My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.
Graced Failure

Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit.

-Pope Francis-

When he was a young man, he thought that he would be one of the great heroes he had read about in literature, fighting for the just cause and winning the struggle for his beloved. When he grew older, the object of his affections changed, and he saw himself doing great things for the Blessed Lady, instead of his lady at court—yet, still Iñigo de Loyola thought that to be someone of value he must first become someone other than who he was. But God, who can bless a few barley loaves meant for the lunch of one boy and make them feed a multitude, saw that what was needed for Iñigo was not to become someone else; rather, he need only accept the blessings already waiting for him in his life—that would be enough and, indeed, more than enough.

During these last few weeks, since the celebration of his feast day on 31 July, I have been re-reading Ignatius’ Autobiography, and have been amazed at how contemporary it seems. Despite all the distance of time and circumstance, the life of the Pilgrim—as Ignatius calls his younger self—seems strangely attuned to the current of our world today. Here is Iñigo, a child of privilege, raised in a culture punctuated by both violence and sentimentality. He is a man of conventional attitudes, defending the popular opinion of his social class and supporting the institutions of his day, including civil society, where he hopes to thrive, and the Church, towards which he has a comfortable, conventional relationship appropriate to one of his class and status; i.e., not too much passion but willing to show up when needed and support the hierarchy in the customary way. Though egotistical, it seems clear that Iñigo is not at peace with himself, feeling he has not yet established himself, not become the success he is meant to be. He fears being a loser, a failure in the eyes of the world, and so he takes up arms—the tools at his disposal—to prove his value to himself and others. These arms are a means, just as wealth and glory are means to others, to create a persona of significance. But the goal is always to become the success he imagines in his mind. Further, even after the experience at Pamplona, where he is wounded and comes to know God, Iñigo remains controlled by the same demons. Though he renounces arms in favor of prayer and penance, he remains a simultaneously egotistical and insecure person, as he looks to establish his value as a man of God by becoming someone other than himself.

Throughout the Autobiography, Ignatius recounts how his younger self fails time and again to become the hero he desires to be, and how he gradually comes to see that the failures themselves are God’s graces to him. These lessons are learned not through books or lectures, but through experiences—some of which have become legendary. There is the story of Manresa, where the Pilgrim, fresh from laying his sword and shield down before the Virgin Mary at the monastery of Montserrat, stops to spend a few days in prayer on
his way to becoming the new Francis or the new Dominic, only to have his life as a hermit upended by fears of failure and suicidal thoughts. He ends up, unexpectedly, spending months in this small village, working in a hospital and reveling in the presence of God. It is at Manresa, we are told, that God treats Ignatius, “like a master with a schoolboy,” revealing to him, as he sits along the banks of the Cardoner River, insights that would gradually grow into the Spiritual Exercises. Though he fails in his quest to become the hero he imagines—i.e., to become Dominic or Francis—at Manresa, Iñigo begins to become someone he had never expected to be: himself, fully alive.

But to become Ignatius does not happen all at once: that path runs through many failures and many surprising twists and turns. It runs through his failed attempts at preaching and teaching on the roads of Spain, where, because he did not have a degree, he is arrested by the Inquisition and restricted in his ministry, leading him to go to Paris to study. In Paris, because he is not very good at Latin, he finds a tutor in his young roommate, Pierre Favre, who, in return, wants to know more about these Spiritual Exercises, eventually becoming a companion with Ignatius, bringing along their other roommate, Francis Xavier—despite the fact that Ignatius had not really been looking for companions. This path of failure continues, this time including his friends, when the ten who had come to join their company make vows in a small chapel in Montmartre to go to the Holy Land as pilgrims—a plan which fails because of the wars that block transportation to that region for more than a year. Finally, after consistently failing to realize his own plans, Ignatius, with his friends, head towards Rome, to put themselves at the disposal of the Pope, who may know what he should do and become.

It is on the way to Rome, stopping at a crossroads chapel called LaStorta, that the Pilgrim at last realizes his own desire to become someone else—some ideal he has kept in his mind—is not the truth of his call. As he prays quietly, it comes to him in what he, himself, will never call a vision: there is Christ, carrying his cross, with the Father above him, who speaks to the Son: “I want you to take this man into your company.” Then the Son says to Ignatius: “I want you to be in my Company. And I will be good to you all in Rome.” In that moment, the failed soldier, the failed hermit, the failed Dominic, the failed Francis, the failed wandering teacher, the failed pilgrim, the failed apostle to the infidels, realizes that all his failures have been God’s grace, loving him towards his deepest self. This is who he is: the companion of Jesus, the one loved and chosen whose failures were always about himself, but whose great success is about communion.

We live in a culture obsessed with notions of success—though those notions may not always be the same. For some, success is about becoming as rich and powerful as Bill Gates; for others, it is about being as spiritually wise as Richard Rohr, or as humble as Mother Theresa; for still others, it is about being as famous as Kanye or Kim. Too often, however, success is about becoming someone other than we are, about losing ourselves in the sheen and luster of an image we hold. Indeed, for some Ignatius himself (or rather, Ignatius as we imagine him) becomes that idol to which we aspire. But the lesson of Ignatius’ life is that we cannot become Ignatius. . .or Francis, or Dominic, or Kim, or Kanye, or Mother Theresa, or Bill Gates. . .and to seek that only leads to heartache. Each woman and each man is called to be herself or himself—uniquely made, uniquely loved by God, who holds our deeper being with a love that is the only true measure of success.

May we fail, as Ignatius did, to maintain the structures of ego and fear that keep us from our true self, and keep our true self from the world. May we fall, and find waiting for us the grace of God, who picks us up and points us (the true us) towards the world.


Flood Relief Collection
Thank You!
We received a terrific response to the Special Collection for Louisiana Flood victims. We sent a check for $5200 to Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge. Folks continue to stop in with more donations. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity.
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude

Entrance Songs

(5) For the Healing of the Nations

Instrumental

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
   For a just and equal sharing
   Of the things that earth affords.

2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom,
   That redeemed from war and hatred,
   All may come and go in peace.
   Show us how through Dogmas that obscure your plan.

3. All that kills a bountiful living,
   Pride of status, race or schooling,
   May we hal low life's brief span.
   In our common service Earth its destiny may find.

4. You, creator God, have written
   Your great name on human-kind;
   That by our reason love and action
   Help us rise and pledge our word.

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plen ty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
3. My fields will flow in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.
4. Your fields will I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the
   My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and
   My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the
   For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my

   cup of my love.
   full ness of life.
   depths of your soul.
   rain on the soil.
Gloria

First Reading

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68

God, in your goodness, you have made a home, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Gospel Acclamation

(5 & 9:30) Storrington Alleluia

(5:30) Alleluia Chant
Gospel
On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Homily
Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Song
The Servant Song
Gillard

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
   Pray that I may have the grace to
   on the road;
   We are here to help each other

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are travelers
   of your fear;
   I will hold my hand out to you,
   laugh with you.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time
   I will share your joy and sorrow
   harmonies, Born of all we’ve known together

4. When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such
   Let you be my servant, too.
   Walk the mile and bear the load.
   Speak the peace you long to hear.

5. When you approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’
   When you laugh I’ll
   Till we’ve seen this journey through.
   Of Christ’s love and agony.

Autumn Mass Time Change
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We Are St. Joseph Events Save The Dates!
Sounders Game - September 17th
Parish Picnic - September 25th
Epiphany Dinner - January 8th
**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Mass of Wisdom*  
Janco

- Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
- Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna!
- Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
- Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 
- Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

**Mystery of Faith**  
Janco

- We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

**Great Amen**  
Janco


**Lamb of God**  
Janco

- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
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, and need of a gluten free host, please come to the presider and indicate this.

**Communion Song**

Blest Are They, #659

Re-joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you, holy are you! Re-joice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

**Song of Praise**

(5 & 9:30) We Are Called

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be

2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be

3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll

light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! hope for the hope-less so hated and blindness will be no more! walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!
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 & 9:30) Instrumental
(5:30) We Are Called (previous page)

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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 AM  Yoga - Body in Prayer
7:00 PM  Holy Rosary Group
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence
7:00 PM  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in Prayer

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
11:30 AM  Anointing Mass (no luncheon)

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer Group
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass
**Pathfinders Youth Group Needs Adult Volunteers**

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 or 206-965-1652 to learn how you can help with this vibrant ministry.

**Liturgy and Worship**

**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 29th**. Newcomers are 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.

**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Penny who has a cancerous tumor on her leg . . . For Maia’s strength . . . For Frances to heal well . . . For Joe’s torn rotator cuff . . . For Oscar and for his family . . . Thank you St. Joseph staff and community for hosting Tent City 3. God bless and watch over them.

*“While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, It is even more important now because Our neighbors are so many.”*  

~Claudia “Lady Bird” Johnson

**Rest in Peace**  

Rebecca Holden whose celebration of life will be September 10 at St. Joseph. Ryan Boone, son of Steve and Karen.

**Faith Formation**

**Welcome the Newly Baptized!**

Please join us in welcoming the newly baptized children from last weekend: **Saturday 5 PM Mass**: Ava Ebelle Ewings, June Ellen Neidigh, Owen Michael Towne, & Gabriella Jane Cullen. **9:30 AM Sunday Mass**: Hanna Marie Campbell, Athena Mae Divina, August Christopher Knudson, & Evelyn Mae Duran.

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**Reflections on Agape Service**

“The most impactful part of the week for me was meeting the kids at the migrant camp, especially Kenny. I now have a deeper understanding of others and the hardships they face. I can continue to help others by sheltering them in God’s love.” – Jeremy

“This week I learned that migrant families work very hard and that siblings in these families care for each other so much, almost like a second set of parents. Agape was very fun and a great learning experience.” – Sarah G.

“My experience at Agape has been great. I have really enjoyed seeing how living in solidarity with the migrant community has changed my perspective on life. I enjoyed all the fun activities that allowed us to help the migrant community.” – Alexa

“This week at Agape I learned that the most important thing we can all do is to treat one another with dignity and respect. We are all children of God. If someone has more, they can give to those who have less, so that everyone can benefit. It doesn’t matter who has more or less material goods, because we all have the same amount of God in our hearts.” – Sarah M.
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.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
AFF Book Fair, Sunday, September 18
More AFF offerings to come.
Check back over the upcoming weeks.

To sign up today, visit our homepage: www.stjosephparish.org
Friday, September 2
Healing Mass at 11:30. There will be no luncheon.

Seniors On The Go
Friday, September 2- Healing Mass at 11:30. There will be no luncheon.

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.

Parish Life

Women’s Fall Retreat
Becoming Who You Are:
Finding 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. Deadline to register is September 12th. We have only ten spaces left! Please email Sheila Marie at smarie49@comcast.net or call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Young Adult Yoga Ends August 31
Young Adult Yoga will meet for their final summer yoga session on Wednesday, August 31st in the Brebeuf Room (basement of Parish Center). Please note start time is 7pm. Suggested donation is $5 per class. Please provide your own yoga mat and dress comfortably. A yoga block is recommended but not required. Contact Kaitlyn O’Leary at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com with any questions.
Come and See

What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer

Tuesday September 20th
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St. Joseph’s Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph’s?

- Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full Communion or Confirmation 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 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith.
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!

Don’t worry, the Seahawks game will be televised at the Picnic!

PARENTS GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS WE NEED YOU!
Contact Joe Augustavo, jocaugustavo@comcast.net or 206-229-6881
You are invited to join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J. on a fourteen day tour

“JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN”

OCTOBER 8 - 21, 2017

This journey focuses on many of the important places in Jesus’ life from his birth, his preaching and teaching, to the Via Delarosa ending at Golgotha and his death. Some of the sites and activities included in the tour: Cana, where those who wish, can renew their marriage vows; Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation; cruise on the Sea of Galilee; renew your Baptism in the Jordan River with Fr. Glen; Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity; four nights in Jerusalem; pray the Stations of the Cross as we walk the Via Delarosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; swim in the Dead Sea; in Jordan visit amazing Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; receive a special blessing in Bethany Beyond the Jordan and so much more, including private masses at some of the churches we will visit.

Tour brochures and information available from a Tour Representative in the foyer after all Masses this weekend, or
Contact parishioners: Hilda or Walt Kicinski at Viking Cruise & Travel
206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com