It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.
At 18, I knew exactly what I wanted to do: I would go to George-town University, major in history, go to law school, and then begin the movement that would lead, inevitably, to my election as President of the United States. Indeed, looking back over my plans, by this time in my life, I should already have finished my second term and should be writing my memoirs instead of this column. Believing deeply in the power of politics, it was clear to me, as a high school senior, that the great work of my life would be that realm: i.e., in the transformation of institutions and nations, in the leadership of peoples towards the common good of justice and mercy. Concerned not with the minutiae of individual stories or circum-stances, I was preoccupied with the great ideas, with the sweep of universal history. As the Gospel of Luke says, “of those to whom much is given, much will be required,” and because I had received so much, I was determined to be like Roosevelt or Lincoln, shaping laws and policies that could alter the course of history.

On the road to becoming this world-changing individual, howev-er, I first had to finish my education, and so I went to Georgetown, where I eventually changed my major from history to Philosophy and English Literature, all the while waiting for the day I could take the LSAT. I also applied for a new and experimental program—the first of its kind in the United States—in which student tutors would be trained to work with other students who needed help with their writing. The Georgetown Writing Center began in the conference room of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, where about a dozen tutors would take shifts to help any student who walked through the door. As one of two juniors admitted into the program, I was excited by the prospect of studying rhetoric and composition for the next two years, and pleased by the thought that I might pass on some of the skills I had received. What I never foresaw was how this program would change me, and transform my notion of what it means to shape the future.

As I sat in that small conference room, students of all races and backgrounds came in—often filled with fear or shame—and asked me to help them say what they wanted to say. Often, such a student did not even know that he had any ideas to communicate, and so we would spend an hour or so teasing them out: I asking questions and writing notes as he kept talking in a stream of consciousness about the subject. When he had finished, I would show him my
notes—organized into headings and supportive points—and his eyes would open wide as he declared, “I didn’t even know I knew all that!” At other times, a student might bring in a paper she had already finished, or one that a teacher had handed back to her with “Rewrite” scrawled across the bottom. Going over the often confusing text, I would ask her, “What was the main point you wanted to make?” as we gradually deconstructed and reconstructed her paper. And as we spoke, for the first time—perhaps in her whole life—she would realize that she was writing for someone, for an audience, and would gradually awaken to the idea that something, which seemed to her self-evident, might be confusing to another person. Then there would be that moment when the switch would flip and the student would suddenly have an insight—the “aha” moment, when the knowledge became hers, not mine, and she would begin to run with it. At that moment, I was hooked.

Perhaps it is true that, at times, the world is transformed by great movements or by singular individuals—by Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation or Martin Luther King proclaiming his dream on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. But what I came to see in the cramped quarters of the Dean’s Conference Room, and have had reinforced repeatedly in the ensuing 39 years, is that, most of the time, the world is changed on a micro, not a macro level. One insight—one teacher, triggering the mind of one learner, who sees something he has never before imagined possible—changes the world completely. And though it happens so often we may not even notice, such a change is nothing short of miraculous; for suddenly, where there was only darkness, light appears, and where there was only void, knowledge begins. It is a basic principle of physics that you cannot get something from nothing, but everyone who has ever taught a child how to add or how to read or how to write her ideas down in a way that others can see her heart, knows that the laws of physics do not apply to teachers.

This miraculous gift of teaching, which brings light out of darkness and knowledge out of void, begins, of course, with God—whose very being is a kind of teaching. When God communicates the Holy Spirit into the world, the very heart of Creation comes to know its own identity, emerging from chaos to become fully itself. Likewise, when Jesus the Teacher comes into the world, he open our hearts to that which is real, and allows us to see and understand the fullness of the Truth, just as Mary came to see it when he spoke her name and she called him “Teacher.” Such teaching, which liberates and empowers, is a fundamental mission of the Church—i.e., the whole Church in all its parts. Whether as parents—the first and most important of teachers—or as priests, as mentors or as spouses, as elders in the community or as catechists on Sunday morning, we all hold the responsibility to teach, by word and example, the message of the Gospel, and to empower, through our personal ministry of love and care, all women and men to know the Truth and so become free.

This week, the Church celebrates Catholic Schools’ Week, and we, at St. Joseph, celebrate the ministry of teaching exercised in our school. As our largest and most complex work, St. Joseph School plays a crucial role in the formation and education of our young people, and has for over 100 years. Founded by the Holy Names Sisters, at the request of the Jesuits, our school continues to teach in the manner and with the Spirit of Christ: affirming creation, encouraging curiosity, and loving our students with a love that shows them that the pursuit of Truth is the way by which we come closer both to God and to our own deepest self. In an age of “alternative truth” and border walls, St. Joseph School proclaims that God lives not in the broad brush of the ideologue, but in every fiber of the human heart, in every act of discovery by which all women and men are made free. May we give thanks for the presence of such teachers; may we pray that we all may continue to teach in this way.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Entrance Song  We Are The Light Of The World (5,9, & 11)  Greif

Verses

1. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,
2. Blessed are they who are meek and humble,
3. Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow,
4. Blessed those who hunger and thirst for justice,

Refrain

We are the light of the world, May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do, And give glory to God.

Take, O Take me As I Am (5:30)  Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Gloria  Found on card in pews
First Reading
Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD’s anger. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146

Second Reading
Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.”

Gospel Acclamation
Taize Alleluia (5, 11 & 5:30)

Celtic Alleluia (9)
Gospel
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Reflection

Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates (9)

Offertory Songs

Prayer of St. Francis (5, 9, & 11)
Servant Song (5:30)

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We are travelers of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the nighttime harmony, Born of all we've known together
4. I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll hear.
5. When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

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 Song
Blest Are They #659

Blessing Of The Teachers (9)
Song Of Praise  As A Fire Is Meant For Burning #663 (5 & 11)  BEACH SPRING

1. As a fire is meant for burning With a bright and warming flame, So the church is meant for mission, Giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, But to build a bridge of care, We join gentle, loving actions, We would show that Christ is light. In a rainbow lights the heavens When a storm is past and gone, May our hands across the nations, Finding neighbors every where. humble,-listening Spirit, We would live to God's delight. lives reflect the radiance Of God's new and glorious dawn.

2. We are learners; we are teachers; We are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are sign of life renewed, So may we be signs of givers; We are vessels made of clay. By our oneness 'Mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a

3. As a green bud in the spring time Is a hope come true, May we be the sign of God's new life renewed, So may we be signs of givers; We are vessels made of clay. By our oneness 'Mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a

Recessional  Instrumental (5 & 11)

As A Fire Is Meant For Burning (5:30) see above
Recessional

They’ll Know We Are Christians (9)  

| 1. We are one in the Spirit, we are |
| 2. We will walk with each other, we will |
| 3. We will work with each other, we will |
| 4. All praise to the Father, from |

one in the Lord, We are one in the hand, We will walk hand in hand, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will work side by side, And we’ll pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work side by side, And we’ll pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son, And all pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we other, we will walk hand in hand, And to - other, we will work side by side, And we’ll pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

pray that all unity may one day be restored: 

And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our one: 

And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our one: 

And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our one: 

love, by our love, Yes, they’ll know we are 

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Sunday
9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available
10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
10:00 AM CFF
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM School Open House
11:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass

Monday
7:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM to 7:00 PM Blood Drive
7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group
7:00 PM Sacred Silence

Tuesday
7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM RCIA
7:00 PM Tuesday Night Yoga

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

Thursday
7:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Catholic 101

Friday
7:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM Anointing Mass

Saturday
10:00 AM Judith Sharpe-Burkey Funeral
3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.

**Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts & Donor-Advised Funds**

Thursday, February 9, 2017
Noon - 1:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room

**Lunch & Learn**

During this complimentary lunch you will learn about:
* Estate planning and why is it important
* Wills - maintain control of assets during lifetime
* Trusts - save on taxes while planning for the future
* Donor-Advised Funds - make a donation, support charities, grow the funds

You are welcome (and encouraged) to bring guests and advisors.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to stewardship@stjosephparish.org or 206.324.2522.
A Note From Mr. Fennessy

I went to a small, Catholic grade school in Spokane called Assumption. It was nothing like St. Joseph. We had one class per grade. My class was small, only 15 kids, and until 8th grade, we only had two girls in our class. (It’s no wonder it took me until sophomore year in high school to ask a girl to a dance!)

There were no elective classes, with the exception of music, which we had off and on whenever the Principal could find someone desperate enough to teach music classes for what I’m sure was well below a livable wage.

One such teacher, Ms. W, I’ll call her, was with us during my 8th grade year. She preferred telling stories about being at Woodstock rather than trying to get us to rehearse the songs we were supposed to sing at weekly Mass. We obliged by asking her all kinds of questions about Woodstock. Classroom management was not her forte. It is because of the way we treated her, and other teachers for that matter, that I believe I ended up having to teach 8th grade for a few years. God has a wicked sense of humor and good sense of justice...

One rainy day, we were just in from recess and Ms. W was trying, somewhat futilely, to get us to sit down and start singing “Though the Mountains May Fall” or some other song we needed to learn for Mass. My friends and I had spent recess throwing a sodden wet Nerf football at each other trying to soil each other’s white polo shirts. I had lost badly at this game and was still trying to score some points. So, I had the brilliant idea of throwing the wet Nerf football across the classroom at my friend Joe. I had made sure to soak the football in a puddle before coming inside and had stashed the ball under my desk. When I saw that Ms. W had her back turned, I threw the ball as hard as I could at Joe. He ducked, and the sodden wet Nerf football went right through the very thin single pane window, showering glass everywhere.

Joe and I were, of course, sent to the office. At that point in my educational career I was a frequent denizen in the principal’s office, and I think she had run out of consequences for me. So, she told Joe and me that we were to report to the sisters’ house after school every day for the rest of that week.

There were two retired nuns and two German Shepherds who lived in a home on the school property. They put us to work picking up pine cones and putting them into paper grocery bags. We served our time that week and left eager for the weekend and I never thought much about those nuns again.

What I learned on a retreat during my senior year of high school four years later was that Joe didn’t forget. For the rest of our 8th grade year, without telling any of his friends, he’d stop by the sisters’ place most days on his way home to see if they needed any help. What’s more, in high school, he fulfilled the bulk of his service hours helping the nuns.

Joe, was, as our school theme calls us to this year, a person for others. Instead of heading right home to play Super Mario Brothers or Contra or whatever other Nintendo game was cool at that time, he spent thirty or so minutes helping two old sisters with their chores. This service, ended up being a significant part of his life through high school.

Perhaps the most important thing we do in Catholic education is help our students see that their education is so much more than times tables and diagramming sentences (yes, our students still do that!). We use the arts and sciences and even discipline as vehicles through which our students learn to serve others.

As we begin our celebration of Catholic schools this week, I’m grateful for my own Catholic education, but I’m equally grateful to work in a Catholic school where I get to see teachers help their students realize that the gifts, knowledge, and skills they have can be used to benefit others.

Catholic Schools’ Week

In honor of Catholic Schools’ Week we will have special blue envelopes in the pews during weekend Masses on January 28th & 29 for a collection to benefit the Seattle Nativity School.

Please join us in supporting this Jesuit endeavor!
Faith Formation

Children’s Faith Formation

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. For more information please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

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 April. Please set up an appointment with Dottie Farewell by calling 206-965-1652 or emailing dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Liturgy & Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Patricia to seek medical advice regarding her leg injury . . . For Michael to continue healing from a fall last month . . . For a former parishioner who has lung cancer . . . For a young man who is prepared to do well on his upcoming exam..

“Every human contact should be courteous, dignified and always pleasant.”~Lessons from Lou Louis H. Pepper

Rest In Peace
Judith Sharpe-Burkey, whose funeral Mass is Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 am.

Register Now!
For the Ministry Enrichment Garthering, register this weekend to get our parish discounted rate, on our website www.stjosephparish.org

Come Pray With Us
Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on Monday, January 30th at 7 pm. There are two prayer groups meeting at St. Joseph that night. Join our Sacred Silence prayer group in the church or come pray the Rosary in the Parish Center Chapel. ALL ARE WELCOME!
**Parish Life**

**Tuesday Night Yoga**
All parishioners are invited to join our Tuesday night drop-in yoga classes from 7 to 8 pm in the Mother Teresa room of the Parish Center. No prior experience doing yoga is necessary. The classes will offer you an opportunity to relax and center. $5 donation suggested, mats are available upon request. Contact Kaitlyn O’Leary with questions at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com

**Holy Land Trip**

New SAVINGS opportunities until Feb. 28, 2017, contact parishioners: Hilda or Walt Kicinski at 206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com

**Young Adult Retreat**
St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry Presents

**Seniors On The Go**
Friday, February 3rd, 2017 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

**Women’s Ministry**
St. Joseph Women’s Ministry has three wonderful upcoming events. Please check them out!

St. Joseph Women’s Ministry is Calling all MOMS! We want to help connect you with other moms in our parish/school community. Please spend a few minutes sharing any needs of yours that could be met by our newly forming MOMS Group. If you’re interested but can’t attend, please email and let us know your thoughts and interest! This is a casual gathering open to all!

Sunday February 12 in the Parish Center, immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Questions? stevew@stjosephparish.org or denise@cassidyhome.com

St. Joseph Women’s Ministry invites you to “Roll Away the Stone”! Bring a friend and join our vibrant group of women for continental breakfast and time for reflection. Four women of different generations from our community will share how they’ve experienced the theme in their lives, followed by small group discussion and reflection. Questions or RSVP: stevew@stjosephparish.org or denise@cassidyhome.com

Saturday March 4, 2017 9 am -12:30 pm
St Joseph Parish Center, Arrupe Room
This event is free! All are welcome!

**Women’s Search for Wisdom: The Second Fifty Years.**
A 6-week Reflection Retreat facilitated by Janet McDermott, MTS

Monday Evenings March 6th-April 10th
7-9pm Parish Center - Cost $60.00

For more information, contact Janet at janetmcd4u@yahoo.com or Deacon Steve 965-1646 or Stevew@stjosephparish.org

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Faith Justice

Blood Drive
Monday, January 30th - Parish Center
1-7 pm - Call 206.324.2522 to register
Come and save a life!

An Evening with Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
February 9, 2017 - 7:00pm
Piggott Auditorium - Seattle University

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz is an historian, writer, feminist, and author of Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States.

"Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz grew up in rural Oklahoma, daughter of a landless farmer and half-Indian mother. Her paternal grandfather, a white settler, farmer, and veterinarian, had been a labor activist and Socialist in Oklahoma with the Industrial Workers of the World in the first two decades of the twentieth century. The stories of her grandfather inspired her to lifelong social justice activism." This event is free and open to the public. Sign up for your free ticket at Brown Paper Tickets. Information visit www.seattleu.edu/artsci/departments/ipi/

St. Francis House
St. Francis House has put out a special request for the following items: canned meats, i.e. Spam, chicken, sausage, chili, tuna; canned fruit; bath towels; full and queen size blankets. Please bring to Mass or directly to Francis House at 169 12th Ave E, 206-621-0945.

In your school you take part in various activities that habituate you not to shut yourselves in on yourselves or in your small world, but to be open to others, especially to the poorest and neediest, to work to improve the world in which we live. Be men and women with others and for others, real champions in the service of others. To be magnanimous with interior liberty and a spirit of service, spiritual formation is necessary.

Dear children, dear youths, love Jesus Christ ever more! ~ Pope Francis