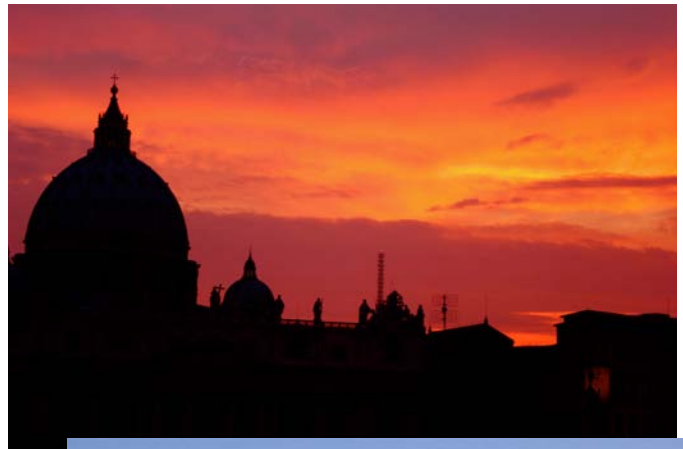
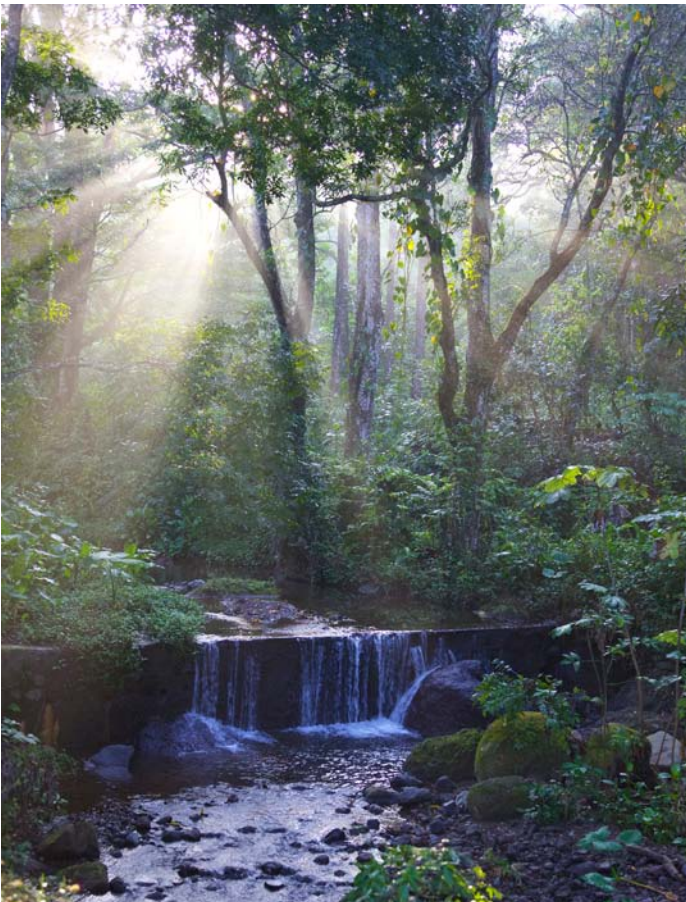


# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

*I know their works and their thoughts,  
and I come to gather nations of every language;  
they shall come and see my glory.*



## **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 21, 2016**

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

### **Readings for August 28, 2016**

FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

### **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**

**732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112**

**Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm**

**Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm**

**Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm**

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***Special Collection  
for flood victims  
in Louisiana.***

***Join us this weekend  
in supporting  
Catholic Charities  
of Baton Rouge  
in their work!***

***Blue Special Collection envelopes will be in the pews for every Mass!***

## **Beyond the Moonlight**

*We were always adroiter with objects than lives, and more facile  
at courage than kindness: . . ."*

***-W.H Auden, "Moon Landing"-***

Last Tuesday night, just before leaving my office, I decided to look through the news, as I often do to feed my prayer and reflection on the Scriptures. There I encountered again the sorrow that is Syria. In high definition photographs, I looked at the ancient city of Aleppo, completely destroyed. Mile upon mile of modern and ancient buildings, and not one of them complete; all of them crumbled and crushed beneath years of bombardment and savage war. Listening to a reporter testify before the United Nations, I heard about the hell of those who remain in the city: more than a million people who live in dull and constant terror, as bombs fall indiscriminately on women and children, on fighters and on those already wounded. And beyond the constant, random bombing, which has left the city caked in a gray dust as fine as if a thousand twin-towers had collapsed, there are the snipers, who shoot anyone that moves within their sights. Yet, still people stay—or are forced to stay—picking through the rubble to find something by which they might sustain their lives, something they might use to feed their children. But now, unsatisfied with bombs and bullets, the Syrian government—which has kept out food and medicine, cooking oil and fuel—threatens to cut off water, and leave the nearly two million people trapped and abandoned in a city of death and despair.

Having looked at the photographs and read the various stories, I stood up, heartsick, and headed home. It was about 10 pm, and filled with thoughts of the children of Aleppo, I started to walk around the block, turning back to take a look at the tower and the church.

Standing there, in the perfectly cooled air of a Seattle summer evening, looking southeast from the corner of 18th and Aloha, I saw the moon, almost full, move past the steeple of St. Joseph Church. I have always loved the moon: the way it seems so large on its ascent, the way the shadow of the earth cuts across it—quartering it, halv-



ing it, swallowing it in darkness, or allowing it to shine with all the beauty of the reflected sun. I dream sometimes of going there, clad in the small environment of a space suit and driving the moon rover left behind by earlier explorers. I dream of passing through her craters—35 of which are named for Jesuits—and looking back at the great blue ball, which has been, until that moment, my only home. Perhaps these dreams persist because I am a child of the space age, who remembers watching the Gemini missions at school, on an old black and white television my teacher would bring in. Or perhaps they persist because they remind me of a time when the grandeur of our dreams seemed larger than the brilliance of our technology. A time we could imagine communities of scientists and politicians, soldiers and engineers using their ingenuity for exploration rather than exploitation. A time we still thought of surveying the heaven, not surveilling our neighbors; when science seemed to offer the promise of a better world, not just the advantage of better weapons. A time when women and men still dreamt of making the moon blossom like the earth, rather than dreading a future where the earth would be as dead as is the moon. Standing in the cool night air, looking at the beauty of the moon shining on the steeple's cross, I felt the old dreams rising in me, wanting to push back against the cynicism and resignation of the current age, yet wondering if Aleppo is not too much for us, wondering if perhaps Auden is right: we are *"adroiter with objects than lives"* and *"more facile with courage than kindness."*

At that moment, the words of the prophet Ezekiel, read that morning at Mass, came to me then: *"Because you are haughty of heart, you say 'A god am I! / I occupy a godly throne in the heart of the sea!' / And yet you are a man, and not a god, however you may think yourself a god. . . Therefore, I will bring against you foreigners, the most barbarous of nations. / They shall draw their swords against your beauteous wisdom, they shall run them through your splendid apparel."*

The difference between the craters of Aleppo and those on the moon is that the cause of Aleppo is not the failure of the planet to provide an atmosphere, nor the natural actions of meteor impacts; rather, it is human sin and pride that have caused Aleppo's suffering. It is men and women of our species who have made this place of ancient beauty into a place where children, looking like suitless astronauts, pick amid the rubble for stones and food, or are pulled from the remnants of their destroyed home and placed, blank-eyed and frozen, into the back of ambulances. It is through the hubris of people like us, or people acting in our name that this city, once mentioned in Shakespeare as a place of beauty and culture, has become a wasteland—through actions or inactions, through choices made long ago and choices being made

today. Like gods, we have thought we could bend the world to our will, and now the barbarous among us rise against our *"beauteous wisdom,"* to turn our planet of life into a place of death and sorrow.

Yet, even if Auden is correct, even if the warnings of Ezekiel seem to be coming to pass in the wastes of Aleppo, we are not yet overcome. And as I stood there that night, looking back at the steeple of St. Joseph—its cross framed by the lovely but lifeless moon—I knew that love will often seem weaker than hate, but will never be overcome by it. For on the cross of Jesus, God—who orders sun and moon, the orbits of the heavens and the shaping of the stars—chose irrevocably to share our lot, and will not let us go. Thus, we must do what we can: setting aside hubris for humility, rejecting the great plans of our self-made utopias for the simpler and harder work of sainthood, in which we build the reign of God through the small and constant works we are called to do. That may mean standing in the streets, speaking out for Aleppo, or standing in a food line, serving the homeless; it may mean joining the Jesuit Refugee Service to resettle migrants, or visiting Tent City to comfort those who have been forced to wander; it may mean lifting a child from the rubble or teaching a child to love all people. Each is a part of the whole, and the gravest sin is to do nothing.

*John SJ*

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Prelude

## Instrumental

## Entrance Songs

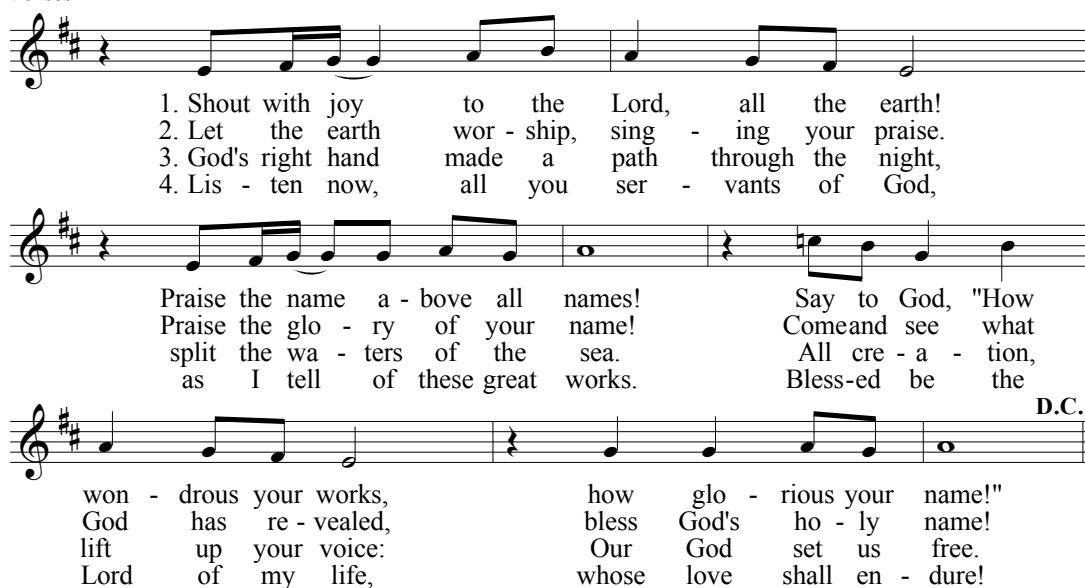
(5 & 9:30) *Lift Up Your Hearts*

O'Connor



Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious mer - cy!  
Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is en - dur - ing.

### Verses



1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
2. Let the earth wor - ship, sing - ing your praise.  
3. God's right hand made a path through the night,  
4. Lis - ten now, all you ser - vants of God,  
Praise the name a - bove all names! Say to God, "How  
Praise the glo - ry of your name! Come and see what  
split the wa - ters of the sea. All cre - a - tion,  
as I tell of these great works. Bless-ed be the  
D.C.  
won - drous your works, how glo - rious your name!"  
God has re - vealed, bless God's ho - ly name!  
lift up your voice: Our God set us free.  
Lord of my life, whose love shall en - dure!

(5:30) *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Berthier



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.  
Spanish: Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.  
Portuguese: Ben - diz o Se-nhor, lou - va o seu San - to no - me.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.  
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.  
Ben - diz o Se-nhor, que à vi - da nos con - duz.

## First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21



Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117

Haas



## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reprov'd by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.



## Gospel Acclamation (5 & 9:30) Storrington Alleluia

Haugen



(5:30) Alleluia Chant

"I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the father, except through me.

## Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

## Homily

Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.



## Baptismal Acclimation

*You Have Put on Christ*

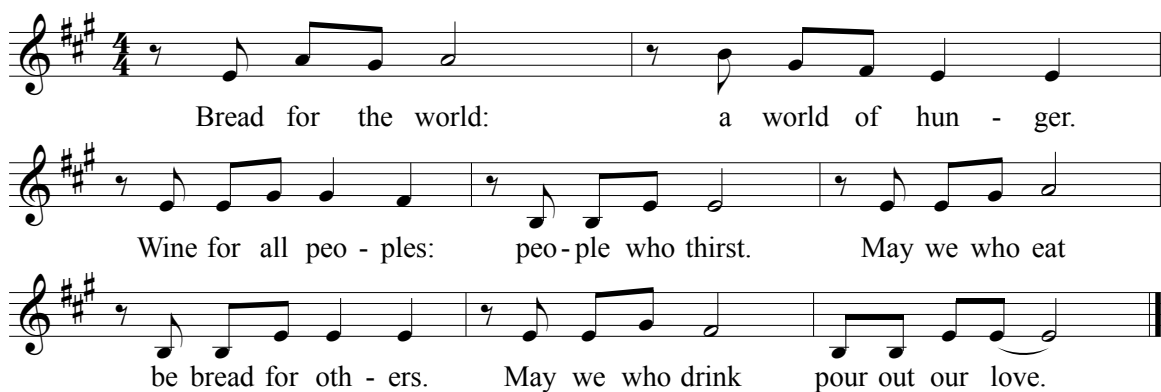
Hughes



## Offertory Song

*(5 & 9:30) Bread for the World*

Farrell



*(5:30) Instrumental*

# 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

Janco

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

# Great Amen

Janco

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

# Lamb of God

Janco

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of world, — 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.**



## We Are St. Joseph Events Save The Dates!

Sounders Game - September 17th

Parish Picnic - September 25th

Epiphany Dinner - January 8th

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## Communion Song

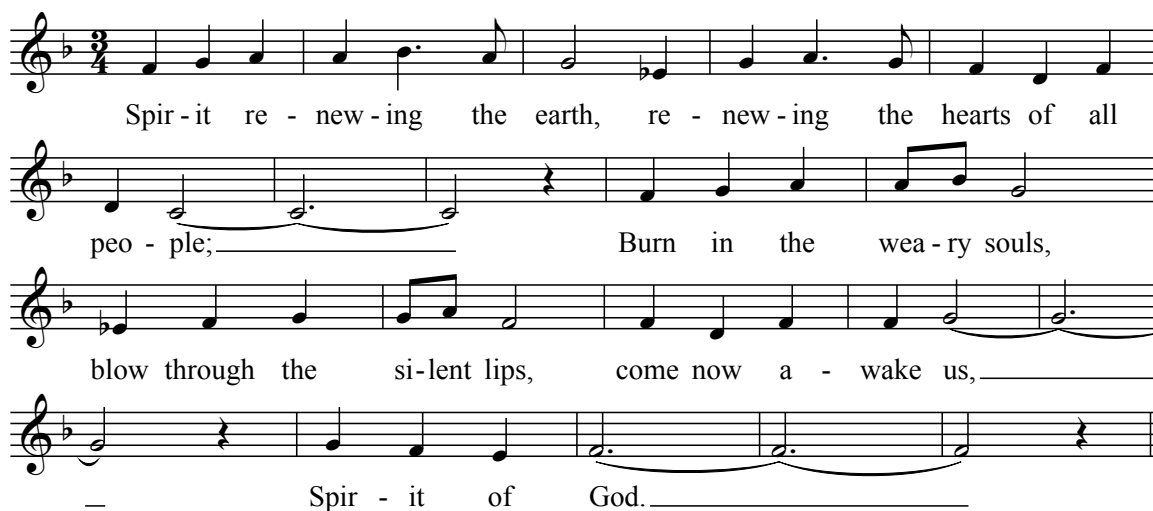
*Pan de Vida*

Hurd



## Spirit Blowing Through Creation

Haugen





## 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

(5:30) *Jubilate Servite*

Berthier





# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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## Sacred Silence

*A time for silent prayer and peace.!*

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, August 22nd**. 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](mailto:sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org) or 206-286-0313.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Mary's recovery and healing from recent surgery . . . Safe travel and moving for John and Terri to Wenatchee . . . For Amelia's science and forensic research in Cape Town, South Africa and Windhoek, Namibia.

*"Cast all your care upon Him; for He cares for you."*

~1 Peter 5:7



## FAITH FORMATION

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### Pathfinders Youth Group at St. Joseph Parish

Did you know this year begins the 14th year of our middle school youth group? Pathfinders—open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders—began with a small group of youth and a handful of adult parishioners back in September 2002 under a newly appointed youth minister. We have seen the group grow and flourish for hundreds of youth over the years, through service, community, and faith-oriented activities. Pathfinders is currently seeking adult volunteers interested in having a positive impact on our middle school youth this 2016-2017 school year. Come be a part of it! Please contact Dottie Farewell at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1652 to learn how you can help with this vibrant ministry

### Baptism Families

Please join us in praying for the families having children baptized this weekend: **Saturday 5 PM Mass:** Tim & Suzi (Ebelle) Ewings, James & Kathleen (Chambers) Neidigh, Jonathan & Hailey (Sweeney) Towne, Matthew & Alicia (Surdyk) Cullen. **9:30 AM Sunday Mass:** Jeff & Christine (Hanna) Campbell, Michael & Maria (Dionisio) Divina, Jeff & Annie (Schefer) Knudson, Andrew & Ashley (Knudson) Duran.





# 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](mailto: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](http://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.





# FAITH JUSTICE

## Faith Justice Film Night

*Zero Percent*

**Thurs, August 25th, 7-9pm**

Arrupe Room, St. Joseph Parish Center

Come experience a powerful documentary film about the struggles and successes of an innovative college-in-prison program and discuss how the faith community can help recently-released people in Seattle. The film, *Zero Percent*, chronicles the life-changing experiences of prisoners and educators in the Mercy College program at Sing-Sing prison in New York state. Film discussion plus introductions to local Seattle prison education organizations and service opportunities will follow.

Pizza and beverages will be provided. Co-sponsored by St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission and Young Adult group. For more information, contact Mark Petterson at [petterson.mr@gmail.com](mailto:petterson.mr@gmail.com) or Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)



## Seniors On The Go

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

## 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.

## Register Now for Cabrini Ministry Training

Do you want to learn subtle, yet powerful, techniques for communicating God's love and mercy to others? Are you ready to be transformed into a person whose service can transform the lives of others? Cabrini Ministry Training invites you to follow the example of St. Frances Cabrini and SHARE MERCY, BE PRESENT, and CHANGE LIVES! We offer a 65-hour full training as well as a 30-hour "Listening Heart" program. **One class will meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at Holy Family in Kirkland beginning October 25th, and another class will meet monthly on Saturdays at St. James Cathedral in Seattle beginning September 17th.** For more information, contact [info@cabriniministry.org](mailto:info@cabriniministry.org) or 206-760-0583 x3.



# PARISH LIFE

## Young Adult (21-35) Ministry

### Summer Social

This month's YA gathering will be on **Sunday August 21st** immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. We are meeting up at the Canterbury Ale House located on the SE corner of 15th Ave E and E. Mercer St. ([www.thecanterburyalehouse.com](http://www.thecanterburyalehouse.com)), where we can play shuffleboard, darts and pool. Questions? Email [youngadult-community@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadult-community@stjosephparish.org)

### Summer Yoga Series

Now in the Brebeuf Room (basement of Parish Center) on **Wednesday nights from 6:30- 7:30 pm through 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](mailto:kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com) with any questions.



# Parish & School Picnic

Sunday

September 25th

1-4 pm, Parking Lot

*We provide the following:*

*Hot dogs, Cotton candy & Sno-cones*

*Beer & Soft drinks on tap*

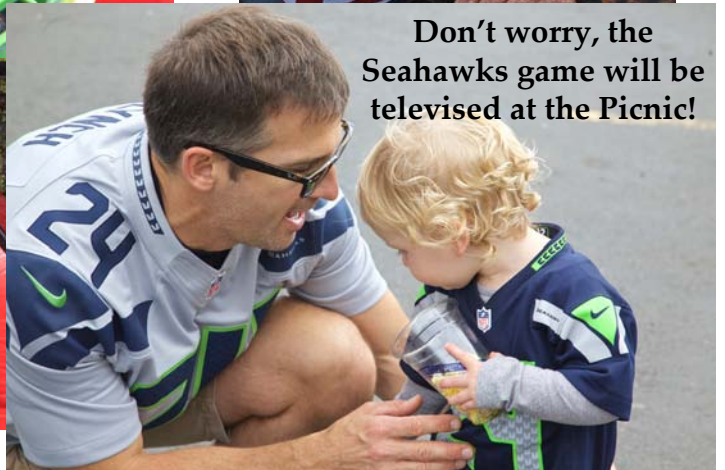
*Rides for the Kids*

*PLEASE BRING: dessert, salad or  
side dish to share*

*SHABBY ROAD will be here playing  
all your favorite Beatles songs!*

**PARENTS GET YOUR  
VOLUNTEER HOURS  
WE NEED YOU!**

Contact Joe Augustavo,  
[joeaugustavo@comcast.net](mailto:joeaugustavo@comcast.net)  
or 206-229-6881



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**Annual Catholic Appeal:**

**We Are 93% Toward our Goal--Please Help us Reach 100%**

<b>St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment.....</b>	<b>\$148,436</b>
<b>Raised to Date.....</b>	<b>\$ 138,599</b>
<b>Amount Needed.....</b>	<b>\$9,837</b>
<b>Percentage of Parish Families Participating.....</b>	<b>18%</b>

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!**

## Welcome Assistant Director of Religious Education Theresa Lukasik!

St. Joseph Parish welcomes the latest addition to our staff, Theresa Lukasik. Theresa will work closely with Director of Religious Education, Dottie Farewell, to continue to enhance our faith formation programs.



Born in Chicago, the youngest of seven children, Theresa played sports and enjoyed gardening during her early years. She attended Loyola University in Chicago thinking she'd eventually teach history, but instead was drawn toward studies in theology. She continued at Loyola, where she earned a Masters in Ignatian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.

Theresa recalls attending St. Joseph for the first time in 2012. "I cried, because I knew I was at home," she said. At the time Theresa was involved in various ministries, including spiritual care at Harborview Hospital. She later became involved with RCIA and faith formation. Her previous job prior to accepting her new position at St. Joseph was with Maryknoll and the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

Theresa wanted a job where she could learn, study, grow and pray—a perfect fit for her new position at St. Joseph. "I want to let others know they are loved unconditionally," she confided. "I hope to contribute to this already vibrant faith community."