

Sunday, 27 November 2016 * First Sunday of Advent * www.stjosephparish.org

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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Preaching This Week: Deacon Steve
Preaching Next Week: Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Readings for December 4, 2016

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment

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St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Thursday, December 8

7:00 pm, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Mass



Saturday, December 10

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Seek Mercy: Parish Reconciliation Service



Sunday, December 18

No 5:30 pm Mass for Church cleaning & preparation

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening

10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm, Vigil Mass

8:00 pm, Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
ending at Midnight

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm

One Door, One Candle

*The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is
not yet Christ.*

-Thomas Merton-

This week, the first candle is lit, the first door on the little calendar opened, and Advent begins. It is a new liturgical year, a season of preparation and renewal, when the Church calls us to awaken our hearts for the coming of Christ. "Awake!" indeed, is the theme of Advent, the summons St. Paul echoes when he declares: "You know the time; it is the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans, 13:11). This vigilance at the heart of Advent summons us to prepare ourselves for something new that is coming to birth in each one of us, and in all of us together. As Thomas Merton notes, Advent is the beginning of a process of stripping away and remaking, of becoming as poor as the couple who enters the stable in Bethlehem, so that we might become as blessed as the family who exits. In this season, we are asked to wait upon the Lord—not as someone at a bus stop might wait, with frustration and anxiety; but as a mother waits for the coming forth of the life insider her: with hope and desire, preparation and passion. We wait for the fulfillment of something whose very coming-to-be is a transformation for us,

and requires us to become something new. We wait and prepare for the grace that will happen not according to our calendar or on our schedule, but according to God's own plan. And as we wait, we prepare, by giving up the patterns of patch and paste that have served us so long, looking instead for real renovation, for true awakening.

Yet, in these days of anguish and despair, of anger and division, the call of Advent can seem too passive, too quiet for all that needs to be done. When we are mired in seemingly endless wars across the globe and are battered by tens of millions of refugees flowing from that region; when we are chilled by growing polarization and demonization in our own country, by talk of mass-deportation and incarceration, of walls and registries; when we see black lives taken in the streets and young police officers killed in their cars; when disparity of wealth pushes children into camps around off-ramps, and allows CEO's who oversaw fraud to exit with "*golden parachutes*," we may think that the time of waiting is past. We must awaken, but not with patience: we must awaken with the urgency of the moment. We must act, now, to tear down the injustices we see, to overthrow all that is in our way. And so we write long posts on social media, chastising our opponents, calling for action in the streets. We shout down those with whom we disagree, and grow more angry and isolated as we find the great evils that we battle do not give way so easily.

Or, perhaps, in the face of all we have seen, we simply resist awakening at all. We may be asleep, but it's warm in our beds and cold outside in the world. At such a moment, it's awfully tempting to hit the snooze bar a few more times, i.e., to avoid the bad news and all the suffering and loss of the world. After all, most of us in this community are not hungry, not endangered, not suffering in ways others are. We can avoid the intrusions of evil that so many suffer, and so can be tempted to avoid the Advent message altogether, moving right on to Christmas—with all its lovely distractions. Even when the clamor of loss and pain comes through our window, how hard it can be to awaken and admit that this coma of comfort and consumption, of busy-ness and stress brings us no real joy. Certainly, we may be in the grip of the devil, but it is a devil we know—and to confront it seems to require more energy, more courage, and more grace than we can muster on the edge of winter. And so we slumber on, as those filled with anger shout outside, and those touched by loss continue to suffer.

But this, I think, is where we encounter the genius of Advent. For we are called today not to renovate our whole lives at once, but simply to open them a little bit—a crack—so that the light of Christ might penetrate the darkness and transform us. That is what Advent asks of us—to wake up, one light at a time, until we are fully

prepared and ready for Christ to be born into the world through our bodies and our blood: "*light from light, true God from true God.*" And if we let that light grow in us, we will find the hope we need to persevere in the works of mercy; no longer depending on our own strength or wisdom, our anger or rage, but on the grace that grows in the womb of all women and men. Rather than trying to change the whole world through one rally or one Facebook post, Advent calls us to foster compassion, to build mercy, to ignite the flame of love in small but definite ways: a little bit each week, a little more with each passing day. Then, through a million acts of love and mercy, a billion small candles awakened against the dark, we may at last be awake—one people, one Church, one community of hope and liberation, of solidarity and peace. Such an awakening may take us into the streets, at times, but not to assert *our* darkness against *their* darkness; rather, it will call us to celebrate the light that pushes back the dark, the light that cannot be overcome, even by violence, even by death.

Like children opening the doors of the Advent calendar, we are called to open our hearts in this Advent season, in small and purposeful ways, and so begin a revolution of compassion that will drive out darkness and division, and prepare us for the One in whose name all love will be fulfilled. If you are married, perhaps this means renewing your commitment to your spouse by coming home a little early from work or by listening to one another without judgment or impatience. If you are a parent, perhaps it means telling your daughter you love her before telling her to clean up her room. If you are a young person, perhaps you might ask for one less present at Christmas, and give one instead to someone who has nothing. If you are a young adult, perhaps preparing a meal for St. Martin de Porres, or visiting a nursing home with a small tree and a big smile will be the door that you open. If you are older—retired or even housebound—perhaps you could give up 30 minutes this week and just pray—for the Church, for the world, for all those who suffer and are afraid, who are in darkness and despair; pray for the good of those you know and those you don't. Perhaps for some of us the door opens into advocacy for migrant workers or presence at the PSKS shelter for kids on the street. Perhaps, for all of us, the door bears the message that we are loved just as we are, and that we are not alone.

One calendar door at a time. One candle lit against the dark. One step into the dangerous territory of hope and transformation, by which is worn away "*all in us that is not yet Christ.*"



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Introit (9)

Advent Introit

Proulx

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand. Prepare."

Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Entrance Songs

Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Blessing The Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Strike breast during next line.

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kryie

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| Cantor: | All: |
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First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion

shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 122 Let Us Go Rejoicing*

Batastini

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| Let us go re - joic-ing to the house, to the house of the Lord; |

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the

works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Gospel Acclamations

Alleluia (5 & 11)

Murray

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| Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. |

Advent Alleluia (9)

Joncas

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| Hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu-ia, hal-le - lu - ia! |

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."



Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates

*Go Now In Peace**Sleeth*

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you
 ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

Offertory Songs

*O Day of Peace**Daw/Parry*

1. O day of peace that dim - ly
 2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the

shines Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to
 lamb Nor shall the fierce de - vour the small; As beasts and

jus - tice, truth and love; De - liv - ered from our self - ish
 cat - tle calm - ly graze, A lit - tle child shall lead them

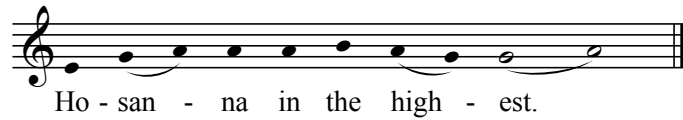
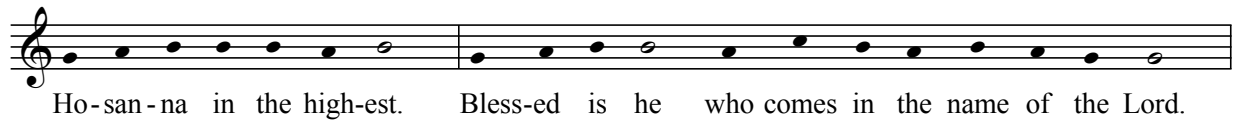
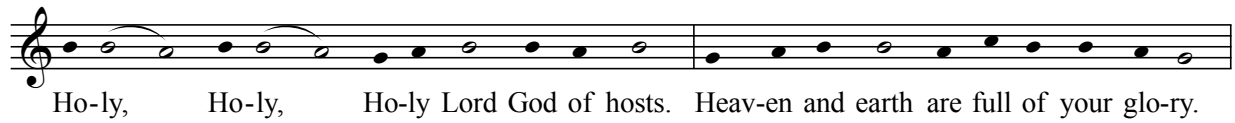
schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from
 all. Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, All crea - tures

en - vy find re - lease, Till by God's grace our war - ring
 find their true ac - cord; The hope of peace shall be ful -

world Shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 filled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.

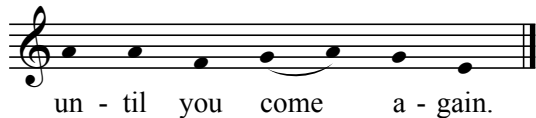
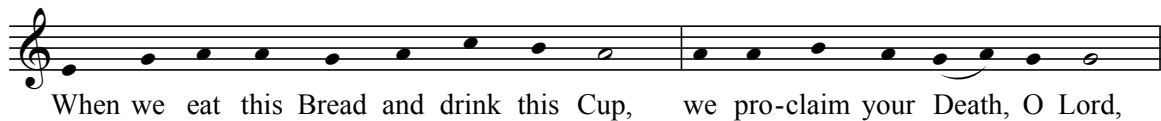
Holy, Holy, Holy

Plainchant



Mystery of Faith

Plainchant



Great Amen

Plainchant



Lamb of God

Vatican Edition XVII

Plainchant



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 A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.



Communion Songs

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Haugen



Wait For The Lord

Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Song of Praise

The King Shall Come (5 & 11)

MORNING SONG

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks. When
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To suf - fer and to die, But
 3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past; O
 4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By wea - ry saints fore - told, When
 5. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings. Hail,

beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 haste the ris - ing of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
 right shall tri - umph o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
 Christ, the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

(9) Soon and Very Soon

Crouch

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-
 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - ing there we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Postlude & Recessional

Tolling of the Bell

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available
10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
10:00 AM Advent Wreath Making
11:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Parish Forum: Many Voices,
One Community
7:00 PM Tuesday Yoga

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday

7:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM Anointing Mass/Senior Luncheon
8:00 PM Seattle University Concert

Saturday

8:00 AM Centering Prayer Group
8:30 AM Men's Advent Morning Reflection
3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
8:00 PM Seattle University Concert



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Immaculate Conception Mass

On **Thursday, December 8th**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. There will be two parish masses on this Holy Day: 7 am in the Arrupe Room and 7 pm in the church. Please join us!

Liturgy & Worship Survey

This weekend is the final weekend to complete the St. Joseph online liturgy evaluation sponsored by the parish Liturgy and Worship Commission. Please go to the parish website at <https://www.stjosephparish.org> and click on the link on the front page. **The evaluation will conclude at midnight on Sunday, November 27th.** Your feedback is important. Thank you for taking the time to participate and make your voice heard!

Prayer Tree



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: With a grateful heart and soul, thank you Lord for the blessings you generously give . . . For Virginia's upcoming surgery and for her husband's recovery from pneumonia . . . For Carolyn's back to heal after a fall . . . For David's trip to New York... For the health of Gary, Midge, Tony and Namita.

"What seems to us a bitter trial is often a blessing in disguise."

~Oscar Wilde

FAITH JUSTICE



Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY MONDAY DECEMBER 12th

1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
3. Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph's Giving Tree or the Parish Center. Note: The last day of our collection is Monday, December 12th.
5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Ornaments Color Codes

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| Gold | Westside Baby |
| Red | Francis House |
| Blue | St. Martin de Porres |
| Purple | Jubilee Women's Center |
| Yellow | Chief Seattle Club |
| Brown | Winter Shelter |
| Light Green | L'Arche |
| Orange | Recovery Café |
| Light Blue | Noel House |
| Black | Peace on the Streets for Kids on the Streets |
| Dark Green | Pregnancy Support |
| White | St. Vincent de Paul |

St. Vincent de Paul



A report from our SVdP Conference:
When he opened the door and asked us to step in, we encountered a handsome young man: tall, very fit and gracious. He might well have been a linebacker for the Seahawks—in appearance only.

His walk was slow and when we sat down for a short visit, he sat down too but not without a grimace. "Jim" was 51 years old. His disability came from an accident that damaged his back while working as a garbage collector. Despite physical therapy, he could not yet work.

We helped him with his rent and gave him some Safeway cards for food. He was most thankful. But for us St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, "Jim" was one more reminder that simple appearances can be deceiving. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to help a man working through a bad injury, who hoped to return to work.

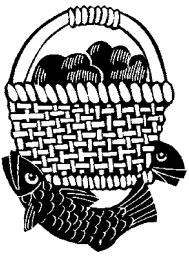
Peace and Spirituality Center

"Mary--Prophet of Peace and Nonviolence"

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:30-3:00 pm

You are warmly invited to our upcoming Advent Reflection Day facilitated by Alexandra Kovats, CSJP. Our theme is "Mary – Prophet of Peace and Nonviolence". Please join us for a time of prayer and preparation as we wait for and anticipate the birth of Christ. Location is: St. Mary on the Lake Chapel, 16631 Killarney Way, Bellevue 98004. Please RSVP to peace@csjp-olp.org or call 425.635.3603. All are welcome.





STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 448 pledges totaling \$784,393 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. To speak or write an affirmation is to make your membership intentional and not merely *pro forma*. In a community of prayer and spirit, such an affirmation, we hope, will also encourage reflection and break the, perhaps, merely habitual ties. So, that is why we ask for annual affirmation.

Many thanks... William & Nancy Basl, Tipton Blish & Bridget Perry, Thomas & Karen Boehling, Bill & Leslie Boniface, Trevor Cobb & Cecilia Cayetano, Steven & Suzanne Coppess, Matthew & Alicia Cullen, Charles Steven & Sarah Cummings, Philip & Barbara Cutler, Jo David & Marlow Harris, Robert & Hallie Desautel, Rupert & Dolores Dorn, Brandon Estrella, Jason & Kristi Guo, Victor & Pamela Harned, Brian & Christina Ironside, Kevin McCarthy & Annalisa Gironi, Amy McCue, James & Brooke McCurdy, Jeffrey Morneau & Jameson Reynolds, Robert & Katherine Ortblad, Gavin & Megan Oxman, Joe Paton & Susan Safioles, Jane Perry, Jo Plorde, Andrew & Keri Read, Joan Robertson, James & Gabrielle Roffey, Robert & Sandra Schwab, John & Rebecca Schwaegler, Raymond Serrano & Colene Jablonski, Brian & Carol Ulman, Saoirse Valparaiso, Steve & Meg Wolfe, and Peter & Meredith Wright.



POPE-POURRI

*Selection from Pope Francis' Homily from the Holy Mass
for the Closing Jubilee of Mercy 20 November 2016*

"...As soon as we give God the chance, he remembers us. He is ready to completely and forever cancel our sin, because his memory – unlike our own – does not record evil that has been done or keep score of injustices experienced. God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. And he believes that it is always possible to start anew, to raise ourselves up.

Let us also ask for the gift of this open and living memory. Let us ask for the grace of never closing the doors of reconciliation and pardon, but rather of knowing how to go beyond evil and differences, opening every possible pathway of hope. As God believes in us, infinitely beyond any merits we have, so too we are called to instill hope and provide opportunities to others. Because even if the Holy Door closes, the true door of mercy which is the heart of Christ always remains open wide for us. From the lacerated side of the Risen One until the very end of time flow mercy, consolation and hope.

So many pilgrims have crossed the threshold of the Holy Doors, and far away from the clamour of the daily news they have tasted the great goodness of the Lord. We give thanks for this, as we recall how we have received mercy in order to be merciful, in order that we too may become instruments of mercy. Let us go forward on this road together. May our Blessed Lady accompany us, she who was also close to the Cross, she who gave birth to us there as the tender Mother of the Church, who desires to gather all under her mantle. Beneath the Cross, she saw the good thief receive pardon, and she took Jesus' disciple as her son. She is Mother of Mercy, to whom we entrust ourselves: every situation we are in, every prayer we make, when lifted up to his merciful eyes, will find an answer."



PARISH LIFE



Seniors On The Go

Friday, December 2nd - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, December 6th - Join us for our annual outing to Molbak's, Flower World and the Maltby Café. We hop on the parish mini-bus which seats up to 14 passengers around 10:00 am and return around 3:30pm. Reserve your seat by emailing Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or by calling 206-324-2522, Ext 100.

Tuesday, December 13th - Join us for our Seniors Christmas Potluck Party from 5-8 pm in the Arrupe Room.

Friday, January 6th, 2017 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has made many beautiful shawls and blankets that have been given to parish members, as well as their friends and relatives who are ill.

Our ministry typically meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center from 7-8:30 pm. We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. We welcome all levels of experience, even people who would like to learn to knit or crochet as we have members who would be happy to teach and mentor at the gatherings. The next meeting on **December 6th** will be a special festive gathering at the home of Sheila Prusa.

For more information about the ministry or special gathering, please contact Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com or call 206-399-6013.

Funeral Hospitality

We need help with our funeral hospitality ministry. This important ministry offers support to families coping with the many details of funeral planning. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our hospitality team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services.

This is a great opportunity for school moms to earn "service hours" and a pleasant way for newcomers to become acquainted. Please contact Mary Ott with any questions or to sign up at ottjm4@gmail.com or 206-324-7459.

Men's Advent Morning Reflection

Finding God in the Christmas Quiet & Christmas Noise

Saturday, December 3rd, 8:30-11:30 am

Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Join us for an Advent Morning Reflection with prayer, music, and personal reflection. Coffee and pastries are provided. For more information contact Deacon Steve at stevev@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646. All men are welcome.

Young Adult Ministry

Ugly Holiday Sweater Social--**Sunday, December 11th**, following 5:30 Mass, we'll meet for festive fellowship in the Parish Center. Wear your finest, "ugliest" Holiday sweater to kick the season off right! Bring \$5 or a can of food to get your picture taken with Santa! Light refreshments served. For details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

LGBT Ministry

For Heaven's Sake Cookie Bake

For Heaven's Sake Annual Cookie Bake

Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30-9:00 pm

Arrupe Room/ Parish Center

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FAITH FORMATION

CFF2 First Reconciliation Dates

The CFF2 First Reconciliation Rehearsal is **Thursday, December 1st**, beginning at 6 pm in the Church. Please remember to bring your completed work/workbooks in blue packets. The First Reconciliation Service is **Saturday, December 3rd**, at 10 am; please wear a nice outfit for a group picture at the end of the service. For questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1652.



JESUIT SEATTLE



Christmas Choir Concerts: "A Festival of Christmas" Seattle University Chorale

Come see Choir-In-Residence, Seattle University Chorale and Chamber Singers, perform a holiday repertoire. Join us on **Friday, December 2nd, and Sunday, December 3rd**, at 8:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church. Hear the enchanting echoes of outstanding singing in the engaging music of Javier Busto, Ola Gjeilo, Michel Haydn, Lee Peterson, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter, and our favorite Nigerian carol, *Betelehemu*, paired with a new African work, *O Sifuni Mungu*.

Tickets are \$7 for students, \$20 general admission, and \$35 for reserved seating. St. Joseph parishioners are welcome free of charge or can make a free will offering. For ticket purchases please call 206-296-5372. Tickets are available at the door.

Advent Evening of Prayer

"Welcoming the Stranger Home"

Tuesday, December 6th, 7-9 pm, St. Joseph Church

What would it mean to welcome and make a home in our hearts for the immigrant...the stranger...the Other? Might we encounter Beauty in an unexpected place? Jesus on earth? Contemplate the immigrant stories of the Holy Family, our presenters, and your own. Give yourself time this Advent to breathe during a hectic season and rest in an evening of silence, prayer, art, music, & reflection.

Event is free of charge, and all are invited to attend. Donations appreciated. Seating is first-come, first-served. An RSVP is helpful, but not necessary. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824. Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center.

Ad Majorem Dei Concert Series: "Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten" A Choral Arts Christmas

Choral Arts, St. Joseph Choir-In-Residence, will present its signature program during this holiday season. Our unique hour-long concert of uninterrupted music with interludes played by classical guitarist Robert McCaffery-Lent provides an oasis of calm in the midst of this hectic holiday season. These holiday performances will also feature our first world premiere of the 2016-17 performance season, a new Christmas commission from local composer (and CANW soprano) Jessica French. Join us on **Saturday December 10th, 8:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church, or Sunday, December 11th, 3:00 pm, at Plymouth Church, Seattle**. Suggested donation is \$25 general admission, \$20 for seniors, and students are always free! For more information about this concert visit www.choral-arts.org

A Winter Day of Reflection

"An Examen at the Cusp of the Year"

A Pilgrim's Pondering

Saturday, December 31st, 2016, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center, Mary Hartrich, Facilitator

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“The virus of polarization and animosity permeates our way of thinking, feeling and acting.” -Pope Francis-

The recent election has brought to the fore deep divisions in our society, and even in our Church.

True discernment begins in listening to the voice of God in the experience of one another.

Join us for an evening of conversation and budding discernment, as we hear from our sisters and brothers living in the current world.

**A PANEL DISCUSSION & COMMUNAL CONVERSATION
ON MISSION & DIVERSITY IN THE CURRENT CULTURE**

TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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JOIN US FOR ADVENT WREATHS!

**Advent Wreath Making Sunday,
November 27th during coffee hour in the Social Hall.**

We invite families to come and make their advent wreath together on the stage. Our Children's Faith Formation program will provide foam wreaths, candles, candle holder, ribbons and greenery. Families and parishioners may make a free will offering to offset cost of supplies.



**For questions, please contact
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