

Sunday, 21 February 2016 * Second Sunday of Lent * www.stjosephparish.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

RITE OF RECEPTION



*Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown,
in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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

Readings for February 28, 2015

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

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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Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

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The Politics of the Gospel

Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. I cannot wash my hands, eh? We all have to give something! . . . A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern.

-Pope Francis-

He stood on the high platform beneath the large black cross, which stood in memory of the many migrants who have died attempting to cross the border. It towered over him, decorated with an image of the Holy Family in their flight to Egypt. As he looked across the border fence at the people of El Paso, he waved in friendship. As usual, he was dressed in his threadbare white soutane and worn black shoes, and showed little weariness even after his days of travel, as he placed a bouquet of flowers before the cross and raised his hand to his forehead and began his prayer, "En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo."

To see Pope Francis standing at the monument for the lost, looking across the militarized American border at the small group of border guards and pilgrims, there could be no doubt that his visit was political. And as he turned around to join the vast group waiting for him in Ciudad Juarez, it was clear that he wished to proclaim with his body the politics of the gospel—a politics of mercy and hope, a politics that overcomes power with weakness, a politics that stands at the foot of the cross among the poor and trusts that the solidarity of love will overcome the sovereignty of fear. As he has done so many times since his first papal trip to the Italian island of Lampedusa, where he laid a wreath in the water for the thousands of refugees who had died trying to cross the Mediterranean, Francis declared to the people of Juarez and El Paso, to the people of Mexico and the United States, to the people living in privilege and those in poverty that the compassion of Christ Jesus is not an artifact to be entombed in a tabernacle. He proclaimed that the Church of Christ Jesus is not an ideology nor a doctrine, but a living People, a community of loved sinners, who suffer and hope in this world, who are filled with the Spirit that moves in all creation, and who are, by nature, unbounded by walls or razor-wire. Such a *proclamation-by-presence* was, beyond dispute, a political act—much like the Incarnation itself.

In choosing to enter the world fully, God chooses, as well, to become part of a political community. Indeed, to be human is to live within a *polis*, i.e., a political body, as real and necessary as a physical body. Thus, Jesus' life and his teachings necessarily have political implications, and not just implications in some imaginary "spiritual" realm. For Jesus—and for the Church of which he is the source—spirituality and the life of the political community are inseparable. Thus, when he chooses to live celibately, he not only demonstrates the centrality of his mission, but also stands against political and social structures of family life in which women and children are possessions that give a man status. Likewise, when he

teaches about the blessedness of the poor or the vindication of the oppressed, he is not speaking about some disembodied principles, but about the real poor and those actually oppressed by all kinds of social systems. Even the great teaching of the last judgment—in which the King welcomes those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and the imprisoned—is a political statement, saying that we have a personal and societal duty to care for those who are considered the least in this world, if we wish to find ourselves united with Christ in the Kingdom to come. Thus, while we must never reduce Jesus to one political party or another, we must also never forget that his Incarnation declares, in an irreversible way, the presence of God in human—i.e., political, social, economic, as well as religious—history.

Even as we acknowledge the political character of the Incarnation, we must also note that the politics of the gospels often stands at odds with the politics of factionalism and fear practiced by leaders of all political persuasions around the world. Rather than seeking to divide the world into “us” and “them”—i.e., into “conservatives” and “liberals,” “patriots” and “appeasers,” “hard working Americans” and “welfare loafers,” “Wall Street fat-cats” and “working class families,” etc.—the gospel seeks to break down such divisions, calling all people to know themselves as simultaneously beloved and fallen, as sinners for whom God has nothing but mercy. Although we speak, in the Church, of a “preferential option for the poor,” we understand this not as a source of division, but as a call to repentance, aimed at all of those (i.e., all of us) who might be tempted to the heresy of self-sufficiency. In the political vision of the gospel, we who have many goods are enjoined constantly to look to those who are struggling, and to find in them the special summons of God’s law. Thus, the politics of the gospel may be summed up in a phrase—simple to enunciate, but damnably hard to enfold: “*Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me*” (Mt. 25:41).

This weekend, at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday morning, 20 women and men will make profession in the Catholic Church, and 2 more will come to full membership through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In welcoming these brothers and sisters into our sacramental community, we also call them to the politics of the gospel, and we mission them to call us there, as well. In gathering with them around the altar of Eucharist, we profess that God is not simply a spirit, worshipped in the pious heart or imagined in some heaven far away; rather, God is in them, and us, as food and drink, as blood and bone. God is in us all whenever we build bridges, instead of walls; whenever we act with mercy in our fam-

ily or our politics; whenever we see as our own all those whom God brings near to us. God is with us in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and with us when we become his real presence in the world. May we who receive the Sacrament this weekend—whether for the first time or for the five-thousandth—live that Sacrament in the whole of our lives: as parents and children, as neighbors and friends, as colleagues and as citizens of a nation and a world.



Join us Friday at 11am for Stations of the Cross

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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!

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

Seattle Univ. Chorale: I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health (5) Byrd

Meditabor in mandatis tuis (9 & 11) Gregorian Chant

Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi. I will meditate on thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved.

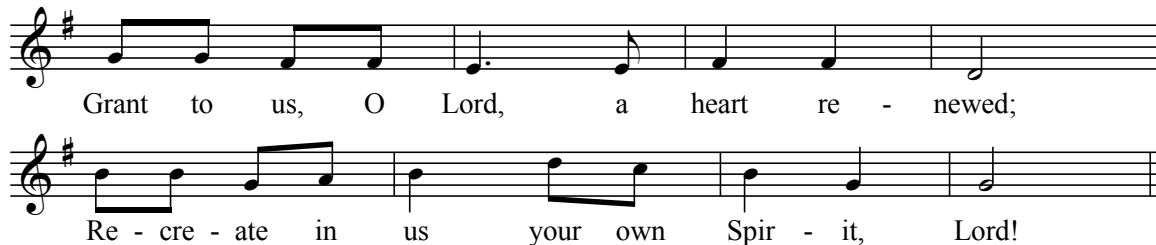
Call to Worship

Tolling of Bell

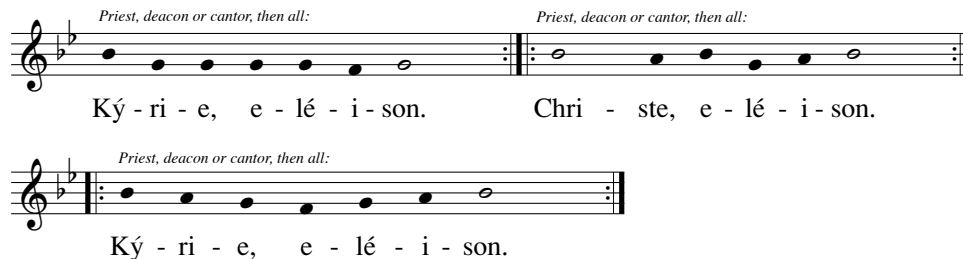
Entrance Song

Grant To Us, O Lord

Lucien Deiss



Kyrie



First Reading

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them.

As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

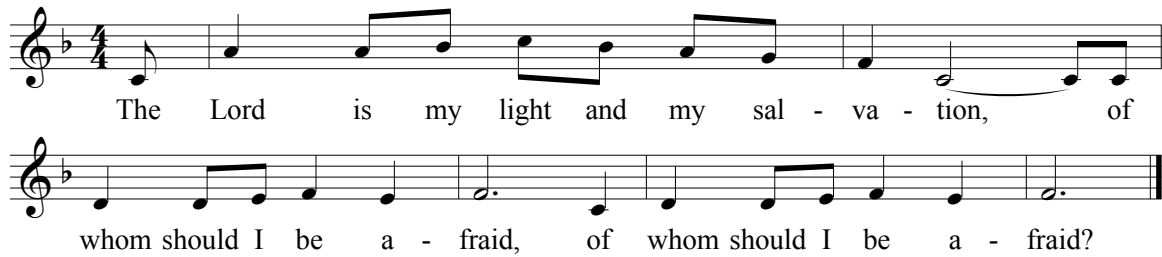
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27

Haas



Second Reading

Philippians 3:17--4:1



Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Vermulst



Gospel

Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Rite of Reception (9)

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Walker



Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response:

All



Offertory Songs *Seattle Univ. Chorale: None Other Lamb (5)*

Courteny

O Nata Lux(9, 11)

Tallis

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.*

O light born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.

*Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.*

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh.
for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

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

Mystery of Faith

Chant

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

Chant

A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis. A-gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis. A - gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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 OF A GLUTEN FREE HOST,
PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDERS & INDICATE THIS.

Communion Songs

Seattle Univ. Chorale: Be Thou My Vision (5)

Rutter

I Receive the Living God

Anonymous

I re-ceive the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy. I re-
ceive the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Mercy, O God

O'Brien

Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your mer-cy to
set us free. Mer - cy, O God, have mer-cy on us.
Send down your mer - cy to set us free.

Song of Praise

Transform Us (5& 11)

1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Stood a - part on
2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Once spoke with those
3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, Would not stay with -
Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred
ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the
in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp -
moun - tains, Search us with re - veal - ing light.
wit - ness Of those saints whose work is done,
ta - tion - Time and truth we quick - ly bind,
Lift us from where we have fall - en,
Live in this world as your Bod - y,
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways
Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.
Where our love is not con - fined.

Communion Prayer

Celebrate Mercy

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.

Recessional

Seattle Univ. Chorale: Total Praise (5)

Smallwood/Rao

Thanks Be To God (9)

Haugen

1., 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for
2. From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. D.C.

Silence/Tolling of the bell (11)

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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

7:00 AM	Daily 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

7:00 AM	Daily Mass
7:00 PM	RCIA

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

7:00 AM	Daily Mass
7:00 PM	AFF Bible Study

7:00 AM	Daily Mass
11:00 AM	Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner
April 22 & 23

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



“Have We Forgotten the Good News?”

9 Days of Grace: A Lenten Retreat in Everyday Life

Wednesday, March 2 – Thursday, March 10

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

Terrorism. Mass shootings. War. Illness. Death. With all the darkness we hear about in the news and experience in the world today, we might wonder—Have We Forgotten the Good News? This is the poignant question that our retreat team asks us to ponder.

We invite you to join people of all ages and faith traditions for this Lenten retreat. You'll be inspired by three wise presenters: Reverend Bob Stephan, S.J., Tricia Trainer, and Deacon Dennis Duffell, all steeped in the Ignatian vision and tradition.

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Candidates



Hello, my name is **Brenda Dondero**. I came to Seattle for graduate school at UW. I decided to make Seattle my home after falling in love with the city and scenery. I currently serve the Seattle area community as a Social Worker. I have chosen to join the Catholic Church after identifying with the faith and community. I look forward to making Saint Joseph's my home parish.



My name is **Nancy Swanson Fisk**. I was born in Seattle, attended the Villa Academy and then Bishop Blanchet. I grew up going to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. I have operated my own pre-school for the last 24 years. I'm married with two sons that attend St. Joseph School. I have had such wonderful and fulfilling experiences with the St. Joseph school, church and community and this led me to get involved in RCIA.



My name is **Jeff Eckmann**. I grew up in Seattle and attended the University of Washington. I live in Madison Park with my spouse Ray and our daughter AnnaRose who is in 3rd grade at St. Joseph School. They are both Catholic, and we attend mass regularly. I decided to go through RCIA because the St. Joseph's community has been so welcoming to our family. I think becoming Catholic will only strengthen our family and my relationship with God.



My name is **Emily Gomez**. My husband, Paul Gomez, and I will celebrate 10 years of marriage in March. We have two children attending St. Joseph School. I have been waiting to convert from Lutheran to Catholicism for a few years. In the fall, I decided to take a leap of faith and begin RCIA. The stars have aligned, and I am excited to fully become a member of the Catholic faith and St. Joseph Parish.



My name is **Kelsey Endres**. I'm a graduate of the UW Law School and have been practicing railroad law for nine years. I live in West Seattle and love hiking, camping, and wine tasting. Although I was baptized Lutheran and grew up attending non-denominational Christian churches, a trip to Rome in 2011 led me to Catholicism. Five years of prayer, fellowship dinners with a group of Catholic friends, and dog-eared theology books later, my head and heart are both ready to call the Catholic Church home.



My name is **Patrick Hillis**. I grew up in Tacoma. My wife Teresa and I live in Wallingford with our two year old son, Myles, and are expecting a new addition in May. The two primary reasons I decided to participate in RCIA are the example of my dad and brother, both of whom joined the church in recent years; and the influence of my grandparents, lifelong Catholics and members of St. Leo's parish in Tacoma.



Hello, my name is **Taylor Erickson**. I grew up in Central Washington and later attended Gonzaga University, where I majored in Accounting and minored in Religious Studies. I always loved learning about the Catholic faith and attending mass but really found myself drawn to the Catholic community when I started attending St. Joseph's with my fiancé, Mark. We have felt so much support from the St. Joseph's community and look forward to getting married in the Catholic Church this upcoming August!



Hello, my name is **Heidi Hollyhead**. Married to Mark with a daughter, Roxy, who is in 3rd grade at St. Joseph's. We are a British family who moved from London five years ago. I decided to participate in RCIA due to Roxy wanting to be part of this special community. I can understand why, given the caring and nurturing environment at St. Joseph's and especially her faith education with her teacher, Mary Guerra. Luckily for me, when our class needed to find sponsors, it just so happened that Mary had offered to be a sponsor, and we were randomly placed together. That was special. I knew then it was meant to be.



Hello, my name is **Katie Jensen**. I'm originally from Minnesota and grew up the oldest of 5 girls. My faith was always a big part of my life. After earning my BA in Theology, I traveled around the world and through many more Christian denominations. I came to Seattle to get my MA in Theology and Culture. My fiancé introduced me to the Catholic Church with its rich tradition and sacramental practices. RCIA has been a wonderful place to voice my questions, my hopes, and to share in other people's journeys.



My name is **Daryl Morris**. I grew up in Kenai, Alaska, and moved to Seattle after school. I searched all over the religious map, but the focus changed when I married Ravyn and our children came along. We chose Catholic because it combined the ritual I craved with a worldliness and history. And we were loving Pope Francis from afar.



I'm **Claire Jordan**. I grew up outside of Seattle in Mukilteo. Currently, I am in graduate school at University of Washington in the Clinical Doctorate of Audiology program. About three years ago I began to feel a pull towards religion again. Through guidance from my fiancé and family I was brought to St. Joseph's and immediately felt at home. Over the past 6 months I have been constantly surprised with how my relationship with God and my faith has matured.



My name is **Amanda O'Callaghan**, and I'm from Brisbane, Australia. My husband and I have lived the past 10 years here. We have 3 beautiful children, two of which attend the school. Prior to motherhood I taught in the field of early childhood special education. I'm excited to participate in RCIA this year, the same time as my daughter undertakes the Sacraments of Reconciliation / Holy Communion.



My name is **Laura Kelley**. A graduate of Bellarmine Prep, I attended the U.W. before heading to San Francisco. Two years ago, my husband, two children and I decided to move back here. We first picked St. Joseph School because of the Jesuit tradition. After regular Mass attendance I decided to go through RCIA. I've deepened my understanding of the Church, the meaning behind Mass, the rituals and sacraments. But more impactful are other candidates and teachers, their grace, ideas, and support.



Hello, I'm **Ginger Plaster**. I am a full-time mom of 3 kids. I grew up in Mississippi and Texas, then moved to Seattle almost 16 years ago while working in IT consulting. I was raised in the Methodist church, but my husband was raised Catholic. When we began to look for a church in Seattle, we found St. Joseph's to be a great fit - very welcoming with lots of young families like ours. My two older kids are involved in CFF, and they were my inspiration to participate in RCIA.



I am **Kristine Losh**. I live on Capitol Hill with my husband, 3 children, and pets. Two of our 3 children attend St. Joseph School. I was raised strong in my Presbyterian faith but lost sight of that as I entered adulthood. Now I'm looking for a deeper connection to God and what better place to do so than the community I'm in. My view of faith is that it's very personal; the ritual & routine of the Catholic faith keeps my practice strong.



My name is **Ryan Schlender**. I'm a Protestant convert to Catholicism. I was raised in the Lutheran Church, but I attended non-denominational and Presbyterian churches in college. As an undergrad I struggled with doubts about my faith. Contrary to the evangelical myths of my upbringing, I found solace and encouragement from Catholic writing. Still, I was not moved to convert until I met my fiancé, who is a devout Catholic. Her prayers ultimately converted me to Catholicism.

Confirmandi



My name is **Marilyn Sherron**. I was born in Tacoma, where I attended undergraduate and graduate schools. I was introduced to St. Joseph's Parish when we enrolled our daughter in the school. When tragedy struck our family, the parish supported and embraced us. My daughter recently participated in the Rite of Confirmation and started me on my religious journey. RCIA has resulted in a deeper, more spiritual relationship with my daughter and sponsor. I'm honored to be loved by this community; this is my family.



Hello, I'm **Rebecca Bullock**. A native of central Massachusetts, I've been residing in Seattle for nearly two years and work as a pediatric occupational therapist. I was introduced to St. Joseph's by a dear friend and coworker. I'm excited to complete my confirmation as I've had the honor of being asked to be a godmother. I find that each day I'm learning something new. The feeling of community and support is something I'm beyond grateful to experience.



Hello, I'm **Andrew Stark**, Born and raised in Seattle, I'm married to Keysha, and we have two wonderful girls, Olivia and Elliot. I grew up an Episcopalian, attended Epiphany school and then Seattle Prep. A graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder, I've worked in the commercial real estate industry for the last 12 years and am excited to become part of St. Joseph's. The people I've met to date, inside and outside RCIA, have welcomed me with open arms, allowing me to grow and learn about myself, along with my spirituality.



Hello, I'm **Mark Kuhlman**. I'm from Tacoma and grew up Catholic with one older brother. I attended Bellarmine Prep followed by Gonzaga University before finding my way to St. Joseph's. Somehow I managed to slip through the cracks and elude the Confirmation process, and I've recently realized the void that it left in my life. Since first attending St. Joseph's I've always felt at home here, and that feeling continued while attending RCIA classes each week with my fiancé and many other amazing candidates and leaders.



Hello, I'm **Blake Vorhees**. My journey toward the Catholic Church began when I heard Pope Francis quoted by the media, His words reverberated with truth and love. Baptized Lutheran, I was raised atheist. I guess it's my unquenchable quest for perspective that paid attention when Pope Francis spoke. His words were like a compass providing direction to understand concepts of humanity and a commitment to love. I'm grateful to St. Joseph's for a loving environment in which to explore faith and discover myself.



Hello, I'm **Thad Westhusing**. I was baptized and raised Catholic but never confirmed. Although I've celebrated Mass throughout my life, I always felt my being Catholic wasn't complete. Thank you to the staff and entire St. Joseph community for inspiring me to take this step in my faith journey and the RCIA leaders and my sponsor for their insights and support.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For Katie as she makes her decision about the job offers received . . . For John and Terri as they prepare their house for sale and look to downsize . . . Congratulations to Kathleen and Devin Ross on their newborn daughter, Ellen Marie Ross, born on February 15th. . . For Pope Francis to have the continued strength in his travels and the wisdom when speaking to the hearts of others in faith, hope and love.

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord."

~Philippians 4:1

***Rest in Peace
The mother of Mary Guerra
who recently passed away***

PARISH LIFE



Women's Ministry Invites you to..

A Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship

MARY, MARTHA, & MERCY

Saturday February 27th

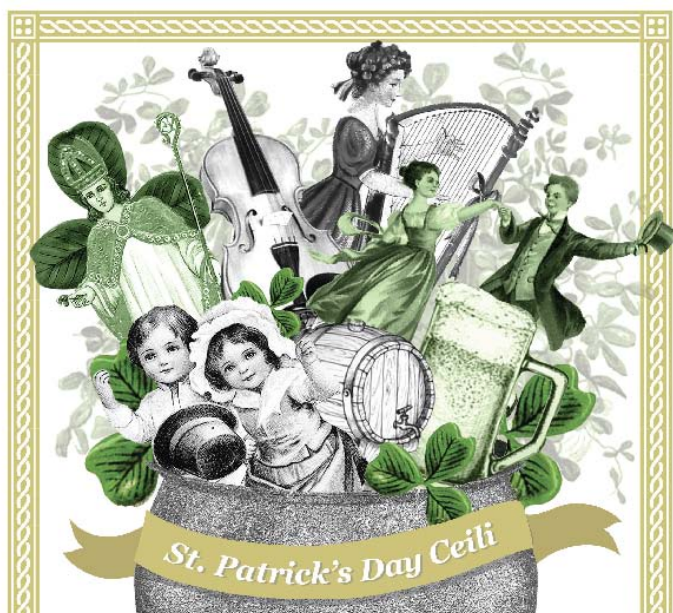
8:30am – 12 Noon, Parish Center

Animators: Denise Balthrop Cassidy, Mary Beth Hribar,
Dolores Brown and Sara Bayless da Costa
Continental Breakfast provided but not childcare

Do you 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 and 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

Save the Date

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



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 through 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.



FAITH FORMATION

CFF2 Reminder: Parent and Child Workshop is **Saturday, March 12th** from 9am to noon. Remember to bring Home and Mass binder for correction.

Volunteering Opportunity with First Eucharist Class: Volunteers are needed **Saturday, March 12th** from 9am to 12noon to help 2nd graders prepare for their First Communion. Please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org to sign up or for more information.

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 meet **Monday mornings starting February 22 from 11:30-1pm**. 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.

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



Tent City 3 is coming to St. Joseph's this Summer

We are happy to announce the parish has approved a request from Tent City 3 to stay on our Parking lot/playground from **mid-June thru late August**. St. Joseph's has hosted Tent City twice, most recently 2011. Click on this link to learn more about Tent City 3 <http://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-3>. If you have specific questions and concerns or would like volunteer with hosting please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

Welcoming the Stranger: Responding to the Refugee Crisis

During this Year of Mercy, IgNite for Young Adults (20's & 30's) is exploring what it means to be compassionate and merciful, the hands and heart of Christ in the world. We will gather on **Tuesday, March 1** at 7pm at St. Joseph Parish Center to hear stories from Syrian refugees. Learn about the root causes that force people to flee, what refugees encounter once they arrive, and how you can join in solidarity. For more information and to RSVP by February 28th, contact Theresa@ignatiancenter.org.

14th Annual Pedal for a Cure

During All Masses on February 27-28

Kathy Marion will be collecting any donations for her next Event For the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

On June 26 she will be walking the 382 mile Oregon Coast.

Feel free to sponsor Kathy on-line: <http://pages.teamin-training.org/wa/yourway16/kmarionkmw>

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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent at 11am

The Origin of the Way of the Cross: The devotion known as the Way of the Cross (or, sometimes, Stations of the Cross) began in Jerusalem, during the late 3rd or early 4th century, AD. As the Church became officially recognized, devotion to the places of Christ's suffering and death led many on pilgrimage to Jerusalem-including Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. In Jerusalem, the sites were used for instruction and inspiration, and the pilgrims who visited bought what they found back to their own countries, influencing worship and theology throughout Europe. Because a pilgrimage to Jerusalem was, for most people, impossible, in the 5th century, St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, had chapels designed at the monastery of Santo Stefano to recall the most important shrines of Jerusalem. At this monastery, the faithful could recall the suffering and death of Jesus and imagine themselves in the Holy Land. This is the earliest expression of stations in Europe. Following the Crusades, pilgrimage to Jerusalem again became popular, and from the 12th century it appears that a journey along the Via Sacra (the Holy Road) was common for pilgrims, though stations as we know them were not yet established. The Franciscan monks, given care for the holy places in 1342, established the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), and then brought the devotion to Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI gave the Franciscans the right to establish stations within their churches, a right later given to all churches. Over the years, the 14 stations, now considered traditional, were created as a type of miniature pilgrimage that all could take, especially in Lent.

