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*"See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the Lord shines,
and over you appears his glory!"*

The Feast of the Epiphany



Epiphany

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2016

Homily Next Week:

Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for January 10, 2016

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4,6-7

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16,21-22

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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In the daily exercise of our pastoral office, we sometimes have to listen, much to our regret, to voices of persons who, though burning with zeal, are not endowed with too much sense of discretion or measure. In modern times they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin. They say that our era, in comparison with past eras, is getting worse and they behave as though they had learned nothing from history.

We feel we must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand.

-Pope John XXIII, in his opening address of Vatican II-

One of the great joys of my ministerial life is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation: being offered the opportunity to tell a person that he is loved by God in a quite absolute way, that she is absolved of her sins because she is beloved of Christ Jesus. To be able to do this on behalf of the Church—not because of my power but through God's grace—can be truly overwhelming.

Yet, beyond the grace of reconciliation that is offered to an individual, Confession can also provide insight into the movement of what St. Ignatius calls "*the enemy of our human nature*" within a community; it can help reveal patterns of sin that are moving through the Church, causing hurt and pain in various forms. It can help us see the effect of external events on the lives of individuals, and how our sense of those events can corrupt our spirit. Thus, in recent months, as the media has been filled with gruesome images of racism and violence at home and war and terror around the world, I have grown aware of a deepening sense of despair among many people, a sense that perhaps God does not really care about me, about us—either as individuals or as a people. Though we may blame ourselves (which adds guilt and shame to our despair), we sense that God is not involved in our lives, or that we have disappointed God in some way. As television and social media overflow with tales of blood and fear, manufactured outrage and real despair, many of us, even the most faithful and religious, feel alone and unlovable in some deep part of ourselves—and this loneliness comes forward in resentment or jealousy, in anger or lust, in self-righteousness or in various forms of self-hatred. Even if, intellectually, we may profess the personal love of God, being surrounded by so many dark images and hateful words can seep into our souls, planting darkness and anxiety in our hearts, and leading us to believe that the world is failing, and that we are alone.

This sense that the world is going to hell in a hand basket is nothing new—it can be traced back at least as far as the writings of Plato; however, in the years since World War II, the natural human tendency to think that things are not as good as they used to be has been complicated by a level of anxiety that has become nearly epidemic in our country. Inculcated to anxiety by the sword of nuclear annihilation that hung over us during the Cold War, we have had that anxiety heightened by a 24-hour news cycle that makes

us feel drowned in disaster, and by social media that makes those with whom we have less personal contact seem more real than those we see every day. Gorged on sensation and doom, we have come to be like soldiers waiting for the next attack: full of boredom and yet ever on edge; prone to rage and yet fiercely loyal to those we consider on our side; arming ourselves with weapons for enemies we imagine are just about to strike and yet feeling, simultaneously, impotent and victimized in the face of world events. Whether following Donald Trump or Bernie Sanders, the NRA or Black Lives Matter, we stake out our ground and hold it—convinced that the leftists or the reactionaries, the gun-nuts or the socialists, the terrorists or the corporatists are just about to destroy everything we hold dear and drag us down to one of the many dystopian futures portrayed in popular media (e.g., *The Maze Runner*, *Hunger Games*, *Mad Max*, etc., etc.).

For many years, the Church shared in this dark cloud of stress and censure. In the wake of revelations of widespread abuse and of systemic blindness or even complicity in cover-ups, the leadership of the American Church, rather than pursuing a model of humility and repentance—what would become the “*field hospital*” of Pope Francis—often chose, instead, a “*bunker mentality*,” in which the protection of the organization became paramount. Even today, zealous in their anxiety and trapped in the sin of despair that so marks our culture, many in the Church still believe that the openness and mercy of Francis is foolish and destructive. Instead, like a self-hating penitent, they seek a purification of the Church—a purging of all that is part of the modern world and a return to a supposedly more faithful and devout age.

Yet, in the midst of our loneliness and fear, in the midst of threats of violence and calls to arm ourselves, in the midst of all the darkness and despair assaulting us from every screen and image, it comes—quietly, powerfully, inexorably, it comes: “*the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*”

This week the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany—that is, “*the shining forth*”—of Christ into the world. In this feast, we recall the light of that star, which shone in the darkness, and which led three wise men—three individuals who knew nothing of the Covenant of Abraham or the Law of Moses, but knew how to pay attention—into the presence of the Son of God. We recall their coming, and recall, as well, all those who did not come; those who, like Herod, were too caught up in their power or their politics, in their maneuvering or their problems, to notice the star that shone above their head or to visit the child who would liberate their lives. But even for those who did not come, the manifestation of God came, and its light comes still, even in the cold

and dark of our world, even when our hearts seem close to despair. For the Epiphany is not a single event, but the beginning of a blaze that shines even now: it shines in the humility of Francis, sitting in a homeless shelter or welcoming a transgendered man to the Vatican for lunch; it shines in the people of a Charleston church, forgiving the man who murdered members of their family; it shines at St. Joseph, when people embrace a father whose wife has died too soon, and when we teach our children to put something they like into the basket for Francis House. The light shines, and the darkness has not overcome it, because we are loved—and able to love—in the image and likeness of God.

John



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Discernment for Patricia as she is considering buying her first house . . . For Rachel who was in a car accident, may her recovery go well . . . For John 's decision about changing jobs . . . Prayers for Pope Francis . . . Being thankful for all the blessings given and received.

“... Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

Rest in Peace/Funerals

Mother of Darcy Marlow, January 6th @ 11am

Mr. Stamper, January 7th @ 11am

Sr. Ann Cornelia Sullivan, S.N.J.M., January 8th @ 3pm

Jay Quinn, January 16th @ 1pm

Jim Howe, January 20th @ 11am

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

EPIPHANY

This worship aid is for all Masses. All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude from 5:00-5:30pm on Sunday.

Preludes

Instrumental

Epiphany Introit (9)

"We have seen his star in the east and we have come to adore the Lord."

Entrance Song

We Three Kings

Hopkins

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
gifts, we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,
owns a De - i - ty night; Prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward
lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard (5,9 &11)

Laginya

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,
glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Gloria III (5:30)

Taize

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

First Reading

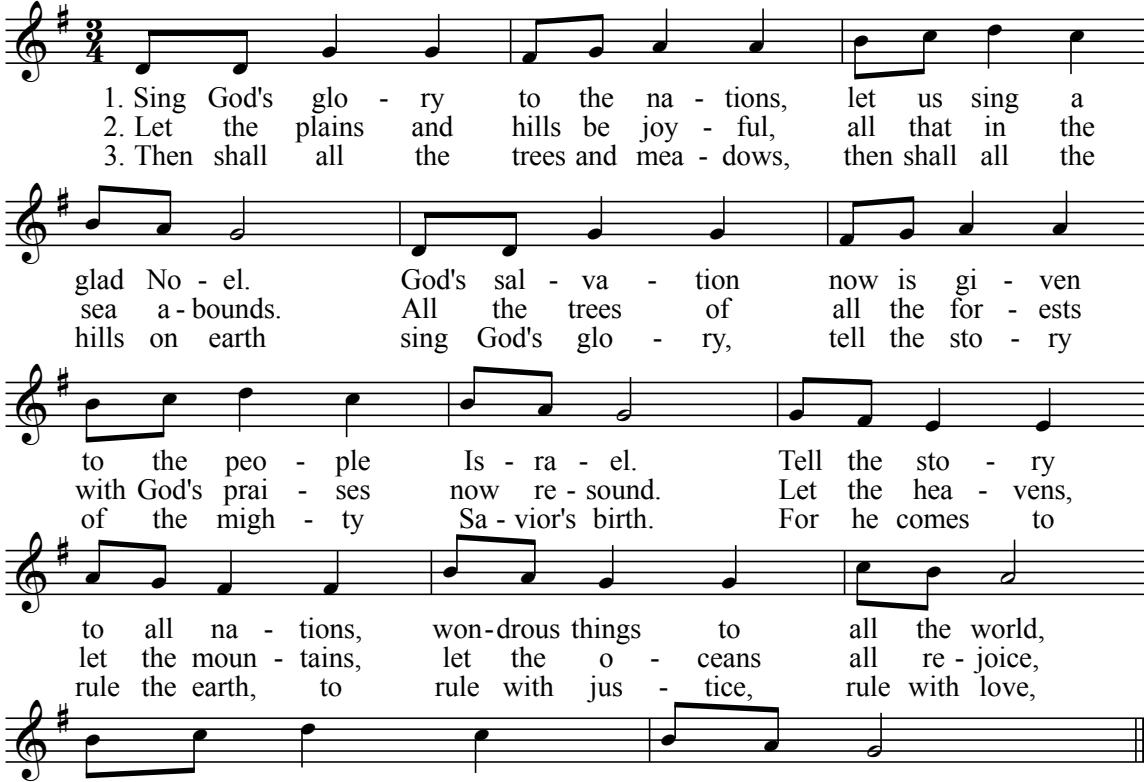
Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 96--Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W ZLOBIE LEZY



1. Sing God's glo - ry to the na - tions, let us sing a
2. Let the plains and hills be joy - ful, all that in the
3. Then shall all the trees and mea - dows, then shall all the
glad No - el. God's sal - va - tion now is gi - ven
sea a - bounds. All the trees of all the for - ests
hills on earth sing God's glo - ry, tell the sto - ry
to the peo - ple Is - ra - el. Tell the sto - ry
with God's prai - ses now re - sound. Let the hea - vens,
of the migh - ty Sa - vior's birth. For he comes to
to all na - tions, won-drous things to all the world,
let the moun - tains, let the o - ceans all re - jice,
rule the earth, to rule with jus - tice, rule with love,
of our Sa - vior Christ the Lord.
praise to God with grate - ful voice.
praise our God who reigns a - bove.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Chepponis



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



Homily

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Offertory Song

Brightest and Best

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, Low lies his
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, O - dors of
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, Vain - ly with
5. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our

dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the hor -
head with the beasts of the stall; An - gels a - dore him in
E - dom, and of - frings di - vine, Gems of the moun - tain, and
gifts would his fa - vor se - cure, Rich - er by far is the
dark - ness, and lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho -

i - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
slum - ber re - clin - ing, Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
pearls of the o - cean, Myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
heart's ad - o - ra - tion, Dear - er to God are the pray'rs of the poor.
ri - zon a - dorn - ing, Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, Dawn on our dark - ness, and
lend us thine aid; Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

Schutte

When we eat this_ bread, and drink this cup,___ we pro-claim your death O Lord,___ un - til you come a___ gain.

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation

Haugen

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world have mer-cy on us.

Lamb - of God you take a - way the sins of the world grant us peace.



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 PRESIDERS & INDICATE THIS.

Communion Song

The First Nowell

ENGLISH CAROL

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth - le
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent -
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing praise - es

shep-herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
east be - yond them far; And to the earth it
came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
hem it took its rest; And there it did both
ly up - on their knee, And of - fered there in
to our heav - 'nly Lord, Who made the heav'ns and

keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
stop and stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
his pres-ence Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
earth of naught, And with his blood our life has bought.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



Communion Prayer

Seek Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful,
as the heavenly Father is merciful.
Help us seek mercy:
in the forgiveness of our sins,
in the desire of our hearts,
in the surrender of our will.
May the mercy you have given us
in your coming among us as brother and friend,
fill us with joy and hope,
that we might grow in mercy
through communion with you,
who live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Praise/Recessional

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;

O give heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day!
Now you hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Postlude

Instrumental

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass
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

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

Saturday

3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass

PARISH LIFE



Seniors On The Go

Friday, January 8th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

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 January 5th.** 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

Women's Ministry

Spirituality Book Group

With the holidays behind us, it's time to set our 2016 reading schedule. Join us on Wednesday, **January 13, at 7:00 pm** in the Brebeuf Room of the Parish Center for "Picks Night." Each attendee should bring a title of any genre (fiction, nonfiction, memoir, etc.) she finds compelling and for which she can make a brief case as a good choice for a group read. If your selection is chosen, you will serve as the facilitator for the evening. We'll then finalize the order and dates of our year's gatherings.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Shelagh Lane at lane.shelagh@gmail.com

CYO Sports

Volleyball registration is up on the St. Joseph website. **The last day to register is January 14th.** Volleyball is open to all boys and girls in the 4th-8th grade. 4th grade teams as well as boy's teams are dependent on interest.



FAITH JUSTICE

St. Joseph Epiphany Dinner

Sunday, January 10th - 1 - 4 pm - Parish Social Hall

This year, sign-ups are on-line at PerfectPotluck.com. Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number for the item you would like to bring! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany). You can also sign up after Mass.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@st-josephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.

Poverty Workshop

Date: January 16, 2016, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, Social Hall

What choices would you make if you had little time & money to spare? Come join us to explore hard choices many people with limited means face each & every day.

1. Role play a month in the life of low-income families;
2. Meet others who care about the issue;
3. Explore the impact of poverty on our community.

Questions? Email Hunthauh@seattleu.edu or call 206-296-6954. Space is limited. Reserve your spot today! (Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows) Register: <http://bit.ly/1KDNVnK>

Maternal/Child Health in Ethiopia

How Medical & Faith

Communities Make a Difference

DATE CHANGE: Monday, Feb 1 from 7-8:30 pm

Arrupe Room, Parish Center

If you got sick, who would you call first – your doctor or your priest? SCOPE is a partnership between the University of Washington, University of Gondar, and faith-based institutions in the United States and Ethiopia. We envision a world where creative partnerships between medical and faith communities bring lasting, positive change to healthcare access and service. Our programs harness the broad and influential reach of faith communities to expand understanding of and access to healthcare.

Join us and see how you can get involved!! For more information contact Barbara Clinton at barbaralclinton@yahoo.com

St. Martin de Porres

St Martin de Porres shelter for men over the age of 50 is in need of blankets in this colder weather. Either bring to the Parish Center or call Candace, 206 323 814.



FAITH FORMATION

Infant Baptism Prep Classes

Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. Our next set of infant baptism preparation classes for parents and godparents will be held on **Thursday, January 7 and 14 from 6-8 pm**. Pre-registration is necessary by emailing Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org.

Agape Service Project Meeting

Have you heard of the Agape service trip for middle school students and wanted more information? We are holding an Agape information meeting on Wednesday **January 6th, 2016, from 6:00-7:00 pm** in Parish Center. Agape is a week-long service trip in Bellingham, WA during the first week of August 2016. This is a great summer service project and an empowering trip for middle schoolers. Questions? Email Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org

Adult Faith Formation

On-line Scripture Study continues weekly; this online, self-directed study allows you to bring Christ alive in your head and heart through weekly lectionary-based reflections. Please visit and sign up: <https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com> (to access use the word Arrupe)

Children's Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children - Children who have not yet been baptized by the age of seven years old receive full initiation (baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) into the church during the Easter season.

Children's Baptism – if you have a child age five to seven years old and he or she would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, then this is the program for you. The program of preparation begins in January with the Sacrament of Baptism taking place on Sunday, April 10th.

Please set up an appointment with Dottie Farewell by calling 206-965-1652 or email dfarewell@stjosephparish.org
