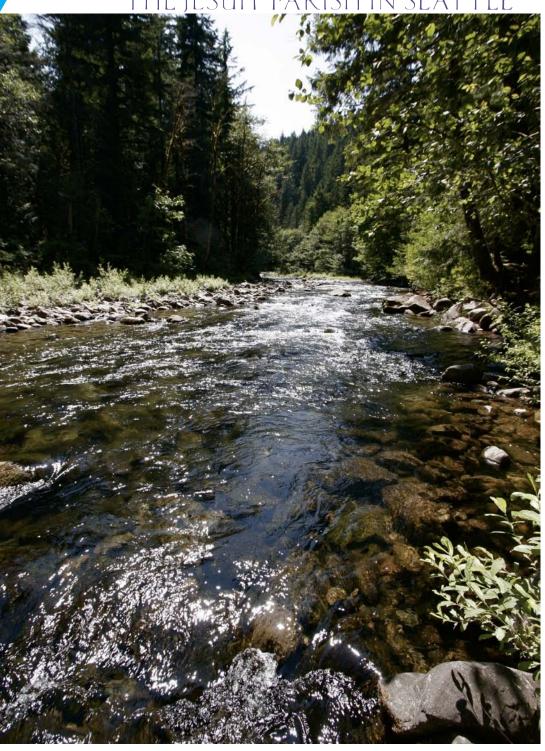
St. Joseph Parish



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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2016 Homily Next Week: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for January 17, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

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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Crossing the Waters

Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs.

I am haunted by waters.

-Norman Maclean-

The year before I came to St. Joseph I spent in Santa Cruz, along the California coast. Each morning—rain or shine, fog or wind—I would go out and walk along the shore, sometimes gazing at the waves from the bluff above, sometimes walking right beside the foam, stepping quickly aside when a particularly ambitious wave sought to soak my tennis shoes. And walking along, usually sipping a cup of coffee, I would listen to the voices in the water, and feel the presence all around me: ghosts of my parents and grandparents, memories of friends from long ago or those far away, images of the women and men with whom I had ministered, and of those to whom I had been called. It was as though, in what one poet called "our great grey mother," all lives flowed and all the souls of the living and the dead could be felt. It has always been that way for me at the ocean, or indeed, almost anywhere that natural waters gather and flow. Whether along the Metolius River in Oregon, or at Hayden Lake in Idaho, there is always a sense of vastness and connection, something primal and eternal. Like Norman Maclean, "I am haunted by waters."

Yet, I do not think myself alone in this experience. Water is a primal force, present in the mythology of nearly every culture, a central image and condition of humanity. In ancient Greece, Thales believed that water was the source of all being; while in *Genesis* we are told of the four rivers—the Pishon, the Gihon, the Tigris, and the Euphrates—which circle the Garden of Eden. Our own Northwest sense of space and time, of culture and identity is shaped by the vast waters of the Puget Sound, by the roaring waves of Ocean Shores, by the hard rain falling on a shake roof or the gentle trickle rattling in a downspout. Our memories are filled with puddles and rivers, with mountain streams and swimming in ice-fed lakes. As human beings we know that it is water that sustains us, water from which we come: the water we bear within us, like a sea pulsing in our veins, and the water that comes out of us in the sweat of our brow and the tears of our losses.

We are all "haunted by waters"—a reality John the Baptist knew, as he stood on the shores of Jordan and called to the crowd to enter the river and renew their lives. Like every child who breaks the water of her mother's womb to enter the world of air and light, John called the people of Israel to new birth, called them to sink and rise amid the ripples and eddies. He called them to drown their sinfulness in preparation for the Messiah; to wash—like Namaan the leper—in the waters of the Jordan, so that they too might be cleansed. John knew that it was water, the water of a river that was "cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time," which alone could symbolize the danger and the promise of his message.

Water, which renews us and cleanses us, and which unites us to all things and to all people.

In its great cycle, the water that flows by us today or falls upon us as rain has flowed since the dawn of time. In the drops that touch our heads could be water that, a few weeks ago, flowed across the beaches of Hawaii, or a few millennia ago, rolled as ice sheets across the North American plain. In touching any water, in drinking it, in immersing ourselves beneath it, we unite ourselves to all who have touched these waters before us, and to all who will come after us and feel their touch. We are a community born of water, not just symbolically, but truly—united across space and time by waters that flow through us and over us all. "All things merge into one, and a river runs through it."

The revelation of Jesus—the beginning of his public ministry—comes in the flowing waters of the Jordan—something the Church celebrates this week in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. And while the baptism of Jesus tells us many things, it proclaims especially this: that the Son, beloved of God, the servant whom God upholds, has chosen not to cross over the waters of our lives, but to immerse himself within them. This Christ who is anointed by the Spirit, does not seek bridge or boat, but enters fully the ebb and flow of our humanity—diving into our waters, sinking among our waves. And in those waters, which flow from the world's great flood, all of us are present: each person who has ever lived, each person who lives today, each woman or man who will ever draw breath on the earth. For the waters that poured over Christ in the Jordan circle the globe today: some of that water may be in the font we touched as we entered the church, or in the canteen of a soldier serving in Afghanistan; some may be in the tear of a mother, mourning her child killed by gun violence in Chicago, or filling the lungs of a refugee, drowning off the coast of Europe. The waters that baptized Christ might, today, be in the crystal goblets of a presidential candidate, or in the sweat of a migrant, crossing the border in hopes of a better life.

As Christians, this is what we believe: that each drop of our lives—every drop of every life since the beginning of time flows through Christ, touching him and being touched by him. In Christ, all the waters of the world are made sacred, and all the women and men of the world bound to us by a covenant of blood and tears that cannot be undone. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus proclaims by his actions that those women and men, those children and babies suffering persecution in Honduras or El Salvador are one with us, as they are with him. That the young black men, shot in Chicago or St. Louis, in Detroit or Seattle, bleed sacred blood, consecrated by the touch of Christ. Washed in the same water, immersed in the same flood, how can we abandon these sisters and brothers of ours-these sisters and brothers of Christ? John of

Survey Says

St. Joseph Parish has been selected to participate in a national pilot study by Catholic Leadership Institute. By participating in this survey, we have an opportunity to identify how we are growing spiritually as individuals as well as the ways in which our parish community supports that growth.

Through participating in this pilot we hope to:

- Allow parishioners to reflect in their spiritual growth and discipleship
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth
- Look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future
- Create goals and action plans to achieve that growth

The survey will be available from the week of January 18 through Ash Wednesday, February 10, and there are three ways you can participate in this survey:

- 1. Survey sent directly to your email address if we have your **email address** you will receive the survey directly from DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com
 2. Survey accessed by a **generic link** this will be available on our website starting lanuary 18th
- be available on our website starting January 18th 3. Survey completed on **paper** copies will be available in the Parish Center.

Our goal is a 100% response rate to ensure that we hear all parishioner voices. The data collection, analysis, and reporting will be handled by an independent third party, Measuring Success, a firm that has worked in the non-profit world for 10 years to develop tools to assist non-profits to measure effectiveness. Measuring Success will conduct the survey itself and handle all of your survey responses confidentially. We will receive an aggregate report of the results and will not have access to individual survey responses (unless you choose to self-identify).

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. Please keep an eye on our parish website, bulletin and your email during the week of **January 18th** for the invitation to the survey. It will only be available until February 10th so complete it as soon as you can!

A New Priest at St. Joseph

Fr. Scott Santarosa, S.J., Provincial of the Jesuits of the Northwest, has missioned Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J. to work at St. Joseph Parish this year. Fr. Julian, who is an accomplished pianist and musician, was ordained last June and will join the St. Joseph community in August, filling the post previously held by Fr. Glen. Some of you may have met Fr. Julian when he visited just before Christmas so you know he will be a wonderful addition to our community. Let's keep Fr. Julian in our prayers for success in his studies and a great transition.



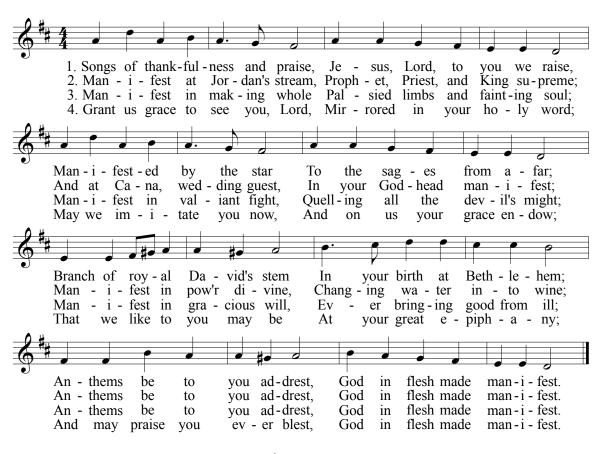
ORDER OF CELEBRATION BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

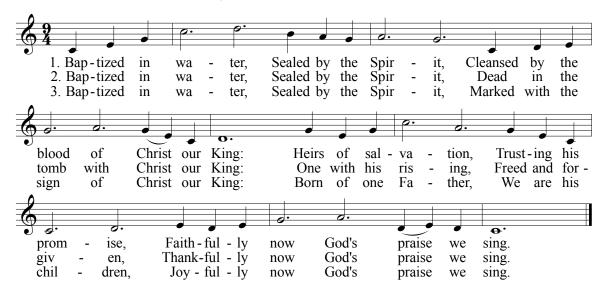
Prelude

Instrumentals

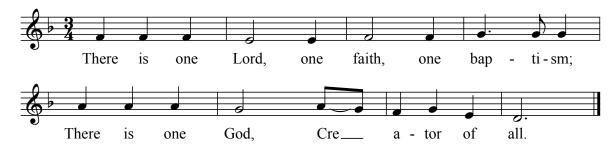
Entrance Songs Songs of Thankfulness & Praise (5,11)



Baptized in Water (9)



There is One Lord (5:30)







First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4;6-7

Taize

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.



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Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazarethwith the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Chepponis



Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Homily

Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Song

Wade in the Water #812

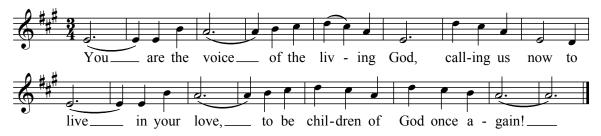
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All Are Invited To Come Forward

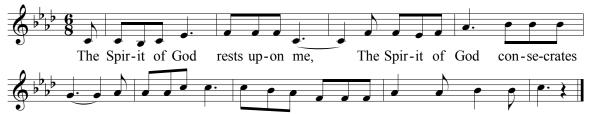
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

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



The Spirit of God

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me, The Spir-it of God bids me go forth to pro-claim God's peace and joy.

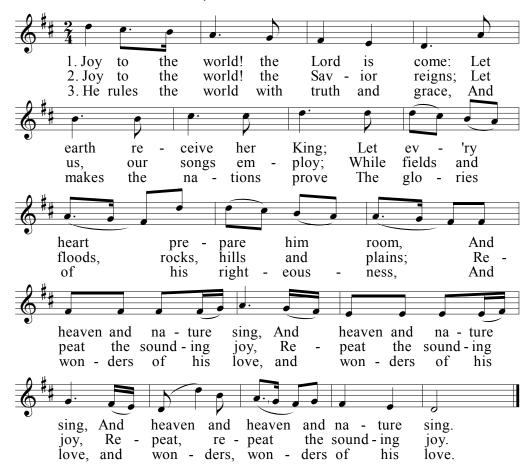


Communion Prayer

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 Joy to the World



Postlude

Instrumental

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

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Sunday		Wednesday	
9:00 AM	Mass - Childcare Available	7:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Coffee & Donuts - Join us!	7:00 AM	Yoga - Body In Prayer
11:00 AM	Mass	6:00 PM	Pathfinders
1:00 PM	Epiphany Dinner	7:00 PM	The VOICE Youth Group
5:30 PM	Mass		·
		Thursday	•
Monday		7:00 AM	Mass
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7:00 AM	Yoga - Body In Prayer	Friday	
7:00 PM	Sacred Silence Prayer	7:00 AM	Mass
7:00 PM	Rosary Prayer Goup		
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Saturday	
		8:00 PM	Centering Prayer Group
Tuesday		3:30 PM	Reconciliation
7:00 AM	Mass	5:00 PM	Mass



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Thanksgiving to our community who have provided food and their presence for this Sunday's annual Epiphany dinner . . . For Michael who has been diagnosed with oral cancer . . . For peace and wisdom among the great religions of the world . . . For Ken's health . . . Peace for a daughter and her family . . . Prayers for Pope Francis.

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God." ~ Isaiah 40:1

HOLONG

PARISH LIFE

Women's Ministry 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

Women's Coffee Connect

The Women's Ministry Group is holding a coffee connect on **Saturday, January 16th** at Tully's on 19th Ave E from **10 - 11am**. Please join us for an hour of lively conversation. Contact Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have

CYO Sports

any questions.

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.

Attention All Seniors 65 & Older

Give yourself the gift of a retreat for the New Year. "Gifts and Challenges of Aging"Thursday January 28th 10am -2pm - St. Joseph's Parish Center

Free lunch provided and parking in the lot. Pat Lewis, who has led Senior retreats for many years, will facilitate. Pat led a series of workshops for us about ten years ago. To register contact Renee At 206-324-2522. If you need a ride contact Deacon Steve.



Attention Young Adults 21-35

Please join us to help plan our Overnight Young Adult Lenten Retreat this **Tuesday January 12th 7-8:30 pm** in the Parish Center. For details, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. The Retreat is February 13-14 at Camp Huston in Goldbar, WA.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Lector Gathering

Wednesday, January 13, in the Social Hall is the annual gathering for all parish lectors. There will be pizza and salad for dinner at 6:30 and time for prayer, fellowship, discussion and Q & A. Please RSVP to Lector Coordinator Jennifer Olegario (jennifer.olegario@gmail.com) and Pastoral Assistant Robert McCaffery-Lent (Rmclent@stjosephparish.org) so we can prepare.

Choir Auditions

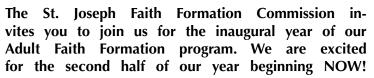
The St. Joseph Choir is seeking new members to join us for the second half of the year. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm and sing the Sunday 9 am mass and other special parish liturgies. For more information or to schedule an audition, visit the liturgy section of the parish website or contact Director of Music Ministries Robert McCaffery-Lent at Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649, or simply come talk to me at church after Mass.

Christmas Thank You!

This weekend marks the end of the Christmas season. Let's all give a hearty "thank you" to the many, many people who served during the Christmas liturgies to vivify our worship together and make St. Joseph a bright, beautiful, warm place of welcome and celebration during this special time of year. They served as: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and Musicians. In particular I want to thank our three ministry coordinators: Bruce Mirkin (ushers), Mary Sepulveda (Eucharistic Ministers) and Jennifer Olegario (Lectors) whose dedication and faithfulness to St. Joseph and to our ministries is a tremendous gift to all of us. "Let heaven and nature sing!"

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation



Who Is Pope Francis? What is He Up To?: Insights into Francis' life, reforms in the Church, and challenges for the world. Guest speaker Fr. Patrick Howell, S.J. will discuss Pope Francis and the Church on Thursday, January 21 from 7-8:30 pm in the Arrupe Room. Fr. Howell is a Distinguished Professor at Seattle University's Institute of Catholic Thought and Culture, author of several books and most recently an article in America magazine, "Pope Francis Meets the American Church."

Small Group Bible Study Daytime (Luke Part II 12-24) * Following the Threshold Bible Series – Jesus the Compassionate Savior—Luke Part II * Facilitated by Sue Grady * 6 Sessions * **Beginning Wednesday, January 13 * 10-11:30 am * Brebeuf Room.**

Small Group Bible Study Evening (Luke 12-24) * Following the Threshold Bible Series – Jesus the Compassionate Savior—Luke Part II * Facilitated by Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak * 6 Sessions * **Beginning Thursday, January 14** * **7 - 8:30 pm * Brebeuf Room.**

Catholic 101 meets Wednesday nights from 7 - 8:30pm beginning Wednesday, January 20 on the top floor of the Parish Center. Catholicism 101 will center around who is God and what is our desire for God, God's revelation in Scripture, Faith, Trinity, Creation, and Incarnation. It is designed for those who are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, but aren't ready to commit to the RCIA process or for cradle Catholic's who are desiring to be more deeply connected to their faith. We will explore the meaning behind what we say at Mass each week, learn about the Nicene creed and other basic tenants of the Catholic faith more deeply. People of all levels of understanding are encouraged to join because your experience and understanding will enrich all of our experiences.

There will be an Adult Faith Formation Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 13th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Xavier Room of the Parish Center. Upcoming spring 2016 programming support and 2016-2017 planning will begin—come and be a part of it!

To sign up for ANY of the above programs, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

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

FAITH JUSTICE

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

Catholic Advocacy Day

Please join hundreds going to Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, **February 8th, 2016,** in Olympia. To register, go to: www.ipjc.org



Bob McCaffery-Lent and Choral Arts perform at the White House and meet President and Mrs. Obama!

In early November, Robert Bode, director of St. Joseph Choir-In-Residence, Choral Arts, received a phone call inviting his award winning choir to travel to Washington D.C. and perform for a December 18th Christmas gala at the White House. After a flurry of organizational activity twenty five members of the choir, along with St. Joseph Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent who accompanies the group on classical guitar, traveled to the nation's capital. In the White House East Garden Room the choir performed selections from its concert at St. Joseph the previous Saturday. The true highlight occurred when the group was unexpectedly ushered to the Diplomatic Reception Room

where they had a private audience with President and Mrs. Obama. The President and First Lady greeted each member personally and thanked them for bringing the gift of song into the White House. The choir sang one piece for them, "Not One Sparrow Will Be Forgotten" by William Hawley before the Obamas left to meet families who had lost loved ones in the war. All agree the entire event was "the thrill of a lifetime." Hear this amazing choir right here at St. Joseph as part of our Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series on Saturday May 14, at 8 pm, where they'll sing "Immortal Fire: Music of Bernstein, Brittan, Barnum and Runestad."

