Welcome to Our Sister Parish!

Bienvenido a nuestra Parroquia hermana!
The Lives of Saints

The saints are men and women who enter fully into the mystery of prayer. Men and women who struggle with prayer, letting the Holy Spirit pray and struggle in them. They struggle to the very end, with all their strength, and they triumph, but not by their own efforts: the Lord triumphs in them and with them.

-Pope Francis at the Canonization of Seven Saints-

I was sitting by the ocean, listening to the waves crash against the shoals of sharp volcanic rock; rock which, in the measurements of the earth, was still nearly new-born: pushed out in molten rivers from the center of the earth only a century or so before, to cool in great plumes of steam and form new land around the edges of this island. I was on vacation with my eldest brother, and sitting by the warm water in the growing morning light, I could sense the goodness of God, who pours streams of fire into waiting waves, leaving behind a land that appears as barren as a lunar landscape; yet, in reality, is only resting for the change to come. And slowly—ever so slowly—the volcanic waste is dotted with weeds and grasses, then small trees and animals, through whose life and death the land is transformed, as lava gives way to sand and then to soil, and more and more, new life vanquishes the barren to reveal the richness in the heart of the lava.

I have never found it hard to pray at the ocean, to see in the fidelity of the waves the constancy of God, who cools my molten heart and allows life to bloom. Who makes of my life a place where other lives might grow and flour, and then, like the waves that wear away the rocks they have helped form, welcomes me into the fullness of the mystery—into the depths of the sea. Constantly, the land is formed and then worn away, until the stones themselves, cooled by the power of the sea, are swallowed up into its richness—having played out their role of giving life and nurturing it. And in that cycle from birth to death, from the steam of lava to the last bit of erosion, we are held in the mystery that surrounds us, and shapes us, and through us brings forth the world and all that lives and moves and has being.

Such were my vacation prayers—as random and sweeping as the morning sea—when two pieces of news arrived from the Provincial’s office, deepening my reflections and blessing me with sorrow and with hope.

The first message arrived on Wednesday of last week, and told of the sudden death of an old friend and mentor, Fr. Ted Kestler, S.J., in a fire at the small church in Chefornak, Alaska—the village where I had spent my first Christmas as a priest. Ted, who would end up living and working in Alaska for nearly 30 years, was the Rector at St. Michael’s Institute in Spokane in
1985, when I arrived there as a scholastic. Though he never earned a doctorate, preferring instead to teach high school during the years prior to coming to SMI, Ted was a brilliant and creative theologian, who read widely and deeply in Scripture, systematic theology, ecclesiology, and pretty much any other area that came his way. Always in motion, and with a fashion sense that made him look like an unmade bed, Ted would run through Bea House (then part of St. Michael’s), pulling up his sweat pants, and calling loudly for his great friend and nemesis, Fr. E.B. Painter, the minister of the community. Or, at other times, he would sit in the common room, rocking in a chair like a coiled spring, talking with enthusiasm about a book he was reading or about a challenging idea that one of the students was trying to comprehend. Funny and irreverent, childlike and whip-smart, he loved to puncture the pompous among us with his apparent lack of sophistication and his deep and far-reaching intellect. But beyond all this, Ted was—first and foremost—a model of compassion and decency, especially to the most vulnerable and most in need.

Ted left SMI for the Alaskan bush shortly after I left to continue my formation, and there he became the principal instructor at the Native Ministry Training Program, in the tiny village of St. Mary’s. Later, he also took on the role of pastor at St. Mary’s and a number of other villages—working with the small team of Jesuits who still serve along the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta. When I visited him there, first as a theology student and later as Provincial, I noted how much of the frenetic pace had dissipated, wearing down to a sense of place and purpose—of mission. He was still very much a man in motion, still funny, and still a bit crazy, but like the cooling magma, he had found his way to the sea; and in those powerful waters—in the Spirit of the People, in their hopes and pains, their joys and sorrows—he had become who he was meant to be. That he died, preparing for the coming of the bishop and the Confirmation of several Yu’pik youngsters in Chefornak, is sad, but it is not a tragedy. For in that small village, remote and unknown to the rest of the world, Ted Kestler entered fully the mystery that had been his prayer and his life since the Spirit first touched him with fire and sent him forth to create the Kingdom of God.

The second message received last week from the Provincial’s office seems, at first, quite different than the message about Ted’s death—and, indeed, the joy arising from the election of Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., as Superior General of the Society of Jesus, contrasts sharply with the sorrow felt at the news of Ted’s passing. Yet, at the same time, it seems strangely appropriate to welcome Fr. Sosa into his new and challenging ministry, just as we are mourning Ted’s completion of his final mission—and not just because Fr. Sosa, like Fr. Kestler, is a good and holy man, known for his compassion and humor, his dedication to the poor and his love of indigenous peoples. Nor is it appropriate merely because Ted was once a delegate to a General Congregation—GC 34—and helped write the documents that have proved inspirational to a generation of Jesuit and lay partners, documents that helped set the stage for the election of Fr. Sosa. For, while these similarities are important, what makes this juxtaposition of one man’s death and the other’s election most profound is that both moments come from the same Spirit, express the same surrender to God and to the mission of God in the life of a single person. And though the election of Fr. Sosa may occur in the glare of the media, with the whole world watching, while the death of Fr. Kestler is marked by just a small story in an Alaskan newspaper, both, in the end, reveal the greatness of one and the same God: who raises great islands from the sea while placing a single seed just where its life and bounty is needed.
Vamos Todos Al Banquete

Cuellar

**Verses**

1. I will rise in the early morning. The community's waiting for me.
2. God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good.
3. May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.

**Refrain**

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come everyone with your gifts to share.

**D.C.**

Walking with my friends and my family, hoarded, so that no one will lack for food. Gather and to share everything we have.
VERSION 4.1: There is a Longing

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal your self to us.

Verses

love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice,
2. For wisdom,
3. For healing,
4. Lord save us,

1. for freedom, for mercy; hear our prayer. In
2. for courage, for comfort; hear our prayer. In
3. for wholeness, for new life; hear our prayer. In
4. take pity, light in our darkness. We

1. sorrow, in grief: } be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. weakness, in fear: 
3. sickness, in death: 
4. call you, we wait: }

Gloria

Storrington Gloria

See laminated card in pews

Haugen

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34, #48

Foley

I will bless the Lord at all times with praise ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the Lord who will hear the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad the Lord listens to their pleas;
And to hearts broken, God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor.

Ev’ry spirit crushed, He will save; will be ransom for their lives;
Will be safe shelter for their fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.

We proclaim the greatness of God, with praise ever in our mouth;
Ev’ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor.
Offertory Song

Vencera El amor

Vencera el amor, aunque acechen tempestades;
Y aunque hay dolor, pasaran las maldades.
Vencera el amor, aunque tristes extranemos
a quienes hoy no estan, mas sin embargo viven.
Vencera el bien sobre tantas vejaciones.
Venceran tambien nuestras oraciones.
Y estas lagrimas que juntos derramamos ungiran con paz nuestros corazones.
Vencera el amor, vencera.

Love shall overcome even when the storm is raging.
Though the night is long, still God’s pow’r is unchanging.
Love shall overcome: after nights of bitter weeping,
there comes a brighter dawn for saints of God’s own keeping.
Love shall overcome: from these chains our God will free us.
When we pray as one Jesus will redeem us.
And the tears we cried will be a precious offering. And the peace of Christ shall reign forever.
Love shall reign. Peace shall reign. Christ shall reign. Love shall overcome.

Gospel

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity --greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’ But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Second Reading

2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18

Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Haugen

Luke 18:9-14

Storrington Alleluia

Gospel

Haugen

Storrington Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

Storrington Alleluia

Gospel

Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

Homily

Second Reading
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.

(5, 11) 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.

(9 & 5:30) Cordero de Dios

Maija from Misa Melodica

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo, ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros. mundo, danos la paz, danos la paz.

Da nos, da nos, da nos la paz; da nos, da nos, da nos la paz.

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.
Song of Praise

Verses
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
3. Blest are they who through their lifetime sow the seeds of peace,

Blest are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,

and the meek shall come to rule the world.
for I say they shall be satisfied.
for in heaven, great is your reward.

Refrain
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.
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
(5:30) Lead Me, Lord (see previous page)

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday
9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available
10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
11:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass
6:30 PM Sister Parish Reception & Potluck

Monday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group
7:00 PM Sacred Silence
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
6:00 PM Newcomers Meet, Greet & Eat
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Yoga

Wednesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
6:00 PM Pathfinders Youth Group
7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Saturday
3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
7:00 PM Gonzaga Choir Concert
# 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  
  **D. $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 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. |
Ray Manahan & Jeff Eckmann - *It is with great pride that we are parishioners...*

From the beginning of our relationship, family was always a top priority. We are both from large families (a total of 7 siblings and 10 nieces and nephews), and building a family of our own started early in 2006. We adopted AnnaRose (our two mother’s names) when she was a week old. She was baptized at St. Joseph’s the following September.

Ray was raised Catholic and Jeff recently completed his catechism last Spring. AnnaRose starts 4th grade in the fall at St. Joseph School where she has been a student since kindergarten.

Jeff has family ties to St. Joseph Parish, but what is most important to us are the relationships we have built with other families through active participation in school and parish events. Jeff regularly volunteers at school, and Ray is a member of St. Joseph’s Welcoming Ministry and coaches AnnaRose’s basketball team.

Without a doubt, the St. Joseph community has helped shape the family we are today. It is with great pride that we are parishioners in a community that builds and sustains diverse relationships among loving family and friends.

Amara Siemens - *Here I have found a wonderful community of people...*

After falling in love with the life of St. Ignatius and the Jesuit tradition of social justice while I was a graduate student at Seattle University, I began searching for a community in Seattle that aligned with these values. That is what brought me to St. Joseph Parish. Here I have found a wonderful community of people that come, not only to be with God, but to help others.

As a young adult myself, I am involved in the young adult ministry. It has been exciting to be a part of a community that is constantly growing and changing; there is always someone new to meet! It is fun to get to know others and walk with them in their journey, even if just for a short time that they are here.

I appreciate that we focus on social, spiritual and service events, and that I have the opportunity to serve side-by-side with other young adults as well as share my faith. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of supporting this parish!
Stewardship FAQ – Why Make a Commitment?

What is the annual Stewardship Campaign and how is it different from the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Similar to listener-supported radio, St. Joseph depends upon listeners of the Word—and the annual Stewardship Campaign is our pledge drive. Because we are a church, we are not eligible for many grants or matching funds, so St. Joseph Parish completely depends upon the annual support of our parishioners. This is what we call Stewardship—local support of our local parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal, which comes in the Spring, raises money for the functioning of the Archdiocese and its key ministries, but directly benefits St. Joseph Parish only when we raise more than our assessment.

Why is it important that I affirm my active membership in the St. Joseph Community and make a pledge of finances and/or prayers?

If we are to accomplish the work of our strategic plan—or more importantly the work of the Spirit—we must do so together, sharing our wealth, our talent, our time, and our prayers as stewards in the service of the Lord. Your annual affirmation and commitment is a visible statement of your active participation in the mission of our Parish. Together, we stand with whatever we can offer, as a faith community committed to be Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.

To be a member of the St. Joseph Community today is to follow Christ with your sisters & brothers through these steps:

I. **ACTIVATION:** If you have not already done so, please register officially as a member of St. Joseph, either online or by dropping a written form in the collection basket or by the office. This need only be done once.

II. **AFFIRMATION:** Each year, please send in a pledge card, telling us that you choose to be part of this community, giving whatever you can—prayer, especially, and financial support, if you are able.

III. **PARTICIPATION:** Everything at St. Joseph depends on those who share its life, in whatever way you can: come to Mass, serve in a ministry, sustain the poor, learn the faith—proclaim the Gospel in companionship with all.

Completion of all 3 steps is important, especially if you need St. Joseph Parish to attest to your active, registered status for any reason (confirmation, high school admission, etc).

If you are not able to give financially this year, know that your pledge of prayers—the gift that animates all others—is always needed. Simply use the remit envelope to affirm your membership in St. Joseph Parish and pledge your commitment to pray for, and with, the St. Joseph Community.

Will you publicize my name with the amount I give?

St. Joseph parish staff members strongly believe in protecting the privacy of donors and the confidentiality of information concerning them. Donor records, both hard copy and electronic, and all other donor information are highly confidential and protected by parish policy. Rest assured, we do not share your names, addresses, nor gift amounts with any other organization. (Note that all parishioners who have made direct gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal may receive communication from the Archdiocese).

As with previous annual stewardship campaigns, we plan to thank donors publicly by printing only your name in our bulletin; no dollar amounts will be reflected in the list. If you prefer your commitment remain completely anonymous, simply let us know and we’ll be sure to omit your name from our weekly list of thanks.

Should you have any questions whatsoever about our annual Stewardship Campaign, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1654.
Liturgy and Worship

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

The Solemnity Of All Saints: On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering saints known and unknown to us. Masses are: 7:00 am in the Arrupe Room (Parish Center) and 7:00 pm in the church.

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 Prayers 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 26th.

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.

Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Friday, November 4th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Lunch following in the Parish Center!

Tuesday, November 8th - Seniors Planning Meeting at 11:30 am (brown bag lunch) and Movie Matinee at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Monday, November 14th - Fall Musical Variety Show starts with 11:30 am lunch. (Sandwiches/beverages provided. Everyone invited to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share). Then from 12:30 –2:00 pm enjoy music with Bob and Diane. Non-Seniors are also welcome!

Wednesday, November 16th - Join us for our monthly support group, Aging Gracefully, from 11 am - 12 noon.

Women’s Mass & Potluck

On Friday, November 4th, at 6:00 pm in the Arrupe Room, women of all ages are invited to join together with Fr. John Whitney for a “Mass of Remembrance” followed by a potluck dinner. As winter approaches, we pause to gather for prayer, fellowship, and to remember those who have passed on. Feel free to bring photos of those you’d like remembered, invite a friend to join you, and bring a dish to share! Please RSVP to Denise Cassidy at denise@cassidyhome.com or Deacon Steve: stevew@stjosephparish.org

YA Halloween Social (21-35)

It’s pumpkin time! Join us on Sunday, October 30th, in the Parish Center after the 5:30 pm mass for fall inspired fellowship! Carve a pumpkin, decorate Halloween cookies, or just enjoy good company with seasonal beers and treats. Carving Masters: feel free to bring your own pumpkin if you have a favorite shape or size; we will have some pumpkins on hand for people to team up on if desired as well as basic carving tools. Hope to see you and celebrate a Halloween tradition!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 13th, YA Brunch after 11 am mass, RSVP Katy Ryan at katherinemryan@gmail.com

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Daniella’s health course . . . Gratitude for our weekend choir – beautiful music and amazing singing.

“Blessed are you, autumn, chalice of transformation . . . .”
~Joyce Rupp
**Faith Formation**

**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.”

**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. 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

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

**Sponsors Needed For RCIA**
We are in need of 7-10 adults who can be a faith companion to someone going through the RCIA process to join the Catholic Faith.

Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey. You offer counsel and support as you are able and to the extent that it is needed or desired. You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Joseph community. You listen and you pray. Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with a Candidate or Catechumen through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Church.

Many prospective Sponsors ask themselves whether they are worthy or qualified. The role of Sponsor is not that of Catechist. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church’s teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can.

If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

**Faith Justice**

**L’Arche Benefit Dinner**
Please Join L’Arche Noah Sealth in celebrating our 40th year in Seattle at our 5th Annual Celebration, a Benefit Dinner and live auction at Seattle University on **Saturday, November 5th, at 5:30 pm**. To purchase tickets, please register at www.larcheseattle.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Conversation on Race**
Please join other parishioners interested in a prayerful, gentle conversation and dialogue on race and justice on **Thursday, November 3rd**, 7-8:30pm, in the Arrupe Room. Our goal is to provide a safe space to share with others our experience, struggle and vision on this painful issue and discern a direction for action in the near future. Please come with your ideas and thoughts. Questions? Email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Mary de Rosas at mpcd4730@yahoo.com

**Jesuit Seattle**

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

Please join us. This event is free, however, donations are gratefully accepted to support the Gonzaga University Choir music exchange visit to Zambia and Zimbabwe in May 2017. Concert repertoire includes *Christe Qui Lux Es Dies, Hallelujah, Adinu*, and *I Sing Because I’m Happy.*
Monthly Taize Prayer Service

Starting in November on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, join us for an evening of contemplative prayer and worship as we incorporate the musical tradition of Taizé prayer into adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The first service will be held on **Wednesday, November 16th**, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church with Deacon Steve presiding. Similar to the Novena of Grace, we will invite participants to write down a prayer petition to be voiced aloud in the service.

Formed in the French town of the same name in 1940, Taizé prayer blossomed from a prayer community intended to create a place of peace and refuge in war-torn France. Taizé prayer consists of a series of repetitive melodies and chants interspersed with reflection and a period of contemplative silence. Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé community, says of the meditative prayer:

“Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again.”

Since this first service falls on the anniversary of the Jesuits and their companions killed at UCA in San Salvador in 1989, we will have a candle-lighting ritual to honor them realizing there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

If you would like to share your musical talents, please contact Paula at shiva_paula@yahoo.com or Drew at cosmos787@gmail.com. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 if you want to be a greeter, reader, or candle-lighter, or for any general questions.