpass our ACA goals allow us to take action on emerging needs in our parish family.

Gifts are still being accepted for the *2026 Annual Catholic Appeal*. Stay tuned for an update soon on the 2026 ACA.

St. Joseph - Parishioners at St. Joseph exceeded their 2025 ACA parish goal, the highest ever, by \$9,945. These rebated funds are being used to renew the plaza between the church and parish center, the well-used site of summer hospitality after Masses and many other parish and school events. Phase One will use this rebate to replace uneven pavers with crushed rock to create a safe, stable surface this summer. Phase Two, slated for next spring, will use rebated funds from 2026 to expand the plaza and provide our two beautiful trees with the space and care they need to grow and thrive.

St. Therese - St. Therese parishioners exceeded their 2025 ACA goal by \$6,432.23, which the St. Therese Finance Council used to anchor a \$20,000 successful matching fund for gifts to the St. Therese Catholic Academy Tuition Assistance program. Support for our parish school remains at the heart of St. Therese's mission and the school's commitment for families seeking a Catholic education..

Thank you for your faithful commitment to our Parish Family!

Calming Kinship: Women's Monthly Gathering

Come as you are for an evening of prayer, conversation, and connection. Whether you seek quiet reflection or meaningful community, there is a place for you here. Join us as we explore our Catholic faith through Scripture and shared wisdom in a relaxed, welcoming space. Our July topic is *Seeking Forgiveness and Embracing Gratitude*.

What to Expect:

- Guided prayer & reflection
- Small group conversation
- Supportive community

Details:

- When: Every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM-8:15 PM
- Dates: July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15 & Oct. 20
- Where: St. Joseph Parish Center



Bring a friend or come on your own—we'd love to walk alongside you



ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE
PARISH FAMILY MASS



July 19 | 9:00 AM at St. Joseph Parish

**There will be NO 9:00 AM Mass at St. Therese.
The only 9:00 AM Mass is the Parish Family
Mass at St. Joseph. All other Mass times will
remain the same for both churches.**



Come and celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene:
The Apostle to the Apostles.

Learn more about who she really was as a disciple of
Jesus, faithful at the foot of the cross, first to witness the
resurrection, and the first to proclaim the resurrection.



*Learn about and keep current with all the Faith & Justice
ministries in our Parish Family! Use this QR code to
navigate to our webpages from your phone.*



‘Nonviolence is much more than a political strategy—it is a spirituality ... rooted in love, not domination; in courage, not control.’

Marie Dennis, Speech, 50th anniversary of the Maryknoll Lay Missioners



On July 13, 1945 the first nuclear device was detonated in New Mexico (The Trinity Test). In 1990 downwinders were able to claim compensation through the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). Expired in 2024, the Act is now extended to December 31, 2027.

Questions or comments - paxchristi@stjosephparish.org

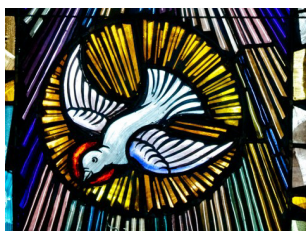


Middle School Confirmation Registration is Now Available!



Once again our Parish Family will be offering joint St. Joseph and St. Therese Confirmation Prep Classes held in the St. Joseph School Library starting September 20th with a Confirmation Mass date of December 6th. This short, 8 week class with a service project and a retreat, is designed for youth ages 13-15, as the Archdiocese of Seattle lowered the age of Confirmation to 13.

For more information, please contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik, our Director of Faith Formation at theresal@stjosephparish.org. Or, if you are ready to register, please use the QR Code provided to find the registration link.



St. Therese Laudato Si Ministry

Care for Our Common Home Work Party - Saturday, July 18, 2026, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join us every 3rd Saturday to spruce up the grounds! Questions or to RSVP, jvrussell85@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Donate to St. Joseph
St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Use the QR codes to donate or online at either of our websites.

www.stjosephparish.org

or www.st-therese.cc

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Second Year of Our Parish Family – July 2026

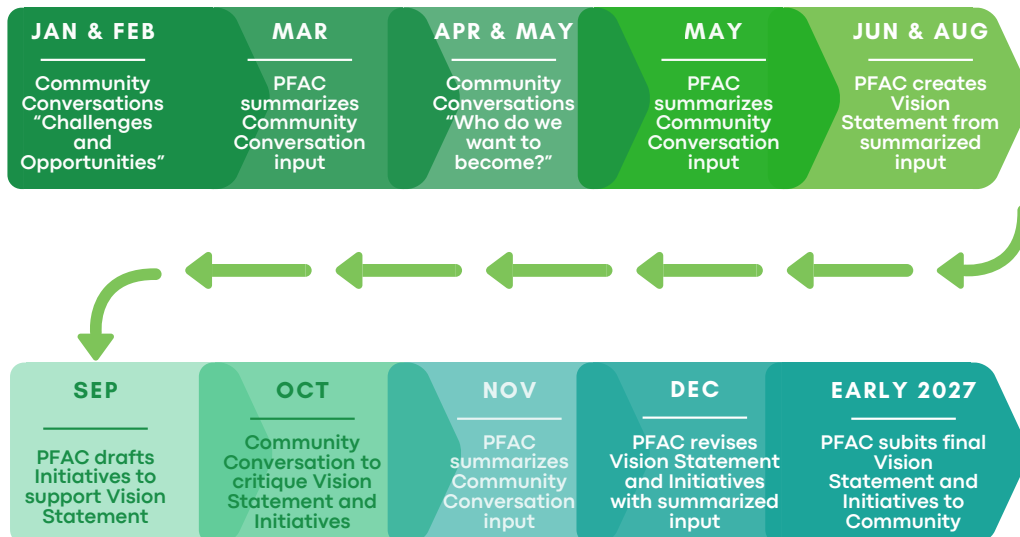
This July marks the second year since the creation of our parish family through the Archdiocesan Partners in the Gospel - the strategic pastoral planning process to re-envision parish life and renew the Catholic Church in Western Washington.

Over the past year, we formed our Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC), comprised of 12 lay volunteers, and our Parish Family Leadership Team, comprised of staff from St. Joseph and St. Therese. Together, these groups have begun the One Parish Planning Process, which is grounded in listening, community discernment, and local decision-making to create a vision for our future shared parish and a plan to execute it. Ten listening sessions have taken place across the Parish Family, where parishioners shared their experiences and identified the gifts and charisms of each parish in our family.

We are also working together in important new ways, such as combining baptism and confirmation preparation programs and social and faith justice ministries. Our Parish Family came together to celebrate Thanksgiving, Pentecost, the Easter Vigil, and other liturgical events. The Holy Spirit is at work in our Parish Family: we received 22 catechumens and candidates for full communion this Easter, we marched together in support of Immigrants, and gathered around each other's altars to share the Body and Blood of Christ.

As we enter year three, our Parish Family will continue working through the One Parish Planning process, with the goal of finalizing our plan in 2027.

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL TIMELINE JOURNEY TO BECOMING ONE CANONICAL PARISH



We are the Church. The voice of the faithful will shape this community.
Please note timeline is intended as an approximation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As members of the Parish Family Advisory Council have processed the information from our many listening sessions, some common questions and misperceptions have surfaced.

Is St. Therese Parish/School closing?

No. There are no plans to close either the church or the school. The beauty of Partners in the Gospel is that it passes decisions such as these to the people themselves, and we, the people, are not calling for that. Just because St. Therese is smaller and has a smaller budget does not mean it will close.

Will St. Joseph, St. Therese, St. Patrick, and St. Mary churches lose their names when we choose a new name?

No. All four churches will retain their names. As a **Parish Family**, we will choose a new name to call our canonical pairing, and it cannot be one of these four saints. For example, if we chose St. Quadragesimus for our Parish Family name, we would maintain the name St. Mary's for the church, food bank, and the entire St. Mary's campus. Mass times for St. Quad's would be listed by location at St. Joseph and St. Therese.

What is happening with St. Mary's?

Parishioners from St. Mary's have appealed the Vatican ruling that the parish should be closed. Currently, there is no way to check the status of the appeal or get an estimate of when a decision will be made. Regardless of the Vatican's decision, St. Mary's is part of our Parish Family. Members of the PFAC, St. Therese Finance Council, Facilities Committee, and other committees have representation from St. Mary's. Despite the lack of resolution, this family continues to make plans for a future together.

What is this Ignatian Charism, and how does it impact our Parish Family?

Jesuits West has committed to providing Parish Priests to serve at St. Joseph's for its entire history. This work is a mission of the Jesuit order. As that commitment now includes St. Therese, the entire Parish Family is served by the order. The priests who have served St. Joseph's over the years have done so with **Ignatian Charism: Finding God in all things and witnessing to the joy of the Gospel; going forth into the world as contemplatives in action, discerning God's desire for living here, now, and acting on God's invitation.**

As the number of vocations is uncertain, there is no guarantee, just as there is no guarantee within the diocese, that there will be a sufficient number of priests to serve in the future. In the meantime, the Jesuit traditions and philosophy, or charisms, share remarkable similarities to the existing charisms of social justice, service, spirituality, and communal value that have long existed in St. Patrick, St. Mary, and St. Therese. As long as the community wants to live the Ignatian Charism, we will.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

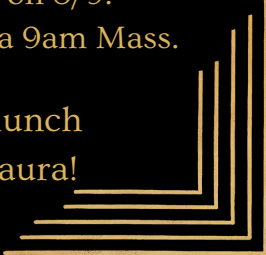
Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela on June 24, 2026, causing widespread destruction, thousands of deaths, and significant displacement. Communities are now facing urgent humanitarian needs, including emergency shelter, food, medical care and psychosocial support. Through their presence in Venezuela and across Latin America, Jesuit Refugee Service and Catholic Relief Service are accompanying those most affected and preparing emergency assistance for families in crisis.

To donate to JRS earthquake support efforts
use this QR code



To donate to CRS earthquake support efforts
use this QR code





Parish Family

MASS & RETIREMENT PARTY



Honoring
LAURA ASH

Pastoral Assistant for Music at
St. Patrick's & St. Joseph

Let's gather to honor years of dedication and
welcome the joy of a well-deserved new
beginning!

August 9, 2026
at 11am

St. Patrick's Campus
2702 Broadway E
Seattle, WA 98102

This is the only 11am Mass we will have on 8/9.
Both St. Joseph & St. Therese will only have a 9am Mass.

Our Parish Family will host a lunch
after Mass to celebrate with Laura!

Details to follow!



TUESDAY July 14 is St. Kateri Tekakwitha's Feast Day.
On **SUNDAY, July 26** following **11 AM Mass**
at St. Joe's, please join the St. Joe's Climate Justice
Committee in the parish center for **lunch** and to
watch **a movie** about the life and canonization of
St. Kateri Tekakwitha: **"In Her Footsteps."**

Also, **save the date** for a hands-on work party with
Green Seattle Partnership in Interlocken Park on
SAT August 22 / 10-12:30. More details to come.

St. Joseph Parish
 **Climate Justice Committee (CJC)**

Next CJC meeting: **MON July 13 at 7PM**. Arrupe Room/Parish Center & online.
Contact for more info and zoom link: climatejustice@stjosephparish.org

Habitat for Humanity Seattle King & Kittitas Counties

BUILD DAY FOR ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE

July 25, 2026
8:45am - 4:00pm

QUESTIONS?

CALL GARY FALLON AT: 206-499-8297

Volunteer Schedule

- 8:45am - 9:00am: Check-in with site staff, introductions, safety briefing, task overview
- 9:15-12:00pm: Work under the instruction of Habitat Site Staff
- 12:00pm - 12:45pm: Lunch break!
- 1:00pm - 3:45pm: Work under the instruction of Habitat Site Staff
- 3:45pm: Start clean up and sign out for the day

If you or others on the team need to leave early, please let the on-site staff know in the morning.

Non-Negotiable

- NO open toed shoes. Tennis shoes, boots, or work boots are acceptable. NO hiking sandals or sandals of any kind.
- NO sleeveless shirts.
- NO shorts. Long pants are acceptable.
- Please wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty or slightly damaged.
- **PARKING:** Parking on-site is located in the alley behind the site. DO NOT block mailboxes, driveways, or trash/recycling cans.
- Volunteers must be 16 and older to work at our construction sites with a parent or guardian.

Suggested Items to Bring

- Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Rain Jacket or Layered Clothing
- Lunch, if not provided by group



Cloverdale Worksite:
1219 S Cloverdale St
Seattle, WA 98108



REGISTER NOW!



OR CLICK HERE

 www.habitatskc.org

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER INVITES YOU

SUMMER IGNATIAN RETREAT

**LIMITED SPACE REMAINING.
REGISTER NOW!**

A guided silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 24-26

**Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center
Federal Way, WA**

Presenters: Sharon Spence Wilcox, Ryan Rallanka, SJ, Jim Dean



Take time this summer to rest, renew your soul, and soak in silence on the shores of Puget Sound with this **3-day guided silent Ignatian retreat** based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius.

Adults of all ages, faith traditions and, spiritual backgrounds are welcome!

For more info and to register, visit
ignatiancenter.org/summerretreat26

Please register by July 12



JV EnCorps

A PROGRAM OF JVC NORTHWEST

Jesuit Volunteer (JV) EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, engages people 40+ in a rewarding experience of service, community, and spiritual formation. JV EnCorps Members (JVEs) commit to 10 months of part-time service in their local communities and to the exploration of JVC Northwest's core values: community, simple living, social and ecological justice, and spirituality/reflection.



JV ENCORPS IMPACT IN SEATTLE, WA - '24-25

17 JV EnCorps
members

21 LOCAL AGENCIES
served in the Seattle area

5265
hours
served

\$176,324.85
financial
value of
service
showing the impact
on local community



A reflection from Roland Teodoro

JV EnCorps Member since 2019

Hopping on a train the other day, I sat close to a middle-aged man who seemed to be having health issues and did not appear to be in the right frame of mind. I observed him for a few minutes, wondering if he needed help but careful enough not to interfere with his privacy unless he specifically requested help. From what I saw, he was a portrait of a person, all alone and badly in need of attention having reached that state through the everyday life struggles experienced by some in our community....

Every day, we come across people in those situations. In my volunteer role with St. Vincent de Paul, I, along with other volunteers, serve meals to our neighbors in the community on Sundays. My faith, morals, and the spiritual connection we touch on in our monthly JV EnCorps community meetings, taught me to lend a hand and share whatever and whenever we can, in kind and in spirit.



The Seattle JV EnCorps community meets at St. Joseph Parish -
732 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112 - on the second Thursday of each month,
October through May, from 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM.

Opening retreat in September and closing retreat in June.

Learn more and apply at jvencorps.org.