Looking for Lazarus

(Back to the text of the reading)

Walking beside the Benedictine Sister, through the back-streets of Cuernavaca, Mexico, I felt a bit like a reluctant puppy being pulled behind a determined owner. I was amazed at all I saw—the markets and the small carts, the children and chickens roaming through the streets, the houses of the poor made of corrugated metal, and the walls of the wealthy topped with shards of broken glass and razor wire. However, Sister was on a mission, and though she did not rush—pausing for a kind word to a mother or a gentle smile at one of the children who ran to her—it was clear that she knew where she was going and wanted to make sure we got there in time. And so we crossed the railroad tracks and did not tarry at the market. We did not slow as we passed the lush bougainvillea and bushes filled with flowers that I did not recognize, but which offered a sharp contrast to the winter scene we had left in Seattle just a few days before. We—students and faculty from Seattle University, under the leadership of Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez—had come to Mexico for this: to be led by the Benedictine Sisters into places unseen by the tourists and language students, so well-known in Cuernavaca.

Then, suddenly, Sister stopped, and very gently knocked on the door jamb of a small shed. “Buenos días!” she called, stepping through the curtain that acted as a door to the large single room. The floor was dirt and the darkness of the room made it hard to see anything, at first. There was little furniture, but most noticeable was a old, full-size bed in the corner to our left, on which a tired old mattress drooped, without sheets or blankets. Atop the mattress was a large cardboard box, probably from a refrigerator, and in front of us, stood a woman who looked 70, but could not have been more than 40. She greeted the small, grey-haired Sister with joy, and a humility that betrayed her sense of gratitude and love for this gentle nun, who immediately embraced her, without hesitation or any air of pity. I stood by the door, trying not to seem the gawking giant I felt; but I was suddenly startled, as I saw the box on the bed move and four small children climb out from underneath. “They sleep under the box to keep warm,” explained our guide. “They have just returned from a night selling gum on the streets, and are just going to bed.” But though they must have been exhausted, the children came out to greet us, and through bleary smiles welcomed us to
their home—though reserving the biggest welcome for the small brown-and-white clad Sister.

As my eyes grew more accustomed to the light in the room, I saw the boxes of gum in the corner, all neatly stacked for the next night’s work, and I saw the faces of the children and their mother. Though they smiled for us, their gaunt faces showed their hunger, which they could not hide. Even among so many struggling people, it was clear that these children represented the most desperately poor—five children, without blankets, and with little food or clothing, sleeping in a box on a bed someone had thrown away. As Sister hugged their mother and slipped her a small envelope, I tried to engage and smile, but felt embarrassed, and was even tempted to turn away. But I could not. The love and joy of this family was palatable, and held me, with both a sense of wonder and a deep sorrow that they should be so hungry and so very vulnerable.

As we left, I gave the mother all I had in my pockets—ostensibly for a small piece of needlework she was selling, but really because it was all I could do. Who would do otherwise, once they had seen?

That moment in Cuernavaca has come back to me many times in my life. Sometimes it comes to remind me how many blessings have been given to me, how many things I take for granted. Sometimes it comes to guide me in moments of discernment about a purchase or about the value of a relationship. But it has also come to me on those days when I am tempted to turn away from unpleasant things—from poverty or abuse, from suffering or loss. I have thought of that small hut, and the children sleeping under a refrigerator box, when I was called to sit with victims of abuse in Alaska, or when I have sat—without any answers—in the presence of a family suffering through a suicide or the untimely death of one so deeply loved. Every time, this vision reminds me that to be a follower of Christ is to live with my eyes and heart open: open to beauty, open to love, open to suffering, open to the mystery of the cross and resurrection. To be a follower of Christ is to see Lazarus, with all his sores, sitting outside our gate; it is to be present to Lazarus, as that wonderful Benedictine Sister was present to that mother; it is to recall, even when we try to divert our eyes, that Lazarus is the image and likeness of Christ. To avoid him is to avoid the salvation of the world, and my own salvation.

At the beginning of this month [i.e., November 2013], our government—those to whom we give voice and power—cut the budget for food stamps and benefits to the poor. This on the heels of so many other cuts for mental health care and food assistance, for job training and housing, for so many things that touch the poorest members of our society. I am convinced that governments can do this only because those who vote for such cuts do not see those faces; they do not stand in the shacks of Appalachia or in the campgrounds beneath I-5; they do not look in the eyes of the children being cast out of the Orion Center, or of the mothers who put their children to bed at sundown, so they will not feel the hunger they cannot cure. Such governments—and those who empower them—are like the rich man, and all these Lazaruses hide not at their door, but in their statistics and in their economic theories.

Yet, the cry of the poor is not an abstraction, but real, and heard by a God who never turns away—not from us and not from them. We, too, must hear, and see, and touch these sisters and brothers of ours. As embarrassed and as uncomfortable as it is for us, we must look to them; and we must respond to them, not with the indifference of governments, but with the love of Jesus Christ. Like that Benedictine Sister in Cuernavaca, many around us show us the way, but all of us are needed: to advocate for justice, to enter with hospitality, to give with loving abandon. Then, perhaps, even our government—moved by our audacious and faithful hearts—will find ears to hear and votes to act for the life of God’s beloved, Lazarus, in all his forms.

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Trick Or Treat For Jesuits

Each year thousands, yes thousands of witches, wizards and some saints visit the Jesuit house on Halloween night. Help us feed these hungry souls by dropping off a bag or two of candy at the Parish Center on weekdays. Thank you!
Entrance Songs

**Glory and Praise to Our God**

Glory and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days.

Man-y are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3

1. We, the daugh-ters and sons of him who built the
2. In his wis-dom he strength-ens us, like gold that's
3. Ev-ry moment of ev-ry day our God is

val-leys and plains, Praise the won-ders our God has
wait-ing to save, Though the pow-er of sin pre-
done in ev-ry heart that sings.
vails, our God is there to save.
lost, to an-swer those who pray.

(5:30) **Shelter Me, O God**

Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your

wings. You a-lone are my hope.

**Gloria**

*Storrington Gloria*

See laminated card in pews

**First Reading**

Exodus 17: 8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, “Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses’ hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade at your right hand. By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and forever.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

Gospel Acclimation

Storrington Alleluia

Haugen

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'” The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
Offertory Song

Up To The Hills I Lift My Eyes

Up to the hills I lift my eyes, from where shall come my strength, my help?
My hope lies in the Lord, my God, the maker of the earth and skies.

God guides our steps and guards our way. He never slumbers, never sleeps.
His love and grace fill all our days, the guard and hope of Israel.

No sun shall cause you harm by day, nor moonbeam in the dark of night.
The Lord will ever keep you safe till you ascend to heaven’s height.

The Lord will guard your soul from death, from every foe he sets you free.
The Lord will guide your every step from now until eternity.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Mystery of Faith

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

Lamb of God

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

Gusten Y Vean

Taste and see,
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Verses

¡Gus-ten y ve-an!
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, qué bue-no_es el Se ñor.
Communion Prayer

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.
If You Believe and I Believe

Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free, And
set God's people free, And set God's people free; The

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This Weekend is World Mission Sunday

In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, “Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy.” Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith! Special envelopes are located in the pews.
Prayerfully Giving  
*Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call*

| Level One | Two Small Coins | For those with great hearts but limited resources.  
“When Jesus looked up, he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, ‘I tell you truly this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.’”  
(Luke 21:1-4) | A. $150 < $350  
about $2 - $7 a week  
B. $350 < $750  
about $7 - $15 a week |
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| Level Two | Providing for the Mission | For those who sacrifice to build the mission.  
“Accompanying Jesus were the twelve & some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, & many others who provided for them out of their resources.”  
(Luke 8:1-3) | A. $750 < $1000  
about $15 - $20 a week  
B. $1000 < $1500  
about $20 - $30 a week  
C. $1500 < $2500  
about $30 - $50 a week |
| Level Three | Sowing Bountifully | For those graced & willing to share their bounty.  
“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
(Luke 8:1-3) | A. $2500 < $3500  
about $210 - $300 a month  
B. $3500 < $5000  
about $300 - $420 a month  
C. $5000 < $7500  
about $420 - $625 a month |
| Level Four | Faithful & Prudent Stewards | For those blessed with substantial resources & able to share.  
“Who, then, is the faithful & prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, & still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”  
(Luke 12:42, 48) | A. $7500 < $10,000  
about $625 - $850 a month  
B. $10,000 < $25,000  
about $850 - $2,100 a month  
C. $25,000 < $50,000  
about $2,100 - $4,200 a month  
D. $50,000 < whatever grace moves you to give |
| Level Five | Spiritual Companions | For those who have only their hearts to give.  
“When he saw Peter & John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, & said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’”  
(Acts 3:3-6) | If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayers--the gift that animates all others--are still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph. |
Why We Give to St. Joseph...

There are as many reasons to give to St. Joseph as there are people who give. We invite you to read the following testimonials & reflect on how God & grace move you to share with this community.

**John & Ann Patnaude - St. Joseph is Our Family...**

Ann and I moved to Seattle three years ago and we felt immediately at home at St. Joseph’s Church. Father John’s homilies and Bob’s music first attracted us to the parish and St. Joseph’s vibrant, diverse community is what keeps us here. Feeling a strong sense of belonging at St. Joseph is really what inspires us to be involved in various ministries and events.

In June 2015, we helped form a welcoming ministry to cultivate and ensure this sense of belonging and community. Our favorite thing about the welcoming ministry is meeting new people and helping them get connected. We also serve on the Parish Life Commission. Ann is a Eucharistic Minister and enjoys being involved in the Women’s Ministry book club. St. Joseph is the first parish to challenge us to serve within our greater community, as well. Ann volunteers at Harborview Medical Center as a Eucharistic Minister and serves in their NODA (no one dies alone) program. I am on the board of the College Success Foundation (CSF), which helps underserved students prepare for, attend and graduate college. And through CSF, Ann serves as a mentor to high-school students at Garfield.

St. Joseph is our family and we appreciate the love and support our parish has given us so that we may love and serve others.

**The Mirkin Family - Walking through the Doors of St. Joseph Makes Us Feel at Home...**

Bruce came to St. Joseph when he was transferred to Seattle for work, and completed the RCIA program to be confirmed. Bruce and I met at St. Joseph Church in 1997 while volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul and attending 5:30 Mass. We were married at the parish in 1999, and our three kids, Annie, Sarah and Patrick were all baptized and had their First Communion at St. Joseph. We intentionally bought our house near the church because we knew it would be a central point in our family life.

Over the years we’ve been involved in RCIA, the overnight shelter, St. Martin de Porres, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and Liturgy and Parish Life Commissions. Bruce and Patrick are currently ushers. Sarah and Annie are altar servers and have been active in Pathfinders and Agape.

Attending Sunday Mass has always been important to us, and we are so blessed to have such wonderful masses. The homilies, music, and people we see every week, year after year, enrich our lives. The community is filled with the most caring, generous, thoughtful and kind people. Whether stopping in to pray, or attending mass, walking through the doors of St. Joseph makes us feel at home and at peace.
Dolores (McGough) Browne - I’ve been given so much, and I want to give back...

I was raised in a village of loving people from all walks of life that took me from Texas to Minnesota to California, and finally Washington where I’ve lived since 1946. The first African American woman to graduate from Holy Names Academy in 1950, I was introduced to St. Joseph as a student. Following my graduation and some time at the University of Washington, for 5 years I worked at Pacific Bell as a long distance telephone operator. I met my husband (a G.I.), got married and started a family. At the time racial discrimination in real estate sales practices was still common in Seattle but with the money we saved we were able to afford a house on 26th Avenue in the Montlake area overlooking the Arboretum. Three of my four children attended St. Joseph School in the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. I became involved as a parent and volunteer, serving as a Girl Scout leader for 5 years in the late 1950’s and on the parish council and school board. Fr. Pat Hurley asked me to serve as a lector in 1977. He was taken with my voice, and I’ve served joyfully in this ministry to this day.

I reflect back on my time here at St. Joseph and recall loving the High Mass when the service was all in Latin. I fell in love with the Jesuit homilies, finding in them a message I could break apart and sink my teeth into. After raising my children I later took on jobs as a substance abuse counselor and prior to retiring was the first manager of the Chancery Place Apartments, a residence for seniors, near St. James Cathedral. I consider the theatre my beloved avocation. When I was a freshman in high school in Texas, a nun invited me to perform in the senior production of “Ramona,” and it led to further theatrical involvement with Black Arts/West on 34th and Union, a calling I very much enjoyed.

Now I volunteer with the seniors at St. Joseph, helping to plan and organize the senior retreats. For me, aging is a journey rather than a downhill slide. I’m here at St. Joseph because I’ve been given so much, and I want to give back. It’s a reciprocal relationship. I have a relationship with my Maker. I continue to look forward to my adventure in life, and I’m not afraid of dying. I’m a part, a piece, of God’s divine instrument.
Stewardship FAQ - Glass Pockets

At St. Joseph Parish, we do our best to have “glass pockets” since we know the money with which we tend to the mission of St. Joseph Parish belongs to the people of St. Joseph. In the spirit of fiscal transparency, we attempt to answer some frequently asked questions about our finances.

What is the annual budget of St. Joseph Church?

Excluding the School, which operates a separate financial structure, in fiscal year 2015 St. Joseph Parish had annual expenses of $1,893,215, and annual revenue of $1,963,365, resulting in a surplus of $70,150.

The vast majority of last year’s revenue ($1,637,032) was generously given by parishioners during our annual stewardship campaign and weekly collections. The small remaining amount was generated from things like facility rental, program fees, etc., most of which are set and cannot grow significantly.

How does St. Joseph Parish spend the money raised during the annual Stewardship Campaign?

Gifts raised during our annual Stewardship Campaign fund the ministries, programs, and day-to-day operations of the Parish. The largest expenses for the Parish are related to the ministers and facilities that directly serve St. Joseph parishioners:

Administration: Stewardship supports the salaries and benefits for our staff and employees, including the Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacon, and Pastoral Assistants, the Director of Religious Education and her assistants (e.g. in young adult ministry and CFF), Music Ministers, Maintenance, Facilities, Stewardship & Communications, Bookkeeping, etc. The budgetary percentage that goes to this area remains below the national average—for all we do, we run a relatively lean machine. Also within this area are all aspects of our communications and technology along with the printing of our weekly Mass guides and bulletins.

Building & Grounds: Keeping the lights on and the heat pumping in the Church, Parish Center, Social Hall, Old Gym, etc.; maintenance.

School Support: Following the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese on appropriate support for schools, St. Joseph Parish gives over $200,000 each year to St. Joseph School, which provides scholarship help for members of the Parish.

Programs: Sustaining (beyond fees) Children’s Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, weekly and daily liturgies, funerals, weddings, speakers, retreat opportunities, marriage enrichment, spiritual direction and counseling, coordination with outreach partners, the parish picnic, etc. (Hopefully, you know at least some of the great things our staff does!)

Archdiocesan Assessments: In addition to our Annual Catholic Appeal assessments, St. Joseph pays insurance through the Archdiocese, as well as an Archdiocesan operations tax (approximately 5.75% of Stewardship income). This is the only money that goes to the Archdiocese from Stewardship gifts.

Should you have any questions about the finances of our parish, please don’t hesitate to contact Rebecca Frisino, Pastoral Assistant for Administration at rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org or call 206.965.1648.
Liturgy and Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
Help and support for the health crisis in Haiti . . . For Sandi’s recovery . . . For those who are suffering from chronic pain . . . For Helen’s health . . . For the upcoming Men’s Fall Retreat . . . For discernment as we vote in the November elections.

“The future is full of doubt, indeed, but fuller still of hope.”
~John Lubbock

Rest in Peace
John Calvert, beloved husband of Kay
Funeral Mass, Thursday, October 20th, at 11 am

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

The Solemnity Of All Saints: On Tuesday November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us. Masses are at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Ritual Of Remembering: At the 7:00 evening mass on Tuesday, November 1, we remember those who have died this past year. We gather in candlelight, speak their names aloud, and pray for them and for each other as we sing the Litany of the Saints.

“Book of the Names of the Dead” & the “Saints Corner”: Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayer of the Faithful during the liturgy and in the chanting of the Litany of saints at the Easter Vigil; they are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers; and Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. November is called the Month of All Souls and the dead are remembered in prayer.

As in previous years you are invited to bring photos of your loved ones to help create a shrine or “Saints Corner” to be located in the baptistery in the north transept of the church. This will be maintained as a sacred space for contemplation and prayer throughout the month of November until Advent begins on November 26.

Additionally you are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the “Book of the Names of the Dead” located at the entrance to the church.

Please bring your photos the weekend of October 29th/30th, or on All Saints Day to the baptistery and place them in the box. Please write contact information on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you after November.

Usher Ministry Gathering

Just a reminder that the fall gathering for all Ushers is Wednesday evening, October 26th. We’ll begin with a social at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm in the Arrupe Room. If you are not currently an Usher, but are interested in participating in 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: www.stjosephparish.org

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
Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, October 19th - Join us for our monthly support group, Aging Gracefully, from 11 am - 12 noon.

“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 next meeting is Tuesday, October 18th, at 7pm in the Parish Center’s Brebeuf Rm. October’s topic is “Dealing with Doubt.” This group will meet monthly; please drop in whenever you are free. Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768 if you have questions.

Collection Counters Needed

Help promote the fiscal integrity of the parish and assure confidence within the parish community through our well-controlled collection process. Gifts given during weekend Masses need to be sorted, kept secure, and deposited. This volunteer task requires attention to detail and ability to respect the confidentiality of sensitive parishioner information. Each volunteer will be placed on a team that is rotated on a weekly basis. Join our wonderful group of collection counters! For information, contact Caprice Sauter at bookkeeper@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1642.

Men’s Pickup Basketball

Men’s pickup basketball has begun for the fall season on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm in the Wyckoff Gym. All skill levels are invited to join. It is great exercise and will allow you to tune up your shot for the annual Dad’s lower school vs. upper school game in the Spring. For more information, contact Bob Duffy at rgduffy@hotmail.com

Tuesday Night Yoga

Come join us in the Mother Teresa room of the Parish Center for St. Joseph Tuesday Night Yoga. All are welcome for an hour long yoga class accessible to yogis of all levels- beginners encouraged! Class will be held each week from 7 pm to 8 pm. $5 donation recommended. Please bring your own yoga mat. Contact Kaitlyn with questions at Kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com.

Newcomers Wanted!
Welcome to St. Joseph!

If you are recently registered or a newcomer to the parish, please join us for our NEWCOMERS MEET, GREET & EAT Gathering.

Tuesday, Oct 25th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Parish Center Food and Drink provided!

Come meet the Parish Staff, your fellow new parishioners and learn about how to get involved in the parish. To RSVP please contact Jack Hilovsky at jackh@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1653.

LGBTQ Ministry
Get Involved!

St. Joseph’s LGBTQ Ministry welcomes members of St. Joseph Parish who are LGBTQ identified individuals, families and allies. If you have been looking for a home and wish to reconnect to the Catholic Church, our hope is to get you involved in the life and ministry of the Parish: through social outings to develop a supportive community, through fellowship and faith sharing, and through exploration of Ignatian Spirituality, education, prayer and service.

For more information, please email lgbt@stjosephparish.org or join us at our monthly planning meeting, the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Xavier Room of the Parish Center. Our next meeting: Tuesday, October 18th.

Great Pumpkin & Corn Maze

Join the LGBTQ Ministry for our Fall Family Friendly Great Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze event Saturday, October 22nd. This will be a fun opportunity to connect with members of St. Joseph’s community, and welcome newcomers. If you have a family, here’s a chance to make some memories and create some fall traditions. We will be going to Carpinito Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Kent. The cost is $9 for adults, $6 for kids, free admission to the patch. For carpooling, please meet us in the St. Joseph’s parking lot by 12 pm. For more information, please contact Theresa at lgbt@stjosephparish.org
Voting Like Francis: 
Using Discernment to Vote Your Conscience

On Thursday, October 20th, from 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Arrupe Room, step back and take a break from the debates and whirlwind of politics! Let’s get back to the heart of our values and bring an informed conscience to the ballot box this election season. Fr. John Whitney, S.J. will take us through the issues in regards to Catholic Social Teaching in light of the Gospel message and Pope Francis’ pastoral guidance. Fr. John will give us tools of discernment for informed voting this election season. Light refreshment and conversation to follow.

Infant Baptism Preparation
St. Joseph is offering another set of baptism preparation classes on Sunday, October 23rd and 30th, from 12:15-2:15pm. Lunch will be provided. Sign-ups are required. Please visit the homepage tile on our website labeled “Let’s Get Started.” Either parishioners or guests may register (parents and godparents from other parishes are welcome too). Make sure to select “Baptism.” The class fee for lunch and materials for both classes is $50. This is the last set of classes prior to our November and January baptism weekends. Sign up today! For questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Come and See What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer
Tuesdays - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

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

- Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion 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!

Pathfinders 2016
Calling all St. Joseph 6th, 7th and 8th Graders, are you looking for an adventure, a chance to help others, a community?

October 19th join us for Yoga!
Please contact Dottie for more details.

We meet on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. For information, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Fall Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast
This breakfast is hosted by our parish school’s Parent Association Board and St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, November 6th, after the 9 am Mass in the Social Hall. All are welcome for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, egg bake, and fruit. Coffee and juice are provided. The cost is $5 per person; 4 and under are free. You can pay in advance at www.stjosephparish.org or at the door. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org to RSVP. To volunteer contact David Hein at davidh@okigolf.com
Faith Justice

Sister Parish Delegates from El Salvador Coming Next Week!

St. Joseph’s will be hosting Rodolfo Rivera and Irma Alas, delegates from our Sister Parish of San Bartolome, in Arcatao, El Salvador. They arrive Tuesday evening October 18th and depart Wednesday morning, October 25th.

Here are some opportunities to welcome them and learn more about our delegates and sister community:

• At the School Mass, Friday October 21st, at 9:00 am and all the weekend Masses of Oct 22nd/23rd. (They will be in the school all day Friday, October 21st).

• October 23rd Sunday Night Reception & Pizza Potluck at 6:45 pm (after 5:30 mass)! Join us for pizza (Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert) and an opportunity to hear a presentation from Rodolfo and Irma.

If you would like to visit with or host our delegates for a meal or show them around Seattle, we have time slots available during their stay. They do not speak any English, so you must speak fluent Spanish. We are also looking for volunteers to help with translation and transportation for various events/functions.

To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Stuff the Truck for St. Vincent de Paul

Help Your Neighbors in Need!

Thursday, November 17th at St. Joseph School from 7:30 am - 9:00 am, and 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Help us Stuff the Truck to help those in need. Gently used items are sold at St. Vinnie’s thrift stores. Proceeds from our thrift store sales help fund programs to help families all over King County. We need: gently used men’s jeans, shirts and shoes, women’s business clothing, and small household items. We also need all kids clothing, winter coats, boots, gloves and sweaters. About 90 cents of every $1 donated goes to programs to help people.

Visit www.svdpseattle.org for more information. St. Vincent de Paul thanks you!

Beyond “Us vs. Them”

Ignatian Discernment and Dialogue in Polarized Times

Monday, October 24th, 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Start
St. Joseph Parish Center

This divisive election season has exposed a phenomenon in recent American politics and culture - expanding polarization (e.g. Democrat vs. Republican, left vs. right, and even establishment vs. outsider rhetoric) that seems to have resulted in an increasing “Us Vs. Them” mentality. In this polarized political climate, how are we to move forward with hope into this crucial time before and after the election? Join presenters John McKay (former US Attorney under the Bush administration) and Patty Bowman (former Director of Social Outreach and Advocacy, St. James Cathedral) to explore how the gifts of Ignatian spirituality can help us navigate the tricky waters of politics.

All are welcome, invite friends from “across the aisle.” Please RSVP to andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824 by Thursday, October 20th. Visit www.ignatiancenter.org for more information. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center in Seattle, this is the first episode of This Ignatian Life, a new series on Ignatian spirituality.
Young Adult Debate Watch Party
Wednesday, October 19th, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center,
1216 NE 65th Street, Seattle, WA 98125

Are you overwhelmed by the upcoming election? You don’t have to be! Join us for BINGO, a potluck, and fellowship during the final presidential debate before Election Day. Grab some faithful citizenship resources and hear from fellow young adults about the City of Seattle and Washington State elections and ballot initiatives. Contact Elizabeth for more information at emurphy@ipjc.org or 206-223-1138.

Parenting in an Ignatian Spirit
Small Group Reflection for Parents
Mondays from 7-9:00 pm starting November 14th
St. Joseph Parish Center

This small group invites you as a parent to reflect on the multiple roles you play in your life and how these roles intersect with your deepest sense of yourself and your understanding of God. Over the course of seven monthly sessions, you and fellow parents will deepen your sense of yourselves, come to an awareness of the spiritual foundations of your parenting, share experiences in the context of a small community, and develop a set of Ignatian-inspired practices to help ground you in moments of challenge.

Seven monthly meetings on Mondays: November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 13th, March 20th*, April 10th, and May 15th*. Jennifer Tilghman-Havens will facilitate. Space is limited to 10 spots, please register by Monday, November 7th. Cost is $175, scholarships are available. Visit www.ignatiancenter.org for more information. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

People Who Are Grieving Retreat
“A day of blessing to honor the people in our lives who have died”
Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
St. Anne House of Prayer, 1305 First Ave. W., Seattle

The loss of a loved one rends the heart to break. Through honoring a relationship that has changed - but not ended - the bond of love continues. Spend this day in community sharing stories, creating ritual and honoring those who have joined the communion of saints. (Please bring photos and items to be placed on our altar of remembrance.)

Lunch provided, donations gratefully accepted.

Retreat leaders: Jane Fleming, MPM, hospice grief counselor and Tricia Wittmann-Todd, MDiv MSW, Pastoral Minister.

Please share this invitation with others who may appreciate the day. You can email kathy@stanneseattle.org with questions or to register.

Gonzaga University Choir
Mass and Concert
“Unclouded Day: Music of a Hopeful Search”
Fall 2016 Tour
Saturday, October 29th, at St. Joseph Church
Mass at 5:00 pm, Concert at 7:00 pm

Please join us. This event is free, however, donations are gratefully accepted. Donations support the Gonzaga University (GU) Choir music exchange visit to Zambia and Zimbabwe in May 2017. More information on GU Music can be found on our website, www.gonzaga.edu/music.

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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 Dolorosa 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.

NOTE: Early Booking Discount ends November 29, 2016

Tour brochures and information available from the Parish Office or
Contact parishioners: Hilda or Walt Kicinski at 206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com