Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful,
as the heavenly Father is merciful.
Help us to celebrate your mercy:
by loving the world as you love,
by walking the way of your cross,
by living as women and men
bound for resurrection.
May the love you revealed
in the emptiness of the cross,
bring us the fullness of hope.
May the mercy you offer
in your body and blood,
nourish us in mercy for others.
May the glory of God you receive
in the wonder of the Resurrection,
bring us all to communion with you
who live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.
First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016

Homily Next Week:
Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for February 21, 2016
First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

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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The Children of a Wandering Aramean

Moses spoke to the people, saying: “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien.”

-Deuteronomy 26:4-5-

Many years ago, as a Jesuit novice, I worked at Nativity House—a drop-in center in Tacoma for women and men living on the streets. Located on Commerce Street, before the days of renovation, Nativity House was little more than a storefront where folks could come in out of the cold, get some coffee and lunch, play a few hands of hearts, and perhaps go into the little chapel, where they could sit on the floor and say a prayer or read the bible. Working beside Fr. Gary Smith, I came to know the regulars: the elderly couple who had an apartment but came in to have some company; the well-groomed African-American veteran who always wore fisherman’s waders and was precise in cleaning his possessions every day; the two or three young men who came in each day and headed to the back, to catch some sleep on one of the old chairs which populated the place; and the old man in the pork-pie hat, who loved to read the paper and talk to anyone who passed by. Though we had no programs, though our coffee was often recycled (a can of fresh coffee thrown on old grounds to make them go further), though the plumbing was somewhat rebellious, and though our lunches often consisted of whatever had been dropped off that day—usually made into a soup of some sort—for these people, the ramshackle wreck of a building that was Nativity House was a safe harbor, a place where they would be seen and welcomed, encouraged and befriended as fellow pilgrims, all of us just making it through the day.

Besides the regulars, however, Nativity House also saw a number of folks who were passing through, looking for something more in life, or trying to escape something terribly less. There were migrating workers, who heard about a job and were on their way there; and there were refugees, running from abusive homes or from communities that seemed to be dissolving. I remember, especially, a gentle and lovely young woman, who arrived at our door one day in March, with a man she introduced as her husband. She had been diagnosed with progressive MS, exacerbated by her time on the road, and when she arrived at Nativity House, she had trouble even walking across the room. Yet, every day she was first in line to help serve food, first to help clean up. Her smile and her kindness was a gift she gave everyone in the place, even those who would not respond. Then one day, I found her sitting on the floor of our little chairless chapel, sobbing in the corner, and I heard her story of hurt and humiliation, of running away from abuse only to find more abuse wherever she went. Clinging to a man who had, at times, sold her for money or drugs, she longed for love she could not find and which she did not think she deserved. With little sense of her own goodness, she was overwhelmed with guilt and shame, and confused at the mercy she found among the
women and men of Nativity House. I sat there with her for some time, occasionally talking or reading the Scriptures, but mostly just being with her, asking God to bring a healing that was beyond what I could do.

I was raised in the suburbs by parents who loved me and taught me by example that I was worthy of love. I have always had enough food and gone to good schools, which afforded me opportunities to discover my gifts and realize them. I am a privileged person, who has, not a few times in my life, mistakenly thought that I have done all this on my own. And in that self-satisfaction, I have been mystified by the homeless and the poor. I have resorted—as many in our culture do—to imagining people on the streets as somehow less than me. I have wanted to fix them by telling them, “Stop it!” and have blamed them for the feelings of discomfort I have had in their presence. With the convenient amnesia of the fortunate, I have forgotten my own history and the many lives spent so that I might live in privilege and blindness.

“My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien.’

Moses commands the People of Israel, whenever they come to make an offering to God, to first remember their origin and acknowledge by whose hand they have been rescued. For like me, like all of us, the People of Israel are not self-made or self-sufficient. Rather, they come from wanderers and nomads, from outcasts and slaves, from immigrants and refugees. God has blessed them with freedom and fortune not because they are worthy, but because God is merciful to the weak and loving to those who are oppressed. All that the People have, all that they possess, has come to them as a gift of God’s mercy, a blessing entrusted to the daughters and sons of that “wandering Aramean” who gave himself into the hands of God, and so entered into a covenant with God forever. This is the history they must never forget, for which they must never cease to give thanks. For it was mercy that made them a People, and mercy which holds them ever in God’s heart.

Like those to whom Moses spoke, we all run the risk of forgetting the grace which brought us to where we are. For, in truth, my ancestors, too, were wanderers and aliens, saved by the mercy of God more times than I can imagine. That I was raised in comfort and with love is but one sign of God’s mercy to me, and has nothing to do with what I deserve. Who knows where I would be if my great-grandfather had not risked all to leave Ireland for Massachusetts? Or if my parents had not left their family to set out for the West Coast? What if the gene for addiction had captured my parents or grandparents? Or the loss of his father had made my father angry and cruel? None of us is far from the street or the shelter, far from the shadow of shame and woundedness—and none of those on the street are far from our homes and from the good things we enjoy. For they, too, are heirs of the Covenant that we are called to remember and live, heirs of that “wandering Aramean” and of the One who sealed the Covenant with his blood.

As we begin the Lenten season, let our prayer bring us remembrance of who we are and from whom we have come. Let this remembrance bring us thanks for all the blessings we enjoy; and let this thanks bring us communion with all the women and men displaced and wandering, whether across the world or in our own neighborhood.

REMINDER
No flowers can be left in the church during Lent. Thank you!

Connecting with St. Joseph
WELCOME!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph’s parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph’s Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link. We look forward to connecting with you. Thank you!
Moses spoke to the people, saying: “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.”
Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 91

Second Reading  
Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Gospel Acclamation  
Vermulst

Gospel  

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, One does not live on bread alone.” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Homily  
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
Dismissal Song (9)  

*Take, O Take Me As I Am*  

Bell  

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Prayers of the Faithful  

Reader:...God in your mercy.  

Assembly Response:  

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Offertory Song  

*A Lenten Prayer*  

White  

\[ 4 \]

Holy, Holy, Holy  

Chant  

\[ 4 \]
Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,** we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

**until you come again.**

Great Amen

Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei,

qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei,

qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

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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.

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Communion Song

**On Eagle’s Wings**

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
Song of Praise

Led by the Spirit

1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
2. Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face, and know full well we must rely on God's reliance.
3. Led by the Spirit, now draw near the wilderness; we join his birth with hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
4. Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity: The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free, the Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God: This mystery far beyond and never thirst again. Thus says the Lord who makes us friends of God:

Celebrate 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.

Recessional

Tolling of the bell
**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

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

**Monday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
- 7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
- 7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group
- 7:00 PM  St. Vincent de Paul meeting

**Tuesday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 7:00 PM  RCIA

**Wednesday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
- 6:00 PM  Pathfinders Youth Group
- 7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group
- 7:00 PM  AFF - Catholic 101

For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.

**We Are St. Joseph Events**

**Save The Dates!**

- **Ceili - March 12th**
- **We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner**
  - April 22 & 23

**Our Local Church**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Thursday evenings, **beginning February 25** at 6:30 pm
St. James Cathedral Rectory Parlors
(enter through Parish Office on Columbia Street)

Are you grieving the death of someone close to you? Grief and loss can have a significant impact on our lives long after the death of the person we love. The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual, but meeting with others who are going through a similar experience can provide support and help us cope.

You are invited to join a new 8 week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff: Nancy Granger, Suzanne Lee, & Roseanne Michaels. Information and registration, Rosanne Michaels at michaels@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-654-4658.

**Community with Special Needs Mass & Celebration**

**MARCH 12th, 2016**

Mass – 11:00 am, St. James Cathedral, Seattle

Reception & St. Patrick’s Day Celebration/Dance will immediately follow the Mass at O’Dea High School, Seattle
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For the wellbeing of Daniella, Rebecca, Cristina, Aliyah, Danny, Scott, Cece and other friends . . .

“Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.”
~Psalm 91

Rest in Peace
Frances Aloysius Delaney, father of Laura Young.

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

Family Mass & “That’s Amore” Dinner

Last Saturday’s Winter Family Dinner and Dance was so much fun! Thank you for making it a great night. We especially appreciate the help from the following: Allen Engel, Chris, Linda & Dylan Koa, Dan Kim, Dawn & Rick Kajimura, Carol & Carey Kraft, Lisa Greatorex, Lovina McMurchy & Conor Morrison, Agnela Earnshaw, Jordana Cardoso, Peter Johnson, Fred Andrews, Sam and Pat Kennedy, St. Joseph School’s Parent Association Board, David Hein, Laura Thompson, and Erin Tobin, Bill Sauvage and 8B, Isaiah, Zach, Nick and DJs Sam and Oscar.

What You Give Up for Lent Changes Lives

Each year during Lent, our parishioners rely on the CRS Rice Bowl program as an inspiration for prayer, fasting, and giving, helping us to focus our resolve to follow Jesus’ call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

You may wish to look at this program as a family—or in community—and invite each member to consider what he or she will give up for Lent. For instance, perhaps consider giving up your daily latte and placing $4 in the Rice Bowl each day? Write each goal on the side of the Rice Bowl and place the Rice Bowl in a visible location in your home.

For a deeper exploration, you may wish to review the Lenten calendar for 2-minute reflections, stories of hope, and recipes for simple Friday meatless meals. For additional stories, family activities, and videos, visit crsricebowl.org. You may even want to download the CRS App, available on Google Play or AppStore!

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?

Know that 25% of contributions remain in this archdiocese for grants to organizations such as St. Martin de Porres, Sacred Heart Shelter, the Food Bank at St. Mary’s, and hundreds of other organizations. 75% of contributions help fund development projects around the world to produce more food, increase income, and address poverty.

As a community, let’s once again consider these simple, yet powerful, ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life each day.

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace. Join us this Lent!

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. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.
Parish Life

Women’s Ministry
Spirituality Book Group

Join us on **Tuesday, February 17** to kick off this year’s reading adventures! Our first selection is *Jesus and The Disinherited* by Howard Thurman, whose life and work advancing civil rights greatly influenced Martin Luther King, Jr.

We will meet at 7 pm in the Brebeuf Room (downstairs in the Parish Center). Mary DeRosas will facilitate the evening’s discussion; snacks to share as folks are inclined. Contact Shelagh Lane (lane.shelagh@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

Coffee Connect

Please join our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Group Coffee Connect to sip and socialize **Saturday, February 20th** at Tulley’s on 19th & Aloha, 10 am -11. Call Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.

Journey Through Lent with LGBT Community

Lent can be a journey through the desert, one which we might not want to travel alone. We fast to empty ourselves to be filled with God’s love, compassion and mercy. Journey through Lent with the LGBT Community. We will begin each session by opening the Gospel and reflecting on themes that call us to life. We will explore ways in which we have encountered compassion and mercy this Lent, and we will provide support for your Lenten Journey of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and living mercy.

Please join us every Thursday from 6:30 -7:30 PM starting February 18th – March 17th. Jogues Room – St. Joseph’s Parish Center.

For more information, please contact Theresa at lgbt@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Service Event

Join the St. Joseph’s Young Adults for our Lenten service event on **Saturday, March 5** as we help St. Vincent de Paul in their thrift shop (13555 Aurora Ave. N). Our group will be meeting at the shop for a 10am start and will finish at 1pm. Carpools will be available upon request. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the back of the church, or RSVP to youngadultcommunity@st-josephparish.org. Please also consider bringing any spring cleaning items to donate to the store. If you can’t make the event but still would like to donate, please email us for a drop-off location!

Seniors On The Go

**Friday, March 4th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 followed by Lenten luncheon in the Parish Center.

**Friday, April 8th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 followed by luncheon in the Parish Center.

Save the Date

**Ceili is Saturday, March 12**
**Tickets will be on sale soon!**

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CYO Baseball

Registration for CYO Baseball is on the St. Joseph School Website: [http://www.stjosephsea.org/baseball/](http://www.stjosephsea.org/baseball/). The cost is $75 and the final day to register is February 18th. All students and parishioners in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate.
Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

Partnering With Parents series continues during Children’s Faith Formation in the parish center. Open to all adults, this group meets to discuss current Catholic topics in the media today. Sue Grady, MDiv leads the discussion every Sunday from 10:15 am to 10:55 am.

Lenten Daytime Scripture Study: This study will cover the Gospel of Luke, Chapters 12-24. There will be no charge for the book or class. This class requires no expertise in Scripture Study, but instead is a time for you to read the passages, read the commentary, jot answers to questions in the books and share your thoughts. Daily homework takes about 20 minutes of reading and prayer which you will be expected to complete.

We will tentatively plan the class for Wednesday mornings starting February 17, from 10-11:30. However, if participants agree, we may change the day or time. We have a minimum enrollment of 5 attendees for the class to be held. If you are interested in this exciting commitment for Lent, please email Sue Grady at sue.e.grady@gmail.com or phone her at 503-329-5919. P.S. No shrimp served!!

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)

Faith Justice

You are Cordially Invited
to the WestSide Baby Tea
Sunday, March 20th 2016 2:00pm – 4:30pm
Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center

Purchase your tickets online at: https://wsbaby.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/AnnualTea2016/Registration/tabid/733547/Default.aspx

Volunteer at the Tea!
We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Tea, contact shana@westsidebaby.org for more information.

Special Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Envelopes will be in the back of the church to support 2 Archdiocesan entities: Catholic Home Missions grants, which provide funds for U.S. dioceses and territories that lack resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their populations - and Black and Indian Mission grants, which support and strengthen evangelization programs and help to build the Church among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God.

Ignatian Spirituality for Men

In the Steps of Ignatius:
Forgiveness and Freedom:
Accepting Mercy for Ourselves and Others
Saturday, Feb 20 from 12:30-2:30 pm
at Recovery Cafe 2022 Boren Ave 98121

Join men from the Ignatian Spirituality Center and Recovery Café for an afternoon of reflection and ritual to explore what it might mean to accept the gifts of forgiveness and mercy for ourselves, freeing us to offer them to others. The program will be facilitated by Vince Herberholt and include reflections on forgiveness and mercy by presenters Dave Shull from the Recovery Café and Rev Peter Ely SJ from Seattle University, large and small group reflection and conversation, and a closing ritual of forgiveness. Bring a friend, and discover the freedom of forgiveness!

No cost. Lunch provided by Recovery Cafe. Please RSVP to Andrea at (206)329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org by Tuesday, February 16. For more information, www.ignatiancenter.org. Co-sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center and Recovery Café.
St. Joseph's Women's Ministry Invites You
to a Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship

MARY, MARTHA, & MERCY
Saturday February 27th
8:30am - 12Noon
St. Joseph's Parish Center

Do feel ever feel you’re "Mary" in a "Martha" world, or wonder how to balance your commitments with your need for spiritual fulfillment? Come reflect on "Mary, Martha, and Mercy" in casual fellowship with women of different generations from our community. Enjoy a continental breakfast, brief reflections on the theme, time for quiet reflection, and small group discussions. For more details contact Denise Balthrop Cassidy: denise@cassidyhome.com.

Animators are Denise Balthrop Cassidy, Mary Beth Hribar, Dolores Brown, and Sara Bayless da Costa.

*Continental Breakfast provided but not childcare.*
The Ignatian Spirituality Center invites you to experience
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A Lenten retreat in everyday life

Join us for some or all of the days / make the retreat online!

“HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THE GOOD NEWS?”

PRESENTERS:
Fr. Bob Stephan, S.J.
Tricia Trainer
Deacon Denny Duffell

MARCH 2-10, 2016

WEEKDAYS:
12:30 pm @ Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle U
or 7:00 pm @ St. Joseph Church, Seattle

SATURDAY:
1:00 pm @ St. Joseph Church

SUNDAY:
1:00 pm @ Chapel of St. Ignatius

Free will offering. All are welcome!
For more info, call 206-329-4824 or visit
www.ignatiancenter.org
Dear St. Joseph Parish Community,

It was an honor to be with you on Sunday at your Mass and Open House. Your continued generosity directly assists the low-income students of Seattle Nativity School. Your support helps us fulfill our mission of serving low-income students with a tuition-free Catholic education.

The Nativity model combined with excellent teachers and a STEM curriculum is proving to be successful for our students. In one academic year, our students demonstrated 2 years of growth in science, language arts and math. Your support through the Special Collection last week is part of this success and directly impacts our project-based learning. For this, I am truly grateful.

God bless you,

Fr. Jeff McDougall, S.J.
President

www.seattlenativity.org