Our Beloved Dead

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Communion, Compassion, and the Reign of God

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

-Hebrews 12: 1-2-

Standing in the back of the darkened church at the end of All Saints’ Day, a mixture of emotions rose in me. In the front of the nave, glowing like small pyres before the altar, were the two pans of beeswax candles, ignited by the community that night. Each candle stood for a life remembered, a life held by us against that darkness which would swallow everything, if we allow it; a darkness that would annihilate the love and laughter, the goodness and the grace that we have known through our communion with those who have died. We gathered at the altar of Christ, the place where memory becomes sacrament, and we remembered not just Christ but the others, as well—the “great cloud of witnesses” whose presence moves us, and whose absence makes us weep. We gathered as the Church: i.e., a community of hope and desire, a community of believers, who trust in the promise of resurrection but still feel the wounds born of our separation.

More and more, I have come to find a special holiness in the month of November—the last month of the liturgical year, when the Church recalls the mysterious communion of the dead with the living. I suppose this comes, in part, from growing older. So many of those I love have entered the mystery of death, so that being called to remember their lives seems a special grace. Too often I go barreling along through my day, only to encounter, in some sudden and unexpected way, a trigger—a song, a photograph, a certain shade in the trees, or look in the night sky—and then all the sorrow of loss and the anguish of separation rush over me. But in this month, when I am called intentionally, with the whole community of faith, into remembrance, when I am invited to pray for my mother and father, my sister and beloved friends, that sense of loss—though still real—becomes, as well, a communion with all those who mourn, with all who wait, as I do, on this side of the mystery, longing for the reunion that we are promised will someday come.

However, the holiness of November is not just in the solidarity it instills among mourners, nor is it just in the way this month calls us to reflect on those who have died. In remembering our communion with the dead, in feeling the power
of their life moving in our own, we are also given a vision, a foretaste, of what the reign of God means, what it promises, and how it is fulfilled. “The great cloud of witnesses” spoken of in the Letter to the Hebrews, and the multitude imaged in the triumph of the Lamb in Revelation are not just metaphors, but reminders to the Church—i.e., to all of us—that the reign of God is the communion of all with all. The body of Christ, in its fullness, is the union of all in all, of our hearts and minds, our bodies and our lives. Whatever is less than that, whatever is division or fracture, is not yet God, not yet the fullness of the Kingdom which Christ has begun through his Incarnation and Resurrection. In the Holy Spirit—that personal expression of the dynamic and living communion of the Holy Trinity, who is poured out upon us in both the Creation of the world and the redemptive moment of Pentecost—we have already begun to live in communion with God and with each other. Through this Spirit, we eat the body and drink the blood of the One who is uniting us in and with the Trinity, and who becomes our body and our blood—the body and blood shared by each of us. This communion is our salvation, now, and will, in the fullness of time, unite us to all things—as Christ is united to all things and we are united to Christ. In such a vision, the reign of God is not about each of us living on his own little cloud playing a private harp, it is not a place of individual riches and comfort. It is being as God is: i.e., in the constant and complete communion of love with all creation, with all that is, and was, and ever shall be.

If this is the nature of God’s salvation, promised to us in the Feast of All Saints, in the prayers of All Souls, and in the remembrances of this month, then we can also consider what sin is, and what it is that keeps us from the fullness of our humanity. For if God’s call and the fulfillment of Christ’s mission entails us becoming like God—i.e., like the Blessed Trinity, distinct in person but united in love—than all that keeps us from this realization is sin: all the selfishness, all the divisiveness, all the ways in which we keep others from coming to us or keep ourselves from going out to others. We are made to overcome the darkness not as separate candles in our own little nooks, but as a great fire where every life is recognized and each candle gives itself for the light of all. And neither time nor space, neither social standing nor immigration status, neither gender nor orientation, neither race nor creed, neither life nor death can separate us in the great communion of our God. This is what we celebrate in the prayers of November: not a past that is irretrievably dead, but the dead who are yet alive and will be restored to us, first as memories, then in the fullness that we all await, i.e., in the communion for which the whole of creation longs and the gift of Christ has been given.

It is not always easy to believe in the communion anticipated by our November prayers, not easy to discern the way into the unity for which our hearts pine. The forces of division and separation are strong and the shadows of fear and prejudice, of ego and anger sometimes seem impenetrable. Whether in Syria or South Sudan, in Yemen or at Standing Rock, in our political systems or even in our beloved Church, we can lose sight of the communion of Christ to which we are called—replacing the “great cloud of witnesses” with our own ideologies and biases. Like the snake in the Garden, the world can whisper to us that full communion is impossible, that we must take what we want and preserve ourselves at the expense of others. And, as in the Garden, the result of believing such whispers is that death which is exile, that suffering which is separation, that sin which only the mercy of God, in the blood of Christ Jesus, can overcome.

May we—as a community, as a people, as a Church—wash ourselves in the blood of Christ, and so become cleansed of fear and division. May we stand at the altar of God—men and women together, no longer separated by old ideas and by the fear that divides. May we know our communion with each woman and man, our communion with all humanity, with all creation, with all the living and the dead.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

- To be mindful of our beloved deceased so they will remain in our hearts, thoughts, words and prayers always. For Theresa, Anne Marie, and Daniel, that they may all heal quickly. And for an amicable outcome in our upcoming election.

“See! I will not forget you. I have carved you on the palm of my hand. I have called you by your name. You are mine. You are precious to me. I love you.”

~Isaiah 49:16
It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."
Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 17

Second Reading  2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation  Storrington Alleluia


Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone’s brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.” Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Homily  Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Offertory Song  (5) Seattle University Chorale - If Ye Love Me  Tallis

(9 & 11) Choral/Cantor Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd  Matthews
Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Mystery of Faith

Janco

Lamb of God

Janco
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

(5) Seattle University Chorale - The King of Love My Shepherd Is  ST. COLUMBA

(9, 11 & 5:30) Unless A Grain of Wheat  Farrell

Refrain

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,

it remains but a single grain with no life.

Verses

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If any one serves me, then they must fol-low me;
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
5. Those who love me are loved by my Fa-ther;
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.
2. where- ever I am, my ser-vants will be.
3. those who re-main in me bear much fruit.
4. then you will be my dis-ci-ples.
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them.
6. peace which the world can-not give is my gift.
We Are Called
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.
**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

**Sunday**
9:00 AM  Mass - Childcare Available  
10:00 AM  PAB Pancake Breakfast  
11:00 AM  Mass  
5:30 PM  Mass  

**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  
7:00 PM  Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 PM  Tuesday Night Yoga  

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

**Thursday**
7:00 AM  Daily Mass  

**Friday**
7:00 AM  Daily Mass  
5:00 PM  St. Joseph School Family Auction  

**Saturday**
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation  
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass  
5:00 PM  St. Joseph School Auction  

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**Recessional**

*Instrumental (5:30) What Wondrous Love*

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
Lamb, who is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul; To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
sing, I will sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.
Remembering Our Beloved Dead

“Book of the Names of the Dead” & the “Saints Corner”: Christian communities remember the names of their dead. 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 to the baptistery and place them on the altar. 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

Tuesday, November 8th - Seniors Planning Meeting at 11:30 am (brown bag lunch) and Movie Matinee (Woody Allen’s Cafe Society) at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Questions? Call Eleanor McCall at 206-325-4615.

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.

Young Adult Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, November 13th, you’re invited to join the St. Joseph Young Adults for brunch after the 11am mass. We will meet in the back of the church at the end of mass and we’ll walk over together to our 12:30 pm reservation at Ernest Loves Agnes. Group size is limited so please RSVP to Katy Ryan at katherinemryan@gmail.com soon to reserve your spot!

Join Fr. Glen for Informational Meeting on 2017 Holy Land Tour

On Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th, Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., will hold an informational meeting regarding his tour “Journey through the Holy Land and Jordan” from October 8-21, 2017. Meetings will occur from 3:45-4:45 pm both days in the Arrupe Room. Please join him to learn more about tour details, savings opportunities, and reservation information. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact Hilda or Walt at info@vikingcat.com or call 206-501-4468.

St. Joseph School

To be added to the mailing list about current events and happenings at St. Joseph School, feel free to subscribe to the weekly Flash at: http://www.stjosephsea.org/about/news-publications
## Prayerfully Giving

**Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call**

| Level One  | Two Small Coins | For those with great hearts but limited resources.  
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<td>“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)</td>
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| Level Two  | Providing for  
for the Mission | For those who sacrifice to build the mission.  
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<td>“Accompanying Jesus were the twelve &amp; some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, &amp; many others who provided for them out of their resources.” (Luke 8:1-3)</td>
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| Level Three | Sowing Bountifully | For those graced & willing to share their bounty.  
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|             |                     | “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.  
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<td>“Who, then, is the faithful &amp; prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, &amp; still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” (Luke 12:42, 48)</td>
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| Level Five | Spiritual Companions | For those who have only their hearts to give.  
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<td>“When he saw Peter &amp; John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, &amp; 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)</td>
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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.
Ways to Donate – Part 2

Thank you again and again for your prayerful discernment! For over a century, men and women such as you have prayed over their resources and have placed their trust in the goodness of God. Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished as a place where young people are educated with hope, where seniors gather with joy, where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer & community, & then go forth to share the Eucharist they have received through family, work, & service.

Below are a few examples of the many ways our friends support our parish. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965.1654.

**Grow Your Contribution Over Time**

- **Gift pledges** are formal statements of intention to make a gift. Each year, every family in our community affirms their active membership in the St. Joseph Community and pledges what they are able. With a pledge, you may complete your gift by making regular payments over time. Each payment on your pledge is eligible for an income-tax deduction.

- **Endowed gifts** are safely invested to generate income in perpetuity, providing you an opportunity to make a lasting impact. Gifts can be directed towards an area of service (Building & Grounds, Liturgical Ministry & Art, Faith Formation, Social Ministries & Outreach, Communications & Technology, Jesuit Presence, St. Joseph School), or to greatest need. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965.1654.

- **Company Matching Gifts** double or sometimes triple the impact of your individual gift. To find out if your employer offers a matching gift program, contact your employer’s personnel office and request a matching gift form. Complete and mail to St. Joseph Parish at 732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112. Retirees may be eligible also.

- **Designate your United Way pledge** to ensure that your donations go directly to St. Joseph Parish in Seattle, tax identification number EIN# 91-0588423.

**Stewardship Update**

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 202 pledges totaling $533,842.00 toward our goal of $1,500,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

If you haven’t yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work. Many thanks… Mike & Maddy Arvold, Jerrold & Cristina Bailet, Rebecca Brown & Christine Galloway, Curtis & Karen Bryan, Frances Chikahisa, Marguerite Crowley Weibel, Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM, Richard & Linda Ellis, John & Ann Felton, P. Tom & Leigh Foley, Margaret Gaffney, Patrick & Mollie Gemma, Gary Graf, Lisa Griswold, Mary Hartrich, Frank & Diana Heffernan, Peter & Ann Holmes, Walter & Hilda Kicinski, Betty Kill, Carey & Carol Kraft, Sean & Colleen Kreyling, Justin Kuxhaus, Peter Lam & Ann Wright, Dale & Anne Martin, Patricia McCoy, Susie McDonald, Roger & Gayle McNulty, Olga Naftali, Rosemary Nelson, Matthew & Catherine O’Donnell, Sr. Rosemary Perisch, SNJM, David & Annette Raubvogel, Glen & Elizabeth Rogers, Carol Sauter, Sam & Connie Shepherd, Larry & Diane Stokke, G.W. & Julia Thompson, Ellen Villegas, and Robert & Joan Weis.

**Stuff the Truck**

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!
Recovery Cafe Annual Thanksgiving Meal & Open Mic Night
Sponsored by St. Joseph
Saturday, November 19th, 2:30-8:30 pm

Are you and your family looking for a way to make Thanksgiving really memorable for those in need? On Saturday, November 19th, we will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 100 members of the Recovery Cafe, but we need your help--both in the preparation, and in the delivery, serving and clean up. To that end, consider signing up to volunteer and/or provide food. This year food donation sign ups are online at perfectpotluck.com. You can access the group meal by locating the schedule by coordinator last name (Brennan) and password (1121).

Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, please go online or contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646 or Laury Bryant at lauryb39@hotmail.com or (206) 234-9444, or Gretchen Brennan at gretchenbrennan@comcast.net or (206) 949-5456.

On-line sign-ups available for the following:
- Turkey & Gravy
- Hams
- Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing/Dressing
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Green Bean Casserole
- Festive Green Salad for 25
- Vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free hot dish & cold dish
- Dinner rolls + butter, cranberry sauce, milk, apple juice, satsuma oranges, and extra gravy
- Plus gift of wool socks for Cafe members
- Volunteer shifts: 2:30 pm-8:30 pm

The Recovery Cafe is a refuge of healing and transformation, supporting men and women in recovery from addiction, mental health challenges and homelessness. Learn more at www.recoverycafe.org

Tent City Meal To Go Needs You!

St. Joseph Parish is providing dinner for residents of Tent City 3 at their new home off 130th and Lake City Way in North Seattle on a monthly basis. Our next dinner is Wednesday, November 9th. Our menu is Chicken Marbella, rice and vegetable salad, green beans, brownies and beverages for 75 residents. If you want to help with providing a food item, please contact Mark Busto at mbusto1951@gmail.com

Mass for the Deceased Homeless
You Are Invited to Gather at St. James Cathedral
9th & Marion on First Hill, Downtown Seattle
Friday, November 11th, at 5:30 pm

Please join us to honor the memory of the men and women who died on the streets or by violence in our community this past year. Fr. Ryan will preside at the Mass; a simple reception will follow. All are welcome to bring winter hats, gloves, and scarves to be distributed to those in need. For more information, please contact Patrick Barredo at pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org or call 206-382-4515.

Alternative Bazaar
Handcrafted Arts from Around the World
November 20th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and join us for this year’s St. Joseph Alternative Bazaar. Like year’s past, it will feature beautiful, handcrafted items from dozens of countries and organizations around the world - all to support disadvantaged artisans overseas and in the U.S. The artisans and vendors with us are Fair Trade Certified and 100% of sales proceeds support the sponsoring organization.

Participating organizations include L’Arche, Chief Seattle Club, Association of Catholic Childhood, Jubilee Women’s Center, Ten Thousand Villages, and more.

For more info please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

St. Francis House is Grateful

St. Francis House is deeply grateful for your weekly food donations for our hungry clients. These are items most requested by them: canned chili, pork and beans, canned meats like spam and chicken, peanut butter, ramen noodles. Blankets and towels are also in short supply. Gratefully, St. Francis House.
Faith Formation

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.

The St. Joseph Parish community promises prayerful support for, and to walk with, each prospective new member of the Catholic Church. The role of RCIA sponsor is the fulfillment of that promise. As a sponsor you are assigned a candidate (baptized adult) or Catechumen (unbaptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share.

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 Catholic 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. A Sponsor who can admit his or her limitations and who continually tries to grow is an excellent faith model. Sponsors are supported by the parish’s RCIA Team, members of whom can be called upon to help answer a Candidate’s or Catechumen’s questions.

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

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.
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 cosmo787@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.