This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
The Unescapable Commandment

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

-Matthew 5:44-

We have heard this line a million times; we’ve listened to it proclaimed in Mass and at prayer services; we’ve heard it preached on and explained, nuanced and contextualized, softened and shaded with enough scholarship and exegetical energy to make us believe that it does not really say what it seems to say: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

But the truth is, for everything we try to do to this passage, we can’t quite get around it. Can’t quite spin it to our liking. Can’t quite force it into a shape that makes sense in a world of power and privilege, where success is measured in dollars earned and years lived, and those who oppose us are either evil or collateral damage. At the very least, they are losers, to be pushed aside. Despite the smooth cut of Jerry Falwell, Jr.’s suits or the folksy charm of James Dobson’s stories, despite the popularity of all those books on the gospel of success: loving your enemies and praying for those who persecute you still turns the world upside down. It sticks in the throat of all of us who are reasonably afraid of getting blown to bits by our enemies or shot down in the streets by those who persecute us. And when we don’t have those worries—when our “enemies” are just those who disagree and our “persecutors” are those whom we find challenging to live with because of their annoying habits and ways of being—such a call feels unnatural and absurd. Loving them, praying for them...thank you very much, but I think I would rather conquer them or at least avoid them whenever I can. After all, that’s the most reasonable course.

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” So long as we measure success by the yardstick of fear—fear of death, fear of poverty, fear of not being in control—our reason will never lead us to accept this teaching as anything more than empty-headed idealism. Indeed, if we take it seriously, if we believe Jesus meant it just the way it sounds, this passage becomes a stumbling block for many of us, a bothersome summons that we keep trying to work our way around.

Of course, it might be noted that practically everything Jesus calls us to, if taken seriously, is absurd and unreasonable: and by this I don’t mean apparently absurd or seemingly unreasonable. It is madness. If someone asks for your shirt, give him your coat, as well? If you hold a banquet, invite the poor so they can’t repay you? Who does that kind of thing?

If we don’t believe that the call of Christ is unreasonable, beyond our power or ability; if we don’t accept that what is being asked of us as Christians really is, in the usual thinking of the world, crazy, then we can never become what we are called to be. For if we are always trying to make sense of the gospel and figure out the secret way in which we get to have what we want—safety, prosperity, power—then we can never be formed by grace into the image and likeness of the One who rejected all of that, who “though he
"was in the form of God did not regard equality with God something to be grasped." In the words of St. Ignatius, so long as we prefer “honor to dishonor, wealth to poverty, health to sickness, a long life to a short one” (and, tell me the truth, who in their right mind doesn’t prefer these), then we have not yet accepted the mercy of the God of whom Jesus speaks. We have not yet accepted the self-emptying God who became poor, although he was rich, so that by his poverty we might have everything.

But suppose we accept this passage, suppose we allow grace to make us over in the image of the God in whom we say we believe: i.e., allow our sun to shine on the bad and the good, and our rain to fall on the just and the unjust alike? Suppose we become like the churches of Macedonia, about whom St. Paul wrote, and no longer give according to our means but according to the other person’s need, what will happen to us? If we stand with the people whom the world despises—the undocumented migrant and the Muslim refugee, the mentally ill and the emotionally wounded, those in prisons and those left out of our culture and economy—what will be our fate? If we offer our spiritual tradition to those who need it, whether or not they can pay for it, and proclaim the gospel faithfully, even when we are too few to do all the work that is needed, what can we expect?

If we become such fools, for the sake of Christ, what else can happen to us than what happened to him? Should we expect to succeed if we fashion our lives on the model of Jesus, when he himself was such a terrible failure, such a loser in the eyes of the world? Shall we escape the cross, if we faithfully follow the one who leads us to it? Shall we find safety and security if we walk the way of the One who was beaten and crucified, though thoroughly innocent? On the contrary, it is far more likely that we will become failures in the eyes of the world whenever we choose mercy over retribution, whenever we choose service over success, whenever we choose the kingdom of Christ over the kingdom of this world. We are far more likely to endanger our well-being, our privilege and power, whenever we love our enemies, whenever we pray for those who persecute us.

As Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, former Superior General of the Jesuits, once wrote: “The fools for Christ are not only the martyrs or the stylites, but also—and this is Ignatius’ originality—those crucified in daily life, in the tasks and sufferings of every day, who unobtrusively radiate the love of Christ through their words, their actions, their silences, their humdrum yes and no. Their very presence and style of commitment brand them as fools in a society that is overwhelmingly hostile, indifferent, or cynical in regards to those who live for a kingdom that is not of this world.”

It is easy—and perhaps convenient—to think that Jesus was only speaking to a few great saints when he commanded us to “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” But, in fact, he was speaking to us all. And although we still seem to believe that loving our enemies is crazy—despite years of war and slaughter, despite countless killed and millions displaced, despite cities touched by racial violence and guns on every corner, despite the brokenness in our families and the bitterness in our institutions—nevertheless, until we disarm our hearts and give up the mirage of satisfying vengeance, we can never be truly Christian, never be the people whom we are meant to be. Yet, we can still do it: we can open our hearts to love our enemies, we can pray for those who persecute us—beginning in our homes and moving out to our workplaces, to our world. We can “radiate the love of Christ through [our] words, [our] actions, [our] silences, [our] humdrum yes and no”—and in this way, we can come to share in the cross of Christ, and in his resurrection. It is a crazy thing to do. It is madness. It is the only way.

This Sunday, at the 5:30 Mass, we will welcome this year’s Jesuit Volunteers, who come to do a year of service among the poor and forgotten in our community—come to love and pray in a very “hands on” way, among those who can do nothing for them. They are fools to be here; fools to do work that will never succeed in fixing all the problems. May they, and all of us, remain such fools for the rest of our lives.

Connecting with St. Joseph - WELCOME!

All are welcome at the table!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link. We look forward to connecting with you. Thank you!
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Songs

Prelude

Instrumental

(5:30) Come to the Quiet

We come to the quiet here in the dwelling place of God.

Gloria

Storrington Gloria

See laminated card in pews
First Reading

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! “When will the new moon be over,” you ask, “that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Gospel

Luke 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

Homily

Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Song (5 & 11) My Shepherd You Supply My Need

1. My Shepherd, you supply my need; Most holy is your name. In pastures green you tend me all my days. O may your house be make me feed Beside the living stream. You porting breath Drives all my fears away. Your my abode And all my work be praise! There bring my wandering spirit back When I for- hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my would I find a settled rest, While others sake your ways, And lead me, for your tangible spread. My cup with blessings go and come; No more a stranger mercy’s sake, In paths of truth and grace. overflow; Your oil anoints my head. or a guest, But like a child at home.

Watts
Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

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

Great Amen


Lamb of God

(5, 9 & 11)

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.

Communion Song

Blest Are They

Haas

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
   theirs is the kingdom of God.

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,
   they shall inherit the earth.

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
   mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, full of sorrow,
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
these shall be consol'd.
these shall have their fill.
these shall see God!

Refrain

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you,
holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

Verses 4, 5

4. Blest are they who seek peace;
   they are the children of God.

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
   all because of me.
Song of Praise

(5 & 11) For the Healing of the Nations

Kaan/ST. THOMAS

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with
   one accord; For a just and equal sharing
   world release; That redeemed from war and hatred,
   earth be banned; Pride of status, race or schooling,
   human-kind; For our growing in your likeness

   Of the things that earth affords. To a life of
   all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
   Dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common
   Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re-

   love and action Help us rise and pledge our word.
care and goodness Fear will die and hope increase.
quest for justice May we hal low life's brief span.
sponse and service Earth its destiny may find.

(9) We Are Called

Haas

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! Open your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be
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 hopeless 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 & 11) Instrumental

(5:30) We Are Called (see previous page)

Haas

Join Us!

Adult Faith Formation Book Fair - September 17th & 18th

Come and purchase books after each Mass this weekend!
Adult Faith Formation Committee

Do you have a heart and mind for Faith Formation? We are always in search of new perspectives to help give life to our programs. Currently, the Adult Faith Formation Committee is seeking 3 new members to continue to build this ever growing ministry.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee forms and supports St. Joseph’s Community by naming what topics and types of programs people desire; helping lead or find facilitators for AFF Programs; and inviting people to programs through word of mouth and Facebook.

If you are interested in lending your gifts or are interested in facilitating any of our Adult Faith Formation programs, please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresaL@stjosephparish.org.

Faith Formation Commission

St. Joseph’s Faith Formation Commission is seeking new members. If you have a heart and gift for education and spiritual growth, then the Faith Formation Office could use your vision!

The Faith Formation Commission forms and supports a spiritually and intellectually active community at St. Joseph by developing educational programs appropriate to age and circumstances; supporting programs that nurture a sacred relationship with God, Creation, and others; and fostering dialogue and discussion in the Catholic Jesuit tradition.

The Faith Formation Commission meets on Wednesdays six times a year and is off during the summer. If you are interested, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org.

Sacramental Preparation 101 with Fr. John, SJ

Parents, guardians, and young adults are invited to learn and explore the Sacraments of the Catholic Church with our Pastor, Fr. John Whitney, S.J. in two classes this September. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) will be held on Thursday, September 22, from 7-9pm. The Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) and Service (Marriage and Holy Orders) will be held on Thursday, September 29, from 7-9pm. Both will meet in the Parish Center’s Arrupe Room.

Refreshments provided. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org if you have questions.

*New this year: CFF2 parents and guardians please attend both sessions.

Child Care is open on Sunday mornings during 9am Mass in the Social Hall. Please visit our Homepage tile Let’s Get Started and sign up under Children’s Faith Formation.
Children’s Faith Formation begins October 2, High School Confirmation begins October 9. Registration is open now!

To register, visit our Homepage tile
Let’s Get Started
www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Deadline to register is September 30th!

**The VOICE Youth Group**

**Join Us!**

The VOICE, St. Joseph’s High School Youth community, invites ALL 9th - 12th grade students to our meetings on **Wednesdays** from 7-8:30 at the St. Joseph’s Parish Center. Come join for food, friends and games. Please contact Sam Kennedy at samk@stjosephparish.org with any questions.

**Pathfinders 2016**

Calling all St. Joseph 6th, 7th and 8th Graders, are you looking for an adventure, a chance to help others, a community?

**Join Pathfinders Middle School Youth Group!**

We meet on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Our first meeting will be on October 5th.

Attention adult volunteers: there will be an adult team leader planning meeting this Sunday, September 11th at 10:30am in the Parish Center. Come join us!

For information, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

*Come and See What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer*

**Tuesday, September 20th - 7:00 pm – 8:30**
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 at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

*All are welcome on this journey of faith!*

**Bible Study: Luke/Acts**

As part of this year’s adult faith offerings, we plan to continue our small group Bible study beginning in October. *TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WE NEED AT LEAST 6 PARTICIPANTS* At this point we’d like to hear from individuals who are interested in participating in a 6-week program. No experience in previous Bible study is required!!! Instead of posting a time and day, we will ask all who register the day/time most convenient for them and then we will select a day/time for the class.

The program we are using is Threshold Bible Study by Stephen J. Binz: Church of the Holy Spirit: Acts of the Apostles. This is a study of the early church. His books contain the Scripture reading, a Commentary on the reading, and a few questions which give you things to consider as you read.

We are not approaching this as finding all the right answers, but instead in reading to understand what the readings say to each of us and then sharing and discussing. It is meant to be a Heart, not a Head, study.

For more information, contact Theresa Lukasik at there-sal@stjospehparish.org or 206-324-2522, Ex 111.
As Part of Our Continuing Adult Faith Formation, St. Joseph Parish is hosting a book fair after the Masses on September 17th & 18th. Parish Social Hall or Plaza.

Come Browse the books, purchase your favorites and sign up for facilitated discussion groups later in the year.

All books are under $20!!!

**Authors**

- James Martin SJ
- Myla & Jon Kabat-Zinn
- Sue Monk Kidd
- Dorothy Day
- Paul Coutinho SJ
- Henri Nouwen
- Richard Rohr
- Joyce Rupp
- Margaret Silf
- Elizabeth Dreyer
- Flannery O’Connor
- Anne Lamott
- Ron Rolheiser
- Jamal Rahman
- Judy Cannato

**Titles**

- The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything
- Everyday Blessings
- When the Heart Waits
- The Long Loneliness
- How Big is your God
- Return of the Prodigal Son
- Everything Belongs
- Cup of My Life
- Inner Compass
- Accidental Theologians
- A Good Man is Hard to Find
- Traveling Mercies
- Holy Longing
- Fragrance of Faith
- Radical Amazement

When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us. - St. Jerome

For More Information Contact Dottie Farewell or Theresa Lukasik – 206-965-1652
**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, September 19th.** 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.

**Eucharistic Ministry**

Just a reminder that the fall gathering for all Eucharistic Ministers is Wednesday evening **September 21.** We’ll begin with a social at 6 pm in the Arrupe Room. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister but are interested in joining this ministry please come and join us on this evening and meet some of the wonderful people that you would be serving. alongside. You can also sign up to be part of this ministry that night or at the parish website.

**The Rosary At St. Joseph**

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who’ve prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center - Loyola Chapel

**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Margaret we pray for her health . . . For the family of Ada in their time of sorrow . . . For Yang Song’s health and well-being after major surgery . . . For Erin’s intentions.

“Be patient with everyone, but above all with thyself. I mean, do not be disheartened by your Imperfections, but always rise up With fresh courage.”

~Francis de Sales

**Rest in Peace**

Marguerite “Maggie” Fergus,
Sean Davis, nephew of Maureen Fitzpatrick,
and Lou Gianluca’s great-aunt Ada.

**Call for Musicians and Vocalists for Future Taizé**

Thank you to all those who attended the Taizé and Adoration service led by members from St. Joseph’s young adult community this past July. Because of its success, we are planning to make it a recurring service, and we need your help. If you play an instrument or have experience singing, we would love to have you help lead our service. We are especially looking for pianists and those who have experience as a cantor, but would like to hear from you regardless of experience or what instrument you play. If interested, please contact Drew Becker at cosmo787@gmail.com or Paula Listiani Kosasih at sha_paula@yahoo.com

**Reconnect with St. Joseph**

We desire to re-engage our current members. Perhaps you are a registered member who has been attending for years and are interested in reconnecting within the Parish. Have you been curious about a ministry? Interested in trying something new? Want to connect with other parishioners? We have 49 ministries with a broad range of activities. Visit us at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Ministries” tile to explore these options. We look forward to reconnecting with you. Thank you!

**Liturgical Minister Retreat**

Save the date! **Saturday, February 11th, 9 am to 3 pm.** A retreat for all liturgical ministers!
Seniors On The Go

**Wednesday, September 21st** - Aging Gracefully Seniors Support Group, 11am-12 noon, in the Parish Center.

**Friday, October 7th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Lunch following in the Parish Center!

**Men's Home Mass & Potluck**

**Friday, September 30th, 6:00 pm**
At Gary Fallon's - 938 16th Ave E - 206-328-8186

We welcome Fr. Julian Climaco SJ - our new Parish Priest as our celebrant and Rob Carroll will bless us with his gift of music. Gather at 6 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm; Potluck Supper at 7:30 pm. Main dish (Lasagna provided). Everyone’s invited to bring one of the following: salad, dessert, appetizer or bread and beverage of choice to share. RSVP with what you can bring. Feel free to spread the word and invite others. If you have questions, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

**Fall Men’s Retreat**

“Nurturing the Sacred and a Little Bit Of Solitude in our Everyday Lives”

**October 21-23, 2016**

**Friday 8pm through Sunday 11am**

Join us for our annual St. Joseph Fall Men’s retreat at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. The cost is $150 and includes two nights lodging and four meals. Our animators will be Leo Lyons, Hilberto Valdivia, Fr. Julian Climaco, Joseph Laber, Dave Spicer and musician Phil Hirschi. To register contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

“Hope & Healing”

*A Faith-Sharing Group for Those Experiencing Illness*

We invite anyone who has experienced or is currently experiencing a period of extended illness to join us for prayer, exploration, and fellowship. Our first meeting is **Tuesday, September 27th** at 7pm in the Parish Center Brebeuf Rm. Our first topic will be “Self-compasison: loving your body during illness.” Future topics to include: Courage in the Face of Frailty, Dealing with Doubt, and Mindfulness: Anchoring Amidst the Storm. This group will meet monthly going forward; please drop in whenever you are free. Questions? Please contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768. Looking forward to meeting you!

**Women’s Ministry 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-GoodNews People**

Young adults ages 21 – 35, are you looking for a way to grow your faith and deepen your connection to the St. Joseph community?

Look no further! St. Joseph’s Young Adult (YA) ministry is hosting a Good News People group that will meet weekly starting on Tuesday, October 18th. GoodNewsPeople is a faith formation program built around the small-group process of prayer, reflection, and action. The group will meet in the Greenlake neighborhood from 7:30-9:30pm on Tuesday nights for 14 sessions (7 sessions, break over the holidays, 7 sessions). Each session includes prayer, lectio divina, dialogue, and sharing Good News Stories. The cost for participants is $45 for the 14-week program booklet/materials. Please email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org with questions and/or to sign up email our facilitators: Liz Motte at enmotte@gmail.com or Virginia Whalen at vwwhalen@uw.edu or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

**Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, September 25th, 1-4 pm**

on the Parking Lot or Social Hall if it rains

We have rides, beer garden, Shabby Road Beatles band and televised Seahawks game. Food includes hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, sno-cones and root beer provided. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share!

We need help with set-up, staffing rides/concessions and clean-up. Great way to get those Parent Volunteer Hours! Signup after Mass this weekend. Or contact Joe Augustavo at joeaugustavo@comcast.net or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.
A Series: Preparing for the Election

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**

**September 15 - Faithful Citizenship**  
Linda Haydock, SNJM (Executive Director of Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center)

**September 22 - Housing Advocacy**  
Rex Hohlbein (Executive Director, Facing Homelessness)

**September 29 - Immigration**  
Michael Ramos (Executive Director, Church Council of Greater Seattle)

**October 6 - Life Issues**  
Camille Pauley (President, CEO & Co-Founder of Healing the Culture)

**October 13 - Environmental Concerns**  
Jessie Dye (Program and Outreach Director of Earth Ministry)

**Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Saint James Cathedral Hall  
803 Terry Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Parking available at  
O’Dea High School or the Cabrini Parking Garage

This series is being hosted by  
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⚡ **SAINT JAMES CATHEDRAL**  
⚡ **SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH**
Join Us in Welcoming New Jesuit Volunteers to Seattle!

Sunday, Sept 18th, 5:30 pm Mass followed by Potluck Barbecue on the Plaza.

Bring a favorite salad, side dish or dessert to share.

To volunteer with set-up, grilling, serving or clean-up; contact Deacon Steve (FJV 82-84) at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

St. Martin de Porres Shelter Volunteers Needed

...I’m not afraid to take a stand everybody - come take my hand we’ll walk this road together through the storm whatever weather, cold or warm just let you know that, you’re not alone Hola if you feel that you’ve been down the same road....”          - Eminem “Not Afraid”

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and ‘meal bags’ for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April. The program tries to offer a night’s rest in an environment of dignity, respect and safety.

History: The St. Joseph Winter Shelter came into being in 1992 in response to a need presented by the Archdiocesan Housing Authority’s St. Martin de Porres Shelter. St. Martin’s can sleep 212 men a night but the need far outweighs the available space during the cold winter months, hence the satellite shelter system was created. There are now 8 local churches working with St. Martin’s to provide 34 beds a night during the winter months.

Get Involved: Please consider volunteering as a host. Hosts work in pairs and sign up for a specific night once a month. The two hosts spending the night provide hospitality and a sense of community. Meal providers use their own funds to prepare a meal for the men to take the next morning. They are scheduled on the day of their choice once a month or every six weeks.

Meal providers can deliver the meals between 8:00am - 10:00pm. The men appreciate the fact that someone has thought enough of them to make sure they have food for the day. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages, special people who aren’t afraid to face a population and a life style that might be different than their own. To volunteer contact Taffy McCormick at winter-shelter@stjosephparish.org

Help Needed for St. Martin de Porres Winter Gala

Help is needed for the Winter Gala to Benefit St. Martin de Porres Programs.

St. Joseph is hosting a fundraiser dinner on Saturday January 21st 6:30pm in our Parish Hall.

Last year we raised over $100,000 towards purchasing a brand new bus to transport the men. This year we want to raise additional funds to renovate the kitchen. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the steering committee chaired by Deacon Steve and Patrick Gemma.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 7pm in the Parish Social Hall. If interested in volunteering or being a table host, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org.

Becoming Peacemakers: A Gospel Response to Violence!

A half-day of education, prayer, reflection and public witness with an optional afternoon session on Contemplative Dialogue

Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:30am-12:45pm

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Parish’s Unity Place
15216 21st Ave SW, Burien, WA 98166

*Discern your call as a peacemaker *Consider evolving Church teaching from Just War to Just Peace *Hear local stories of transformation from violence *Receive peacemaking & nonviolence resources *Experience ritual & music

Our Keynote Speaker is Marie Dennis-peacemaker, mother, Co-President of Pax Christi Int’l, theologian, & author. Additional afternoon workshop on Contemplative Dialogue is presented by Sr. Linda Haydock. Sponsors include JustFaith local leadership, Intercommuni-ty Peace and Justice Center, local Pax Christi groups, Maryknoll and the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Cost is $10, $15 at the door. Please bring a sack lunch. You can register online at http://www.ipjc.org or by phone at 206.223.1138. For more information, contact Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206.491.4486.
Jesuit Higher Education and the Challenge of Gender

Professor Joy Gordon, JD, PhD, is the Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J. Professor of Social Ethics at Loyola University, Chicago. “Dr. Gordon kicks off a year-long focus on women leaders,” said Professor Jeanette Rodriguez, Louis Gaffney S.J. Endowed Chair in the College of Arts and Sciences. As Gaffney Chair, Rodriguez has planned a series of conversations, retreats, and events under the theme “Women’s Leadership and Partnership in Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education.”

Dr. Gordon’s lecture, which is free and open to the public, takes place at 7 pm in Pigott Auditorium on October 6, 2016.

Dr. Gordon received her PhD in Philosophy from Yale University and her JD from Boston University. She specializes her teaching and research on social and political philosophy, human rights, international law and global governance, and ethical issues in international relations. A prolific scholar, she has published extensively on legal and ethical aspects of economic sanctions. Gordon is on the editorial board of Ethics and International Affairs and is currently writing on legal and ethical issues concerning the United Nations Security Council.

Catholic Heritage Lecture at Seattle University

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of Seattle University, the ICTC invites the community to reflect on what it means to live into our Jesuit Catholic identity, beginning with:

Stephanie Russell | Keynote  
Vice President, AJCU, Mission Integration  
October 12, 2016  
5:00 PM, Campion Ballroom, Seattle University

Ignatian Spirituality 101

An introduction to Ignatian prayer & spirituality  
Thursday, October 6, 2016 | 6:30 – 8:45 pm  
Mother Teresa Room, St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle  
ISC Staff and Partners, presenting

What spirituality grounds Pope Francis? What is Ignatian spirituality all about? How might I incorporate Ignatian prayer and spirituality into MY life? If you would like to know more, this evening introduction to the basics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality is for you!

The evening will include: an overview of the life and vision of St. Ignatius and key characteristics of Ignatian spirituality, experiences of Ignatian prayer, and more information on local Ignatian resources, such as the ISC, Magis: Alumni Living the Mission, Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL), and Christian Life Communities (CLC). Light snacks will be provided.

People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome. Bring a friend! If you are already familiar with Ignatian spirituality, we encourage you also to invite family, friends or colleagues to attend.

No cost – donations appreciated. For more info, or to RSVP, please email Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824.

Accompanying Those in the Margins

The Way of Companionship: “a way of approaching each other as human beings and souls of infinite worth and value” with Carolyn Hickman.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 - 9am – 12pm  
St. Joseph Parish Center

This morning will offer a clear language and compassionate approach to companionship. Together we will explore 5 core practices anyone can apply to support individuals on the road to healing, recovery and wholeness. All are invited to attend. Anyone working with or desiring to work with people in society’s margins will benefit from this day.

For more information, contact Carolyn Hickman at carolyn@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824.
“You Are Crafters of Mercy...”

“Brothers and sisters, you represent the large and varied world of voluntary workers. You are among the most precious things the Church has, you who every day, often silently and unassumingly, give shape and visibility to mercy. You are crafters of mercy: with your hands, with your eyes, with your hearing, with your closeness, by your touch... craftsmen! You express one of the most noble desires of the human heart, making a suffering person feel loved. In the different contexts of need of so many people, your presence is the hand of Christ held out to all, and reaching all. You are the hand of Christ held out: have you thought about this? The credibility of the Church is also conveyed in a convincing way through your service to abandoned children, to the sick, the poor who lack food or work, to the elderly, the homeless, prisoners, refugees and immigrants, to all struck by natural disasters... Indeed, wherever there is a cry for help, there your active and selfless witness is found. In bearing one another’s burdens, you make Christ’s law visible (cf. Gal 6:2; Jn 13:34). Dear brothers and sisters, you touch the flesh of Christ with your hands: do not forget this. You touch the flesh of Christ with your hands. Be always ready to offer solidarity, to be steadfast in your closeness to others, determined in awakening joy and genuine in giving comfort. The world stands in need of concrete signs of solidarity, especially as it is faced with the temptation to indifference. It requires persons who, by their lives, defy such individualism, which is the tendency to think only of oneself and to ignore the brother or sister in need. Be always happy and full of joy in the service you give, but never presume to think that you are superior to others. Instead, let your work of mercy be a humble and eloquent continuation of Jesus’ presence who continues to bend down to our level to take care of the ones who suffer. For love “builds up” (1 Cor 8:1), day after day helping our communities to be signs of fraternal communion.”

--Pope Francis, Saint Peter’s Square, 3 September 2016, For All Workers of Mercy and Volunteers