SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7, 2014

Reflection Next Week:
David Uhl

Readings for December 14, 2014
FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11
SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24
GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Parish Center Hours
Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm
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St. Joseph Holiday Schedule
Saturday, December 13
10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Parish Prayers & Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 21
No 5:30 pm Mass for Church cleaning & preparation

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Wednesday, 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

Thursday, December 25
10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

New Year’s Eve
Wednesday, December 31
8:00 pm, Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
ending at Midnight

New Year’s Day
Thursday, January 1, 2015
10:00 am Mass, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

Advent For a Suffering World
The enemy is fear.

We think it is hate, but it is fear.

-Mohandas Gandhi-

I have always loved the deepening dark of Advent—loved the way
the dawn breaks in the middle of the morning Mass, and the cold
twilight descends, even before the work day has ended. Bundled
against the chill, I have loved watching the lights come on in the
houses of the neighborhood, shining through fogged windows and
often bearing the colors of the festive season yet to come. Unlike
Christmas, the energy of Advent has seemed to flow beneath the
surface of the world, its busy-ness and pressures quieted by the
shrinking daylight and the growing cold.

This year, however, feels very different to me. Today, the cold of the
world seems more than a phenomenon of the weather, it seems
to penetrate the heart; and the darkness—far from softening the
brittle edges of day—seems to echo an isolation so many of us feel.
We look around us and see a world of deepening violence and di-
vision, where women and men appear frozen in place, caught by
the politics of faction and ideologies that demonize all opposition.
As each group defends its position, the darkness beyond the horizon grows more chilling, and death seems the only thing held in common.

So it is that, in Ferguson, the killing of one more young black man at the hands of a white police officer has become an icon of a people’s sense of systemic oppression; and in New York, that sense of oppression and division grows deeper when a coroner’s judgement of homicide leads to no indictment against the white officer who strangled a black man to death on camera. Meanwhile, in Mexico, civil authorities, under the influence of wealthy drug cartels, assist in the kidnapping and apparent murder of 43 college students, while national politicians, caught in the pressure of their own parties, do little to discover the full story. In Texas, the state seeks to execute a profoundly schizophrenic man, who is incapable of understanding fully even what he has done. And in Iraq and Syria, ISIS cuts the heads off those who have come to help the suffering people ISIS claims to represent. At the same time, politicians of many parties and lands, refusing to provide money to feed Syrian refugees, spend freely on drones and cruise missiles, and commit soldiers to the next war, which their last war helped create. With Russian adventurism blooding the Ukraine and Nigerian terrorists blowing up mosques, with one-in-five women in the colleges of the United States being sexually assaulted and only 1% of perpetrators being punished, with more violent encounters along the US border and people in our own nation calling to deport children back to the gangs of Central America, the frozen darkness of the world seems more than a matter of the season—it seems a matter of the soul.

Confronted by a world so chilled by pain and darkened by hatred, we can easily retreat into our caves of avoidance, seeking warmth and light. If we are powerful in the world, we may line our cave with our possessions and our privilege: we gate our communities and illuminate our homes with things that make us feel safe. We hold “them” at bay—whoever we determine “them” to be—through structures of power and, if necessary, through the violence we designate as “keeping order.” Though we may be too refined to say that we hate our enemies, we glory in their defeat and can be vicious in their suppression. (How many of us cheered at the death of bin Laden?) On the other hand, if we feel powerless, our cave may be found in the form of a gang or a mob, an underground movement or a radical ideology. In such times, we may strike out in acts of random hatred and futile violence. Even though, often, the ones we hurt are not the ones who oppress us, we strike nonetheless, the frustration and pain too much to contain, and the heat that hatred generates offering at least the illusion of power. In such moments, overcome by the sense that we are living in the shadow of death, it may seem that all we can do to save ourselves is light the world on fire.

Though appearing to bring us safety, these caves of avoidance have, it seems, only drawn us deeper into darkness, made more lasting the cold we cannot heal. Today, in this Advent season, we seem confronted by so much that we fear have sought to avoid, by so many sins that seem to threaten our very existence. Like Adam and Eve, confronted by God in the Garden, we long to hide in the bushes and avoid our sin; but, we can no longer do so. We must find another way—or, rather, we must return to a way that has already been shown us.

When God chose to enter the world, it was not in a sudden flash of light and heat, not through conquest or power. Rather, God comes to a conquered people, in an obscure part of the world, to a poor peasant girl, who has neither voice nor position. From the covenant with Abraham to the call of Mary, through months of human pregnancy and birth in a stable as that most fragile of creatures—a human child—God comes to the world one moment at a time, one small light following upon another. And the constant message, given more than any other message in the entire New Testament, is “do not be afraid.” For God comes to lead us out of the caves of fear and avoidance, comes to draw us away from the hatred our fear has engendered. In the coming of Jesus, God calls us to believe that the healing for all our sins—from racism to sexual assault, from terrorism to economic oppression—begins with setting aside our fear, and believing that we are loved.

The kingdom of God will not happen instantaneously. But we are in its advent, and it comes: one candle at a time, one choice at a time, one moment of fearless love at a time.

John 8

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.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude (5)
Instrumental

Prelude (9 & 11)
Advent Introit
Proulx

Call To Worship
Please stand at the sound of the bell.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
VENI VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come Emmanuel,
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
3. O come, O Day-spring from on high,
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind

And ransom captive Israel,
Who orders all things mightily;
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
In one the hearts of human-kind;

That mourns in lonely exile here
To us the path of knowledge show,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
O bid our sad divisions cease,

Until the Son of God appears
And teach us in her ways to go.
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
And be for us our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Gaudete! Gaudete! Emmanuel

Shall come to you, O Israel,
Nascetur pro te Israel.
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,

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


LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.
Second Reading  

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel Acclamation (5 & 11)  

Alleluia  

A. Gregory Murray OSB

Gospel Acclamation (9)  

Advent Alleluia  

Michael Joncas
Gospel

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reflection

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man; all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Like A Shepherd

Offertory Song (5 & 11)
dufford

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home. home, leading them home.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory Song (9)

Comfort Comfort

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho-san-na in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Plainchant

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Plainchant
Great Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Song (5 & 11)  A Voice Cries Out

Communion Song (9)  Prepare the Way of the Lord
Song of Praise (9)

Recessional


delving rites
Soon and Very Soon

Concluding Rites

The

Instrumental

WINCHESTER NEW
Coffin/Chandler
But in what sense is the Church holy if we see that the historical Church, on her long journey through the centuries, has had so many difficulties, problems, dark moments? How can a Church consisting of human beings, of sinners, be holy? Sinful men, sinful women, sinful priests, sinful sisters, sinful bishops, sinful cardinals, a sinful pope? Everyone. How can such a Church be holy?

You could say to me: but the Church is made up of sinners, we see them everyday. And this is true: we are a Church of sinners; and we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed, renewed, sanctified by God. There has been in history the temptation for some to say: the Church is only the Church of the pure, the perfectly consistent, and expels all the rest. This is not true! This is heresy! The Church, that is holy, does not reject sinners; she does not reject us all; she does not reject because she calls everyone, welcomes them, is open even to those furthest from her, she calls everyone to allow themselves to be enfolded by the mercy, the tenderness and the forgiveness of the Father, who offers everyone the possibility of meeting him, of journeying toward sanctity. “Well! Father, I am a sinner, I have tremendous sins, how can I possibly feel part of the Church? Dear brother, dear sister, this is exactly what the Lord wants, that you say to him: “Lord, here I am, with my sins”. Is one of you here without sin? Anyone? No one, not one of us. We all carry our sins with us. But the Lord wants to hear us say to him: “Forgive me, help me to walk, change my heart!”. And the Lord can change your heart. In the Church, the God we encounter is not a merciless judge, but like the Father in the Gospel parable. You may be like the son who left home, who sank to the depths, farthest from the Gospel. When you have the strength to say: I want to come home, you will find the door open. God will come to meet you because he is always waiting for you, God embraces you, kisses you and celebrates. That is how the Lord is, that is how the tenderness of our Heavenly Father is. The Lord wants us to belong to a Church that knows how to open her arms and welcome everyone, that is not a house for the few, but a house for everyone, where all can be renewed, transformed, sanctified by his love, the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, those who feel discouraged or lost. The Church offers all the possibility of following a path of holiness, that is the path of the Christian: she brings us to encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacraments, especially in Confession and in the Eucharist; she communicates the Word of God to us, she lets us live in charity, in the love of God for all. Let us ask ourselves then, will we let ourselves be sanctified? Are we a Church that calls and welcomes sinners with open arms, that gives courage and hope, or are we a Church closed in on herself? Are we a Church where the love of God dwells, where one cares for the other, where one prays for the others?
Online Giving

Making your Stewardship gift online?

Online Giving looks a bit different with our new website. After you set up your account the first time, you will find a much more user-friendly and interactive system. You can make one-time gifts--or set up recurring gifts and receive reminders before gifts are processed. A new feature is that you can also direct funds from either your credit card or a bank account. Don’t hesitate to contact Tina if you’d like her assistance with entering your first gift in the new system. She can be reached at 206.965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org

Many thanks!

One Minute: Once a Year

Each year, during our Fall stewardship appeal, we ask each parish family to take just one minute to reaffirm active membership in St. Joseph as a sign that you are intentional in joining us in this gracious and holy work. During this time, we also ask that you prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give in support of our work. We try to make this process as easy as possible:

- Send us an email to stewardship@stjosephparish.org
- Give us a call at (206) 965-1654,
- Stop by the Parish Center,
- Complete a stewardship envelope (available in the pews)
- Make a gift online at www.stjosephparish.org
- …whatever is easiest for you, works for us!

We are endlessly grateful for the many parishioners who have already pledged participation, as well as those who have made a financial pledge for 2015. To date, we have received 309 pledges of participation and commitments of $705,974 toward our goal of $1,500,000. THANK YOU!!!

Should you have any question whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien at stewardship@stjosephparish.org (206) 965-1654. Many thanks!

Additional names of parishioners who have affirmed their membership in St. Joseph. We thank you!


“We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him to implore peace for all the world.”

~Pope Francis
**Liturgy and Worship**

**The Call Of Liturgical Ministry**

If you go to the Liturgy and Worship page of our new parish website it says: "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. Through the celebration of our faith, we are empowered to live out our parish mission statement: ‘Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.’"

If you are interested in getting involved, sharing and developing your gifts, and serving as an Usher, a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister please reach out to the coordinator of that particular ministry. The parish website has information about each of these ministries and you can reach the coordinator directly via the website at: Ushers@stjosephparish.org, lectors@stjosephparish.org or eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org. They will be able to answer your questions and arrange a time for training.

**Mass Of The Immaculate Conception**

On Monday, 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. The 7 pm liturgy will be preceded at 6:30 pm by a rosary led by the parish Rosary Group. All are welcome to participate in this as well. Following mass will be a reception in the vestibule. Please join us!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Offering**

The collection for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be used to support Westside Baby (formerly St. Joseph Baby Corner), ensuring support for new mothers and children. Westside Baby partners with community members to collect items for local children in need and distribute them through more than 80 social service agencies. More than $1 million in items are donated by our community annually. For more information, please visit http://www.westsidebaby.org/

**Thank You**

THANK YOU!! During Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. Joseph parishioners donated $1,922.00 to St Mary’s Food Bank. St. Mary’s is committed to eradicating hunger by providing direct human services to meet the basic needs of children, women and men throughout our Seattle Community. The Food Bank serves all who approach it without discrimination, tests or limiting requirements. They serve over 600 students in local schools and nonprofits providing nutritious food so children are ready to learn. The Food Bank has also piloted a mobile food bank bringing food to the Filipino Community Center to feed 125 mostly elderly individuals. For more information about the good work at St. Marys, please visit http://thefbsm.org/

**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Harry who is recovering from surgery . . . For Marc’s health and his wellbeing . . . For Carolyn’s travel plans to go smoothly . . . For those who have been diagnosed with cancer, may they find comfort and support with their faith, family and friends . . . For Russ who is being treated for a blood disorder, may he regain his strength . . . For Ramon and his family as they begin a journey in his recovery and healing.

"Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

~ Joshua 1:9
The VOICE
Christmas Dinner Party

The will be a Christmas Dinner Party fundraiser to support The VOICE delegation to El Salvador next summer. Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our youth, a brief presentation on our sister parish in Arcatao and live music! Cost: $25 per plate.

Friday, December 12th - 6 to 10 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center - Arrupe Room
RSVP Today - Space is Limited!

RSVP by Monday, December 8th by following this link: https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/1193/christmas-dinner-party.html If you have trouble with the link, please visit the St. Joseph’s calendar and click on the event on Dec. 12th.

If you wish to order a vegetarian meal, or wish to host a table of ten OR have questions, contact Sam Kennedy at samk@stjosephparish.org

Giving Tree

Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY MONDAY DECEMBER 15th

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. The last day of our collection is Monday December 15th

5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

ORNAMENT CODES
Gold - Westside Baby
Red - Francis House
Blue - St. Martin de Porres
Violet - Jubilee Women’s Center
Yellow - Chief Seattle Club
Orange - Winter Shelter
Light Green - Light L’Arche
Dark Green - C.C.S Pregnancy Support
Orange - Recovery Café
Light Blue - Noel House
Black - Peace for the Streets by Kids From the Streets
White - St. Vincent de Paul

Women’s Ministry Project

Several women in the parish are assisting the Sisters of the Daughters of Mary from Uganda with fundraising to help women in small remote villages with HIV. It costs roughly $1,000/year for one mother with HIV to get the medicine to stay alive. About half of the village children have been left orphans because of HIV. Contact Sheila Marie at smarie49@comcast.net for more information on how to assist.

St. Francis House Needs Help!

Baby it’s cold outside--St. Francis House needs winter supplies!

In addition to non-perishable food donations, St. Francis House urgently needs new or used sleeping bags, blankets, and back packs, tents and plastic tarps. Please bring items to St. Joseph Parish Center, or drop off at St. Francis House, 169 12th Ave S (about four blocks south of Seattle University.) For more information, please contact James Brennan at jpbirish@comcast.net

Parish Blood Drive

We are having another blood drive on Monday, Dec 15th from 12-6 pm (Closed 2-2:45) in the Parish Center. To sign up for the blood drive, please email Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephpasish.org
Parish Life

Choral Arts
St. Joseph Choir-In-Residence, will present its signature program as a gift to you 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.

Sunday, December 14, St. Joseph Church, 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 13, Trinity Parish Seattle, 7:30 pm

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

Good Tidings We Bring
A Concert of Songs & Carols

St. Joseph Parish Presents:

Madeline Bersamina, soprano
Erin Calata, mezzo-soprano
John Stuntebeck, piano

Saturday, December 20th, 7:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish
732 18th Ave. E – Seattle, WA 98112

Suggested donation: $15 (youth 18 & under: free)

Couples Retreat
Surprised By Love
Faith, Commitment, and the Unexpected in Marriage

St. Joseph’s Couples Retreat Weekend
January 30 – February 1, 2015
La Conner Country Inn

$365 per couple*
Partial scholarships available

*Includes Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday-and Saturday group dinner, Saturday lunch and after-
noon on your own

Register with Deacon Steve by January 5th.
206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

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**St. Joseph Young Adults**

Interested in deepening your faith during Advent? Join other young adults at Breaking Open the Word. We will be taking a closer look at the upcoming Mass readings together through Lectio Divina. St. Joseph’s at 6:30pm for the Mondays in Advent: December 8 & 15. Bring $5 for a simple soup supper!

12/8: Small Room Upstairs (meet us downstairs first in Parish Hall) - No supper - We will then go to Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception together!

12/15: Pedro Arrupe Room (main room in Parish Hall)

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**Seniors On The Go**

**Tuesday, December 9th** - Trip to Molbak’s, Flower World and lunch at the Maltby Café. Leave from St. Joe’s at 10 am in our Parish Mini-Bus. Return around 3pm. No cost except your purchasing your own lunch. To sign-up for a space call Renee at 324-2522 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

**Thursday, December 11th** - Senior Potluck, Social Hall 6-8:30 pm. The halls will be decked with our holiday spirits. A very special evening. We would like to ask the seniors in the bulletin for a child’s toy (unwrapped) to be brought to the evening Potluck and will be sent to the St. Francis House. Also, we are asking the seniors to bring a $5 wrapped gift for our silent exchange Please join us. Questions – Mary Ott 324-7459 – Dolores Dorn 322-2259

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**Parish Life**

Please join St. Joseph Parish’s LGBT Ministry for a

**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**

and

**HOLIDAY TREATS POTLUCK**

Thursday, December 11th at 730pm
The Parish Center, Arrupe Room
Please bring a wrapped gift ($10 max.) and a treat to share. There will be hot cocoa!
Please R.S.V.P at meghan.m.mayo@gmail.com
**St. Joseph’s MOMS Group**

Advent: Welcoming the Mystery

Wednesdays mornings; December 10, & 17
9:30-11am, coffee and check in begins at 9am
St. Joseph Parish Center-Main Floor
Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Total Cost $25 or $30 including childcare (scholarships available) In this three week series Sr. Liz Tieman, SNDdeN, invites us to "Welcome the Advent Mystery"; to MARVEL, to PONDER, to take DELIGHT in JOY and PEACE, as we become AWARE of the spark of the DIVINE which surrounds us during this HOLY season.

To reserve your place, please contact Jeanine Benham-Jones at jeanine@cwjones.net or 206-799-5177

**Women’s Ministry**

Yoga In Advent
Pray the Magnificat with Mary

Rest your bones in silence, still your racing heart, close your tired and restless eyes, and come awhile apart... come swiftly, loved and precious ones, God longs to sit with you, to absorb your lovely presence as the flower holds the dew. —Edwina Gately

This Advent consciously create space and stillness to allow something new to be born within. For centuries yoga has been used to prepare the body for meditation and communion with the Divine. Join us for three weeks of yoga in which we will practice vigorously so that we can rest the bones and still the racing heart.

The yoga series is on Wednesday, December 10th and 17th. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat and water. The class will last for approximately 75 minutes. No previous yoga experience is necessary but this will be a moderately vigorous physical, as well as spiritual, practice. Linda Chavez, who has been a Director of Faith Formation for over 20 years and a certified yoga teacher for the last five will lead the series. The cost for the series is $20 and is limited to the first 20 folks to register. To sign up contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their trouble

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is going strong making prayer shawls for the community as a source of healing comfort and prayer. To date, thirty two shawls have been given to people in need, recently including six shawls that were given to Northwest Hospital to provide comfort to terminally ill patients. As well, at the Healing Mass in November, shawls were blessed and given to parishioners who requested them.

We continue to meet the first Thursday of every month in the Parish Center for fellowship and time to knit together. We welcome new members any time, and of all knitting levels. There are excellent teachers in our group who are happy to get a new knitter started.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started on a shawl, please contact: Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com
Preparation for Older Children
Baptism

If you have a child five years of age and older whom you would like to be Baptized into the Catholic Faith, please set up an appointment with Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at ste-vew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. The plan is to gather monthly (Jan-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, the norm is for children seven years of age and older to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at a designated Sunday Mass during the Easter Season – This year that date is Sunday April 19th at the 9:00 am Mass. Classes are all on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. Beginning with a family potluck. Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16th. Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Family Mass & Breakfast
Sunday, December 14th, after the 9:00 am Mass
Parish Pancake Breakfast
Crafts for the Kids

Breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit; $5 per person, kids 4 & under eat free.

There will be no CFF 1 through Junior High classes that day; this is a CFF1 & 2 Event

An Advent Evening Of Prayer
"The Word Dwells Within Us"

Tuesday, December 9th | 7:00-9:00 pm | St. Joseph

Enter into the Advent Season by joining us for a quiet contemplative experience of prayer using all of the senses. Be transported into the story of the Annunciation through light, darkness, Word, silence, music, art, poetry and contemporary storytelling. Contemplate in the Advent story your own story of wonder, fear, questioning, acceptance, and trust in the One who becomes flesh and dwells within us!

Artists, musicians and storytellers include: Jennifer Kelly, Tad Monroe, Maria Ochoa, Carla Orlando, and Trung Pham, S.J.

Admission by free will offering. Seating is first-come, first-served. An RSVP is helpful, but not necessary. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org and click on “Advent Evening of Prayer.” To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824.

SPONSORS NEEDED: RCIA

We have about six people currently participating in the RCIA process who are in need of a sponsor. A sponsor is a faith companion who accompanies the RCIA participant in their journey towards full initiation in the Catholic Faith. The commitment is some Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm, being available to accompany RCIA participant at Sunday mass and participation in 2-3 Liturgies and being available to get together and answer questions. Sponsors begin in December and finish up in May.

This is a very rewarding way to share your faith with someone and help welcome them into the community. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
The Journey To Bethlehem
An Advent Day of Recollection & Reconciliation
Saturday, 13 December 2014 * St. Joseph Parish * 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

A chance for quiet reflection, with points for prayer offered on the hour.

**INDIVIDUAL SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION OFFERED CONTINUALLY.**
Come for a few minutes or the whole time!