The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia):
A Reading of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Part 3-Chapter Three: Looking to Jesus: The Vocation of the Family

The Sacrament of Marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The Sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses…. The married couple are a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross.

-Pope Francis-

Having used Chapter Two to outline the challenges to family life, Amoris Laetitia—in a movement characteristic of its author—then turns towards hope, and especially towards the hope that is born in Christ Jesus and in the Church he founded. But, whereas, for many priests and bishops, a turn towards the Church means a restatement of doctrine and of the idealized commands, Pope Francis has already identified such a vision of Church as part of the problem. For Francis, the turn to Jesus begins not with doctrinal pronouncements and condemnations, but with the kerygma—i.e., the foundational teaching of the Christian faith that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life” (Jn. 3:16). Even prior to his election as Pope, while Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Bergoglio, Francis had spoken against those who “don’t pay attention to the kerygma but instead move straight to the catechism. . . In doing this, we relegate the treasure of the living Christ, the treasure of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, the treasure of living a Christian life. . . to being of secondary importance.” This kerygmatic focus, present throughout Francis’ papacy and highlighted in the first paragraph of Chapter Three, calls the reader to place any discussion of the vocation of the family within the context of “this message of love and tenderness; otherwise it becomes nothing more than the defense of a dry and lifeless doctrine” (§ 59).

For Amoris Laetitia, the family is not merely a conventional structure introduced to human society for purposes of control or power; rather, it is rooted in our humanity, and in the very trinitarian nature of God, i.e., in “the Father’s infinite love revealed in Christ, who gave himself up for our sake and who continues to dwell in our midst” (§ 59). Rejecting the ascetical heresies of the early Church, marriage is proclaimed as a fundamental human good; a good which, through the incarnation of Jesus, becomes sacramental—revealing in its union of spirit and flesh something powerful about God’s love, as manifested in the humanity of Christ. In other words, marriage is not a sacrament in spite of its sexual dimension, but because of it. Sex, within the communion and permanent commitment of marriage, reveals God’s own unitive and procreative nature, i.e., the love and commitment which is not merely spiritual, but brings forth a world, entails sacrifice on the cross, and results in life that is lasting and, itself, moves out to bless others. Indeed, as Francis explains, because “family is the image of God, who is a communion of persons” (§ 71), the vocation of the family forms an essential part of the vocation of the Church itself; for the family is the Church, at a domestic level—
Because marriage and family life are sacramental, i.e., part of the living revelation of God, there exists an essential dialogue between the life of the Church and the life of the family. The experience and revelation found in the Church offers guidance for families, but, likewise, “the Church, in order fully to understand her mystery, looks to the Christian family, which manifests her in a real way” (§ 67). In other words, our understanding of the gospel (beginning in the kerygma) will help us better understand how to face the challenges of family life, just as our understanding of marriage and family can help us better understand the living grace given us in the Church.

Once he has outlined the connection between the Church and family life, Francis begins to explore what the Church offers the faithful for their discernment of this vocation. He begins, as usual, with the life of Christ himself, pointing out the many times Jesus engages the real issues that have to do with families—not merely the sexual issues so often addressed in catechetical approaches, but issues of friendship and family, of parenting and mercy, of forgiveness and alienation (§ 64). For Francis, the immersion of Christ into the world is an immersion into families, including his own; families who love and forgive, who nurture and lose, who support and sustain the structure of mercy and grace in which the Church is born. Quoting Pope Paul VI, he notes: “The covenant of love and fidelity lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the vicissitudes of life and history” (§ 66).

Moving beyond Scripture, however, Francis also takes up some of the more controversial issues in the history of the Church-family dialogue—yet addresses them as a pastor first, rather than as a regulator. Thus, in speaking about the encyclical, Humanae Vitae, Francis avoids reiterating the ban on artificial birth control, for which the encyclical is most famous, and instead stresses the deeper meaning of the letter: i.e., “the intrinsic bond between conjugal love and the generation of life” (§ 68). As is true throughout Amoris Laetitia, the emphasis here is on the call of the family, not the commands of the Church—a suggestion that Francis is consistent in his earlier admonition that the purpose of the Church is “to form consciences, not replace them” (§ 37). Thus, while pointing out that the key signs of marriage are “unity, openness to life, fidelity, indissolubility, and, within Christian marriage, mutual support on the path towards complete friendship with the Lord” (§ 78), Francis presents encouragement to families and couples, rather than threats, trusting that marriage and family life are blessings towards which people wish to move and not burdens they must be forced to bear.

It is from this attitude of pastoral care that Francis offers the Church some of the most revolutionary passages in Amoris Laetitia. While affirming that marriage is a lifelong and exclusive union, aimed at the well-being of the spouses and the procreation and raising of children, the Pope also recognizes the reality of the world: that good people cannot or do not always manage to live in the ideal situation of marriage. Some, for example, do not meet the structural discipline of the Church rightly set out for marriage; yet, we cannot deny that they have some element of the sacramental union of which they—and not the priest of deacon—are the ministers (see § 75). Likewise, others who have gone through the difficult situation of divorce and have remarried outside the Church’s structures, and have attained “a noteworthy stability through a public bond” (§ 78) should not be permanently exiled from the life of the Church. In calling the ministers of the Church to weigh the realities of particular situations, the Pope invites into the forefront—not a new doctrine—but the long-held teaching often obscured by rule-centered clerics: “Therefore, while clearly stating the Church’s teaching, pastors are to avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations, and they are to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience and endure distress because of their condition” (§ 79). In other words, Francis calls for love, the heart of the kerygma, in matters of divorce and remarriage, i.e., calls not for the overthrow of the Church’s teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, but for a pastoral approach that allows individual people to find their way to the altar of love and healing.

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**Summer Mass Time Change**

Please note that our Mass times will change for the summer on June 19, 2016, to one Mass on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Saturday Mass at 5:00 pm and Sunday evening Mass at 5:30 pm will stay the same. Please join us!
**PENTECOST**

**Introit**

Come Holy Spirit, come. Fill the hearts of your faithful, kindle in them the fire of your love, alleluia.

**Entrance Songs**

(5 & 11) *Come Holy Ghost*  
**Pentecost**  
(5:30) *Gloria III*  
Haugen  
Taize  

See laminated card in pews

(9 & 5:30) *Send Us Your Spirit*, #470  
Haas

**Sprinkling**

*Storrington Gloria*  
See laminated card in pews  
(5:30) *Gloria III*  
Haugen  
Taize
First Reading

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 104 Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

1. Veni, Sancte Spiritus, et emite caelitus lucis tuae radium.
2. Veni, pater pauperum, veni, dator munerum veni, lumen cordium.
3. Consolator optime, dulcis hospes animae, dulce refrigerium.
4. In labore requies, in aestu temperies in fletu solatium.
5. O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium.
6. Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium.
7. Lava quod est sordidum, riga quod est aridum, sana quod est saucium.
8. Flecte quod est rigidum, fove quod est frigidum, rege quo est devium.

Sequence  (5 & 11) Pentecost Golden Sequence

1. Veni, Sancte Spiritus, et emite caelitus lucis tuae radium.
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(9) O Lux Beatissima (verses 5 & 6 of Golden Sequence)

5. O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium.
6. Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium.
Offertory Songs

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me know Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions, bold and meek for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; and, with actions lovingly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be, help me now thy power to see, I would be like Thee; ’gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield; let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Prayers of the Faithful

Lector: Lord, In your mercy...

Assembly Response: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Songs

Choral: Gracious Spirit Dwell Within Me

Scott
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  

We Are Many Parts, #733  

Haugen
Communion Prayer

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.

The Spirit of God

Deiss

The Spirit of God rests up-on me, The Spirit of God con-se-crates me, The Spirit of God bids me go forth to pro-claim God's peace and joy.
Recessional

(5 & 11) Instrumental - “Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus”
(9 & 5:30) Send Down the Fire

Haugen

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Summer Mass Time Change

Starting June 19: Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday at 9:30 am, and 5:30 pm.
New Support Group for Seniors

Are you a senior who lives alone, wishing for an opportunity to meet others like yourself—to meet, greet and share time together? St. Joseph Parish is starting just such a support group. The next gathering will be held on **Wednesday, May 18th** from 11:00 to 12:00 noon and will continue to meet thereafter on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We will meet in the 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 19th** - PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES SENIORS CABARET SHOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

**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!

**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.

**Night At The Mariners!**

Friday June 10th vs. Texas Rangers 7:05 pm
Pre-function gathering TBD.
Fireworks show after the game
Tickets are only $12.00
To purchase tickets online go to: https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/9365/young-adult-night-at-the-mariners-2016.html
Deadline is Thursday May 26th.

For more information email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org, or contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

**Young Adult (21-35) Ministry Softball**

Summer is just around the corner, and you know what that means…softball season is here! We are looking for players of all skill abilities, as well as fans! Games will be on either Mondays or Thursdays from June 6 - August 4. The cost will be about $37 for an 8-game season, the final tournament, and more fun than you can imagine! Register at: https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/9366/2016-softball-sign-ups.html 
Questions? Email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

**Stump the Priest..with Fr. John!**

On Sunday, May 15th please join us for our monthly social immediately following 5:30 pm Mass in the Parish Center. Beverages and snacks will be provided. This is a great way to meet other young adults! At this month’s social, Fr. John will answer your questions on the Church’s teaching on sexuality in light of Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love ‘Amoris Laetitia.’

Also please join our Young Adult Brunch Group following the 11am Mass at St. Joseph. Enjoy fellowship and brunch on June 5th. Contact Amara at siemens.am@gmail.com or Becca at beccagud@yahoo.com to RSVP.
Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For a parishioner’s recovery from an appendectomy . . . For Colleen’s health . . .
That Michele’s biopsies will guide her and the doctor to the next step . . . Thanksgiv-
ing that Carole is able to use a walker . . .
For Mary to build up the strength in her right knee . . .
For Maggie’s wellbeing . . .

Happy Birthday: Dolores, Terry, John, Matthew and Dennis.

“Veni, Sancte Spiritu
Come Holy Spirit
Send down those beams . . .
From thy bright throne above . . . .”

~Stephen Langton – Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 1228)

Sacred Silence
A time for silent prayer and peace.
Join us this Lent!
The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Next gathering is Monday, May 16.
Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

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

First Communion Thank You’s
This year St. Joseph Parish had 77 students receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is an important sacrament for the young members of this parish and their families. We would like to thank the following people for their role in preparing our first communicants and for their help over First Eucharist weekend: CFF2 and SJS second grade teachers: Monica Alquist, Grace McLaughlin, Mary Guerra, Kesslie Hollingshead, and Dorothy Ambuske. Those who shared their gifts and talents during First Eucharist: Siobhan Cavens, Marianne Zech, Maura Whalen, Bob Fox, Joe and Brenda Augus-
tavo and the 1st Sunday Hospitality Crew, Jessica Smits, Katie Howard, Abbey Leahy, and our liturgical ministers and musicians led by Bob McCaffrey-Lent. CFF2 parents who came to install the tile wall: Gino Perrina, Michael Oaksmith, Doug May, Erin Friedman, Andrea Hackman, Rich Lappenbusch, Tom and JoePoe Daly and Amanda O’Callaghan.

Pathfinders Finale
The last middle school youth group meeting is next week, Wednesday, May 18 from 6-7:30pm. Please join the Pathfinders for fun and games right before we break for the summer.

Jesuit Seattle

Laudato Si’: A Contemplative Hike for Young Adults (20’s & 30’s)
Saturday, May 21st 9 am

Rattlesnake Ledge - I- 90 to Exit 32 - Carpool from St. Joseph Parish 7:45-8:00 am

On this contemplative hike Deacon Steve will set the pace and lead us deeper into contemplation. We will hike in small groups and every half mile stop to do a contemplative reading of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si. We will explore our connection to all of creation, our impact and our responsibility to our environment and to the poor. Finally, we will discover how our faith tradition can contribute to a way of life that heals climate change and our relationship to our brothers and sisters of the world. Please bring water, snacks, and dress for the weather. Join us for an optional Bar B-Q late lunch in Issaquah at Stan’s Bar B-Q! Please RSVP for carpool to Theresa at (206) 329-4824 or theresa@ignatiancenter.org by Friday, May 20. For more information, visit: www.ignatiancenter.org
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:
Dn Steve Wodzanowski | stevew@stjosephparish.org | (206) 965-1646
Each day—through homilies and e-blasts; through Children’s Faith Formation and Women’s Ministry; through our companionship with Martin de Porres and Westside Baby—the Parish community at St. Joseph seeks to embrace with mercy all of God’s beloved people. We seek to be the Church we are meant to be: open to the world, welcoming to all, challenging and challenged by the Gospel.

The Annual Catholic Appeal—in which the People of God at St. Joseph support the ministries and communities of the Archdiocese—is central to our achieving this vision of mercy that goes beyond the doors of our church. Our gifts to the ACA support Youth Programs and assist Senior Priests; they are investments in Lay Ecclesial Ministry and evangelical outreach; they help sustain the Sisters’ Retirement Fund and multicultural ministries; they are the foundation of many good works done in the Chancery, and an important dimension of Catholic Community Services.

Through this one gift, each of us and all of us embrace those whom the rest of the world so often overlooks. This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is $148,436. A very significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. While it is important to note that if we do not raise this amount through the ACA campaign we must make up the difference through our ordinary income, our hope is that this community will show itself ready to help both the local and the larger Church. Our witness, so important to Catholics throughout this region, relies upon each person’s willingness to act as part of this community.

To make your ACA gift directly to the Seattle Archdiocese: donate online to http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org or submit your completed ACA envelope in any of the weekly collections.

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past, and today, THANK YOU!
Register Online or in Parish Center TODAY!

Questions?
Email jackh@stjosephparish.org

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Follow signs to Brebeuf Room (Parish Center basement)

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