# St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



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## THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

**DECEMBER 25, 2016** 

## **Preaching Next Week: Deacon Steve** Readings for January 1, 2017

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 6:22-27 SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7 GOSPEL: LUKE 2:16-21

## **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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## God With Us

Hidden in the word "incarnation" is an obsolete English word, "incarn." It comes from fifth-century Latin via fourteenth-century French, and it meant "to make flesh," or "to cause flesh to grow," as in the flesh that begins to grow over a wound.

-Kathleen Norris-

A few weeks ago, as part of my Advent prayer, I was reading again the beginning of the book of Genesis, and was struck by the great oddness of God.

Placing Adam and Eve in Eden, God walks with them every evening and clearly loves them. Yet, with only a little encouragement, Eve doubts God's true love for her and takes the fruit because she thinks she can grab something God doesn't love them enough to give. Then Adam, who wants to please Eve, goes along and chooses her sin over God's love. Finally, they hide when God comes looking for them, and when he finds them, they try to pass the buck as quickly as possible, i.e., "The woman whom you put here with me made me do it." "The snake made me do it." In the face of all this, God doesn't just return them to dust and go back to the drawing board, but acts with justice: giving them what their actions imply. Hence, Adam no longer will be given everything, but will need to earn his way "by the sweat of his brow," and the woman, who had been made from the side of the man, will now suffer in childbirth and because of her urge for her husband "he shall rule over you." The just response to Eve's lack of trust is thus subservience and to Adam's selfishness is the slavish labor of working on alien ground.

This makes a great deal of sense to me: as though sin is the action and justice the reaction. Like one of Newton's Laws, the justice of God is balanced and proportional.

But, of course, it isn't. For in the same moment that Adam and Eve are cast out—justly and appropriately—from Eden, God seems to say, "I'll be right behind you." And so goes the rest of salvation history. People—filled with fear or pride or anger or envy—bring disorder to the world, and God's justice seeks to right the balance. But God, unsatisfied by such an equilibrium, goes beyond the scale of justice, and draws closer to us each time we fall, loves us with greater kindness and mercy every time we wound ourselves with sin. Just when we realize we have failed again, and return to God for the justice we so richly deserve, God runs to us and embraces us, putting rings on our fingers and exchanging the tattered clothes of our sinfulness for clothes of finest silk—as though all the sins we have committed mean less to God than we, ourselves, do. It's quite confusing. And yet it is true.

Throughout the Old Testament, it is always the same: sin, followed by justice, redeemed by a mercy that brings the people of Israel closer and closer to God. The self-inflicted wound, and the pain it brings, met time and again by the healing love of the Creator. But, in the end, God wishes to do even more than comfort us in our sinfulness, wishes to do more than salve the wound we keep

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reopening: God desires to heal the wound, by taking on our flesh as God's own. By healing us, in an act of unwavering, irreversible love.

In the child Jesus-born an outcast, in a nation under occupation, unwelcome at the places of comfort and laid in a manger meant for beasts—God's love for us becomes our flesh and blood. In this place of our great woundedness—a place created by war and selfishness, by fear and separation, by pride and blindness—the Son of God comes to us, and proclaims in his very being that God is no longer merely following behind, but has pitched his tent among us, has become one with us. In every dark corner of sin and fear, in every forgotten hovel, in every place of addiction and violence, every wound of our soul and our society that we think is untouchable, unworthy of healing and love: God is with us. Here the sin of Eve and Adam is at last made whole: her subservience overthrown by Christ's surrender in love, his slavery redeemed by the weakness of this holy child. For God comes to us in weakness, that we might be strong, a child, in need of our protection, who offers a light in the darkness, a cry of hope and life poured out into the night.

On this feast of Christmas, let us rejoice that we are so deeply loved and so irrationally pursued by the God who has become what we are. In the flesh and blood of Jesus, our very DNA becomes one with God, and the healing we have sought since our parents hid in the bushes of Eden has begun. This is a truth that is irrevocable, that stands in opposition to the murderous evil of Aleppo and Sudan, in opposition to the despair that threatens our hearts, in opposition to all the voices that would tell us we cannot love or be loved, cannot make peace or care for the poorest among us. God is with us. There is no hope that we cannot realize, no love that we cannot make flesh. The wound, though deep, is on the mend.

May this wonderful day, when the grace of God has been transformed from a promise held in our hearts to a child held in our arms, help you to know how much you are loved and help you to love others with freedom and joy. God is with you: in your flesh and bone, in your tears and laughter, in the memories of those you have lost and in the presence of every person who comes your way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!



Joseph Community extends Tree prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Thank you, God, for loving us and giving us your greatest gift, your Son, lesus.

#### Rest in Peace

Patricia O'Leary, wife of Mick, passed away last week. Patti's "celebration of life" will be Dec. 30th, 11 am at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Gig Harbor.

## **Connecting with St. Joseph -**WFI COMF!

All are welcome at the table!

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

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

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www. stjosephparish.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" link.

We look forward to connecting with you. Thank you!

## **Parish Center is Closed**

The Parish Center will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Saturday, December 24th, Monday, December, 26th, and Tuesday, December 27th.

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## The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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4 PM, 6 PM & 10 AM caroling can be found on page 15. 10 PM Readings & Carols begins on page 12.

Pre-Mass Caroling
Blessing of Creche (4 PM)

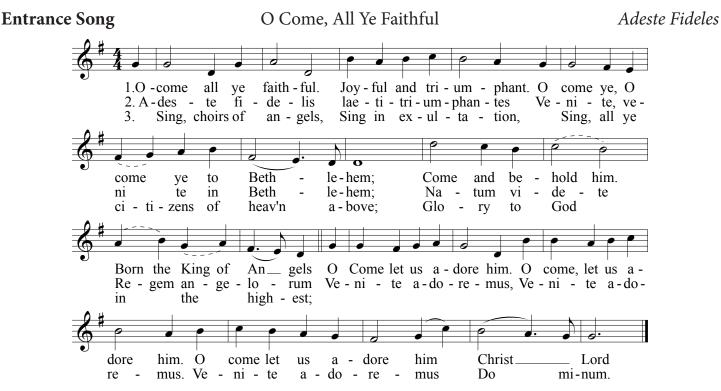
Follow Songleader Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin, mother and child, Holy infant, tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake, at the sight Glories stream from heaven above, Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah. Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

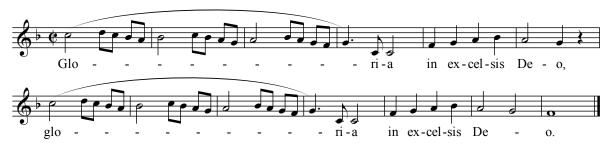
Martyrology (10 PM)



#### Gloria

#### Christmas Gloria

4 p.m **ONLY**: Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain. And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strain.



Verses can be found on the card in the pews.

**First Reading** 

4 & 6 PM - Isaiah 62:1-5 -- The Lord Takes Delight in You.

10:30 PM - Isaiah 9:1-6 -- A Son is Given to Us.

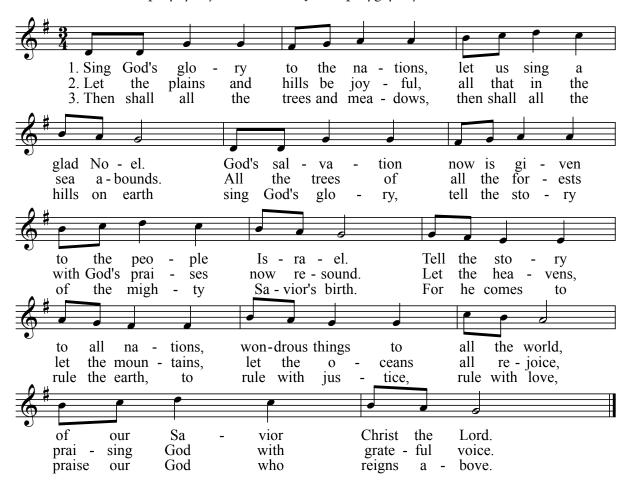
10 AM - Isaiah 52:7-10 -- All the Ends of the Earth Shall See the Salvation of Our God.

### **Psalm Response**

Psalm 96

W Zlobie Lezy

Cantor 10:30 only: W żłobie leży! Któż pobieży Kolędować małemu Jezusowi Chrystusowi Dziś nam narodzonemu? Pastuszkowie przybywajcie Jemu wdzięcznie przygrywajcie Jako Panu naszemu.



Cantor 10:30 ONLY: My zaś sami z piosneczkami Za wami pospieszymy A tak Tego Maleńkiego Niech wszyscy zobaczymyJak ubogo narodzony Płacze w stajni położony Więc go dziś ucieszymy.

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**Second Reading** 

4 & 6 PM - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 -- Paul Spoke of Christ, the Son of David.

10:30 PM - Titus 2:11-14 -- God's Grace Has Been Revealed to All.

10 AM - Hebrews 1:1-6 -- In Our Own Times God Speaks to Us Through His Son.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Christmastime Alleluia

James J. Chepponis (b. 1956)



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**Holy Gospel** 4 & 6 PM - Matthew 1:1-25 -- A Genealogy of Christ, Son of David.

10:30 PM - Luke 2:1-14 -- Today A Savior Has Been Born for You.

10 AM - John 1:1-18 -- The Word Was Made Flesh, He Lived Among Us, and We Saw His Glory.

Homily

4:00 PM - Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

6:00 PM - Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J.

10:00 PM - Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.

10:00 AM - Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Cards with the Nicene Creed are located in the pews. **Profession of Faith** 



## **Prayers of the Faithful**

Reader: ...Lord in your mercy.

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

Offertory Song (4, 6 PM)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

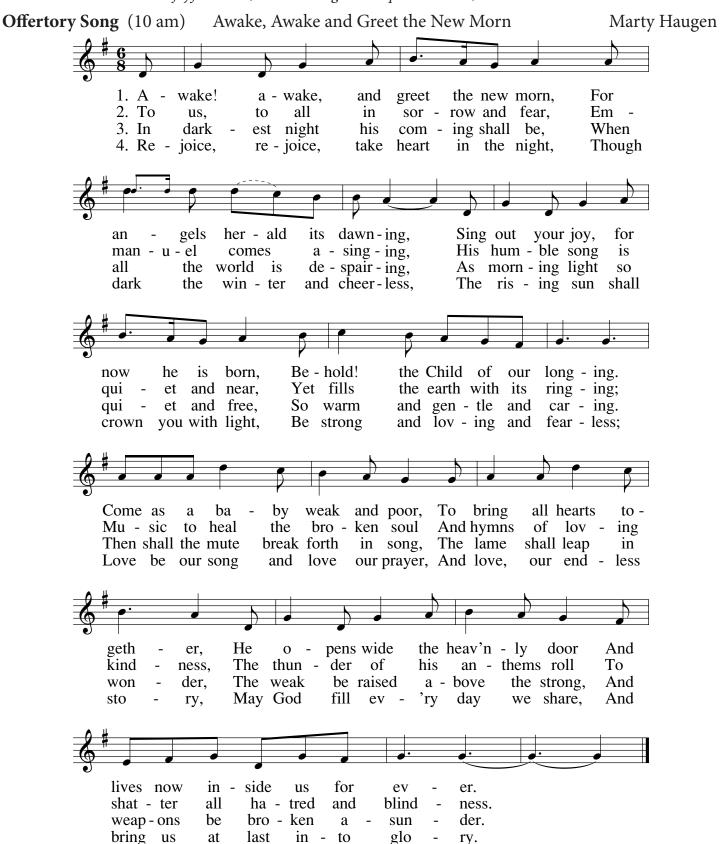


Let the heav'ns be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and all within it roar.

Let fields and all they hear be thrilled before the Lord; The Lord is come.

Let the forests shout, let them sing, let them shout: ev'ry path made straight before the Lord.

With joyful sound, with dancing down upon the earth, the Lord is come!



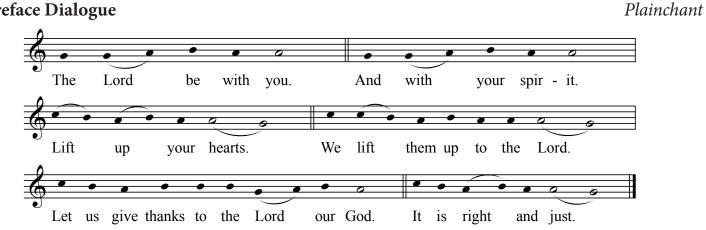
## **Invitation to Prayer**

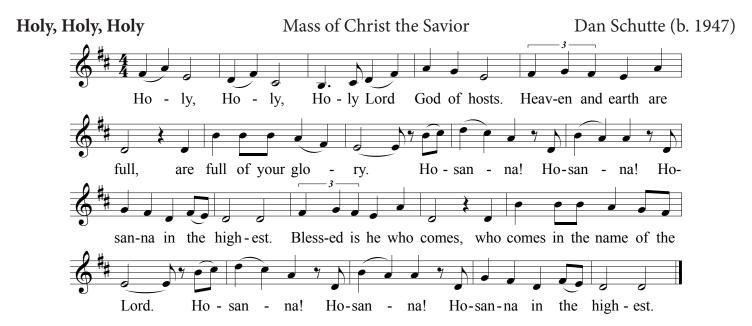
Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,

the almighty Father.

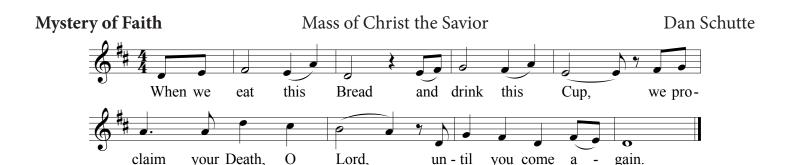
ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

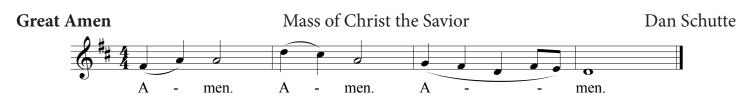
## glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church. Preface Dialogue



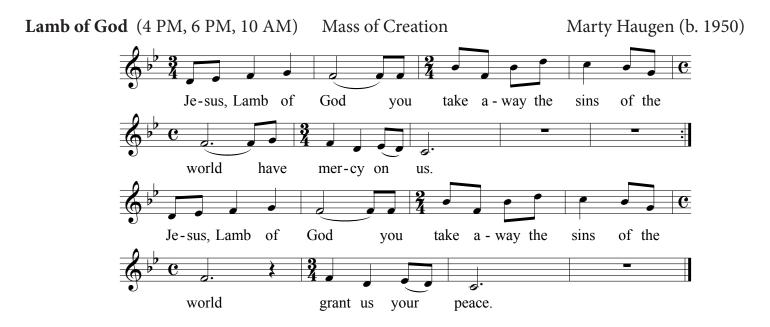








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Lamb of God (10 PM)

Choir: Agnus Dei

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

#### All Are Invited To Come Forward

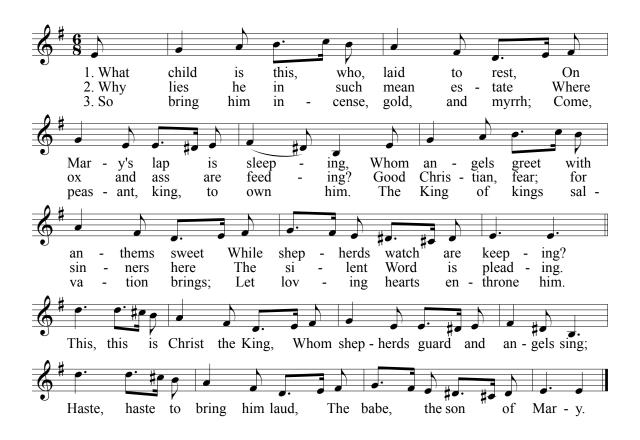
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#### **Invitation to Communion**

Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.







Anthem (10 PM)

Choir: Oh Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, the night when Christ was born;

O night, O Holy Night, O night divine! O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

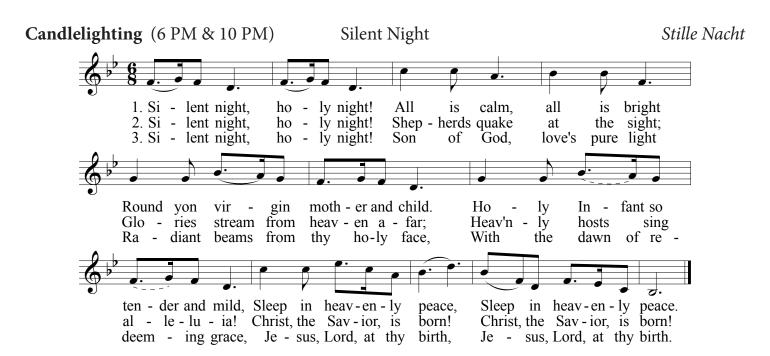
Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wisemen from the Orient land. The King of kings lay thus lowly manger; In all our trials born to be our friend.

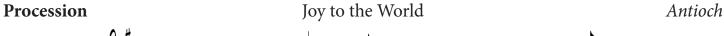
Anthem (10 AM)

Cantor: A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

Wilbur/Haugen

- 1. A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbour heaven, a stall become a shrine.
- 2. This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.
  - 3. Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry for gifts of love abused; God's blood upon the spearhead, God's blood again refused.
  - 4. But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.







**Postlude** 

Instrumental

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#### Introit

### Of the Father's Love Begotten

Chant

- 1. Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!
- 2. O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, overshadowed by the Spirit, bore the Savior of our race.

  And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face. Evermore and evermore!
- 3 This is he whom seers and sages sang of old with one accord. Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord. Evermore and evermore!
  - 4. Christ, to you with God the Father, and the Spirit One in Three. Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory. Evermore and evermore!

    ALL SING VERSE 5!
- 5. Sing ye heights of heaven his praises; angels and archangels sing! Where so e'er ye be ye faithful, let your joyous anthems ring. Every tongue his name confessing, countless voices answering. Evermore and evermore!

### **Opening Prayer**

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10 -- All the Ends of the Earth Shall See the Salvation of Our God.

#### Anthem

## Christe Redemptor Omnium

Claudio Monteverdi

Christe Redemptor omnium, Quem lucis ante originem, Parem paternæ gloriæ, Pater supremus edidit. Memento, rerum Conditor, Nostri quod olim corporis, Sacrata ab alvo Virginis, Nascendo, formam sumpseris. Jesu, tibi sit gloria, Qui natus es de Virgine, Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu, In sempiterna sæcula. Amen. Christ, the Redeemer of man, Who, before the beginning of the light, the glory of the sovereign Father spring, the Father of equaling. Remember, O creator Lord, That in the Virgin's sacred womb, born, The form of our humanity. Jesus, to Thee be glory given, Who was born of a virgin, with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost, for ever. Amen.

#### Carol

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Brooks/St. Louis

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
- 3. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

**Second Reading** Micah 5:2-4 -- Out of You Will Be Born the One Who Is to Rule Over Israel.

#### Anthem

## What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

French Carol/Gerald Near

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring? Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly carolling? What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour born today. Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Saviour born today.

#### Carol

### Good Christian Friends Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, And we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



A Reading from Pope Francis: "Jesus is the meaning of life and history Third Reading

who has pitched his tent in our midst."

Anthem

Balulalow (Lullabye)

Martin Luther/Gerald Custer

O my deir hart, yung Jesus sweit Prepair thy creddil in my spreit! And I sall rock thee in my hart And never mair fra thee depart. But I sall praise thee evermoir with sangis sweit unto thy gloir. The kneis of my hart sall I bow and sing that rycht Balulalow.

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all From heaven's all gracious King"; The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
- 3. For, lo, the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And all the world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

### **Fourth Reading**

John 1:1-14 -- The Word Was Made Flesh, He Lived Among Us, and We Saw His Glory.

#### Anthem

## The Glory Of the Father

Egil Hovland

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the word, the word was with God. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He came to his own and his own received him not.

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### Carol

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

- Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
  Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"
  Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
  With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
  Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
  Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
  Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the'incarnate Deity,
  Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
  Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we may no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Please turn to page 3 for Mass.

## 4 PM, 6 PM & 10 AM Caroling

### Angels We Have Heard On High

1. Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

#### Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song.
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore, on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
- 4. See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Please see page 12

### God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
 For Jesus Christ our Savior Was born upon this day,
 To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

#### Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

- 2. In Bethlehem in Judah This blessed babe was born, And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn: For which His mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn.
- 3. Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place, And with true love and charity Each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas All others shall replace.

## Away in a Manger

- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

  The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- 2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Silent Night Please see page 11

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Sunday 10:00 AM

Christmas Mass in the Morning

**Monday** (Parish Center Closed)

7:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday** (Parish Center Closed)

7:00 AM

Wednesday

7:00 AM



**Faith Formation** 



St. Joseph School

**Thursday** 

7:00 AM

**Friday** 

7:00 AM Mass

**Saturday** 

3:00 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

8:00 PM Benediction & Exposition of the

**Blessed Sacrament** 

Faith Justice



Parish Life



Liturgy & Worship

## We Are St. Joseph

For more than a century, the community of St. Joseph Parish has been an example of God's presence in the world. Ignited by the Eucharist to love & serve, we are called to a passionate and personal relationship with God and our world.

Today, our parish is home to more than 1800 families and a second home to even more friends. Nearly 1/3 of our parishioners are active volunteers in our ministries, contributing both time and talent to our 3 dozen ministries, undertaken to serve those in our parish and to the elderly, ill, and needy in our area. Our parish school forms 600+ children from kindergarten through 8th grade. Our religious education and youth program ministers to nearly 350 families.

Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, hundreds of people gather here to pray and then go forth from this beautiful place to live their Christian faith. In welcoming you here today, we invite you to become a part of the life and mission of St. Joseph by joining us for Sunday Mass and, if possible, by involving yourself in one of the many ministries and activities that are the hallmark of St. Joseph.

We look forward to getting to know you better. Email welcome@stjosephparish.org for more information.

## **Explore And Get Involved In The Ministries of St. Joseph**

A snapshot of how the Gospel is lived out year-round at St. Joseph Parish. *To get involved, call 206-324-2522 or visit www.stjosephparish.org for more information.* 

## **Liturgy & Worship**

The parish community of St. Joseph gathers together to pray and worship throughout the liturgical year. Prayer, especially the celebration of the Eucharist, binds our community together to give honor and glory to God and to recognize the real presence of Christ and the Spirit in one another.

**Daily Mass** - Start your day with Holy Mass! Stop by the Parish Center at 7 am and introduce yourself. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact Peter Wurmbauer at dailymass@stjosephparish.org

Altar Servers - Serving at the altar is a great way for our youth to be involved. Open to all parish youth from 6th to 8th grade, participation begins with a year-long commitment to this important ministry. Please contact Fr. John if you are interested and to reserve a spot in one of the next training sessions, jwhitney@stjosephparish.org

**Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, have been confirmed, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please contact team captain Mary Sepulveda at eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org

**Lectors** - Lectoring is a ministry of proclamation, giving strong voice to the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture, and announcing the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. For more information and to become part of this important ministry contact the lector coordinator, Jennifer Olegario, at lectors@stjosephparish.org

**Ushers** - Ushers greet people warmly, introduce strangers, help people sit together, distribute worship aids, provide hearing assisted devices and offer hospitality. For more information or to become a part of this important ministry, please contact usher captain Bruce Mirkin at ushers@stjosephparish.org or (206) 391-6155.

**Choir** - Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm and sings at the 9 am Mass on Sunday mornings as well as some holy days and the liturgies around Christmas and Triduum/Easter. The choir is open to singers who are high school age or older. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Robert McCaffery-Lent, Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy, at rmclent@stjo-sephparish.org or 206-965-1649.



### **Prayer Groups**

There are myriad opportunities to take part in the prayer and devotional life at St. Joseph apart from Sunday liturgies.

**Centering Prayer** - We meet the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8:00 to 9:30 am for prayer, information, and sharing in the Jogues Room on the second floor of the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Allison Rabbitt at centeringprayer@stjosephparish.org

Rosary Groups - We are blessed to have two regularly meeting Rosary groups here at St. Joseph. The Holy Rosary Group meets each Monday from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center Loyola Chapel. The Holy Hour Rosary Group meets each first Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 pm in the Loyola Chapel. Each gathering is usually followed by a reception and an opportunity to spend time together. Please contact Tom Cannon and Jackie Quinn for more information by emailing rosary@stjosephparish.org

**Sacred Silence** - We gather in the church, unless there's a conflict, on Monday nights at 7 pm and end at 8 pm. Time is spent in silent prayerful sitting and walking. It is a peaceful retreat from the busyness and distractions of the day. For additional information on Sacred Silence or silent prayer, please email Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@ stjosephparish.org or call (206) 286-0313.



## **Parish Life Ministries**

Grouped around some commonality of life experience, our Parish Life ministries provide places and times where we can grow and share our faith lives through active participation in community, social events and retreats.

Men's Ministry - Each year our Men's Ministry organizes a number of great events that provide opportunities for prayer and reflection and supportive discussions. These gatherings will charge the batteries of our faith and are always a lot of fun. For additional information email men@stjosephparish.org

Women's Ministry - For women who seek a deeper relationship with God and with one another through spirituality, fellowship, knowledge, and service in action. We welcome all women seeking the path of God. For more information email women@stjosephparish.org

**LGBTQ Ministry** - For LBGTQ identified members of St. Joseph Parish who seek community and fellowship. We seek to grow and explore our spirituality through education, formation, prayer and service. For more information email Theresa at lgbt@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Ministry - Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? Our Young Adult Community focuses on building spirituality, friendship, and creating social, spiritual, and service opportunities. For more information email Anna Patrice Clark at youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

**Seniors On The Go** - Join us in the many ways we celebrate our community life together, including the *Aging Gracefully* support group the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Mary Ott at 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 or email seniors@stjosephparish.org

**Prayer Shawl Group** - Founded by a group of parishioners wishing to come together in community to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and healing. Our monthly gatherings are a time to share, pray, reflect, rejoice, and learn from one another. For more information please email Sheila at prayershawl-group@stjosephparish.org

**Tuesday Night Yoga** - Join us Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 pm in the Mother Teresa room of the Parish Center. All are welcome to participate in a yoga class accessible to yogis of all levels - beginners encouraged! \$5 donation recommended. Please bring your own yoga mat. Questions? Contact Kaitlyn at Kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com

We Are St. Joseph Events Ministry - Parish-wide events celebrating our community and open to both family and friends include: *Epiphany Dinner,* January 8, 2017; *Ceili Dinner,* celebrating the feast of St. Patrick, March 11, 2017 (to volunteer contact Rebecca at rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org); and *We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Celebration Dinner,* May 19 & 20, 2017, and *St. Joseph Parish Picnic,* September 2017 (to volunteer contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org).

CYO Sports program - Opportunities for the youth of St. Joseph Parish and St. Joseph School to participate in various sports activities in a safe, well organized, and properly supervised program; and to develop skills, self discipline, and attitudes of sportsmanship based on the Christian principles of fair play and teamwork. CYO sports at St. Joseph are offered under the umbrella of the Archdiocese of Seattle and teams compete against other Catholic schools in the greater Seattle area. For more information about CYO, please check out the St. Joseph School website: www.stjosephsea.org or contact Robert Hayes at 206-329-3260, Ext 216.

**Funeral Hospitality Ministry** - Planning the details for the funeral of a loved one can be difficult. Our team exists to help lighten that burden. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our ministry team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services. We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance. For information please don't hesitate to contact Mary Ott at funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-7459.



## St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School has, from our beginning in 1907, been known for the excellence of our academic programs, the generosity and liveliness of our parent community and the commitment and care of our staff. For more information about St. Joseph School, visit the school website: www.stjosephsea.org

## **Faith Formation**

As a parish, St. Joseph nurtures intellectual curiosity, emotional maturity, and spiritual formation in all its members, while also seeking to foster a respectful dialogue with the culture-at-large and other religious traditions.

#### Children's Faith Formation

**Baptism** - Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. St. Joseph celebrates this sacrament through classes and weekend liturgical celebrations throughout the year. For information on infant baptisms or for older children, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org, and for adults, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org (See RCIC below).

Children's Faith Formation - Raising a family takes love, effort, time, and community, and we work to provide dynamic faith education experiences here at St. Joseph. Children's faith education begins in the home and we are here to support families' faith heritage through our classes and family-centered activities.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Adapted for Children (RCIC) - Children who have not yet been baptized by the age of seven years old receive full initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) into the church during the Easter season. Children participate in preparation classes as a group to learn about the Catholic faith. Parents and godparents are an active part of the child's faith formation during this time. Begins in the New Year.

**Pathfinders Youth Group** - Pathfinders has brought together hundreds of youth on Wednesday evenings to form friendships and promote awareness of those in need through the lens of spirituality. Pathfinders is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our community and meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information email pathfinders@stjosephparish.org

**High School Confirmation -** The sacrament of Confirmation is offered annually beginning with classes in early fall followed by the Confirmation Mass in winter. High school students must be 16 years of age, baptized and received Eucharist, and actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**The VOICE Youth Group** - The VOICE is open to all high school age students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! This group meets once a week; on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm at the Parish Center. For more information email samk@stjosephparish.org

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** - We are blessed with a fantastic Rite of Christian Initiation program at St. Joseph. Through RCIA, adults enter into our Catholic community. Trusting that each participant's journey of faith and spirituality is a lifetime endeavor, R.C.I.A. initiates those who desire to enter fully into the Church, through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Bible Study** – Catholics have a deep relationship with scripture academically, devotionally, and liturgically. We offer a three-part scripture lecture with the pastor on the gospel for the liturgical year, as well as small group meetings that balance content and personal reflection.

**Prayer and Spirituality -** Instruction on types of prayer & an opportunity to actively experience prayer at the parish. These educational opportunities are offered throughout the year and include how to pray the rosary, Sacred Silence, Holy Hour, and Ignatian Spirituality. Please check the bulletin for more information throughout the year.

**Beliefs and Practices** - Provides learning opportunities for adults via multi-week programs on church teachings or single evening events on current issues. In the new year, check the bulletin for Catholic 101: *Understanding the Basic Tenants of Our Faith, Living Faith: An Approach to Catholic Social Teaching, Women Who Said Yes: Explore Women's Role throughout Church History, and Francis and the Sultan: A Christian Muslim Dialogue.* 

**Related Works** - The journey of faith and spirituality continues after entry into the Church and so we embrace a variety of groups, programs, and organizations that assist us in bringing light and grace into our lives. These include the Ignatian Spirituality Center and its spiritual direction services and programs, Magis and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL).

For more information about Faith Formation programs at St. Joseph, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or Theresa Lukasik at theresal@st.josephparish.org

## **Faith Justice**

For more than a hundred years, St. Joseph Parish has served the greater community of Seattle in countless ways. Beginning with our own parish and growing out of the Gospel call to love God and to love neighbor, we have sought right relationship in companionship with each other.

Annual Events - Each year, the Faith Justice ministries of St. Joseph Parish team up with our Outreach Partners to offer four signature service events: the Alternative Bazaar happens each November; the Giving Tree is a annual opportunity for members of the parish to experience the goodness of giving during the Christmas Season; the Epiphany Dinner celebrates the end of Christmas by bringing together parishioners, Outreach Partners, and neighbors from all over Seattle; the Spring Service Days provide parishioners opportunites to make a difference in our community and gather together for our Spring Celebration Dinner.

Choose Life - The Choose Life Ministry at St. Joseph's helps inform our community that life is more than a choice, it is sacred gift. For more information, please email Peter Wurmbauer at chooselife@stjosephparish.org

Dialogue For Justice - The Dialogue for Justice is an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to strengthen Catholic advocacy on behalf of poor and vulnerable people in our communities. The goal of the Dialogue for Justice is to partner with parishes and Catholic organizations to effectively advocate to reduce poverty in our communities through educating grassroots advocates, convening advocacy gatherings, providing legislative briefings, coordinating and supporting in-district meetings with legislators, encouraging participation in Catholic Advocacy Day, and providing advocacy resources to parishes and groups. For more information email stevew@stjosephparish.org

**Sister Parish** - As we approach our 28th year in relationship with San Bartolomé Parish in El Salvador, our sister parish committee continues to build bonds between our communities. Areas of focus include addressing the root issues of poverty and emigration to the United States. To get involved, please email Daniel Stoner at sisterparish@stjosephparish.org

**St. Martin de Porres Meals** - Each Saturday of the month, St. Joseph parishioners and volunteers make and serve sandwiches, boiled eggs, fruit and milk for 212 homeless men. We have five teams of 20-25 people for each Saturday of the month. Please contact us at stevew@stjosephparish.org and we will be happy to welcome you to this ministry.

Winter Overnight Shelter - The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and "meal bags" for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April. The program tries to offer a night's rest in an environment of dignity, respect and safety. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages, special people who aren't afraid to face a population and a life style that might be different then their own. To volunteer contact Taffy McCormick at wintershelter@stjosephparish.org

**St. Vincent de Paul** - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph Parish serves the poor by making in-home visits, listening to those in need and providing support as resources allow. The generous donations of St. Joseph parishioners, collected after Masses on the first Sunday of each month, provide the means by which we can help people in need with food, clothing, rent, bus fare and utility bills. We have no overhead expenses, so 100% of donations help the people we visit. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in learning more about the society, please email Dennis West at svdp@stjosephparish.org

**Outreach Partners** - St. Joseph nurtures our great relationships with outside organizations that work to support people in need. Many St. Joseph parishioners have found that working with these organizations have given them new understandings of their faith and the world. Organizations include: Chief Seattle Club, WestSide Baby, Habitat for Humanity, Jubilee Women's Center, L'Arche, Noel House, Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS), Bloodworks NW, Recovery Cafe, St. Francis House, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, Shirts Across America, St. Mary's Food Bank, and St. Martin de Porres.

For more information about any of our Faith Justice Ministries, please contact Joe Prusa, chair of our Faith Justice Commission, at faithjustice@stjosephparish.org

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Seniors On The Go**

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 - Join us for our Seniors Planning meeting at 11:30 am in the Arrupe Room. Brown bag lunch followed by movie matinee at 1 pm. Film TBD.

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Collection Next Weekend

The wonderful story of the Maji bringing gifts to Jesus, Mary and Joseph offers many implications for us and not only at Christmas time. Yet each year at this time our St. Vincent de Paul group partners with students at Holy Names Academy to present very substantial gift baskets to poor families with children. Thank you to all who have made gifts and pledges to our

four families—often single moms with two or three kids—to receive a gift basket. The Holy Names students really turn out for this: ample food stuffs befitting the Christmas and winter season; toys and books appropriate for the ages of the family's children; and, new clothing and a special treat included.

Just as the Holy Family welcomed with gratitude the gifts of the Maji so long ago, the families receiving the gifts from the Holy Names students are very grateful. Thank you for supporting our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. It's a time of year when the needs are many. Your support is deeply appreciated.

## **Children's Faith Formation Notes**

There will be no Sunday School on December 25th or January 1st. Classes resume Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children -- Children who have not yet been baptized by the age of seven years old receive full initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) into the church during the Easter season. Children participate in preparation classes as a group to learn about the Catholic faith. Parents and godparents are selected and are also an active part of the child's faith formation during this time. Children's Baptism -- If you have a child age five to seven years old and he or she would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, then this is the program for you! Preparation begins in January with the Sacrament of Baptism taking place this upcoming April. Questions? Contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarwell@stjosephparish.org

## **Annual Stewardship Update**

annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 586 From the many families we get to know over the pledges totaling \$969,098 toward our goal of \$1,500,000. course of the year, we provide the names of three or 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.

## **Young Adult Epiphany Social**

Join us Sunday, January 8th, 2017, in the Parish Center after 5:30 Mass. We'll host a conversation with Fr. Julian about using our gifts and talents. Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided. Suggested donation of \$10. For details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

## St. Joseph Epiphany Dinner

On Sunday, January 8, 2017, from 1-4 pm in the Social Hall, doors open to anyone in the community for a shared meal and fellowship. We extend a personal invitation to all of our "Outreach Partners," such as Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, and Jubilee Women's Center, to name a few. Transportation will be provided from several locations downtown. As is our tradition, we invite members of our community to provide cooked turkeys, hams, vegetables, potatoes, beverages, desserts and appetizers. Volunteers are needed for food prep, cooking, decorating, table hosting and clean-up.

Sign-ups are super-easy! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany). Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number for the item you would like to bring. You can also sign-up after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

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## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

February 3-5 2017

\$365 Per Couple\*



Register with Deacon Steve by January 3rd 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



#### "Shelter From The Storm"

Join other married couples of all ages and walks of life for a weekend of spiritual reflection. This year's theme will revolve around Bob Dylan's classic song "Shelter From the Storm"! Explore different ways to weather the storms of life with your partner.

\* Price includes Continental breakfast Saturday & Sunday, as well as a Saturday night group dinner!