



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



LIVE

*The love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

MERCY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MAY 22, 2016

Homily Next Week:
Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Readings for May 29, 2016

FIRST READING: GENESIS 14:18-20

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:11B-17

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

Parish Center

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Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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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 (A little more to say)

(Last week, because of the limited space and the breadth of the Pope's message, it was necessary to leave the study of Chapter Three unfinished. Thus, though I had hoped to spend only one week per chapter, here is the end of Chapter Three. -John Whitney, SJ-)

A perfect *idea* of marriage, so often promoted in the teaching of the Church, means little—indeed, can even be destructive—unless it helps a person live the challenges and graces of a *real* marriage. “The real is greater than the idea,” as Pope Francis is so fond of saying. In much of Chapter Three of *Amoris Laetitia*, Francis affirms this realistic, pastoral vision of marriage, one grounded not in ideas but in experience, i.e., in the *kerygma* of Jesus Christ, who comes to live among us not as a concept, but as a brother—familiar with our frailties and our desires. Christian marriage is not an abandonment of the natural order, nor some sort of necessary evil to be accepted if one cannot live the “higher” calling of celibate chastity. On the contrary, the mutual consent and loving self-gift of marriage—including the mutual gift of sexual pleasure and tenderness—is one of the great expressions of God's own life, a life which, like marriage, is the source of community and family.

This gift of self—physical, emotional, personal, etc.—allows husbands and wives to attain a deeper freedom and helps them to act for one another as a path to greater friendship with God. It is the unitive dimension of all true marriage, which, while connected to the procreative dimension, is distinguishable from it. And though Francis affirms that this unitive dimension reaches its fullness in communion with Christ, he also notes that every such union offers positive elements, which Christians should affirm and support: “In addition to true natural marriage, positive elements exist in the forms of marriage found in other religious traditions, even if, at times, obscurely. We can readily say that ‘anyone who wants to bring into this world a family which teaches children to be excited by every gesture aimed at overcoming evil—a family which shows that the Spirit is alive and at work—will encounter our gratitude and our appreciation. Whatever the people, religion, or region to which they belong’” (§ 77)

By recognizing the positive elements in all forms of marriage, *Amoris Laetitia* allows us to affirm the virtues, as well, in so-called “irregular unions”—i.e., unions not recognized in the Catholic Church: “Seeing things with the eyes of Christ inspires the Church's pastoral care for the faithful who are living together, or are only married civilly, or are divorced and remarried” (§ 78). In this passage, Francis not only calls ministers of the Church to “avoid judgements that do not take into account the complexity of various situations” (§ 79), he goes further, suggesting that, even when a particular union cannot be sanctioned by the Church, it may still shine with the light of Christ, as indicated by the couple's “deep affection, responsibility towards the children, and the ability to overcome trials” (§ 78). Life is not always ideal, Francis notes, but Christ enters it nevertheless;

and in all those imperfect marriages which still manifest the goal of true marriage—i.e., the flourishing of the couple and the raising of children—the Church of Christ should be present with love and mercy, as well.

Throughout much of the history of the Church, marriage was defined simply by its procreative end. Though Vatican II broadened this definition by its declaration that, “*spouses to whom God has not granted children can have a conjugal life full of meaning, in both human and Christian terms*” (*Gaudium et Spes*, § 48), the sexual union of a married couple remains connected to reproduction by its very nature. Supporting marriage’s two-fold identity, Francis will argue later in *Amoris Laetitia* against patriarchal structures that so often reduce women to mere breeding stock, at the service of a reproductive imperative. At the same time, in Chapter Three, he affirms the connection between marital love and openness to life: “[The child] *does not appear at the end of the process, but is present from the beginning of love as an essential feature, one that cannot be denied without disfiguring that love itself. From the outset, love refuses every impulse to close in on itself; it is open to a fruitfulness that draws it beyond itself*” (§ 80).

While it may seem, at first, that *Amoris Laetitia* is merely repeating the teachings of Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae*, I think it is important to note how differently Francis develops this position. Rather than emphasizing the demand for every act of conjugal love to be open to life and free of artificial barriers, Francis first emphasizes the loving relationship from which life should spring, and the inherent dignity of all such life: “*A child deserves to be born of that love, and not by other means, for ‘he or she is not something owed to one, but is a gift,’ which is ‘the fruit of the specific act of conjugal love of the parents’*” (§ 81). In much the same way he speaks against patriarchy and other forms of domination, Francis rejects the consumer model of child-bearing, in which we “*reduce the generation of human life to one variable of an individual’s or a couple’s plan*” (§ 82). A child is not an accessory to which one has a right nor a nuisance of which one can casually dispose. Because she has, from the beginning, her own identity and being, a child must not be reduced to a manufactured product, but should be revered as a sign of God’s presence—a reverence that should be held, as well, in cases of adoption or foster parenting, and which is affirmed with particular poignancy by those who lovingly care for children with disabilities (§ 65). Thus, whether parents receive their children through natural birth or through the generous choice of adoption, they receive them as intrinsically valuable and free beings, whose care they are entrusted with, but whose life they do not own.

Throughout this latter part of Chapter Three, Francis forcefully defends the Catholic vision of life as an inalienable right, but does so in a way that seeks to avoid

the harsh and simplistic condemnations that have become so much a part of an often polarized Church. This is more than a difference in style. For example, in speaking of *Humanae Vitae*, Francis avoids talking about prohibitions and moral absolutes when it comes to birth control, emphasizing instead—as he has throughout *Amoris Laetitia*—the importance of mature conscience. The teaching of the Church, and the responsibility of pastors, is not to regulate couples’ bedrooms, but to help them “*respect the dignity of the person in morally assessing methods of regulating birth*” (§ 82). Likewise, even though he expresses unequivocal opposition to abortion, Francis does not condemn individuals, but connects the issue to a fuller understanding of the many ways human dignity and life are commodified in our culture. Just as the unborn child is not a piece of property, who can be disposed of by abortion, neither is the elderly person nor the prisoner a mere piece of property, to be removed through euthanasia or the death penalty (§ 83). In bringing these issues together, Francis seeks not to water-down Catholic teaching, but to show that all authentic teaching begins with the dignity of the person, endowed by God with conscience and understanding, with life and compassion.

In concluding this chapter, Francis returns to the theme that the family is not one community among many, but the fundamental expression of God’s presence in the world: a God who is always in loving relationship, who is self-emptying and willing to suffer, who brings life into the world through love, and who redeems our life by sharing with us the very responsibilities of the divine. Far from being subsumed beneath the institutional Church, the family is the root of the Church, it is the “*domestic church*,” calling all people to love and communion. As Francis says: “*The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches*” (§ 87). While sin and brokenness may be found in families—just as in the Church herself—the underlying grace of the Church comes through the love that finds its origin in the vocation of the family.



Summer Mass Time Change Starting Sunday, June 19

Summer Mass times are as follows: Saturday evening at **5 pm**, Sunday at **9:30 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm**. Please join us!

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Prelude

(5,9, & 11) *Instrumental*
(5:30) *Dwelling Place, #594*

Foley



Entrance Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICEA Dykes/Heber

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

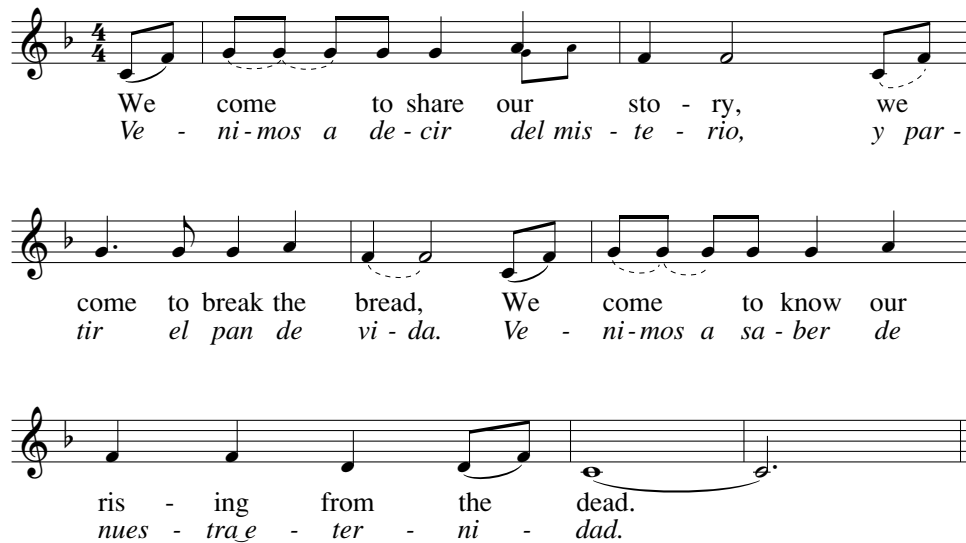
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

(5:30) Song of the Body of Christ

Haas

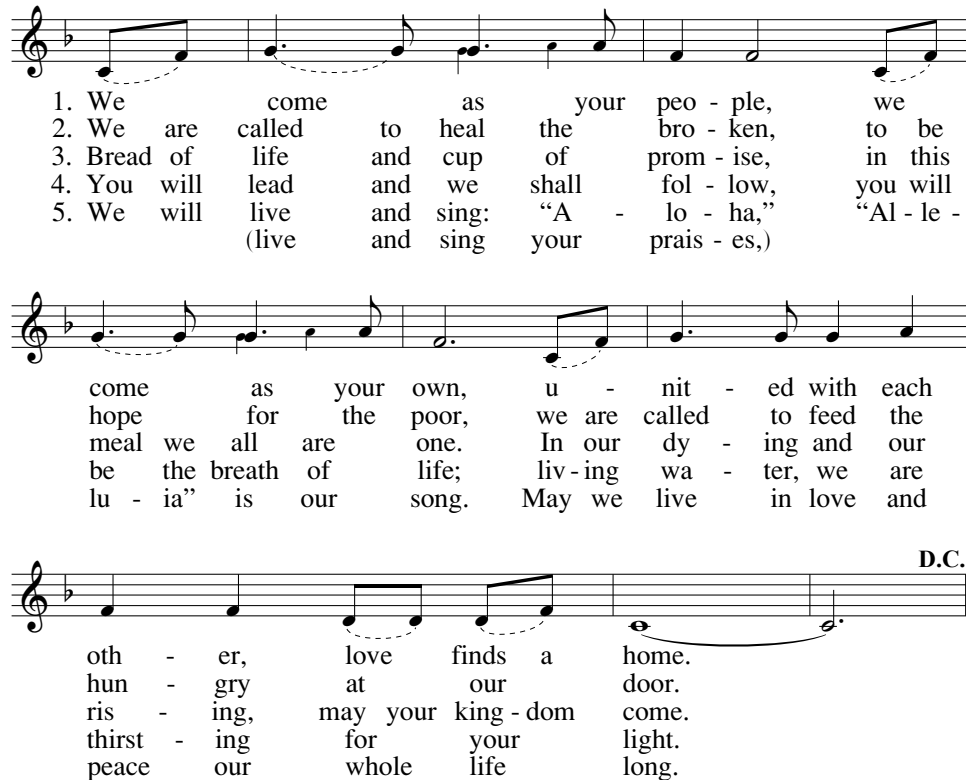


We come to share our sto - ry, we
Ve - ni-mos a de - cir del mis - te - rio, y par -

come to break the bread, We come to know our
tir el pan de vi - da. Ve - ni-mos a sa - ber de

ris - ing from the dead.
nues - tra e - ter - ni - dad.

Verses



1. We come as your peo - ple, we
2. We are called to heal the bro - ken, to be
3. Bread of life and cup of prom - ise, in this
4. You will lead and we shall fol - low, you will
5. We will live and sing: "A - lo - ha," "Al - le -
(live and sing your prais - es,)

come as your own, u - nit - ed with each
hope for the poor, we are called to feed the
meal we all are one. In our dy - ing and our
be the breath of life; liv - ing wa - ter, we are
lu - ia" is our song. May we live in love and

D.C.

oth - er, love finds a home.
hun - gry at our door.
ris - ing, may your king - dom come.
thirst - ing for your light.
peace our whole life long.

Gloria

Storrington Gloria

Haugen

See laminated card in pews

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Responsorial Psalm

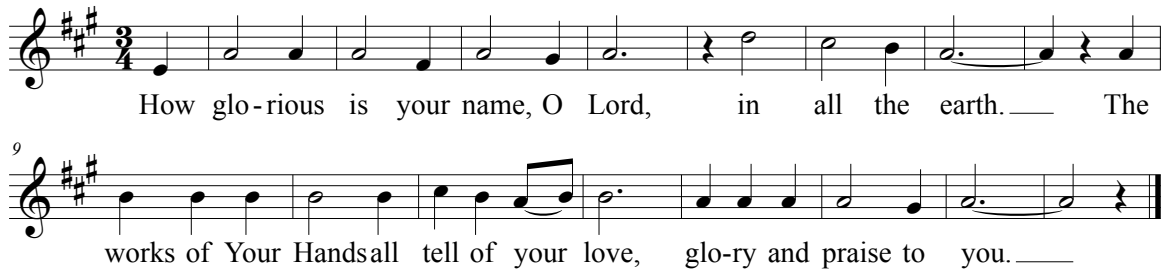
(5, 9, & 11) Psalm 8

Smith



(5:30) *How Glorious Your Name*

O'Connor



Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll / Walker



Gospel

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Homily



Fr. Jim Harbaugh, S.J.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lector: Lord, In your mercy...

Assembly Response: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Song

(5, 9 & 11) *O Dawn of All Creation*

Hurd



1. O Dawn of all cre - a - tion And Mys - ter - y un -
2. O Light of in - car - na - tion, The face of Love here
3. O Flame of trans - for - ma - tion And Pow - er yet un -
4. O Dawn of all the liv - ing, What is and what shall



known, Whose ways are not as our ways, Whose
known, Whose ways were not as our ways, Whose
known, Whose ways are not as our ways, Whose
be, O Light and Flame of lov - ing, Tran -



thoughts are not our own: In grace you made and
thoughts were not our own: In fol - ly was your
thoughts are not our own: In per - il you are
scen - dent Mys - ter - y: You dwell where none can



blessed us; In mer - cy you for - gave; In ten - der-ness and
wis - dom; Your wealth, in pov - er - ty; A cross, your ex - al -
fear - less; In hu - man weak-ness, strong; In bond - age you are
fol - low, In worlds be - yond our own, Yet all who seek may



long - ing, In faith - ful - ness you save.
ta - tion; De - feat, your vic - to - ry.
free - dom; In griev - ing hearts, a song.
find you In flesh and blood and bone.

Choral Anthem

(9) *Voices Raised to You We Offer*

Stuempfle Jr/Nelson

1. Voices raised to You we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!
2. All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky your works display. Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to You today. Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!
3. Christ, the song of Love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace, for your living, suffering, dying, For your rising, hear our praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
4. Spirit, flaming, through creation, kindle faith within each heart. Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, helper, breath of life!
5. How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voices— Gifts of love we can bestow. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lamb of God

Storrington Mass

Haugen

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have

Assembly: mer-cy on us.

To repeat *Last time* *Cantor:* Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

One Bread, One Body

Foley

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
4. Bro - ken and lost, find life in Him,
5. Lead - ers of men, wom - en of strength,
6. Touch - ing our hands, join - ing our hearts,

wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.
bo - dy of Christ made whole.
serv - ing the rest, the least.
sing - ing our songs we go.

Song of Praise

(5 & 11) Holy God, We Praise Thy Name


1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee!
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee;

All on earth thy scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
While in es - sence on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

In - fi - nite thy vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

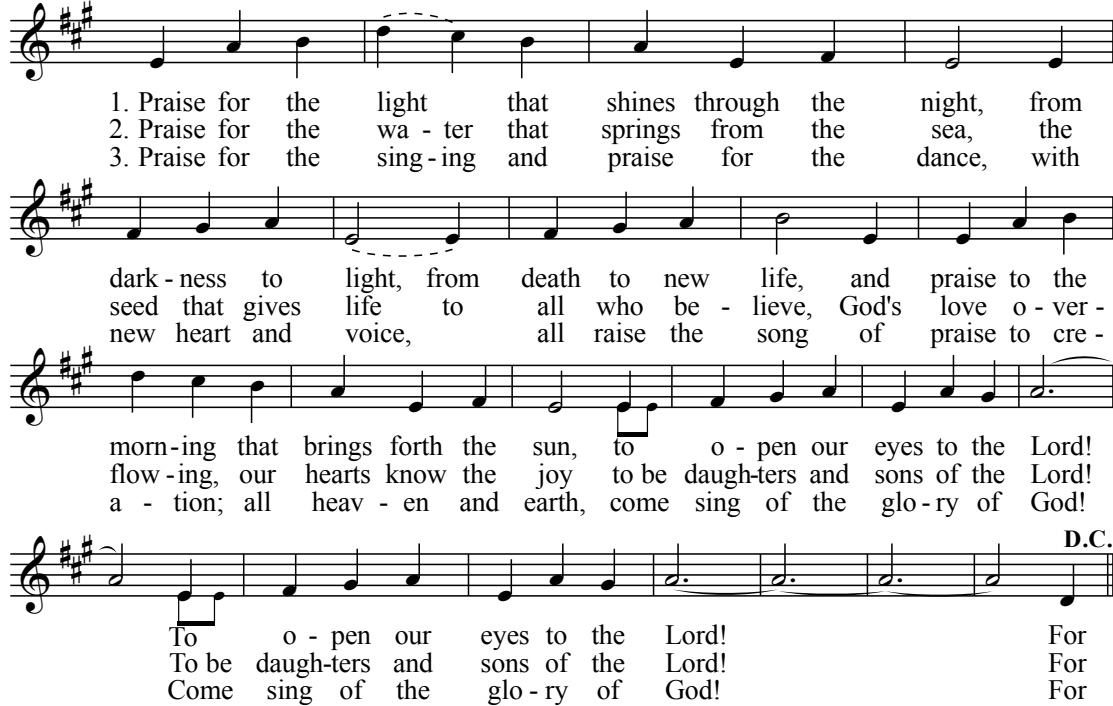
(9) *You Are the Voice*

Haas



You are the voice of the liv - ing God,
call - ing us now to live in your love, to be
chil - dren of God once a - gain!

Verses



1. Praise for the light that shines through the night, from
2. Praise for the wa - ter that springs from the sea, the
3. Praise for the sing - ing and praise for the dance, with
dark - ness to light, from death to new life, and praise to the
seed that gives life to all who be - lieve, God's love o - ver -
new heart and voice, all raise the song of praise to cre -
morn - ing that brings forth the sun, to o - pen our eyes to the Lord!
flow - ing, our hearts know the joy to be daugh - ters and sons of the Lord!
a - tion; all heav - en and earth, come sing of the glo - ry of God!
D.C.
To o - pen our eyes to the Lord! For
To be daugh - ters and sons of the Lord! For
Come sing of the glo - ry of God! For

Communion Prayer

Live Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful,
as the heavenly Father is merciful.
Help us to live mercy every day of our lives,
through the compassion we show to your beloved ones:
to the migrant and the refugee,
to the homeless and the wounded,
to those forgotten by this world,
but remembered always in your love.
May the mercy we receive bear fruit in us,
nourishing us with joy and bringing us communion with you.
May it allow us to become the sacrament of mercy,
the Church, who consecrates the world to you,
who live and reign with the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

Recessional

(5, 9 & 11) *Instrumental*

(5:30) *You Are the Voice* (see top of page)

Haas

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



Reflecting on Amoris Laetitia

*Following the Synod on the Family,
Pope Francis has written
an apostolic exhortation
on family life.*

*Join others from St. Joseph
for a little dinner, a little education,
and some good conversation
about what Pope Francis
has given to the Church.*

*A pasta & salad dinner begins at 6:00 pm,
then Fr. John Whitney, SJ will offer highlights,
with a chance for conversation and questions.*

*RSVP's appreciated
to dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652*

A Family

Dinner with the Pope

Thursday, 26 May 2016

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Arrupe Room



FAITH JUSTICE

Prison Education and Re-Entry Meeting

On **Monday, May 23** at 7 pm in the Parish Center, interested parishioners and community members are invited to gather and brainstorm practical responses to the prison crisis. This follow-up meeting, building on the May 12th Panel Conversation, is open to all! We will collaborate, coordinate volunteer opportunities and discuss political activism. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org or Mark Petterson at petterson.mr@gmail.com

Maternal/Child Health in Ethiopia

SCOPE Information Gathering, **Thursday, June 16th**, 7-8 pm, Parish Center

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is sponsoring an information meeting for parishioners to learn about, get involved with and financially support SCOPE. SCOPE is a partnership between the UW Department Of Global Health, the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, and U.S. and Ethiopian faith communities. It targets HIV/AIDS and maternal health - specifically vertical transmission of HIV from mother to infant. Enter SCOPE, which uses techniques that are inexpensive and proven to be effective; they use American and Ethiopian global health grad students to bridge this gap in an incredibly unique way by training priests and holy women to be medical advocates, in addition to being spiritual ones, and to advocate for antiretroviral treatment, along with holy water, urging pregnant women to seek antenatal care.

Come learn how you can get involved and support furthering this important work. Feel Free to contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@srtjosephparish.org or Project Manager parishioner Barbara Clinton at barbaralclinton@yahoo.com



PARISH LIFE

Seniors On The Go

Friday, June 3rd - Healing Mass at 11:30am followed by Barbecue Potluck Luncheon. Parish is providing salmon, chicken and beverages. Please bring a dessert, salad, or side dish to share. Bab McCaffery-Lent will lead us in song after lunch!

Women's Ministry



Please join our St. Joseph Women's Ministry Group **Coffee Connect** to sip and socialize **Saturday, May 28th** at Tulley's on 19th & Aloha, 10-11am. Call Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.

Women's Fall Retreat

*Becoming Who You Are:
Your Own True Path to Holiness*

September 23-25, 2016

Location: Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way, WA

Women of all ages are invited to join our welcoming community to renew, refresh, and reflect in a beautifully secluded yet conveniently located setting.

Registration cost is \$250 and includes meals, private room & bath, and all retreat sessions. Scholarships and carpools available. All women are welcome.

Men's Spring Retreat 2016

*The Road to Mercy: Honesty, Humility,
Surrender, and Service*

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

Location: Dumas Bay Centre, Federal Way, WA 98023

Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation, and fellowship at a beautiful coastal setting. Registration cost is \$170 and includes lodging and meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast). Partial scholarships are available. All men are welcome.

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, Noon - 1:30 pm, Arrupe Room*

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) 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

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.

Parish Welcoming Ministry Needs You!

The St. Joseph Welcoming Ministry is seeking three additional members to join our eight person volunteer effort. The mission of the ministry is to cultivate and ensure a welcoming culture and community at St. Joseph. The committee meets every other month. If interested, please contact John and Ann Patnaude (johnannpatnaude@gmail.com) to learn more about this exciting new ministry.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Bernie's recovery from heart surgery this week . . . For the health challenges of Nelva, Mary, Colleen, Rebecca and Scott . . . Gratefulness for Lannie's wonderful care of one of our parishioners . . . For Lia's upcoming surgery on Monday . . . Thankful for good friends over the years.

"... knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and character, hope ... because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit ..."

Romans 5:4-5



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 23**. Newcomers always welcome. Open to

all types of prayer practice.

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

FAITH FORMATION

CFF Sunday School Thank You's

This **Sunday, May 22**, is the *last day of the 2015-2016 Sunday school year. Please help me thank the dedicated volunteers who have made this year's program such a beautiful, inspiring, and caring place for our children to find God in themselves, each other, and the world: Childcare leader Dawn Gomez, CFFpreK teacher Dawn Perkins, CFFK teacher Doreen Twohy, CFF1 Tom Antkowiak, Mike Rubel, Trish Searce, parent helpers Angela Chabot, Allie Ruettgers, and Melissa Frondozo, CFF2 teacher Monica Alquist, CFF3/4 teacher Jennifer Rothmeyer, CFF5/6 teacher Heidi Harter, and CFF Jr. High teachers Linda Chavez and Peter Heymann.

We also have had a fantastic group of youth helpers who step in to assist the adult teachers each week: Ala-

na, Victoria, Kevin, Isabella, Calli, Mary, Kate, Camille, Azalea, and Zachariah. Please make sure to thank these dedicated volunteers! Looking to next year: classes begin on **Sunday, October 2, 2016**. Please check the website or bulletin for updates within the next week for sign up information. Please note the last childcare class will be on **Sunday, June 12**; all other classes end May 22.

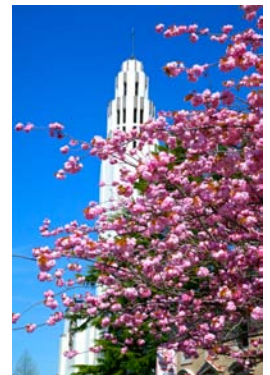
Agape Summer Service Week

Is your middle schooler interested in the Agape service trip? There are still some spots available. Agape is a week-long service trip to Bellingham for students going into 6th through 9th grades. It is a great way to meet new people, help a community in need, and have lots of fun. The trip runs from August 7th-12th. Please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org for more information.

OUR COMMUNITY

We Are St. Joseph Parish Directory - 2 More Weeks Added

Due to popular demand, we've added 2 more weekends for parish directory photography: **Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5**, and **Wednesday, June 8 - Sunday, June 12**. Make sure to sign up now while spots are widely available. When you arrive, follow signs to Brebeuf Room (Parish Center Basement). Questions? Contact Jack at JackH@stjosephparish.org





ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Our ACA Goal is \$148,436
We have received \$55,363

Dear Friend of St. Joseph, Peace of Christ!

"I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity." -Pope Francis-

So often in our world, indifference is the order of the day. Whether because we are too caught up in our own affairs, or because the problems of the world seem too much for us, we are tempted to close our eyes and turn our backs. Yet, even in that moment, grace comes to us: the voice of the One who loves us speaks our name and turns us back to one another and to the world—calling us to become a community of hope in the midst of sorrow, a community of faith in a world of fear, a community of love and healing and mercy in a world longing for all of these. Christ calls us away from indifference and into community; he calls us to become the Church.

Each day at St. Joseph—through Children's Faith Formation and Women's Ministry; through our companionship with St. Martin de Porres and St. Vincent de Paul; through the presence of our sisters and brothers in Hospital Ministry and the celebration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation—our Parish community tries to incarnate the mercy of God for each other and for the world. We seek to be the Church we are meant to be: gentle and compassionate, welcoming to all, especially the poor, and challenging and challenged by the Gospel.

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal—by which the People of God at St. Joseph support the ministries and communities of the Archdiocese—we empower this same healing to take root in all parts of our diocese. Our gifts to the ACA support Youth Programs and assist Senior Priests; they help train Lay Ecclesial Ministers and strengthen evangelical outreach; they help the Sisters' Retirement Fund and the multicultural ministries by which the Church's care is made proximate to those just finding their way in our country. ACA is the foundation of many works done through the Chancery, and an important dimension of Catholic Community Services. Through this one gift, each of us individually and all of us together embrace those wounded, whom the rest of the world so often overlooks.

This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is \$148,436—a significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. This last year, we made our goal with a little to spare, and my hope is that this community will again show itself ready to help the Church beyond our walls. To do so, however, requires everyone.

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past, thank you! Your generosity has done great good for the ministries of the Archdiocese. And just as the extra money we raised last year will be used for Children's Faith Formation, so anything raised above our assessment in this drive will be used to enhance our program of Adult Faith Formation.

Having entered the second half of my time as Pastor, I feel confident that you will discern well what God asks of you, and you will help our parish and diocese in its desire to *"heal wounds and warm the hearts of the faithful."* Thank you for your generosity.

With blessings and hope,

John D. Whitney, S.J.

P.S. To make your ACA gift directly to the Seattle Archdiocese, please do so at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/ACA/Donate.aspx, or submit your completed ACA envelope during Mass.

St. Joseph is Headed Back to the Clink!

Saturday, September 17th, 1pm Kickoff

Check Our Website for Tickets & Join Us!

