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St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."





THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME June 26, 2016

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

Readings for June 26, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14C Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:30 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 Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia): A Reading of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis Chapter Six: Some Pastoral Perspectives

Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other and gaze in each other's eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship.

-Pope Francis (§ 224)-

Though grounded in the kerygma of the gospel, Pope Francis' exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, is not intended to be a work of theology, so much as a spur to practical pastoral reforms—both within the greater institutional Church and within the "domestic Church," i.e., the family. Like the Second Vatican Council, from which he derives his inspiration, Francis seeks to read the "signs of the times," providing not universal theological principles but flexible advice, adaptable to particular pastoral situations, depending on the communities involved. In Chapter Six of Amoris Laetitia, the Pope makes this intention clear: "The dialogue that took place during the Synod raised the need for new pastoral methods. I will attempt to mention some of these in a very general way. Different communities will have to devise more practical and effective initiatives that respect both the Church's teaching and local problems and needs" (§ 199). This approach of offering pastoral guidelines that are neither exhaustive nor exclusive, but are presented only "in a very general way," shows the revolutionary quality of Francis' papacy, for it reverses more than twenty years of precedent. Under John Paul II and Benedict XVI, authority had been increasingly centralized around the papal office and various Vatican congregations. Here, however, just as was done in the structure of the Synod itself, Francis seeks to elevate the importance of particular churches—i.e., diocese, regions, etc. and to spur a reform that will be guided and implemented not by papal authority but by the engagement of the People of God.

The guidance offered in Chapter Six emerges from the radical idea that "Christian families, by the grace of the sacrament of matrimony, are the principal agents of the family apostolate" (§ 200), and that the role of the institutional Church is, therefore, not one of governance and control, but of "Enabling families to take up their role as active agents of the family apostolate" (§ 200). Far from the tradition of "pay, pray, and obey," Christian families are the fundamental ministers of the "Gospel of the family" (§ 201), who must be supported by their parishes and by the teaching of the hierarchical Church, but who have a preeminent and unique role in the engagement of civil society and in the carrying out of the mission of Christ in the world. With this in mind, parishes must provide training and pastoral care to families that enhances the ability of lay women and men to carry out their ministry. Noting the "broad oriental tradition of a married clergy" (§ 202), Francis calls for the formation of priests, deacons, and religious men and women—as well as lay leaders—who can assist families and enable them to deal with the complex problems that confront them (§ 202). In this context, the Pope criticizes the "merely doctrinal formation" (§ 203) given to priests in matters of family life, proposing the radical idea that "It is important for families to be part of the seminary process and priestly life, since they help... to keep them well grounded in reality" (§ 203). In

concluding this section, Francis notes how such reforms to priestly formation and pastoral structures are especially important in the wake of the sinful sexual abuse crisis that has so harmed the Church (§ 204). No longer can the Church approach marriage and family life by keeping her ministers isolated in the abstraction of dogma; rather—called by crisis into rebirth—we must all engage the reality of family life, supporting it through the various vocations given to the Church: i.e., lay, religious, and ordained.

The support for family life involves more, however, than retraining the vowed and ordained for greater understanding of family life. It also requires the evangelization of all families from the very beginning of their life together. So it is that Amoris Laetitia calls for a renewal and renovation of the formation, not just of ministers, but of all Christians walking the path of family life: i.e., the engaged, the recently married, and all those couples growing as spouses and parents. While, at each of these stages, there may be different needs and demands, different challenges and graces, all of them are grounded in the vocation of love, and all require more than mere theological principles: i.e., all require the practical, pastoral support of the entire faith community—the Church as "family of families" (§ 87). Challenging what has become the norm for many Catholic communities, Francis outlines a life-long formation for family life, and calls parishes and diocese to begin the work of discerning its shape and structure.

In speaking of issues such as marriage preparation and family support, Francis again shows the pastoral experience which informs his entire papacy. In outlining marriage preparation, for example, he encourages uniting individual meetings with something resembling the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), by which marriage preparation can involve the whole community, and through which marriage may be seen in the context of other sacraments of initiation (e.g., baptism and Eucharist) (§ 206). At the same time, Francis avoids particular matters of content, emphasizing, instead, a need to guide the couple into deeper commitment: "Quality is more important than quantity, and priority should be given—along with a renewed proclamation of the kerygma—to an attractive and helpful presentation of information that can help couples to live the rest of their lives together 'with great courage and generosity'" (§ 207). For Pope Francis, who just last week stirred headlines by suggesting that many people enter marriage without the requisite understanding and consent, the Church is called to create a "pedagogy of love" (§ 211), which moves beyond the wedding into the whole life of a couple. Any marriage preparation, therefore, must "encourage [couples] to discuss what each expects from marriage, what they understand by love and commitment, what each wants from the other and what kind of life they would like to build together. . .The decision to marry should never be encouraged unless the couple has discerned deeper reasons that will endure a genuine and stable commitment" (§ 209).

Beyond marriage preparation, Amoris Laetitia also calls for support of the newly married, as they learn to "set aside all illusions and accept the other as he or she actually is: an unfinished product, needing to grow, a work in progress" (§ 218). Here again, one hears the pastor's voice, as Francis calls couples to avoid constant criticism of one another (§ 218), and to foster hope through compassionate dialogue and loving compromise. In this way they grow and deepen in their relationship, keeping it new, even as it grows older: "At each new stage of married life, there is a need to sit down and renegotiate agreements, so that there will be no winners and losers, but rather two winners" (§ 220). Francis returns here to the themes of Chapter Four, noting that couples need to grow together and change with each other through the vehicle of genuine and open conversation, and in the belief that love is the great tool of growth and transformation: "In the life of married couples, even at difficult moments, one person can always surprise the other, and new doors can open for their relationship, as if they were meeting for the first time. At every stage, they can keep 'forming' one another. Love makes each wait for the other with the patience of a craftsman, a patience which comes from God" (§ 221). It is the role of the parish, especially, to help foster this patience and support couples in this growth, to offer opportunities where "experienced couples can help younger couples, with the eventual cooperation of associations, ecclesial movements, and new communities" (§ 223).

Throughout Amoris Laetitia, Francis offers a new model of the Church and its care of families. Decentralizing authority and deemphasizing dogmatic ideals, the Pope calls the whole Church—and not just ministerial professionals—to experiment and innovate, to try what works to help families thrive, in a culture that often acts against family life. In Chapter Six, Francis provides encouragement and an experienced voice, suggesting that parishes use various means to reach people: "meetings of couples living in the same neighborhood; brief retreats for couples; talks by experts on concrete issues facing families; marriage counseling; home missionaries who help couples discuss their difficulties and desires; social services dealing with family problems like addiction, infidelity, and domestic violence; programs of spiritual growth; workshops for parents with troubled children; and family meetings. The parish office should be prepared to deal helpfully and sensitively with family needs, and be able to make referrals, when necessary to those who can help" (§ 229). Though challenging, even to large parishes, this call suggests the importance of family life, and how much Francis believes the Church must develop the means to help it flourish. As he warns, "We can no longer be like a factory, churning out courses that for the most part are poorly attended" (§ 230).

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prelude

Instrumental

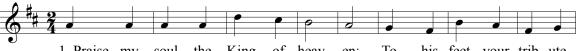
(5:30) Were I the Perfect Child of God

Alonso

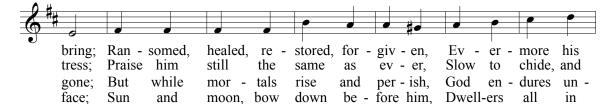
Entrance Songs

Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA



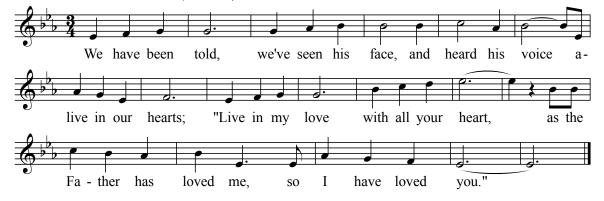
- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav en; To his feet your trib-ute
- 2. Praise him for his grace and fa vor To his peo ple in dis-3. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and it is
- 4. An gels, help us to a dore him; You be hold him face to







Haas



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First Reading

1 Kings 19:16B, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah: "You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?" Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.



Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall

love your neighbor as yourself. But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want.But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gospel Acclamation

Murray



Gospel Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

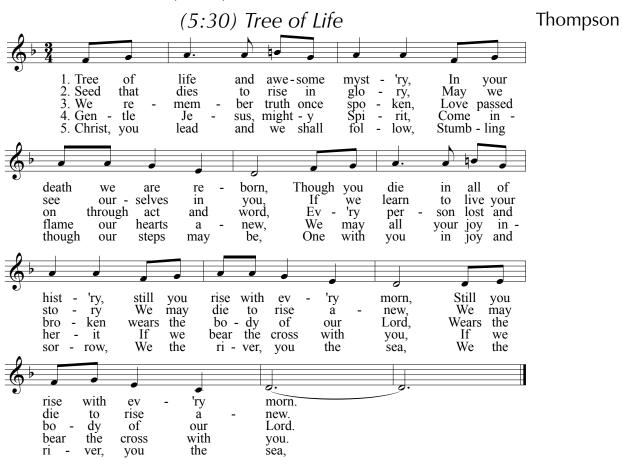
And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Homily

Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Offertory Songs

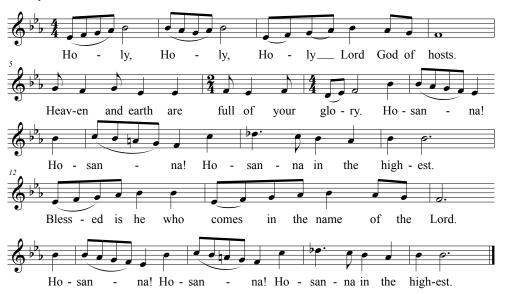
(5) Jubilate Choir (9:30) Instrumental



Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

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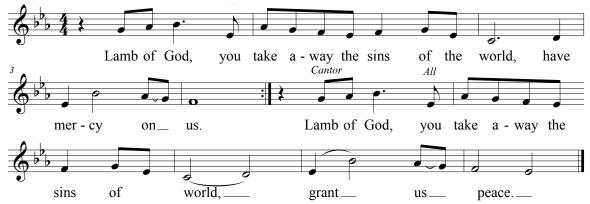
Mystery of Faith

Mass of Wisdom

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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.

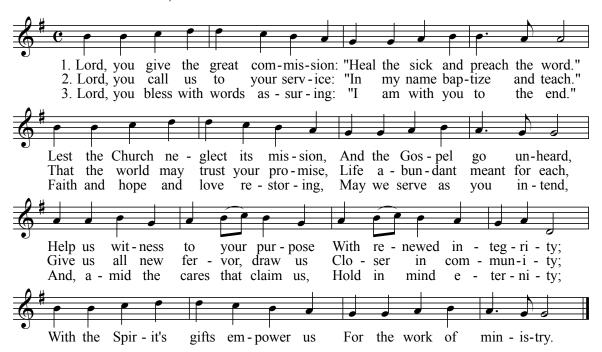
Communion Songs

(5:00) Jubilate Choir

Here I Am Lord

Schutte





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) Jubilate Choir (9:30) Instrumental (5:30) Thuma Mina

South African



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



Sunday

9:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

11:00 AM Senior Gathering--Aegis Retirement

5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Daily Mass
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 Tent City Ice Cream Social/Open House

Wednesday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Tent City Bingo and Game Night

Saturday

8:00 AM Centering Prayer Group 3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



LITURGY AND WORSHIP



Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Terri's knee tendons to become stronger... For a young woman who has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis... For Frank who has stomach cancer and will learn the prognosis soon... For the

team of 50 from Shirts Across America who are building homes in the city of New Orleans . . . For Michele to heal and be well . . . For Julia as she travels to Mexico City . . . For the residents of Tent City 3 – may they find St. Joseph to be a safe, kind and helpful haven.



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**, **June 27**. 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.

Liturgical Ministers Retreat Save the Date

Liturgical Minister Day of Retreat will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2017,** from 9am-2pm. Please mark your calendar and save the day.

Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis and his works of charity toward those in need. In 2013, the Holy Father spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. "There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy and those who suffer, and to favor justice, promote reconciliation and build peace." Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church if you would like to contribute.



FAITH JUSTICE

Tent City 3 Arrives!

St. Joseph welcomes Tent City 3 to our campus. They will be our guests until August 27th. We encourage parishioners and neighbors to stop by and say hello. In the coming months we have several events planned to facilitate opportunities to get involved. Here are the next three:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND TOURS OF TENT CITY, Tuesday, June 28, from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Join us in the amphitheatre behind the parish/school. All are welcome. Thank you Molly Moon's for donating the ice cream!

TENT CITY 3 BINGO AND GAME NIGHT, Friday, July 1, from 7 - 9 pm. Join us for a night of fun and games with Tent City 3! We are looking for volunteers to both donate snacks (pretzels, popcorn, soda, chips, ice cream bars, etc.) as well as serve. We need Bingo prizes, such as 7-10 gift cards to Tully's, Subway, or Safeway, worth \$25- \$50 each. We also need volunteers to play chess, dominoes, cards, and bring along games as well. To help or contribute items/funds contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646, or Lisa Floyd Greatorex at lisagtx@gmail.com

PANEL DISCUSSION ON HOMELESSNESS, Thursday, July 7, from 7 - 9 pm in the Parish Center. Residents from Tent City will share their stories and answer questions on how they came to live at Tent City and ways we can all work together to end homelessness and the need for Tent Cities. We need volunteers to bring a fruit or dessert pie to share and others to bring ice cream/whipped cream. All are welcome. Bring the kids. Invite your neighbors.

If you would like to make a contribution towards hosting Tent City, please make your check payable to St. Joseph Church/Tent City. If you want to help Tent City 3 directly please go to their website http://www.sharewheel.org/ tent-city-3 and scroll down to see their wish list. If you have other resources such as legal, medical etc. that you would like to offer TC3 while they are here please contact tc3@sharewheel.com

Feel free to contact Lisa Floyd Greatorex at lisagtx@gmail.com or Megan Wellings at megan.wellings@gmail.com if you have any questions about this event or would like to sign up to volunteer.

St. Vincent de Paul

A report from our SVdP Conference: After a much-too-



long struggle with an abusive husband, the call for help came from a woman who finally had broken free. She was on the path of putting her life back together. She found an apartment but could not afford the upfront cost of the move-in fee.

Typically, such fees are for the first and last-month's rent. When our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers met with her, it became clear immediately that she needed the help but also felt badly about asking for it. So many of the people we see apologize for asking. We provided the funds so she could move in and assured her that no apologies were necessary.

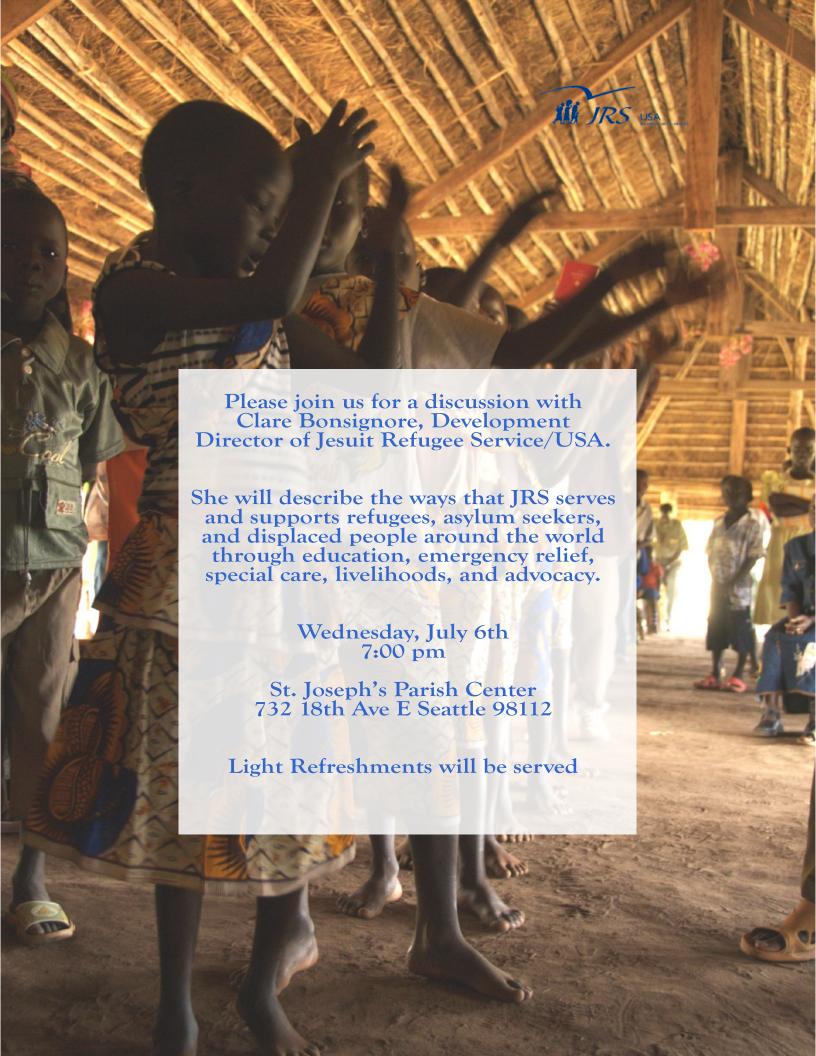
It is your support for St. Vincent de Paul that makes the difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Come Learn about JV EnCorps!



Interested in intentional service? A PROGRAM OF JVC NORTHWEST Join us Sunday, July 10th, during the coffee hour after 9:30 am Mass. Je-

suit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps), a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates transformative opportunities for intentional service, community and spiritual formation for older adults committed to social and ecological justice. During their ten months of part-time volunteer service, participants age 50 and older, meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of simple living and social & ecological justice. Priority application deadline: August 15th. For more information, call 206-305-8911, email JVESeattle@jvcnorthwest.org, or visit http://jvencorps.org to apply.



PARISH LIFE



Seniors On The Go

Friday, July 1- Healing Mass at 11:30. There will be no luncheon in July or August.

Tuesday, July 12- Join Deacon Steve on the parish bus and enjoy a day trip to Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands. Meet at St. Joseph at 9am and return by 6:30pm. Cost is \$6.00 Senior Ferry and BYOB lunch. Enjoy a beautiful day on the water or playing rummikub on the boat then spend two hours exploring Friday Harbor. Sign-up by calling Renee at Parish Center at 206-324-2522. Space is limited to 14 participants.

Couples Summer Boat Cruise

Friday, July 29th Board 7pm, Lake Union Public Pier Setting Sail, 7:30pm, and Returning to Port, 10:30pm



Join us on the "My Girl" Charter Boat for a wonderful sunset cruise with your sweetheart! We had a great time on this same boat 12 years ago! Dancing, water and hearty snacks are included. Bring your favorite beverage

(beer, wine or soda). Maximum # of passengers is 50. Lake Union Pier is near MOHAI. For reservations please email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters of all abilities and even beginners. We would love for anyone interested to join the Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry and help



us continue our ministry of providing shawls and blankets to those in need of healing and prayer. Our next gathering will be Tuesday July 5th, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please join us and if you are a new knitter or crocheter we are happy to teach you. If you have any questions or would like help getting started, please contact Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com

Young Adult (21-35) Ministry

YA Taize Prayer Service

On Wednesday, July 13th, from 7:30-8:30 pm join us in the church for for an evening of prayer and worship where we will incorporate the musical tradition of Taizé prayer into adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Taizé prayer consists of a series of repetitive melodies and chants interspersed with reflection and a period of contemplative silence. Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé community in France, says of the meditative prayer: "Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again." All are welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact Youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

St. Vincent de Paul Summer Service Project

Satuday, July 9th from 8am-1pm 575 Rainier Ave N, Renton 98057

Come join other young adults and support St Vicent de Paul (SVdP). The SVdP Renton store recently acquired a parking lot heavily overgrown with weeds and vegetation. Due to the lean workforce the store has, SVdP has requested our assistance. They will take as many volunteers as we can provide, so there's no maximum amount for this event. This will be a physically intensive volunteer event. Activities will include pulling weeds, weed whacking, clearing brush, getting dirty, sweating, etc. The Renton store will provide all the necessary tools/equipment, plus a FREE LUNCH. It's recommended you bring your own set of work gloves, eye protection, etc., in the event their stock runs out. Specific details will be provided as the date draws nearer. Questions? Contact Patrick Mireur at pmireur@gmail.com or 510-388-6657.

In order to RSVP for this event, please fill out the following form: bit.ly/StJoeYA-SVDP716

YA Summer Brunch

New to Seattle? Looking to meet other Catholic Young Adults? Join us for our monthly brunch after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, **July 17th and August 14th**! Contact Amara Siemens at siemens.am@gmail.com to participate or with questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation 2016-2017

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. To volunteer, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Course Offerings

Children's Faith Formation Childcare: During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin experiencing church through play. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. Beginning in September. The annual fee is \$50 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K): During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. *Your child should be out of diapers and able to follow simple directions, such as those given in a pre-school setting. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K): During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten (private, public, home, or parish school) beginning in the fall. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. Pickup is in the old gym across from the Social Hall. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1): The first of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Participation and completion of CFF 1 (or equivalent) is required before the second year, during which your child would receive these sacraments. This includes children in our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. The annual fee is \$60 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2): ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this upcoming school year must have completed the CFF 1 class (or equivalent) last year whether you attend our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. There is a \$100 annual fee and scholarships are available.

To sign up today, visit our homepage: www.stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith through the Sacraments. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent with the CFF 3/4 class. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High: This class is a 3-year Bible study for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is \$30 for each of the classes PLUS \$25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

High School Confirmation: Youth must be at least 16 years old by the Confirmation Mass date (late January/early February), already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and are participating members in their parish and personal faith life. The annual fee is \$135 and scholarships are available.

Employment Opportunity! Job opening in St. Joseph Faith Formation Office: www.stjosephparish.org

OUR COMMUNITY



Annual Catholic Appeal: A Gift that Keeps Giving

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA gives St. Joseph Parish an opportunity to support the work of the wider church in Western Washington—the education of seminarians, support of retired priests and women religious, the work of Catholic Community Services, multicultural ministries, and so much more.

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 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.

Annual Catholic Appeal - WEEK 9

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment.....\$148,436 Raised to Date.....\$ 112,914

If you haven't brought your envelope from home, envelopes are available in the pews in front of you. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket TODAY. Your gift (however large or small!) will make a real difference in the lives of those touched by the wider church in Western Washington.

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past, and today, **THANK YOU for your** generosity!



