Moses answered:
“Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow the Spirit on them all!”
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
Homily Next Week:
Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for October 4, 2015
First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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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FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that St. Joseph has a Facebook page? Check out the posted pictures from last Sunday’s annual Parish Picnic. And while you’re at it, please “like” us. As of press time, the parish had 297 likes. We’d sure like to break the 300 barrier and maybe take it all the way to 400.

Check us out at: www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle
A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to “dream” of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.

-Pope Francis, in his Address to the US Congress-

He stood in the well of the United States House of Representatives, his white soutane in stark contrast to the dark wood that surrounded him and to the many grey and blue suits that filled the chairs of the assembly. This was the place where Roosevelt had stood when he told the nation of the “day that will live in infamy,” and where John F. Kennedy had declared that we would go to the moon “because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept.” This was the place where, only a few months before, the Prime Minister of Israel had spoken of dangers and threats from negotiation with Iran. This was a place where no other Pope had ever stood, and perhaps the last place this son of immigrants, this Argentine Jesuit—who, in 78 years, had never visited the United States, and who spoke little or no English just two years ago—ever expected to be. Yet, here he was: a man of peace, standing before a nation at war; a man of dialogue, speaking in a chamber divided by party and ideology; a man aware of his own sinfulness, calling this nation to a deeper conversion; a man, foreign by birth, invoking the spirit of four Americans to lay a claim on the national soul. By the time he stepped away from that podium, turning to thank the Speaker of the House and the Vice President for their invitation, Pope Francis had revealed to all the power and surprise that comes to us when we open ourselves to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

While the words of the Pope will be studied and dissected by those charged with filling a 24-hour news cycle, it was, for me, his presence and tone that were transformative. As I saw him standing beneath the leaders of the House and Senate, with his wire-rimmed glasses perched on his nose, the light shining off his well-worn cassock, and the sheets of paper before him (no teleprompter for Francis), I felt a rush of affection that I did not expect, but knew was grace. It was not just that he was the Pope, the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, but that he is, in every moment, so very much himself—despite his title; despite the place of pomp and power where he stood, or the place of ancient pomp from which he came to Washington.

He is, it seems, always Jorge Bergoglio: grandson of Rosa, the immigrant, whose words he keeps in his wallet to this day. He is that Jesuit scholastic, who taught high school and once in his coat-of-arms a phrase about the call of Matthew, the tax-collector, “He looked on him through the eyes of mercy.” He is a pilgrim, keenly aware that a history of grace has led him to speak the truth of the gospel, and determined—so long as God keeps him alive—to speak that truth with the love of Jesus Christ.

Near the end of his address to Congress, Francis reflects upon the American Cistercian monk, Thomas Merton, who left the world of art and literature to become a member of a cloistered order, eventually seeking even greater simplicity as a hermit. From Merton’s autobiography, The Seven Story Mountain, Francis quotes a passage about his birth, during the First World War: “I came into the world. Free by nature, in the image of God, I was nevertheless the prisoner of my own violence and my own selfishness, in the image of the world into which I was born. That world was the picture of Hell, full of men like myself, loving God, and yet hating him; born to love him, living instead in fear of hopeless self-contradictory hungers.” For Francis, Merton represents the transformative power of prayer, which opens us to the freedom and God-given dignity that no amount of violence or evil can erase. Yet, even as he quotes Merton, Francis’ own presence and grace, his love of the poor, his compassionate courage, and his true humility testify to the same surprising power of God, which calls us to believe that war is not inevitable, that the poor need not be forgotten, that the stranger and the refugee can be seen and loved, that the world can be healed, if we will give ourselves to grace.

On the same day that Pope Francis addressed Congress, St. Joseph School celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit—the traditional blessing of the new school year. Before a slightly less rambunctious crowd than the one faced by Francis, we called down the Holy Spirit, asking for the wisdom and the fire, the unity and the surprising love that only God can bring. Hearing the call of Matthew, which inspired the Pope’s own vocation, we asked that the call of the gospel might rouse that Holy Spirit which lives in each one of us—from the kindergartner entering this community for the first time, to the eighth grader looking forward to that next horizon, to the parents and teachers who may be tempted to believe that the surprises of their life are already done. We asked to become awake, in the way that Francis has been awakened by the grace of God in his life, and we pledged to listen to the Spirit calling us forward, summoning us to something we cannot yet imagine. Though much in this world may try to silence that voice, that call, that summons, God’s Spirit will never fail to surprise us and intrude into the safe and slumbering world we so often inhabit. Like Matthew and like Francis, like the students of St. Joseph School, we are all called by grace and by the love of a God who will not pass quietly, but will summon us, in the depths of our heart, when we least expect it, to nothing less than the transformation of the world.
Prelude

Entrance Songs

**Gather Us In (5, 9 & 11)**

*Haugen*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,

now is the darkness vanished away
we are the old who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
not in some heaven light years away.

see in this space our fears and our dreams,
we have been sung through out all of history
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Here in this place the new light is shining,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole human race.
call us a new to be salt for the earth.
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
make us your own; Gather us in all peoples together,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.
give us the courage to enter the song.
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
fires of love in our flesh and our bone.
Come to the Quiet (5:30)  Anonymous

First Reading  Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So when a young man quickly told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp,” Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses’ aide, said, “Moses, my lord, stop them.” But Moses answered him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!”

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 19  Haas

Second Reading  James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earthen luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation  Celtic Alleluia  O’Carrell/Walker
Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Renewal Of Baptismal Promises

Baptismal Acclamation

You Have Put On Christ (5, 9 & 11)  Hughes

Offertory Songs

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way (5, 9 & 11)  Benoit/Daw

Gospel

At that time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

Lord,
You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way (5, 9 & 11)

You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.

1. Lord, help us walk your servant way where every love may lead. And
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as lord, but pow’r You laid aside. You
3. No golden scepter but a towel you place within the hands of
4. You bid us bend our human pride nor count our selves above. The
5. Lord, help us walk your servant way where every love may lead. And,

bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.
lived your years in servant hood; in lowliness You died.
those who seek to follow You and live by your commands.
lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.
bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.
Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Instrumental (5:30)

Mystery of Faith

Schutte

Great Amen

Schutte
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 a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.

Communion

We Are Many Parts

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true, my joy, too; all is brought together in the Lord.
2. So my pain is pain for you, all is brought togeth - er in the Lord.
3. All you seekers, great and small, if you love, then you will know the Lord.
You Have Anointed Me (9)

Daigle

You have anointed me.

Recessional

Instrumental (5, 11 & 5:30)

We Are Called (9)

Haas

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!
**JESUIT PUGET SOUND**

**ISC - Laudato Si’ Series**
An exciting series on the Pope’s new encyclical letter*Laudato Si’* Verdant and Dry Tree

4 Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, October 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 2015 at St. Joseph Parish Center

In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis urges all of us to purposefully look at what is perhaps the greatest challenge humanity has ever faced: our dependence on an economic system which has both created vast inequities and seriously degraded ecological systems, causing massive species extinction and climate change. Woven throughout these challenges is the reality that those most responsible for these impacts often suffer least from them. At times pastoral, at times prophetic, at times practical, the encyclical challenges us to consider our economics, our sense of identity, our theology & spirituality, and ultimately, the way we live our daily lives.

**PREPARATION:** Please read as much of *Laudato Si’* as possible before the first gathering on October 29.

**COST:** Early Bird—$40* | After October 15—$45
* Partial Work Scholarships available

**INFO:** Contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206. 329.4824.

**2015-2016 Catholic Heritage Lectures: Care for the Earth, Care for the Poor**
This year’s lecture series is inspired by *Laudato Si’* Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment

October 15, 2015, 7 pm, Pigott Auditorium, SU
“Are We at Home in the Cosmos? Challenges and New Directions”, Keynote Speaker: Ilia Delio, OSF

We will explore some of the challenges of *Laudato Si’* and highlight the relationship between integral ecology and evolution, using the insights of Teilhard de Chardin.

The lectures are free and open to the public. No prior registration for Catholic Heritage Lectures necessary.

**There is a follow up presentation on October 17th, sponsored by IPJC. Registration required for follow up. Visit www.ipjc.org to register by October 9th!**

Copies of Fr. John D. Whitney’s, collection of columns, “A Reading Of Laudauto Si’, “ in addition to the papal encyclical, are available in the Parish Center.
There’s a lot going on in the Catholic Church Today!

*Laudato Si*, The Synod on the Family, The Year of Mercy, The Pope’s visit to the US and his address before a joint meeting of Congress. What does all this mean? How can I learn more about it and my faith in general? The St. Joseph Faith Formation Commission invites you to join us for the inaugural year of our Adult Faith Formation program. Based on 5 pillars of faith below, programs will begin in September and a comprehensive list of events and activities will be posted on the website shortly. Examples of our planned events are included in highlights. For more information contact Dottie Farewell at 206.965.1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

### Highlights

- Partnering With Parents: *Topics in Catholic Media Today* at St. Joseph-beginning 10/11, after the 9am Mass with Sue Grady, M.Div.
- Catholic Heritage Series at Seattle University – Oct. 15th, Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF
- Online Scripture Study
- Instruction on Prayer Forms – Sacred Silence, 11/16

### Pillars of Faith

- **Scripture**
  Study that brings Christ alive in our head and heart using various approaches.

- **History**
  Study emphasizing our rich history including major events, movements, and policy changes.

- **Belief & Practice**
  Fundamentals of what it means to be Catholic including emerging issues like *Laudato Si*.

- **Sacraments**
  History, meaning, benefits, practice & symbolism of the Sacraments & prep. for parents.

- **Spirituality**
  Instruction on types of prayer and an opportunity to actively experience prayer at the parish.
Children’s Faith Formation Kick Off Schedule

Childcare begins Sunday, September 27th
Pre-K begins Sunday, October 4th
CFF & Confirmation classes begin Sunday, October 11th

Partnering with Parents: Topics in the Catholic Church Today

Do you read the news and all that the Catholic church is doing throughout the world and want to share your thoughts and ideas with other folks? Are you really busy and don’t have a chance to know what’s happening lately? Parishioner Sue Grady, M.Div, will be facilitating an adult group during the Children’s Faith Formation on Sunday mornings beginning October 11th from 10:15-10:55 am in the Parish Center. Articles will be sent in advance to participants prior to each Sunday for reflection and discussion. Hospitality provided. Please contact Dottie Farewell for more information or if you’d like to add your name to the email distribution list.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes and Mass will once again be offered this year at St. Joseph Parish. We will have a parent and student *information meeting next Sunday, September 27th at 12:30pm in the Parish Center.*

Confirmation Preparation Classes begin Sunday, October 11th in the Mother Theresa Room of the Parish Center from 12:15 - 2 pm (lunch is included). All class materials including books, food, and the retreat supplies will be provided. The fee for classes is $135. Confirmation Mass will be in late January or early February*. To register please visit the main page of our website stjosephparish.org and click on the dark blue “Children’s Faith Formation 2015-2016” tile.

*Confirmation Mass is not assigned until mid October by the Seattle Archdiocese.

CFF still needs your help!

Faith Formation Needs You! We have over 200 children in our Sunday School and Youth Group programs. This vibrant and critical ministry is only successful with the help of an army of volunteers. The following volunteer positions are still needed:

**CFF1:** 1st year of the two year Sac Prep program; class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the upper Social Hall classroom. Class begins October 11 and ends May 22 (major holidays/breaks off). Parent volunteers are also needed to assist.

**CFF Junior High:** Year 1 Intro to the Bible for 6th & 7th graders; learn about “Great People of the Bible” in the Old and New Testaments. Class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the Parish Center beginning October 11 and ends May 22.

**CFF 3/4 co-teacher:** general religious education for those who just recently completed First Communion. Class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the parish center. This class also performs the Passion Play on Palm Sunday.

Pathfinders Youth Group Needs Your Help!

Would you like to be more involved with youth programming at St. Joseph? 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 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Parish center. Help one or two nights a month or come help at all the meetings. 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.

Children’s Faith Formation registration closes September 30th!
To sign up for class, visit our website www.stjosephparish.org
Questions? Please contact Dottie Farewell at cff@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.
Fall Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by our parish school’s Parent Association Board and St. Joseph Parish. Sunday, October 4th after the 9 am Mass in the Social Hall. All are invited for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, egg bake, and fruit. Coffee and juice provided. Cost is $5 per person; 4 and under are free. Pay in advance at www.stjosephparish.org or at the door. To RSVP contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org. To volunteer contact David Hein at davidh@okigolf.com.

The VOICE

The VOICE, St. Joseph’s High School Youth community, invites ALL 9th – 12th grade students to meeting on Wednesday, September 30th from 7:8:30 at the St. Joseph Parish Center. All high school age students are invited to come join for food, friends and games! Throughout the year, the Voice is open to all students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! The weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions to games to field trips. What remains the same is the emphasis on community. The Voice seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their spirituality, and hopes only to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow. Don’t believe me, just ask any of last year’s members! In addition, the Voice also provides community service and social justice opportunities – both through local volunteering and more global solidarity with the youth in our sister parish in Arcatao, El Salvador. Please contact Sam Kennedy at thevoice@stjosephparish.org, with any questions!

Pathfinders 2015

Calling all St. Joseph 6th, 7th and 8th Graders,

Are you looking for an adventure, a chance to help others, a community?
Join Pathfinders Middle School Youth Group!

We meet on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Our first meeting will be on October 7th.

For more information contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org or (206)324-2522 x111

Register at http://www.stjosephparish.org “Pathfinders”

Pray With Us

Please join us in prayer for the following children being baptized this weekend.

5 pm Mass
Luke Balagtas
Liam Henderson
Gabriel Konstantas

9 am Mass
Jack LaCamp
Rory McLaughlin
Patrick Pohlad
James Wachter
Dominic Weis Hart

11 am Mass
Mateo Ferre
Penn Greeley
John Holm
Kai Ichiki
Blake Linstroth
Stanford Wyatt

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Liturgical Ministries

“OPEN ENROLLMENT” for new Liturgical Ministers is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15th. If you are interested in serving as a lector, eucharistic minister or usher 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. You can always contact Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy Robert McCaffery-Lent as well at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, October 1st, 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!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

On Saturday October 3, at 8 pm, the new season of the St. Joseph Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series commences with a performance by our Choir-In-Residence, Choral Arts. The concert features a performance of David Lang’s the little match girl passion, a Pulitzer Prize winning oratorio based on one of the stories of Hans Christian Anderson. This season’s kick-off program also features the opening movement from Ildrebrando Pizzetti’s beautiful Messa di Requiem (1922-23) and Jake Runestad’s haunting And So I Go On (2014).

There is a pre-concert conversation at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation: $25 General Admission, $20 Seniors, and students with a student ID are always free! Tickets can be pre-purchased from the Choral Arts Website or purchased at the door.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For strength and healing for John during his cancer treatments. For Betty’s recovery from pneumonia. For Maggie’s spinal surgery to have gone well. For a friend’s eye problems. Being able to see family, friends and strangers as Jesus does. For Pope Francis safe travels and good health.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

~~Luke 6:31

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
Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

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

Friday, November 6th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Young Adult Ministry

Young adults ages 21 – 35, are you looking for a way to grow your faith and deepen your connection to the St. Joseph community? Look no further! St. Joseph Young Adult (YA) ministry is hosting a GoodNewsPeople group that will meet weekly starting on Monday Oct 19th. GoodNewsPeople is a faith formation program built around the small-group process of prayer, reflection, and action. The group will meet in Wallingford from 7:30-9:30 pm on Monday nights for 14 sessions (7 sessions, break over the holidays, 7 sessions). Each session includes prayer, lectio divina, dialogue, and sharing Good News Stories. The cost for participants is $25 for the 14-week program booklet/materials. Please email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org with questions and/or to sign up. Please sign up by Sunday Oct 5th so we can order the right number of books!

Funeral Hospitality

Dealing with all the details of planning the funeral of a loved one can be difficult. The Funeral Hospitality ministry team exists to help lighten that burden. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our women's group of various ages and stages of life can provide assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services.

Get Involved

We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance and we very much welcome new volunteers to work with us in this fulfilling ministry. School moms can satisfy some of their required "service hours" by helping us.

For information please don't hesitate to contact Mary Ott at funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org or call 206-324-7459.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is just about to celebrate its second anniversary. In those 24 or so months, our ministry has crocheted or knitted 69 shawls or blankets in a beautiful variety of colors and styles. That means that 69 lives have been touched with the healing and comforting power of a blessed Prayer Shawl made with loving intentions and prayers. The shawls and blankets have been given to parish members, many attending Healing Masses at St. Joseph, friends and relatives of parish members, as well as patients at Northwest Hospital.

Our ministry typically meets the first Thursday of each month in the Parish Center from 7-8:30 pm. The next meeting is October 1st. We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. There are several members who are unable to attend our Thursday night gatherings and so knit or crochet at home. We welcome all levels of experience, even people who would like to learn to knit or crochet as we have members who would be happy to teach and mentor at the gatherings.

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl or blanket, please request one in person or via a phone call to the Parish Center at 206-324-2522.

If you have any questions, would like to join our ministry, or need help getting started knitting or crocheting, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at either jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com or 206-310-1098.

May God’s grace be upon this shawl...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed be!”

~A prayer we often share at our gatherings
Faith Justice

During the month of September, we are highlighting a different Outreach Ministry each week that focuses on providing temporary shelter or permanent housing. This weekend we focus on Jubilee Women’s Center…

I have supported Jubilee for many years and been on the Board for the past four years. When I see women get the safe housing, care management, training and referrals they need to go back and live independently in the community, it is wonderful. When I know of specific women who have been able to get full time jobs with Merrill Gardens, the Tom Douglas restaurant chain, and as a Physician’s Assistant because of the counseling, training and support they have gotten at Jubilee, it inspires me. I admire their courage and determination to fight the odds and get back on their feet, and I am inspired to continue to increase my support for Jubilee.”

- Mary Beth Gemperle

Looking for a gratifying volunteer opportunity?
Lend a hand at Jubilee Women’s Center—a block from St. Joseph Parish!

Jubilee Women’s Center supports women experiencing poverty to build stable and fulfilling futures. Led by the guiding principle that all women are to be treated with respect and dignity, Jubilee’s programs and services help formerly homeless women with affordable housing, education and support services so they can heal, grow and move from crisis to independence.

Volunteers are a highly valued part of the Jubilee community of support, making a significant impact on the lives of the 42 Jubilee residents and more than 1300 other low-income women in the Seattle area who rely on Jubilee for free clothing, computer access, classes and referrals.

It’s easy to volunteer for a single project or an ongoing role, as an individual or in a group:

• Plan and prepare a meal for residents
• Staff the reception desk
• Help with a fundraising event
• Share your photography skills
• Donate women’s clothing for the free boutique
• Sort clothing and assist in the boutique
• Tend the garden or mow the lawn
• Teach a class for residents

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Jubilee Women’s Center check out http://www.jwcenter.org/get-involved/volunteer/, email volunteer@jwcenter.org, call 206-957-5512, or visit 620 18th Ave. E, Mon & Fri 9-5 or Tues/Wed/Thurs 9-6.
FAITH JUSTICE

Shirts Across America & St. Joseph Youth are Building up New Orleans!
Information Night - Monday, Oct. 5
Seattle Preparatory Theatre

The tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina took place in August 2015. There are still thousands of families trying to move home. Shirts Across America (SAA) decided to step up, but we need your help. Come Be 4 NOLA!

Shirts Across America is a nonprofit organization led by high school students committed to building homes in New Orleans. SAA was created by students from Seattle area Catholic high schools. Since 2008, the organization has sent over 1,750 volunteers to the Gulf Coast—including hundreds of St. Joseph parish students and parents—and has helped build over 130 homes. SAA has also fully funded the building of 15 homes over the last seven years.

If you or your high school aged student are interested in going on the 2016 Spring Break Trip, we invite you to attend the Spring Break Kick Off Event. This information event will take place at Seattle Prep’s Theater on Monday, October 5th, at 7 pm. This is a mandatory meeting for all students and their parents/guardians interested in going on the trip to New Orleans in March 2016. Parents and students will receive a snapshot of past trips, hear directly from a New Orleans native committed to building up his community, and learn about the application process for the trip. If you have questions, please contact Shirts Across America at (206) 212-1055 or email NewOrleans@ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org More information available at www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org

Prepares
(Pregnancy and Parenting Support)
Volunteer Orientation - Monday, October 12th - St. Joseph Social Hall - 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Prepares is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington, providing parish based services to pregnant women, fathers and families with children under the age of 5. We will walk with them in their journey and will support them with a wide range of supportive services; ranging from basic needs like diapers, formula, and clothing to assistance with transportation, organizing play groups and classes, mentoring and making referrals to community services. We hope you will be able to join us at our Prepares orientation on October 12th. At that time participants will receive additional information about the Prepares initiative; the “what”, the “why” and the “how.” We hope to be able to give you information about Prepares so that you will be able share with other interested volunteers in your parish community. Prepares is grateful to St. Joseph Parish for hosting this training. A light snack will be provided. To register please contact prepares@ccsww.org or call (206) 737-9264. We are grateful to you for your dedication to create a nurturing response of the Catholic community in Washington State to support families. Many thanks for choosing to walk the journey with families in need.

Jesuit Refugee Services
We Must Act: European Refugee Crisis

The impact of the Syrian refugee crisis in Europe has jolted citizens in Australia and the United States into realizing they can respond more urgently and generously to the humanitarian disaster caused by the Syrian conflict.

Jesuit Refugee Service 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.

In the United States, JRS is urging concerned citizens to call on 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. Urge the U.S. to act quickly to:

- Re-double efforts to address the root causes of the conflict through robust political and diplomatic efforts across the region
- Increase current levels of humanitarian aid
- Increase U.S. refugee admission numbers

Thank you for your support. For more information visit www.jrsusa.org
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

“CHRISTMAS IS EVERYDAY”
LIVING OUR FAITH AS GIFT AND PRESENCE

October 23-25, 2015
Friday evening through Sunday morning: Beautiful Camp Casey on Whidbey Island

RETREAT ANIMATORS: Dick Ellis, Jim Hoover, Gary Keister, Stuart Rowe, Chris Eagan, Fr. Pat O’Leary

Retreat begins Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and ends 11am on Sunday
Cost: $125.00 per person (includes two nights lodging & four meals - double occupancy)
Partial scholarships available.
Cost does not include transportation. We will help organize carpooling.
Accommodations are simple and rustic! All rooms sleep two.

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Join us for a weekend away on the shores of Puget Sound, where we hope to provide time to relax, feel rejuvenated and inspired, get connected with ourselves and other men from our parish as well as eat, pray and play!

To register fill out form and e-mail/drop it off/mail. We need a minimum of 25 guys to go and a maximum of 35 participants. Sign-up on first come, first pay basis. Questions? Call Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

NAME __________________________________________ PHONE ___________________ EMAIL _______________________

WILL YOU DRIVE? YES___ NO______ Do you need a ride? YES___ NO______
Finding the Gospel of Mercy
Reading St. Luke in the Year of Mercy

1 October 2015
Hospitality In Luke’s Gospel

8 October 2015
The Reign of God Given to the Poor

22 October 2015
Christ Jesus as the Model of Mercy

On three Thursday nights in October, Fr. John will open up the Gospel of Luke, the central text of the coming Year of Mercy’s cycle of readings. Come to the St. Joseph Parish Center, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, for one or all of the series. Please bring a Bible.