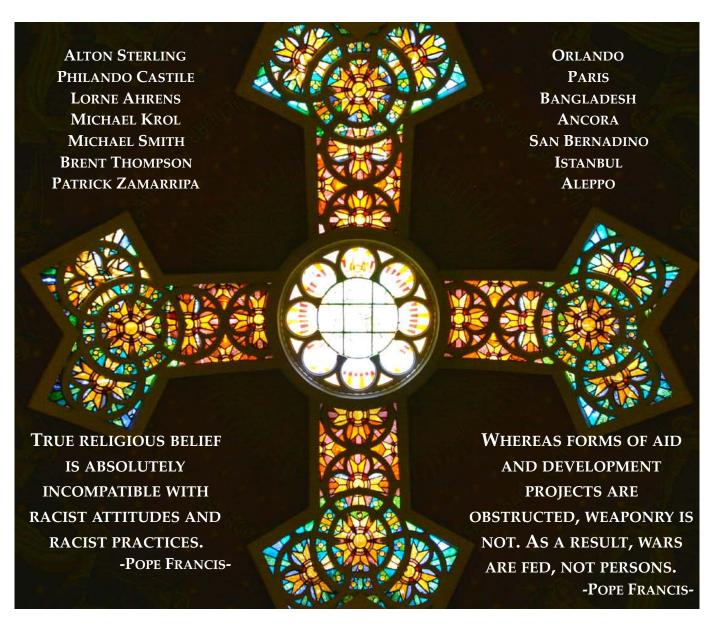


St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



In my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 17, 2016

Homily Next Week: Father Jim Harbaugh, S.J.

Readings for July 24, 2016

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

Parish Center

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

Chapter Eight: Accompanying, Discerning, and Integrating Weakness

A pastor cannot feel it is enough simply to apply moral laws to those living in "irregular" situations, as if they were stones to be thrown at people's lives.

-Pope Francis (§ 305)-

With divorced and civilly-remarried persons, Church teaching requires them to refrain from sexual intimacy. This applies even if they must (for the care of their children) continue to live under one roof. Undertaking to live as brother and sister is necessary for the divorced and civilly-remarried to receive reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance, which could then open the way to the Eucharist.

-Archbishop Charles Chaput-

On 1 July, 2016, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia—who once suggested that the dynamic conversation of the Extraordinary Synod on the Family seemed confusing, and that "confusion is of the devil"—presented his pastoral guidelines to clarify and implement the teachings of Amoris Laetitia. While the Pope's exhortation calls for the creation of such guidelines (§ 300), noting that "Each country or region. . .can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs" (§ 3), the narrowness of the Archbishop's focus and the idealized notions of fidelity and obedience seem to undermine the very process of mercy and welcome offered by the Holy Father. Indeed, by their excessive concern with scandal, their unrealistic attitude towards human sexuality, and their mitigation of several of the crucial principles of Amoris Laetitia (e.g., the so-called principle of reinstatement and the principle of accompaniment) the Archbishop's guidelines result not in a more merciful Church, in the tradition of Jesus Christ; not in a Church that recognizes the particularity of various cases and accepts that persons "should not be pigeonholed or fit into overly rigid classifications leaving no room for a suitable personal and pastoral discernment" (§ 298); not in a Church of compassion; but in a Church tightly controlled around an inflexible central authority, whose default position favors the ideal of the law over the reality of the sinners whom Jesus came to save.

Perhaps no where in *Amoris Laetitia* are the issues that divide the Church more evident than in Chapter Eight. In this Chapter, Pope Francis—who consistently grounds his teaching in the kerygma of Jesus, rather than in the "tradition of the Church's teaching and life" (Pastoral Guidelines, Archdiocese of Philadelphia)—notes the tension between the Church's clear awareness that "any breach of the marriage bond is 'against the will of God'" (§ 291), and the equivalent awareness that the grace of God is still at work in the lives of those who do not live the call of the Church perfectly. For Francis, this tension cannot be resolved by resorting to legalism or rigidity, but requires that the

Church open herself to the good in every relationship, and in every person. Reviving his image of the Church as 'field hospital,' Francis calls on pastors and bishops of the Church to acknowledge that there may be "constructive elements in those situations which do not yet or no longer correspond to her teaching on marriage" (§ 292). In what seems a radical move, especially to many life-long Catholics, Francis sets aside the notion that all forms of 'irregular' union are inherently and absolutely sinful—requiring for the excommunication and condemnation of the sinner. On the contrary, in many such unions there may be constructive elements, i.e., graces to which a discerning person or community of faith must attend. Though brief and somewhat obscure, this passage sets the stage for one of the most transformational sentences in all of Amoris Laetitia: "Hence it can no longer simply be said that all those in any 'irregular' situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace" (§ 301). In a single sentence, Francis rebukes those who would lead with sanction, and reminds all Christians (especially pastoral leaders) that "the Church's way, from the time of the Council of Jerusalem, has always been the way of Jesus, the way of mercy and reinstatement" (§ 296).

Directed especially to clergy and other Church leaders, Chapter Eight provides a pastoral infrastructure for those called to deal with women and men whose situations are something other than the ideal of Catholic marriage—i.e., "the union between a man and a woman who give themselves to each other in a free, faithful, and exclusive love, who belong to each other until death and are open to the transmission of life, and are consecrated by the sacrament which grants them the grace to become a domestic church and a leaven of new life for society" (§ 292). In this category of not-yet ideal unions, Francis distinguishes, as some of his critics have not, between those which "radically contradict this ideal" (§ 292) (a group he never clearly identifies in this chapter), and those which "realize it in at least a partial and analogous way" (§ 292), e.g. merely civil marriages, stable cohabitations, and virtuous remarriages. For Francis, such partial and analogous unions are not to be shunned or denounced, but attracted through compassionate discernment and dialogue into a full and active participation in the life of the Church. As noted in Chapter Eight, "'These couples need to be welcomed and guided patiently and discreetly.' That is how Jesus treated the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn. 4:1-26): he addressed her desire for true love, in order to free her from the darkness in her life and to bring her the full joy of the Gospel" (§ 294).

While the pastoral goal for those living in civil marriages or cohabiting may involve catechesis towards full reception of the Sacrament of Marriage, the situation for divorced and remarried Catholics remains more complex, because of the clear teaching of Jesus regarding the indissolubility of marriage. However, even while acknowledging Christ's teaching, Francis summons pastors to place this teaching within

the context of God's mercy and the long tradition of reconciliation in the Church. Referring to what might be called the "principle of reinstatement", Francis reveals his fundamental belief that mercy is God's default position: "No one can be condemned for ever, because that is not the logic of the Gospel! Here I am not speaking only of the divorced and remarried, but of everyone, in whatever situation they find themselves" (§ 297). Acknowledging that divorced and remarried Catholics need reconciliation, Francis calls upon pastors to facilitate that reconciliation, to help such persons "understand the divine pedagogy of grace in their lives. . .so that they can reach the fullness of God's plan for them" (§ 297). Rather than act as guard-dogs at the door of the Church, we must help the divorced and remarried to find a way into greater connection with the community of God's people, and into the sacramental life of the Church. Listening to the particular situation of the individual—i.e., asking if they were unjustly abandoned, or if they have "subjective certainty that their previous and irreparably broken marriage had never been valid" (§ 298)—pastors should seek ways to more fully integrate the divorced and remarried into the life of the Church, to let them know that "they are baptized; they are brothers and sisters; the Holy Spirit pours into their hearts gifts and talents for the good of all" (§ 299). There is no easy recipe for all this, and Francis notes that priests must not be cavalier in granting exceptions to the general rules. Yet, looking at the results of these second unions (§ 298), and guiding those in them through a precise and prayerful examination of conscience, Francis suggests that the divorced and remarried may find closer integration, through the internal forum (e.g., Confession) and through the exercise of their own consciences.

By the end of Chapter Seven, it is clear that Francis will not or, perhaps, cannot—give a definitive answer regarding "irregular" unions. And though he understands "those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care which leaves no room for confusion," he concludes that "Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which his Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled in the mud of the street" (§ 308). The role of conscience and discernment require a more personal and pastoral view than many would like, one that avoids pigeonholing the mercy of God into definitive categories that we can easily apply, but which robs others of their humanity and denies to God's mercy the living power of grace. We are left, then, not with solutions, but with a mystery of love, which doesn't always aid diocesan planning, but calls us ever more profoundly into the dialogue of God's people. John of

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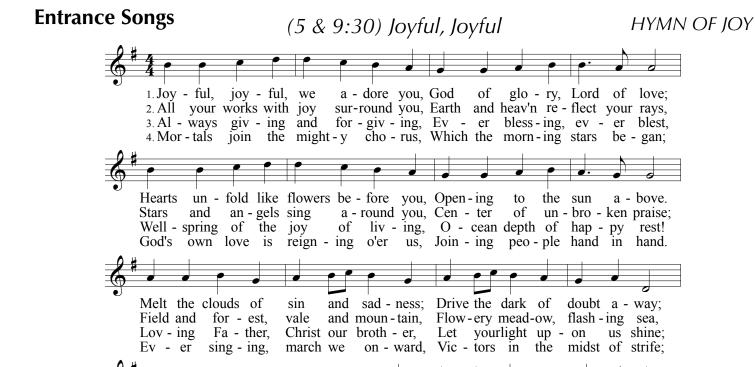
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Prelude

Instrumental (5:30) How Lovely Is Your Dwelling

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(5:30) Nada Te Turbe/Nothing Can Trouble

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First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

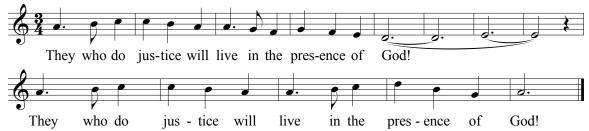
Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

Responsorial Psalm



Haas



Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now

it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

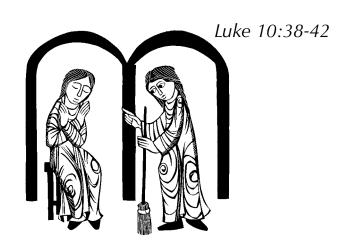
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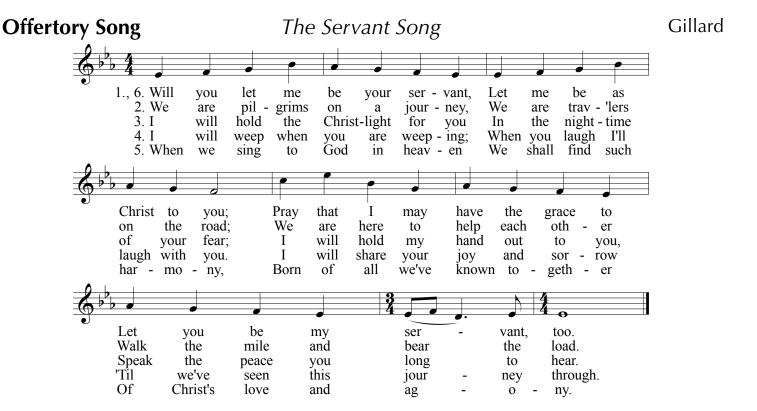
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Gospel

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

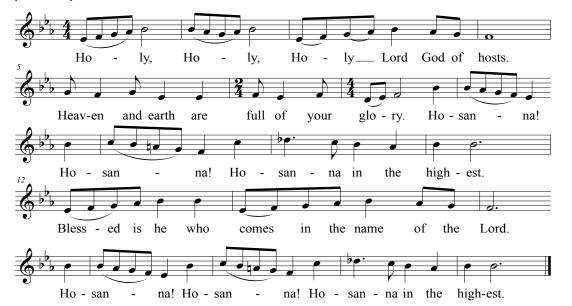






Mass of Wisdom

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Mystery of Faith

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All Are Invited To Come Forward

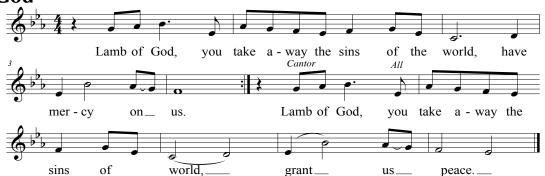
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

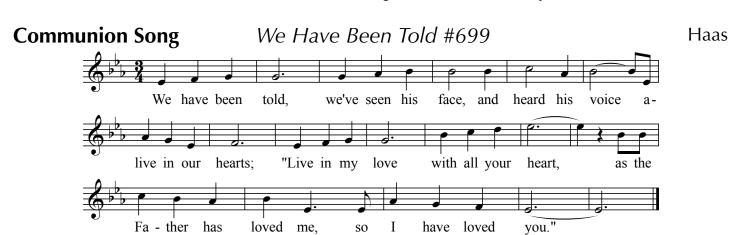
If you have a gluten allergy, & need of a gluten free host, please come to the $$\operatorname{\textbf{Presider}}$$ & indicate this.



Janco

Lamb of God







Song of Praise (5 & 9:30) Recessional (5:30)



KINGSFOLD



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

Instrumental



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



Sunday

9:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group 7:00 PM Sacred Silence

7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

We Are St. Joseph Events Save The Dates!

Sounders Game - September 17th Parish Picnic - September 25th Epiphany Dinner - January 8th



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace.!

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For dear friends who are grieving the loss of their unborn daughter, we pray for their saddened hearts . . . For those undergoing chemotherapy, we pray for strength . . . For

Jenny's mother who is beginning the road home and for Jenny's beautiful love and support over the years.

"I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you."

~John 14:18

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

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**, **July 18th**. Newcomers always welcome! Open to all types of prayer practice.

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



FAITH JUSTICE

Faith Justice Commission

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel, love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. **Meeting dates are: Sept. 26, Nov. 21, Jan. 23, March 20, and May 15.** Ministries we currently oversee include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph Service Days. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.



JESUIT SEATTLE

SEEL Retreat: "Encounter God Encountering You!"

SEEL Retreat Invites you to Encounter God Encountering You! The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9 month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with a retreat community at St. Joseph in Seattle. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2016. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or join us after the 9:30am and 5:30pm Masses on Sunday July 17th for a brief info session or call Lisa Dennison (Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

SEEL was one of the most profound spiritual experiences I've had in my life. I highly recommend it to anyone who is searching spiritually and questioning their relationship with God. Personally, I received the grace of knowing God loves me fully, deeply, wholly, just as I am right now. I know now, that He delights in whatever delights me. And this has changed everything.

~ Erin Kittleman, Parishioner

A Summer Ignatian Retreat" "A Pilgrimage of the Heart"

2pm, Friday, July 22nd - 2pm, Sunday, July 24

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, Marilyn Nash and Paul Cochrans, S.J.

Resident rooms full. Spaces still available for commuters!

Take time this summer to rest, renew your soul, and soak in silence on the shores of Puget Sound with this silent 3-day Ignatian retreat at the beautiful Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades in Federal Way. This silent retreat will offer stirring and relevant presentations based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, followed by abundant time for silent reflection and prayer; opportunities for individual spiritual direction; evening prayer and sharing in the Eucharist.

COST: Commuter (meals only)-\$225. Partial work scholarships are available.

REGISTER: By July 18 at www.ignatiancenter.org. For info contact CAROLYN at carolyn@ignatiancenter.org or call 206.329.4824.

Come and See

What the Catholic Faith has to offer

Monday July 25th 7:30pm – 8:30pm St. Joseph Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
 - If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome in this journey of faith.

PARISH LIFE



Seniors On The Go

Friday, August 5 and August 2- Healing Mass at 11:30. *There will be no luncheon.*

Senior Support Group

The difficult part of growing old is losing connectionsloss of family members, friends, employment, and more. St. Joseph's "Aging Gracefully" Support Group is here to give you an opportunity to make new friends and be there for each other. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, this time **July 20th** from 11:00am to 12:15pm. Bring a snack to share if you wish. For more information contact Frances Chikahisa at franceschikahisa@me.com or call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

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

Parish Life Commission

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. **Meeting dates are: Sept. 19, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, March 6 and May 8.** Ministries we currently oversee include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, parish picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

Young Adult (21-35) Ministry Summer Yoga Series

Looking for a way to feel centered over the summer? Have you had the desire to be more flexible in life, or to just touch your toes? Yoga classes will be offered in the Parish Social Hall on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm throughout the summer** ending on Wednesday, August 31st. A suggested donation is \$5 per class. Please provide your own yoga mat and dress in comfortable clothing. A yoga block is recommended but not required. This class is open to anyone who is interested in enjoying an hour of invigorating and relaxing yoga. Contact Kaitlyn O'Leary at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

Women's Ministry

Coffee Connect on **Saturday**, **July 23rd** at Tully's on 19th Ave E from 10 -11 am.

Please come sip and socialize. Contact Sheila Marie 206 251 7035 with 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 Ministry Summer Hike

SILVER PEAK - **Sunday July 24th** - Carpool from St. Joseph at 7:30 am, return by 6:00 pm Maximum 12 Guys - Email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org to RSVP. Our hike leaders are Stuart Rowe, Bill Fleming and John Briggs. Go to http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/silver-peak for details about the hike.

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.

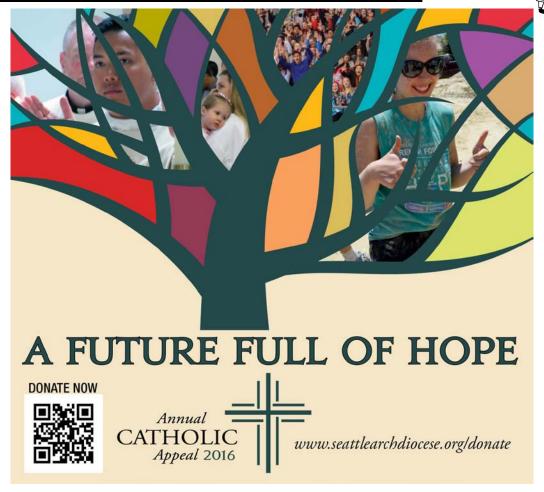
Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent with the CFF 3/4 class. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

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: 85% Toward our Goal--Please Help us Reach 100%

We are so close--can you help us cross the finish line? 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.

If you haven't given yet, please consider doing so. 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 12

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment	.\$148,436
Raised to Date	\$ 126,823
Percent of Goal Reached	. 85%
Percent Participation (319 households)	17.2%

Envelopes are available in the pews. 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!

