“My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me!”
Faith and Justice 40 Years On

The mission of the Society of Jesus today is the service of faith, of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement.

In one form or another, this has always been the mission of the Society; but it gains new meaning and urgency in the light of the needs and aspirations of the men and women of our time, and it is in that light that we examine it anew.

- Decree 4, Documents of the 32nd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus

A little over 40 years ago, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, the Society of Jesus gathered to renew its mission, to discern its future in a Church alive with new movements and new energy. Though the representatives of the Society had gathered just a few years earlier to elect a new Superior General, Fr. Pedro Arrupe, this meeting was to be different and virtually unprecedented: called not for the election of a General but to set a direction for the Society as a whole, in light of the Council’s call to renewal. In attendance were Provincials and delegates from around the world—including a young Provincial from Argentina named Jorge Bergoglio—and, though most were of European descent (India and Africa were almost completely represented by missionary leaders), there was a sense in the entire assembly that the Society was being reborn. Having suffered under the Suppression, the Society had remained a cautious body since the time of the Restoration in the early 19th century; and though it had done much good, it was only with Vatican II that it began to return to its original charism—through the renewed study of the Spiritual Exercises and the writings of Ignatius.

At this moment, it seemed right to reformulate the Jesuit mission, to reassert the charism of Ignatius in light of the "signs of the times."

In early March, 1975, the Congregation approved, overwhelmingly, Decree 4: Our Mission Today: The Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice. It was to become a watershed document, which divided the Society as it had been for 100 years from the Society that would develop in the years to come. In the wake of Decree 4, scores of Jesuits have been killed, and many works once held by the Society have been transformed to lay leadership, as Jesuits took up missions among those struggling for justice. From Decree 4, one finds a straight line to the murders of the Jesuits in El Salvador and the establishment of the Jesuit Refugee Service, a natural progression to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and to the greater integration of lay and Jesuit partnerships in the work of the Church. Decree 4 has become deeply engrained in the life of the Society of Jesus today; so much so that few could imagine a Jesuit parish or school where people were not called to advocacy and service, to engagement with the poor and to immersion in the struggles of the world. Even in the words and actions of the Jesuit Pope—who calls the young to “make noise” and all people to create a Church that brings mercy to the poor, healing to the earth, welcome to the refugee and migrant—one feels the ripples of Decree 4 and the Spirit who brought it forth.

In the 41 years since Decree 4, the Society of Jesus, in compan-
ionship with its many constitutive ministries, has learned much about promoting faith through the service of justice. For one thing, we have come to see that, while all ministries must share this mission, not all will share it in the same way. Thus, today, the Society often speaks about the process of social engagement in works of the Society as consisting of five related but distinct steps, for which different sectors and ministries may be more or less naturally attuned: Accompaniment, Service, Research, Awareness Raising, and Advocacy. Accompaniment, being on the ground with real people in the joys and struggles of their lives, is the grounding for all our ministries, since without it ministry becomes simply an idea, a concept. Coming not as dilettantes nor colonizers, we must walk with the people of God, as Jesus did, and from them allow our service to emerge. Likewise, from our direct service, we must then ask the deeper questions of structures and causes. This is the notion of research, which emerges from real problems and seeks more global solutions. Though a parish, such as St. Joseph, may be better suited to accompaniment and service, we must not forget this element of research, nor leave it just to universities and colleges. We need to ask the hard questions that confront the structures of our society. Likewise, moving on from research, we—as a Jesuit parish—must encourage and engage in the dialogue that broadens awareness. Asking the hard questions, we must also seek the complex answers, which may lead us to change and challenge a culture in which we often find comfort. Finally, in company with other organizations—e.g., universities, the Jesuit Conference, lay or Church social service organizations, etc.—we must also be ready to advocate for change, willing to work to create transformative and transformed structures better suited to the justice and mercy we proclaim in our liturgy. Through all these steps, the work of Decree 4 becomes activated, and the mission of the Society of Jesus becomes real.

Last week, in the Dominican Republic, lay and Jesuit partners from across Central America, from the Caribbean, and from North America (both the United States and Canada), as well as visitors from Colombia and Rome, celebrated the anniversary of Decree 4 by continuing the work to which it calls the Society. Looking at various situations and challenges in our region—e.g., the effects of mining and other extractive industries on communities and on the environment; the growing disparity of wealth and its political effects; the violence of organized crime among the poor of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico; etc.—we sought to discern the Spirit’s call to all of us, as women and men ignited by the Spirit and committed to the Ignatian charism. There was no sense among us that these were “secular” matters, inappropriate to a gathering of religious people and institutions. Rather, we saw in all these issues the face of the God who aligns with the disenfranchised and forgotten; we heard the summons of the Resurrected Christ, who embraces the poor and proclaims the coming of a kingdom of justice; and we felt the living Spirit, who dwells not in heaven alone but in the depth of every human heart and every institution. Decree 4, so deeply planted within the Society of Jesus, articulates in a new way what was already present in the proclamation of the gospel; thus, in living this decree, we merely live the message of Christ, translated for our own times.

In the coming weeks and months, I hope to invite the entire community of St. Joseph—including our partner ministries—to reflect more fully on some of the issues discussed at the meeting in the Dominican Republic. As part of a global community, woven together through the ministry of the Society of Jesus, I hope we can review our own ministries and find, increasingly, points of contact and collaboration with our sisters and brothers across the hemisphere. While some of this already occurs—e.g., in our advocacy for the people of Arcatao as they face environmental and social assault from Canadian gold-mining interests—I know that there is more we can learn from one another, and more ways we can grow to be what we claim we are: the Jesuit Parish in Seattle; i.e., companions in “the service of faith of which the promotion of justice is an absolute requirement.”

Please note: As some of you may have heard there have been a series of break-ins and thefts at local parishes. The focus seems to be on safes and trying to access Sunday collections. I wanted to let you know that we take every precaution to minimize the risk for theft. We regularly monitor our safe to make sure that it is in proper working order and limit the time between collection and deposit so money is not onsite for any extended period of time.

If you should see something or someone that is suspicious, please let us know. Should you see a theft occurring, do not approach, notify the local police right away. The safety of our parishioners, visitors and guests is of the utmost importance.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached via email at rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org or via phone (206) 324-2522, ext. 108.
First Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100

Murray/Gelineau

(5:30) Psalm 100

We are God’s people, the flock of the Lord.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14B-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Festival Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp

(5:30) Easter Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp

Gospel

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Reflection

Terry Earls
Offertory Songs

You Have Put on Christ

Baptismal Acclamation

You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lector: Lord, In your mercy...     Assembly Response: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Songs

Flow River Flow

Hughes

Refrain

Flow river flow, flow over me. O living water,
poured out for free; O living water, flow over me.

Verses

1. You will be mine and I will be your God,
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice,
3. Whoever drinks the water I will give

1. for I will wash you clean. And a new
2. the lame shall leap for joy. Riv-ers will
3. will never thirst again. The drink I

Heart, a heart of flesh and feeling, I will place with-
flow into dry and barren desert, flow-ers bloom in
give is an ever-flow-ing river, well-ing up with-

1. in you for your heart of stone.
2. splendor, glory fill the land.
3. in you to give eternal life.

(9) Alleluia Round

Boyce/Proulx
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 presider & indicate this.
Communion Songs

You Are Mine, #649

Haas

Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

One Bread, One Body

Foley

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, wom-an or man no more. one in the Lord of all, gathered to one for all.

2. Many the gifts, man-y the works, one in the Lord of all, gathered to one for all.

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, D.C. al Fine
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

This Is The Day

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us re-
joyce and be glad and be glad! This is the day that the
Lord has made, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

This Week At St. Joseph

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

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in Prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence
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

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  Tent City Hosting Meeting

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Saturday
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass
6:00 PM  We Are St. Joseph Dinner
Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, April 20th - New support group for Seniors begins from 11-12 noon and will continue every third Wednesday of each month. Meets in Arrupe room. Please call Eleanor McCall at 206 325-4615 or e-mail Frances Chikahisa at franceschikahisa@me.com for further information. We will provide tea, coffee and snacks.

Thursday, May 5th - Trip to Bloedel Reserve/Bainbridge Island.

Friday, May 13th - Healing Mass at 11:30 followed by luncheon at Parish Center. This is SECOND Friday.

Thursday, May 19th - 12 noon Lunch and Cabaret Show with Sigrid Endresen and accompanist Will Gerhardt.

Sunday, May 22nd - Lunch and Seminar on Aging after the 11am Mass.

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 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!

Why register? St. Joseph 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!

Baptism Families


Women’s Home Mass & Potluck

Women of all ages are invited Friday, April 29, to a Home Mass and Potluck! Fr John Whitney will preside. This casual celebration will be held at the Capitol Hill home of Denise and Barney Cassidy at 1620 E Prospect Street (street parking available, or feel free to park at St. Joseph and walk 2 blocks to the house).

Come celebrate spring and personally invite your friends to share in this joyful event. We will gather at 6:00 pm, with Mass starting at 6:30 pm, and eat afterwards. RSVP if you can join us, indicating what potluck item you can share: main dish, salad, dessert, and/or beverage.

Will you bless us with your presence? For questions, contact Denise at denise@cassidyhome.com or 650-814-9341

Faith Formation

CFF2 Mass Binders

CFF2 white home and mass binder is due Sunday, April 24. Completed binders may be turned in earlier to the parish center; otherwise, there is a bookshelf by the vestibule bathrooms that you may turn binders in anytime that weekend (4/23 or 4/24).

First Eucharist Reception Help

We are looking for reception help for First Eucharist weekend, April 30th and May 1st. We need help after the 5pm mass on Saturday, April 30th, and after the 9am and 11 am masses on Sunday, May 1st. This would be a big help for the children and families receiving first Eucharist this year. Please email Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org if you can assist.
Tent City Coming to St. Joseph
June 18-August 27

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TENT CITY INFO NIGHTS: Open to folks who want to learn about what Tent City is, why it exists, how it operates. Come to ask questions and share your concerns.

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~Galatians 5:22-23

Spring Concert this Weekend
Seattle University Choir Presents: “All Our Loves”
Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30, 8pm, Church

Among the featured composers are Claudio, Monteverdi, Vaughan Williams, Morley, Whitacre and our own Lee Peterson. The concert offers a wide variety of musical styles from Monteverdi’s madrigalian expression of grief at the tomb of his beloved to Lee Peterson’s jazzy Mr. Toad. Eric Whitacre’s “Seal Lullaby” rounds out the concert with its gentle expression of love for the young.

Tickets are available at the door and range from $7 for students, $18 general, and $25 reserved. Call concert line to reserve ahead: 206-296-5372. St. Joseph parishioners will be offered admission free of charge (mention to house manager/ticket agent), and are welcome to make a donation but not expected to do so.

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We hope to have representatives from the Seattle Police Department and Mayor’s Office join the conversation too. Parishioners & School Families Info Night will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7pm. Neighbors & Businesses Info Night will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, at 7pm. Both will meet in the Parish Social Hall.

Questions, concerns, or interested in volunteering to host? Please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

CRS Parish Ambassador Corps Opportunity

St. Joseph Parish has been invited by the Missions Office to participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Parish Ambassador Corps. CRS Parish Ambassadors work within the plans and charisms of their own parish community to increase global solidarity efforts within their parish. Ambassadors will be trained and supported by CRS regional staff and will be asked to coordinate at least three global solidarity initiatives in the parish within the pastoral year. Our Faith Justice Commission is currently seeking volunteers who may be interested to serve our parish and the global community in this way.

A special “come and see” event for those interested in serving as a CRS Parish Ambassador will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Chancery from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org if you are interested or need further information.

Liturgie and Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For Lenora recently baptized into her chosen faith. For Michele, Paula, Catherine, Julia and Georgia’s health. For Michael, the strength and joy that comes from God’s love. For Adrienne’s healing. For Eugene’s move. For Elizabeth and Mike as they welcome baby Victoria. For Lisa, as she galvanizes her community towards peaceful and positive change.

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We Are St. Joseph

Service Day Descriptions - April 22nd & 23rd

There are two ways to get involved in the We Are St. Joseph Service Days:

Invitation to Celebrate: Join us for dinner & karaoke Saturday evening starting at 6pm.

Opportunity to Serve: We have multiple service projects to choose from. Please read below about the various organizations and the good work they do.

Jubilee Women's Center
Friday, April 22nd
9:00am – 1:00pm
620 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112
206-324-1244
http://jwcenter.org

Providing safe, affordable and supportive community housing and services for women since 1983, Jubilee serves nearly 1,500 low-income women in the community with classes on technology, life skills and job readiness, community referrals, an open computer lab and free clothing boutique.

Work Description: Some volunteers will be doing yard work, some helping to clean and organize our storage section. Spring cleaning in the yard--cutting grass, weeding, preparing garden beds.

Number of Volunteers needed: 6-10 - ages 21 and older. Dress comfortably and be prepared for the weather. Water and snacks provided. Bringing gardening gloves and tools (brooms, trowels, shovels etc.) optional but encouraged.

St. Francis House
Friday, April 22nd
9:30am – 12:30pm
169 12th Ave 98122
206-621-0945
http://www.stfrancishouseseattle.org/

St. Francis House is established in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi to be a presence in Seattle to serve those in need and to inspire simplicity and charity in its volunteers and those they serve. Since 1967, the volunteers, staff and donors of St. Francis House have served many of these poor and needy by following the example of St. Francis as expressed in his prayer. Today we serve hundreds of people each week, Monday through Friday. No one is turned away. Everything that is donated to us is given away, free of charge, no questions asked. We are the ultimate recycling center. All of the food is donated – some of it by area hospitals and the rest by individual volunteers, school children, and families who prepare homemade sandwiches and sack lunches.

Orders are then filled for those people who need clothing, hygiene kits, bedding, household items, furniture, food or other items given by St. Francis House donors.

Work Description: Spring cleaning, yard work, gardening, pour coffee, hand out sandwiches, work in clothing room.

Number of Volunteers needed: 4-8 Volunteers All Ages Welcome. Bring work gloves.

Chief Seattle Club
Friday, April 22nd
10:00am – 2:00pm
410 2nd Ave Ext S, Seattle 98104
206-292-6214
http://www.chiefseattleclub.org/

“To provide a sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native Peoples.” Five days a week, we offer a place where urban American Indians and Alaska Natives, many of whom are homeless and low-income, can join to share a common meal, speak their own languages, access social services, and find peace, without fear of public censure or discrimination.

Work Description: Deep cleaning of our kitchen & other areas of building.

Number of Volunteers needed: 2-5 ages 18 and older. Dress for cleaning, supplies provided. Brown Bag Lunch.

Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets
Saturday, April 23rd
9:30am – 1:30pm
1609 19th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122
206-726-8500 Ext 111
http://www.psks.org/

We exist to support homeless and at-risk youth and young adults to become empowered to lead positive and self-sufficient lives. Our philosophy and practice of inclusion has allowed us to develop low access barriers to engage young people who are at risk of falling through gaps in community services.
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Work Description: Cleaning/organizing of interior and exterior of our homeless youth community center with special focus on beautifying the outside entrance.

Number of Volunteers needed: 3-10 - ages seven and older (minors must be accompanied by adult). Dress to get dirty and bring gardening tools if you have them. Brown Bag Lunch.

Noel House
Saturday, April 23rd 10:00am – 12pm
118 Bell St, Seattle 98121
206-456-3450, 206-441-3210
www.noelhouse.org

Noel House Programs provides safe, comfortable shelter to a diverse community of homeless women, particularly those most vulnerable. We strive to create an environment of dignity, respect and compassion. We recognize the intrinsic value of each person and honor her unique experience. Since its inception in 1990, Noel House Programs has offered nightly shelter to single women experiencing homelessness. Over the years, Noel House Programs has grown to include a variety of services, including referrals to 15 emergency shelters, nightly meal service, and case management at the main Noel House shelter. In total, Noel House Programs assists 72 women with nightly shelter, 20 women with permanent housing and 180 women with nightly emergency shelter referrals.

Work Description: Volunteers will be asked to assist in Kitchen cleaning (scrubbing walls, cabinets, oven, refrigerator etc.).

Number of Volunteers needed: 2-6 ages 13 and older (Minors must be accompanied by Adult). Volunteers should dress for cleaning. Brown Bag Lunch.

Pregnancy & Parenting Support: Catholic Community Service
Saturday, April 23rd
10:00am – 2:00pm
4250 South Mead Street, Seattle 98118 (St Edward Parish, Old rectory)
206-725-2090, 206-406-7750
http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=families_pregnancysupport

The primary focus of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program is to assist pregnant and newly parenting women, the fathers of the babies, their families and significant others in locating sought after resources, creating new opportunities, and forming positive environments for themselves through careful assessments and evaluations.

Work Description: Sort and organize donations, haul away unusable furniture/items; rearrange furniture, bag diapers/wipes/print/cut fold flyers & brochures.

Number of Volunteers needed: 10 - ages 8 and above (parent must be with child if minor). We need 1-2 folks who have a truck for hauling items! Volunteers should wear comfortable clothes, if you will do yard or gardening, bring garden tools. Brown Bag Lunch.

St. Vincent de Paul Georgetown warehouse
Saturday, April 23rd 10:00am – 2:00pm
Work Site address is: 5950 4th Ave S, Seattle 98108
http://svdpseattle.org

St. Vincent de Paul in Seattle and King County is made up of more than 50 conferences—“all-volunteer neighborhood support groups” who make personal in-home visits and personal contacts to help people with survival and self-sufficiency support. Our neighborhood volunteers are the heart, soul, and face of our organization. We would not exist without them. Their approach to working with people who are suffering and need help is unique. Each conference has a group of members who gather to serve people who need help in their area. These visits help determine the exact nature and detail of the assistance required to help our neighbors. We annually serve close to 150,000 people in home visits, case management, food bank, and related programs. Every year we know our service plays a major role in helping to prevent evictions, all of which are expensive personal and financial tragedies. Costs getting someone back into a home after an eviction are substantial and can amount to between $13,000 and $40,000 per year according to research done by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Work Description: Volunteers will assist in sorting incoming clothing donations.

Number of Volunteers needed: 15-30 - ages 21 & older. We are specifically targeting Young Adults to participate in this service. Pizza lunch to follow.

Friends of Interlaken (Boren Park) Seattle Parks & Rec
Saturday, April 23rd 10:00am to 1:00pm
206-446-1679
Meet at 19th Ave E & E Galer #12 bus stop Metro comfort station (open for event).
http://www.seattle.gov/parks/park_detail.asp?id=3023
Our Mission: Seattle Parks and Recreation will work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment, and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community.

Work Description: Native plant Habitat restoration. Landscaping, weeding, removing invasive species like ivy and laurel.

Number of Volunteers needed: 10-40 - all Ages Welcome (6 and older preferred). All children must be accompanied by an adult. Work Clothes: long sleeve-shirts/pants, layered rain gear, light hiking/work boots, Garden gloves. Volunteers may bring tools of their own that work best for them especially small hand clippers.

L’Arche Noah Sealth
Saturday, April 23rd
11 am – 2:00 pm
816 15th Ave E, Seattle 98112
206-325-9434
http://www.larcheseattle.org

The Mission of L’Arche is: To make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships. To engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more humane society. To foster community that is inspired by the core values in our founding story and responds to the changing needs of our members.

Work Description: We need help with beautifying our yard at Shuinota House(1425 E Ward, Seattle 98112). We hope to build raised garden beds, work on weeding, pruning, take out an old fence and plant some veggies and flowers. Number of Volunteers needed: 4 – 6 children over ten if accompanied by parent. Dress in work clothes and for outdoor work. Bring gardening gloves, shovels, shears etc. Brown Bag Lunch.

Recovery Café
Saturday, April 23rd
1:00pm – 5:00pm
2022 Boren Ave Seattle, WA 98121
206-374-8731
https://recoverycafe.org

Recovery Café and its School for Recovery serve men and women who have suffered trauma, homelessness, addiction and/or other mental health challenges. In this loving community, men and women experience belonging, healing and the joy of contributing. The Café and School for Recovery helps participants develop tools for maintaining recovery and stabilizing in men-tal/physical health, housing, relationships and employment/volunteer service.

Work Description: Volunteers will be given a brief orientation including video and story-telling. Volunteers will then help get a mailing out by stamping and labeling postcards. Afterwards volunteers will provide ministry of presence to café members over coffee or playing a game.

Number of Volunteers needed: 8-10 - children of all ages welcomes if accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should dress comfortably and casually. Snacks provided!

**Sign-up**

Visit our website:
www.stjosephparish.org

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We Need Your Photo to Make It Complete!

We are producing an updated directory for our ever-growing parish community and have chosen Lifetouch to help us with this project. For this to work, we ask that you schedule a photography appointment: either go online to the parish website, stop by in person or call 206.324.2522. With your professional photography session, you will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait, our Parish Directory, and an opportunity to purchase additional photos. Our directory won’t be complete without you, so please schedule your appointment TODAY!

Easter Blessings! St. Joseph Parish Staff

Photography Dates:
April 27-May 1 (Wed through Sun)
May 3-7 (Tues through Sat)
May 11-15 (Wed through Sun)
May 17-21 (Tues through Sat)

Photography Times:
Weekdays (Tues-Wed-Thurs-Fri): 1:00-9:00 PM
Saturdays: 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sundays: 12 Noon-5:00 PM

All photos will be taken in the Brebeuf Room (Parish Center basement)

Not available on above dates?: Call Lifetouch visitor scheduling at 866.756.0281 between 8-5pm EDT. They will help you schedule a time that is convenient for you.

***Only the info you wish to share will be published in the Parish Directory***

Questions...email jackh@stjosephparish.org