



Sunday, 29 November 2015 \* First Sunday of Advent \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



*The days are coming,  
says the Lord, when I  
will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of  
Israel and Judah.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015  
Reflection Next Week:  
Ann Patnaude

### Readings for December 6, 2015

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9  
SECOND READING: 1 PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11  
GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

### 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

### Parish Center

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**Monday- Friday** - 8 am - 4:30 pm

**Saturday** - 9 am-1 pm

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## St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 pm, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary Mass

Saturday, December 12

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Seek Mercy: Parish Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 20

No 5:30 pm Mass for Church cleaning & preparation

### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Thursday December 24

4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening

10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Friday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

### New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31

8:00 pm, Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
ending at Midnight

### New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

10:00 am Mass, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For caregivers who step up to the plate with their love and compassion . . . For Mary and Toby who are taking positive steps in their health challenges . . . For strength and peace for family and friends who are having medical procedures . . . For Sue who is considering major surgery . . . Pray for Pope Francis – his health, his spiritual direction and his intentions.

*“ . . . Be vigilant at all times  
And pray that you have the strength  
To escape the tribulations that are imminent  
And to stand before the Son of Man.”*

*~Luke 21:34-36*

# Mercy and Thanksgiving

*God's love for the world. Vast  
flood of mercy  
flung on resistance.*

**-Denise Levertov-**

*If the only prayer we ever say in our lives  
is 'Thank you,' that would be enough.*

**-Meister Eckhart-**

I am a sucker for nativity sets. They clutter my office with images of the infant, Jesus, and his parents, Mary and Joseph, along with an assortment of shepherds and oxen, kings and donkeys. Last weekend, at the Alternative Bazaar, I added two more to my collection, unable to resist the lovely carvings from Indonesia and the small stage of a box from Peru. These now join the ones from Nigeria and Salvador, from Palestine and Guatemala, from France and Mexico for which I am trying to find a place. Each of them has their own image of the Holy Family, their own sense of that moment when everything in human history changed in the darkness of a grotto, where animals were sheltered and where no one of any importance ever went. So, it doesn't matter if Mary is Indonesian or Palestinian, African or Incan; it doesn't matter if Joseph looks like a Massai warrior or a German peasant. What matters is that, in a single moment of human history, the great darkness and cold of the world was overcome by a baby's cry, and mercy and thanksgiving came to us in the midst of our poverty and our pain.

Mercy and thanksgiving—these are the two foundational elements of our faith. Mercy, which Pope Francis calls “*the name of our God*,” is that mysterious kind of love which seeks always to redeem, to renew, to overshadow (as Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit) but never to overwhelm. Unlike mere forgiveness, which lets another loose from our need for retribution, mercy goes further, reaching out to the other and seeking relationship, seeking a communion of love, built on the stones of failure. Mercy is God's very being: it is the Holy One looking to walk with Adam in the Garden, even as Adam hides in the bushes, unable to receive the presence he is offered. It is the Son, offering his body and his blood, even to Peter who will deny him and Judas who will betray him, offering it even in the shadow of his cross. Mercy, which God never tires of offering us, is love beyond justice, beyond reason, beyond all that the world sees as necessary and sufficient. It is a pure gift, given so that we might be one, as Father and Son are one.

And in the presence of such a gift, the only true response is thanksgiving: a response not of guilt or of debt, but of wonder and grace. Thanksgiving, in the Christian sense, is

joy itself, the blessed awareness that, as St. Paul says, “*Everything is for you*.” To live our life in thanksgiving is to live in the grace of God, to be aware that we are beloved—not because we have merited it, nor because we have some particular gift of birth or grace of office. We are loved because we are loved. And all we can do in response is to love, as well: to love in the body of the world, amid our family and our neighbors; to love with the same reckless generosity and joyful mercy that has been given to us. For just as mercy is the heart of God, so thanksgiving is the source of mission, the heart of the acting Church.

This, I think, is what attracts me to nativity sets, and more fundamentally, to the Nativity, itself. For the story of Christ's birth is the great Christian icon of mercy and thanksgiving—an icon second only to the cross itself. In darkness and obscurity, when powers great and powers petty drive them into the cold, Mary and Joseph huddle together in love: two refugees forgotten by the world, viewed only as an unwanted burden on the empire. Yet, in the darkness of ingratitude and pitiless justice, they live, filled with thanks, for the small shelter of the stable and the unfathomable gift of a child born amid their wretchedness, laid to rest in the feeding place for cattle. Here is the mercy of God made flesh—in the darkest part of the most unimportant place, amid the weakest of the disposable people.

As Advent begins—our journey to that stable—the world about us can seem dark and laden with doom: in Paris an explosive vest is found in the search for ISIS, while in Syria aerial bombing continues to kill the innocent and guilty alike; on the borders of Turkey, a Russian fighter plane is shot down, and in Minneapolis, so too are five Black Lives Matter protestors; across the country, demagogic politicians call for the closing of borders to refugees and encourage the warfare by which these refugees are formed. Yet, for all that, the mercy of God is not spent, but overcomes the darkness whenever our lives give thanks, whenever we live in the mercy we have received. We see the darkness pushed back when Pope Francis—filled with thanks and joy—defies the cult of fear and goes to Kenya and to Uganda, goes even to the war-zone of the Central African Republic, to proclaim the mercy of God. We see it pushed back when we refuse to be terrorized, refuse to abandon the refugees and the migrants, when we open our arms to our Syrian daughters and sons, to our African brothers and sisters; when we give thanks for the black lives among us, and seek mercy for our divisions and our fears.

Let us begin our journey to the light, filled with thanksgiving for the mercy we have received, trusting in the mercy yet to come.



# ORDER OF CELEBRATION

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*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.*

### Introit (9)

#### Advent Introit

Proulx

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand. Prepare."*

### Prelude (5:30)

#### A Song of Hope

Foley

*"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans of fullness, not of harm.  
To give you a future and a hope." --Based on Jeremiah 32*


### Call To Worship

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

### Entrance Songs


#### Advent Entrance Antiphon (5, 9 & 11)


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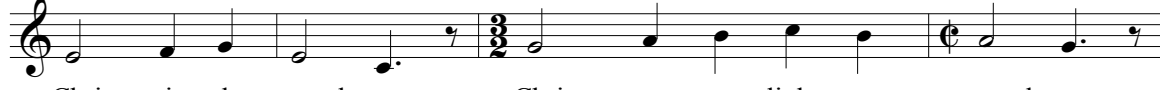
  
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. In you, my God, I place my trust


  
Let not my e - ne-mies ex - ult. Nor wait-ing hearts be put to shame.

#### Christ Circle Around Us (5:30)

  
1. Come, O Ra - dant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.  
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.  
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on high.  
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav-en's throne.

  
Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.  
Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see.  
Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.  
Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home.

  
Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.

  
Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks-giv - ing.

### Blessing The Advent Wreath





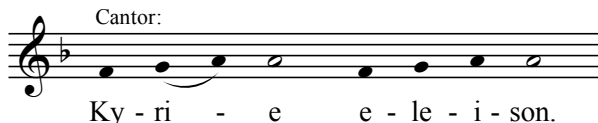


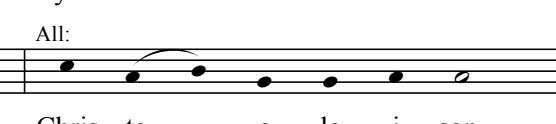


## Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*Strike breast during next line.*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## Kryie

<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>
<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>
<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>

## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.  
In those days, in that time,  
I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
"The LORD our justice."



## Responsorial Psalm

25 To You, O Lord

Haugen



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2

Brothers and sisters:  
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.  
Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus  
that,  
as you received from us  
how you should conduct yourselves to please God  
and as you are conducting yourselves  
you do so even more.  
For you know what instructions we gave you  
through the Lord Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamations

*Alleluia (5:11 & 5:30)*

Murray



*Advent Alleluia (9)*

Michael Joncas



## Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

## Reflection

Dave Spicer

## Offertory Songs

*Choral Anthem: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (9)* JEFFERSON

*Cantor Solo: A Song of Hope (5 & 11)*

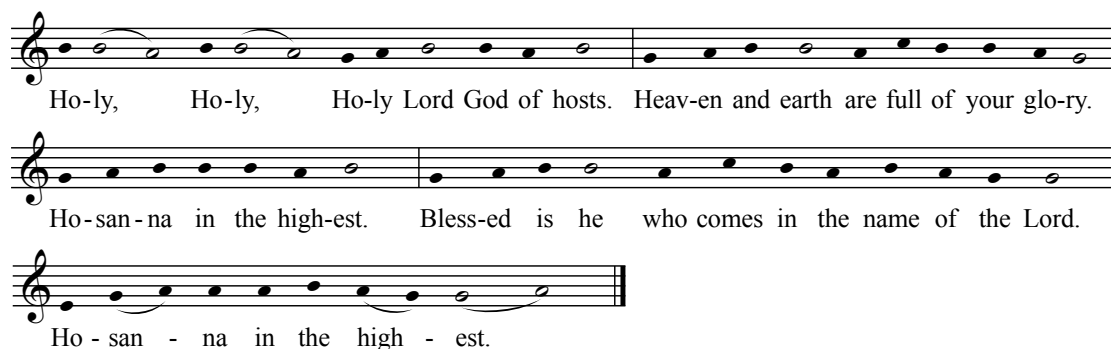
Foley

*"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans of fullness, not of harm.  
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*Instrumental (5:30)*

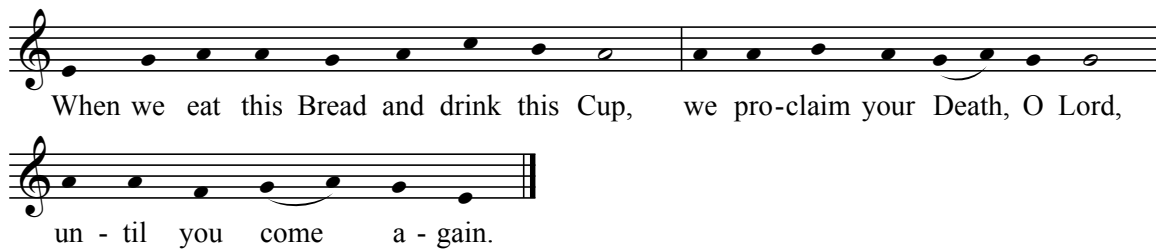
## Holy, Holy, Holy

Plainchant



## Mystery of Faith

Plainchant



## Great Amen



Plainchant

## Lamb of God

*Vatican Edition XVII*

Plainchant



### All Are Invited To Come Forward

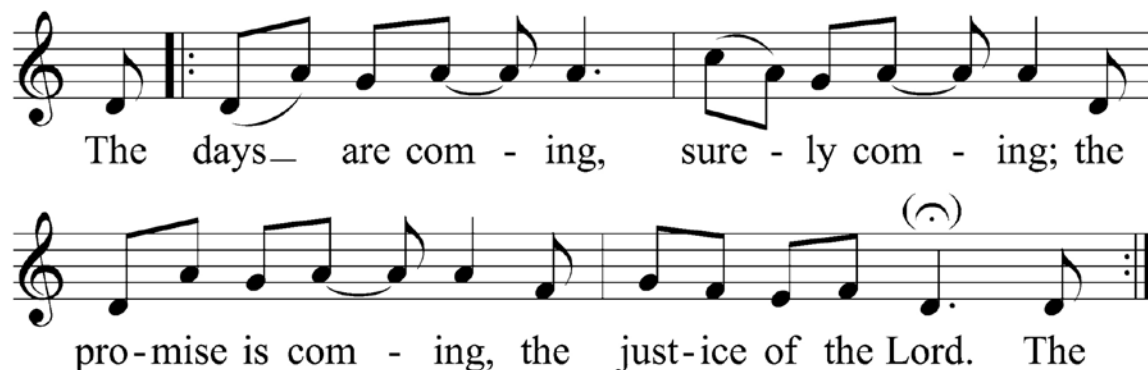
*During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.*

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

## Communion Songs

*The Days are Coming (9)*

*Psallite*



## Jesus Hope of the World

Tate

Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our dark-ness,  
here we a - wait you, O Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re-ceive you in  
bread and in wine: Je-sus, hope of the world.

## Song of Praise

## The King Shall Come (5, 9 & 11)

MORNING SONG

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks. When  
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To suf - fer and to die, But  
3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past; O  
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By wea - ry saints fore - told, When  
5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings. Hail,  
beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
haste the ris - ing of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
right shall tri - umph o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
Christ, the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

## Postlude

## Instrumental

## Recessional

## Wait for the Lord (5:30)

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!







# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

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## Sunday

9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available  
 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!  
 11:00 AM Mass  
 5:30 PM Mass

## Monday

7:00 AM Mass  
 7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer  
 7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer  
 7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup  
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

## Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass  
 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry



## Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass  
 7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer  
 6:00 PM Pathfinders  
 7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

## Thursday

7:00 AM Mass  
 7:00 PM Holy Hour

## Friday

7:00 AM Mass  
 8:00 PM Seattle University Concert

## Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation  
 5:00 PM Vigil Mass  
 8:00 PM Seattle University Concert

# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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## Dave Spicer Bio

In his professional life, Dave has had two careers: one as a lawyer for the past 35 years, and the other working in the nonprofit sector. In the nonprofit world, Dave has worked on issues of economic development, education, health care and land ownership all through Central America, has developed water projects in Africa, Asia and Central America, and has engaged in many local issues including homelessness, microcredit, gun control, the environment and veterans' needs. Dave currently is the Philanthropy Manager at Horizon House and has been married to Marti for 37 years. Dave went through RCIA, participated in the Spiritual Exercises of Everyday Life, is active in the St. Joseph Men's Group and has been a member of a prayer group since 1994. He and Marti have two children: Chris (38 in Boston) and Casey (28 in LA). Dave also loves to play Ultimate Frisbee with the younger generation. Marti and Dave have been parishioners since 1982 and love the St. Joseph Community.

## Immaculate Conception Mass

On Tuesday, December 8 the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. There will be two parish masses on this Holy Day:  
 7 am in the Arrupe Room and 7 pm in the church.  
 Please join us!

## Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, November 5th, 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!

## Sacred Silence



The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on **Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church** for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at [sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org) or 206-286-0313.

# FAITH JUSTICE



Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY MONDAY DECEMBER 14th

1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
3. Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph's Giving Tree or the Parish Center. The last day of our collection is Monday, December 14th.
5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) or 965-1646.

## Ornaments Color Codes

<b>Gold</b>	Westside Baby
<b>Red</b>	Francis House
<b>Blue</b>	St. Martin de Porres
<b>Purple</b>	Jubilee Women's Center
<b>Yellow</b>	Chief Seattle Club
<b>Brown</b>	Winter Shelter
<b>Light Green</b>	L'Arche
<b>Orange</b>	Recovery Café
<b>Light Blue</b>	Noel House
<b>Black</b>	Peace on the Streets for Kids on the Streets
<b>Dark Green</b>	Pregnancy Support
<b>White</b>	St. Vincent de Paul

## Sister Parish Meeting

On Sunday, December 6th, from 6:45-8:00 pm in the Parish Center, please join us for the quarterly meeting of our Sister Parish committee who act as the liaison in our relationship with San Bartolome in Arcatao, El Salvador. We will be making plans to bring up three delegates from our Sister Parish sometime in Spring of 2016. For more information contact Daniel Stoner at [danielppd@gmail.com](mailto:danielppd@gmail.com) or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection Next Weekend

A reminder for next weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Collection after every Mass. Your cash and green envelope donations over the past liturgical year allowed our small group of volunteers to visit over 400 poor households located in our parish. Last year the assistance was primarily for:

Shelter: Over \$34,000 in rent assistance was pledged in many cases to prevent eviction.

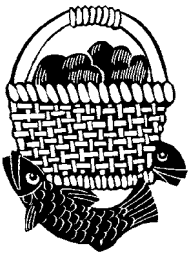
Utilities: Over \$13,000 Pledges to Seattle City Light to prevent electrical shut-offs.

Food: \$7,800 in Safeway and Grocery Outlet gift cards when food stamps have been reduced.

Transportation: \$1,975 in Orca bus transportation cards help the unemployed search for work or get to downtown social services agencies.

Clothing & Furniture: \$7,800 clothing vouchers to thrift stores for families and job seekers.





# STEWARDSHIP

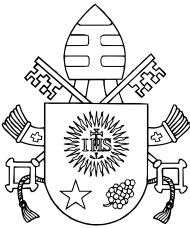
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## Stewardship Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 511 pledges totaling \$877,845 toward our goal of \$1,500,000.** We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

If you haven't yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work. To speak, or write an affirmation is to make your membership intentional and not merely pro forma. In a community of prayer and spirit, such an affirmation, we hope, will also encourage reflection and break the, perhaps, merely habitual ties. So, that is why we ask for annual affirmation.

Many thanks... Nowell Ancheta & Karen Bagcal, William & Nancy Basl, Joshua Bess & Krista Hodne, Fraser & Deirdre Black, Jim & Patti Brennan, Rebecca Buettner, Dale Cameron, Sr. Ilene Clark, SNJM, Mike & Ann-Li Cooke, John & Valerie Courtney, Claire Craft, Celeste Dargent, Travis & Rebecca Douville, Helena Eng, Todd Fernandez & Margaret Gannon, James Flanagan & Elizabeth Ferron, Rebecca Frisino, Patricia Geraghty, Joshua Gleisberg & Emily Adams, Karen Harmes, Colin Hennessey & Lin Holley, Matthew Kearney, Thomas & Pamela Key, Colleen Kreyling, Leo Lyons, Christopher Mayer, Paul & Lianne Nelson, Knut Nordness & Patricia Shanahan, Michael & Cynthia O'Brien, Jorge & Maria Ochoa, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Pepper, Sr. Rosemary Perisich, SNJM, Martine Pierre-Louis, Shane Rai, Sterling & Celeste Garcia Ramberg, Brock & Sandra Reed, Dr. James Rogers & Dr. Pamela Kulin, David & Manya Ross, Tim & Nicole Rotherock, Mark Scheer & Amy Tangeman, Andrea Schmidt, Julie Shultz, Ron & Erin Smith, Sandip & Carrie Soli, Dan & Terri Stewart, Andrew & Catherine Taylor, Bill Tokheim & Trish McGonigle, Ehren & Chih Hsuan Wainwright, Lawrence Ward & Julissa Robles, Elizabeth Wing



*Selection from Pope Francis General Audience  
18 November 2015*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

With this reflection we arrive at the threshold of the Jubilee, it's close. The door is before us, not just the Holy Door, but another: the great door of the Mercy of God — and that is a beautiful door! — which embraces our penance, offering the grace of his forgiveness. The door is generously open, it takes a little courage on our part to cross the threshold. Each of us has burdensome things within ourselves. We are all sinners! Let us take advantage of this coming moment and cross the threshold of this mercy of God who never tires of forgiving, never tires of waiting for us! He watches us, he is always beside us. Take heart! Let us enter through this door!

From the Synod of Bishops, which we celebrated in the month of October, all families and the entire Church received great encouragement to meet at the threshold of this open door. The Church was encouraged to open her doors, to go out with the Lord to meet her sons and daughters on the path, at times uncertain, at times dismayed, in these difficult times. Christian families in particular were encouraged to open the door to the Lord who is waiting to enter, bringing his blessing and his friendship. And as the door

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of God's mercy is always open, so too must the doors of our churches, our communities, our parishes, our institutions, our dioceses, be open, because this is how we can all go out to bring this mercy of God. The Jubilee signifies the great door of the mercy of God but also the small doors of our churches, open to allow the entrance of the Lord — or often the exit of the Lord — who is a prisoner of our structures, of our selfishness and of so many things.

The Lord never forces the door open; he too asks permission to enter. The Book of Revelation says: "I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (3:20). Let us imagine the Lord knocking at the door of our heart! In the last great vision of the Book of Revelation, the City of God is prophesied like this: "its gates shall never be shut by day", which means for ever, because "there shall be no night there" (21:25). There are places in the world in which doors are not locked, there still are. But there are so many where armoured doors have become the norm. We must not give in to the idea that we must apply this system to our whole life, to the life of the family, of this city, of society, much less to the life of the Church. That would be terrible! An inhospitable Church, like a family closed off within itself, mortifies the Gospel and withers the world. No armoured doors in the Church, none! Completely open!

# PARISH LIFE

## Seniors On The Go

**Friday, December 4th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am (including blessing & distribution of prayer shawls) followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

**Tuesday, December 8th** - 11:30 am Seniors Brown Bag Lunch Planning meeting; 1:00 pm Movie Matinee (A CHRISTMAS STORY). Bring snacks to share!

**Thursday, December 10th** - Trip to Mobok's, Flowerworld and Maltby Café; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. To reserve space on bus, call Renee at 324-2522.

**Wednesday, December 16th** - Christmas Party Potluck Dinner, 5:00-8:00 pm in the Social Hall. Please bring an unwrapped toy for St. Francis House and a gift for under \$5.00 to exchange. Questions? Call Dolores Dorn at 206-322-2259.

**Friday, January 8th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center. *(Please note date change).*

## Funeral Hospitality

We need help with our funeral hospitality ministry. This important ministry offers support to families coping with the many details of funeral planning. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our hospitality team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services.

This is a great opportunity for school moms to earn "service hours" and a pleasant way for newcomers to become acquainted. Please contact Mary Ott with any questions or to sign up at ottjm4@gmail.com or 206-324-7459.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry has made many beautiful shawls and blankets that have been given to parish members, as well as their friends and relatives.

Our ministry typically meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center from 7-8:30 pm. **The next meeting is December 1st.** We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. 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 have questions, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com or 206-310-1098.



## Advent Yoga

This Advent consciously create space and stillness to allow something new to be born within. Join us for three weeks of yoga in which we will practice vigorously so that we can rest the bones and still the racing heart.

The yoga series begins Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm in the Social Hall and continues on December 9th and 16th. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat and water. The class will last for approximately 75 minutes. No previous yoga experience is necessary but this will be a moderately vigorous physical, as well as spiritual, practice. Linda Chavez, who has been a Director of Faith Formation for over 20 years and a certified yoga teacher for the last six will lead the series. The cost for the series is \$20 and is limited to the first 20 folks to register. To sign up contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or steview@stjosephparish.org

## Young Adult Ministry

**Ugly Holiday Sweater Social**--On December 6th following 5:30 Mass we'll meet for festive fellowship in the Parish Center. Wear your finest, "ugliest" Holiday sweater to kick the season off right! Bring \$5 or a can of food to get your picture taken with Santa!

**Young Adult Planning Meeting**-- On Wednesday, December 9th, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Bring your ideas and energy as we map out plans for Jan-March 2016. Already on the table is a Young Adult Retreat and Small Groups to tie in into the Year of Mercy. Questions.. Contact Deacon Steve at steview@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

**LGBT  
Ministry  
Christmas  
Party, Sunday,  
Dec 20  
at 6 pm,  
Parish Center**





# FAITH FORMATION

## Adult Faith Formation

There are a ton of programs for adults interested in learning more about our shared faith. There is literally "something for everyone"! Please feel free to join in. All are welcome!

**Online Bible Study:** On November 5 we began an on-line Bible study that will focus on the upcoming Sunday Readings – in this case, the Readings for November 29. Please visit <http://www.stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com>, the code to get in is **Arrupe**. Linda Chavez and Vince Herberholt will be the moderators. After the initial startup the moderators will begin the week with a blog post to introduce the upcoming readings. If you have questions, please contact Linda Chavez at [linda@rchavez.net](mailto:linda@rchavez.net) or Vince Herberholt at [vherberholt3@comcast.net](mailto:vherberholt3@comcast.net).

Our online Bible study has started strong!

Please join us.

Email [linda@rchavez.net](mailto:linda@rchavez.net) or [vherberholt3@comcast.net](mailto:vherberholt3@comcast.net) for instructions on how to join in.

## CFF1 Teacher Needed!

Due to such a fantastic turn out for our CFF 1 class this year, we are in need of an additional Sunday School teacher. This is the first year of the two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Eucharist and meets in the Social Hall classrooms from 10:10 am-11 am Sunday mornings. The teacher will work with Archdiocesan approved textbooks and provided curriculum. Please contact Dottie Farewell at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) to find out more.

## High School CYO Basketball

St. Joseph has the option to field teams in Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior Boys leagues as well as a high school girl's league. Registration is dependent on interest. All high school students are eligible to participate as long as they do not play on a high school basketball team of any kind.

High School CYO Info Link

<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/athletics/sports/basketballhs.aspx>

High School Game Schedule Link

<http://www.teamsideline.com/Org/Home.aspx?d=Qb1dzCcHdV8tPOvt5gU15Q%3d%3d>

High School Registration

<https://isis.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106297>

Deadline: December 7th      Fee: \$75

If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director, Robby Hayes at [rhayes@stjosephsea.org](mailto:rhayes@stjosephsea.org)

## Family Mass & Breakfast

Sunday, December 13th, after the 9:00 am Mass  
Parish Pancake Breakfast  
Crafts for the Kids

Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit; \$5 per person, kids 4 & under eat free.

There will be no CFF 1 through Junior High classes that day; this is a CFF1 & 2 Event





*One week after Pope Francis opens St. Peter's doors for the Jubilee Year of Mercy,  
you are invited to open the doors of your heart at an*

# ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

*God has  
cast down  
the mighty  
from their  
thrones,  
and has  
lifted up  
the lowly...*

*God has come  
to the help  
of his servant  
Israel, and has  
remembered...*

## "THE PROMISE OF MERCY"

(Luke 1:52-54, the Magnificat)

TUESDAY, DEC 15  
7:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
732-18th Ave E, Seattle 98112

## What will this **Year of Mercy** mean for you?

Give yourself time to breathe in the midst of a hectic time of year. Enter into the spaciousness of this contemplative Advent evening of prayer, music, art, storytelling, silent reflection and ritual. Be inspired by humble and uplifting stories of mercy from the L'Arche and the Recovery Café communities.

Free will offering. Seating first come, first served. RSVP/Info: [andrea@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:andrea@ignatiancenter.org) or (206) 329-4824.



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## **JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATHS!**

**Advent Wreath Making Sunday,  
November 29th during coffee hour in the Social Hall.**

**We invite families to come and make their advent wreath together on the stage. Our Children's Faith Formation program will provide foam wreaths, candles, candle holder, ribbons and greenery. Families and parishioners may make a free will offering to offset cost of supplies.**



**For questions, please contact  
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