

St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE











"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."







We Are
St. Joseph!



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 24, 2016

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

Readings for May 1, 2016

FIRST READING: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29 SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23 GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

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 Weaving

They can no longer be physically present to us, yet for all death's power, "love is strong as death" (Song of Songs, 8:6). Love involves an intuition that can enable us to hear without sounds and to see the unseen.

-Pope Francis-

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

-Revelations 21:5a

It was a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, as I walked out of Northwest Hospital, towards my car. I had been sitting at the bedside of a friend, Chris Jarvis, who is struggling with the sudden discovery of a vicious and fast moving cancer. I presided over the funeral of Chris' sister, who had died unexpectedly, only a few months ago, and now I was sitting with him. As he dozed in and out, I held his hand, occasionally nodding-off myself, until I realized it was time to leave. Blessing him again, I headed towards the parking lot, opening my phone as I walked. There I found a note on Facebook from my longtime friend, Dana, which said simply: "Matthew's 9th birthday. Love and miss our sweet boy." Suddenly, unexpectedly, I found myself with tears in my eyes, my mind and heart filled with images of Chris in his bed, and of Matthew—sweet Matthew—whose funeral I had presided at nearly 8 years ago, in the chapel of the Jesuit Center in Portland.

Matthew Gabriel Baioni was born with severe illness, but also with a will and spirit not easily conquered. For many months, he lived in the NICU of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, constantly and lovingly attended by his parents, Dana and Sean. I remember going to see him and marveling at the love of his parents, his grandparents, his aunts and uncles (some biological, some spiritual), and the nurses who generously and gently watched over him. Lying in his little plastic crib, the ventilator taped into his mouth and the little stuffed animals nearby, he was often in pain, but could not cry. But sometimes, his eyes would open and there would be his spirit, his soul, reaching out, lighting the room, bringing all of us to him, to one another, to that higher power who wept with us there, and who made gentle our hearts, even in those hard times. He was so clearly himself—i.e., so fully Matthew, possessed of his own personality, his own kindness, his own likes and dislikes—and he shared his being with those around him, drawn by that special gravity of love to his mother and father, but willing to give it to the rest of us, as well. When he died, we gathered with memories and tears, for even such a brief life was filled with both. I remember sitting in the warm chapel, while tattooed and tough-looking guys wept and laughed at the memory of this little boy who never left the hospital. And when his sister, Lilly, was born, a few years later, I remember the feeling we all had that her big brother was there, as well. To imagine him at 9 is to taste sorrow, but also the sweet grace that such a big life was given to us, even for a short time.

There have been many deaths that have marked my heart since Matthew put his little imprint there. Some marks are deep, felt nearly every day; while others, lighter but still present, come from those I have only begun to know, or whom I know best through others who carry their stories. Yet, somehow, all of them weave together in a beautiful tapestry that we too often miss seeing—perhaps because we are too busy, perhaps because we fear the pain of loss that so often accompanies our remembrance of the dead. Yet, this is the tapestry into which all of us are due to be woven: the great tapestry of the communion of saints, each strand unique and necessary, every one of them bound to every other. It can be heavy, and feel burdensome, at times, to carry this tapestry with us; yet, when the wind blows and we wrap it around us, we feel the warmth of their stories, and we know that somehow we are safe, somehow we are enveloped in them and bound to them. These strands of love and memory encompass our life and protect us from the cold blast of loneliness and utter destruction. And beneath this tapestry, we hear the song of our own history, the voice of those who have loved us, and love us still. We hear those whom we have loved, and those whom our love will help us never to forget.

This last Wednesday, standing in the sunshine outside Northwest Hospital, with tears in my eyes, I thought of Matthew and Maggie, of Jack and Lee, of Allen and Ann, of Anita and Tracy, of all the funerals I have been to and presided over. I thought of this good man, Chris, lying in his bed, and of his beautiful sons, Jack and Will, whose lives would be shaped by these hours and days to come. Love, undiminished by time or death, opens our ears to the whispers of stories that fill our hearts, and opens our eyes to see, in the graces of our life, the faces of those who have filled our days with joy. But the cost of such hearing and of such sight is not small: it is our tears and that longing, which continues until the Resurrection of Jesus comes to its fulfillment in all of us, until we be-

come the Easter we celebrate now in hope. And when that day comes, the fullness of the story will be heard. Sown into the great tapestry of God's own weaving, we will be one with all those we have loved, one with all who are bound to us by ribbons of grace and memory, sorrow and joy. Then the "Alleluia!" we are called to sing will welcome not just the risen Christ but all the resurrected—the full body of Christ—who will stand with us again and know our love.

On that day our tears, shed now in sorrow, will shine in our eyes with the unending joy of God.

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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!

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

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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude

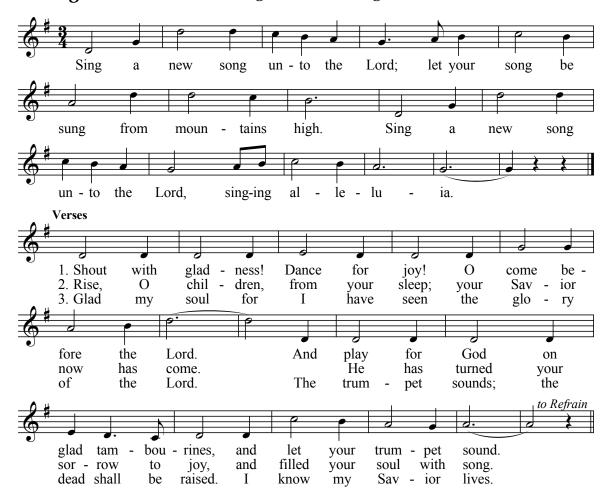
(5, 9 & 11) Regina Coeli

O Queen of Heaven, be joyful, alleluia. For he whom you have humbly borne for us has arisen, as he promised, alleluia. Offer now our prayer to God, alleluia. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia: Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia, Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

(5:30)Laudate Dominum

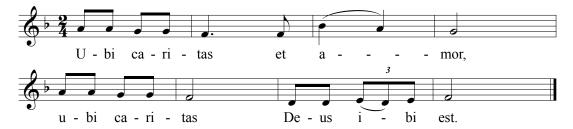
Entrance Songs

Sing a New Song



(5:30) Ubi Caritas

Taize



Gloria/Sprinkling

Storrington

See laminated card in pews



First Reading Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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Second ReadingRevelation 21:1-5A

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Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

King

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God.

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp



(5:30) Easter Alleluia



When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reflection



Denise Cassidy

Prayers of the Faithful

Lector: Lord, In your mercy...

Assembly Response: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Songs (5 & 9) I Give You A New Commandment

Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you so you are to love one another. If there is this love among you then all will know that you are my disciples.

(11) Laudate Dominum

Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, Laudate eum, omnes populi quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Amen.

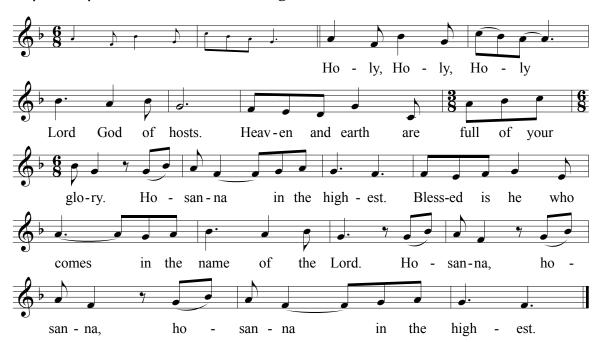
Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise him, all people. For he has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Amen

(5:30)Instrumental

Holy, Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass

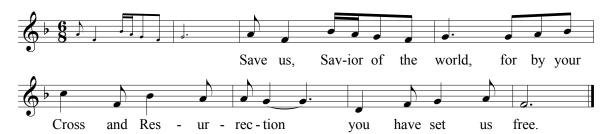
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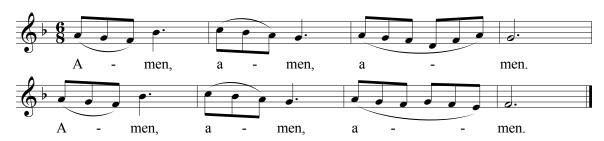
Mystery of Faith

Storrington Mass

Haugen



Great Amen



Lamb of God

Storrington Mass



All Are Invited To Come Forward

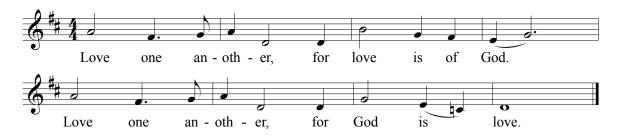
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

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

Communion Songs

Love One Another, #630

Chepponis



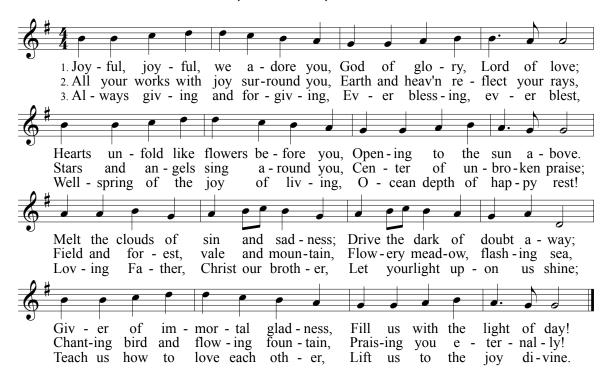
Ubi Caritas Hurd



Song of Praise

Hymn of Joy, #528

Hodges/Beethoven/van Dyke



Communion Prayer

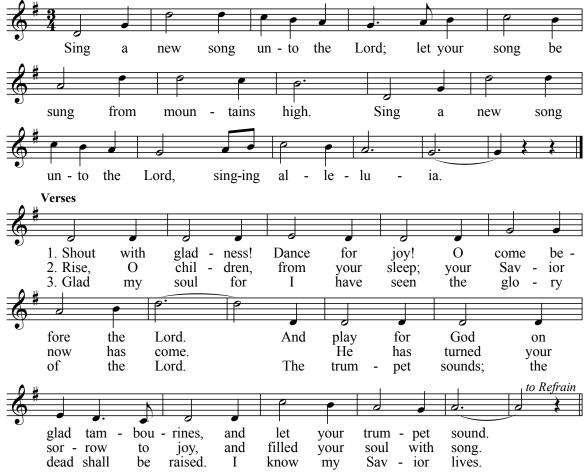
Celebrate Mercy

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.





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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

11:00 AM Mass5:30 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 Goup

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

1:00-9:00 PM Parish Directory Photo Appointments

6:00 PM Pathfinders Youth Group 7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

1:00-9:00 PM Parish Directory Photo Appointments

Friday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

1:00-9:00 PM Parish Directory Photo Appointments

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

10 AM-5 PM Parish Directory Photo Appointments

Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

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.

Estate Planning: A Legacy of Love

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph School & the Endowment for St. Joseph School cordially Invite you to Lunch Thursday, May 26, 2016, Noon - 1:30 pm, Arrupe Rm.

During this complimentary lunch you will learn about: Estate planning and why it is important, Estate planning tools, Wills & Trusts. You are welcome (and encouraged) to bring guests and advisors. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to stewardship@stjosephparish.org or advancement@stjosephsea.org, or 206.324.2522.

Young Adult (21-35) Planning Meeting

Monday, May 2 - 7:00 pm - Parish Center

Have you enjoyed St. Joseph Young Adult events? Got great ideas for other ones? Interested in planning and coordinating events for the community? Please join us. Email us at youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org Newcomers always welcome!

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

Newcomers Wanted!

Welcome to St. Joseph! If you are a newly registered member to the parish, please join us for our NEWCOM-ERS MEET, GREET & EAT Gathering on Cinco de Mayo.

Thursday, May 5th - 6:00 – 8:00 pm - Parish Center Food and Drink provided!

Come meet the Parish Staff, your fellow new parishioners and learn about how to get involved in the parish. To RSVP please contact Jack Hilovsky at jackh@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1653.



FAITH FORMATION

Celebrate the Newly Baptized!

We celebrate and rejoice in the children baptized last weekend: **5 PM Mass:** Susanna Alexander, Zev Joseph Garrison, Henry Francis Lamb, Anais Parker & Elias Benson Vallejos. **9 AM Mass:** Sophia Maria Brusig, Locklyn Michael Droz, Brendan Kevin MacDonald, Talbot Ellen Rolfe, Violet Mey Tai. **11 AM Mass:** Hannah Linh Brinker, Rilla James Collier, Catherine Felix Corner, Claire Maria Hrvatin, Adeline Jueun Powers, Elias Brendan Wilson.

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.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP



That's Greek for "Thank you." You often heard me mention in the bulletin that the word "Eucharist" is a Greek word that means something akin to "work of the people." Liturgists often lean on this notion to open a window onto the understanding of our liturgy (the mass) as something that we do together, something that requires all of us working together in unison: traveling to be present, walking in procession, praying, singing, listening, being attentive, giving and receiving all that we're carrying in our hearts, minds and bodies that day. Suffice to say, liturgy is NOT a spectator sport.

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday and if there were ever a liturgy where the notion of the "work of the people" is normative, this is it! So many people gave so much time and effort in large and small ways to celebrate the Triduum well. I want to take this column today to say thank you...

To the ushers who came early and stayed late, welcomed us with a smile, made sure we had everything we needed (candles, song sheets, etc) moved chairs, cleaned up after us...showed us the Way of Hospitality. To all the ushers and their team captain Bruce Mirkin, "Gracias!"

To the lectors who proclaimed God's word in or midst with clear, strong voices and took the time to come to rehearsals, to pray over and study the readings so that, when they stood up in the midst of the assembly to proclaim the word, they weren't just reading words on a page, but breaking it open for all to hear, possibly in a new way. To all the lectors, under the leadership of lector captain Jennifer Olegario, "Ahsante sanah!"

To the Eucharistic ministers who served with reverence the blessed bread and wine, Christ's body and blood to the entire community. Who helped to strip the altar on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, to set the table for the Eucharistic feast each day. A special thanks to EM captain Mary Sepulveda who quietly spent many hours behind the scenes recruiting and preparing large teams of Eucharistic ministers, making sure everyone knew where to go and what to do...no easy task since there are so many unique "once a year" moments during the Triduum. To Mary and all of the Eucharistic Ministers: "Grazie!"

To our young altar servers who mustered the courage to sit up front and serve at the altar, carrying out a dizzying array of tasks, who came to practice after school, came early to mass, and served in a very public role with grace and fortitude (no easy task for these long Triduum liturgies!) To our altar servers: "Gratias!"

To the choir who practiced for many, many weeks 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours every Thursday night and sang for all the days of the

Triduum AND mass on Easter Sunday! Their's is an immense commitment of time and energy, and with strong faith and good cheer they helped all our spirits to soar through sung prayer for all the days. To the choir, and to our parish organist/pianist Matthew Samelak: "Merci Beaucoup!"

To the 5:30 Contemplative Liturgy team who "hosted" the Easter vigil: To Gerry Lamar for preparing the ushers, Jennifer Olegario for preparing the lectors and Michael Caputi for preparing the Eucharistic Ministers and to our 5:30 musicians...to all who served at the vigil and worked to vivify and bring to life this most special and complicated of all liturgies. To the 5:30 team: "Asante!"

Thanks to our parish sacristan Dan Tobin who made sure we had all the "things" we needed to celebrate: wood for the fire, bowls, pitchers and towels to wash feet, candles, hosts, incense, charcoal, tapers with Dixie cups! To those who helped to decorate the church: Julie Olsen our parish Artist in Residence who created the gorgeous Easter banners, Alex from Flowers on 15th, Dan Tobin and our facilities manager Rebecca Frisino and, of course, Fr. John for his delicate touch throughout the church. Thanks, too, to parishioners who responded to the invitation to facilitate the foot washing on Holy Thursday and to Dottie Farewell who organized and rehearsed them. To our parish receptionist Renee Leet who ran off a gazillion programs and did whatever needed to be done with good cheer and our bookkeeper Caprice Sauter who managed the church calendar so that everyone had time and space to rehearse and people didn't bump into each other... at least not too often! To all of these: "Go raibh maith agat!"

Thanks, of course, to Fr. John and Fr. Jim and Deacon Steve for leading us through these days and for preaching words of comfort, challenge and inspiration day after day. A special thanks, too, to Fr. Jack O'Leary, our very own patron saint of good weather whose funeral mass we celebrated just weeks earlier, but who still managed, from his place above, to keep the rain away for just long enough that we could celebrate the opening of the Easter Vigil outdoors. It was a bit chilly and wet but that only contributed to the sense of being part of something very ancient and primal. To Frs. John, Jim, Jack and Deacon Steve: "Dankeschôon!"

And, of course, a final thank you to our neophytes, those baptized, received and/or confirmed who responded to the movement of God in their lives and stood up in the midst of the assembly and said: ""YES." We are all blessed and inspired by your "yes." "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!"

As St. Augustine said, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" May our song resonate throughout this season of Easter and on to Pentecost!

Robert McCaffery-Lent Minister of Music



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Upcoming Spring Concert

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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Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: May Emily's surgery for breast cancer and the follow-up treatment be successful. . For Diana and Bill's safe travel through the mid-West . . . For Mary's knee to heal so she can walk again . . . May God hold

Chris close and relieve him of any suffering . . . Gratefulness for a beloved niece's acceptance at the college of her choice . . . For Julia on her journey . . . For Katie's relocation and finding a house in Wenatchee for her family . . . For the people of Japan and Ecuador who have suffered loss and damage in the recent earthquakes.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes . . ." ~Revelation 21:4-5

Rest in Peace

For the mother of Ann Alokolara Fennessy, **Anita Alokolara,** who passed away this week. For Dave Irwin whose funeral will be held Tuesday, April 26, at 3pm, St. Ignatius Chapel



FAITH JUSTICE

Tent City Info Nights

We are happy to announce our parish has approved a request from Tent City 3 to stay on our parking lot/playground from June 18-August 27. We will host 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. 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? Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

Prison Education & Re-Entry Solutions

A Conversation

Thursday, May 12 - 7:00 pm - Parish Center

Mark your calendar and join us in a discussion about how to improve justice in our current prison system. Moderators Al O'Brien and Mark Petterson along with a panel of leaders in the prison reform movement will discuss the Freedom Education Project Puget Sound's mission to increase women prisoners' economic and personal empowerment, contribute to family stability and reduce recidivism through college education. Also featured are Ari Cohn, Gina McConnell-Otten and Keith Whiteman, who'll lead a conversation about The Post-Prison Education Program, which provides access to education and support through wraparound services, including tuition, housing, daycare, transport and mentoring.

Think Global, Act Local: CRS Parish Ambassador Corps

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. 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.

St. Joseph Parish Weekend Men's Retreat The Road to Mercy: Honesty, Humility, Surrender, and Service

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation, and fellowship.

Leadership team includes: John Briggs, Rob Carroll, Dick Ellis, Christopher Grimm,
Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J., Brady McGarry, Andy Perez, and Steve Wodzanowski

Friday, June 3, 8:00 pm - Sunday, June 5, 11:00 am

Dumas Bay Centre

3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023

\$170 registration includes lodging and meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner - Sunday breakfast) Partial scholarships are available.

We need a minimum of 20 men to go and a maximum of 35 participants.

Sign up is on a first come, first pay basis.

Accommodations are simple and rustic! Please bring a sleeping bag or bedding.

All participants must be 21 or older.

For more information or to register, please contact:

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A REMEMBERING OF THE VICTIMS OF MIGRATION: A PRAYER

Merciful God, we pray to you for all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life. Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is known, loved and cherished. May we never forget them, but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words.

We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope. Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection. In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.



A group of 12 Syrian refugees board their plane with the pope. Pope Francis told migrants on Lesbos they were "not alone"

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

~Pope Francis

