Come, Holy Spirit, and give your grace!
Love Opens Doors

“Where is your brother?” His blood cries out to me, says the Lord. This is not a question directed to others; it is a question directed to me, to you, to each of us. These brothers and sisters of ours were trying to escape difficult situations to find some serenity and peace; they were looking for a better place for themselves and their families, but instead they found death.

-Pope Francis-

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

-Colossians 3: 12-14-

Sitting at table, surrounded by those who, like him, had been born into privilege and prosperity, the rich man dwelt on the logic of his position. All that he had come to possess was a sign of God’s favor, poured out upon him and held by him and his companions because they were deserving and righteous. And all those who had less than he did, who sat outside the gates in rags and fear, were unfortunate not to have his blessings—but they were not his affair. To allow them into the citadel, to allow them to approach the table was fearful to him, an affront to his righteousness and a danger to those who supported him; for they were different from him, and some of them might be wicked or even murderers. They threatened his prosperity by their poverty and difference. And if they starved or grew sick, if the dogs licked their sores, or their children drowned in the depths of the sea, in the quest to find some better place, some place where they could live, it was not he who took their bread from them, not he who wounded them, not he who made them flee the poverty and death of their own country. He was only doing what was best for him. And so, sitting at the table, he signed the legislation that would keep them from entering the gates, keep them from getting treatment for their sores or scraps from his table. And waiting in the dust, Lazarus died, and was taken to the bosom of Abraham, and later, the rich man died and was taken to eternal punishment—his logic still flawless, but his wisdom empty.

This last week, the President of the United States signed an executive order stopping all refugees from entering our country for 120 days. And stopping refugees and immigrants from Syria indefinitely. This order was not about stopping undocumented immigrants, but about closing the gate to women and men, desperate in their need, who had gone through years of processing and investigation; women and men who now must find some new way to survive. Couched in the language of security, this blanket restriction speaks more of fear and scapegoating than of compassionate reasoning; and though it is only “temporary” for most people, in the 120 days (four months) it will be enforced, thousands will be left adrift and many will die. Although, through this order, the President drives no
one into exile from his or her homeland nor actively in-
flicts physical harm to any individual, his action—done
in our name—closes the gate to Lazarus, and ensures
that desperate women and men, boys and girls will die
in the waters of the Mediterranean or amid the pestilence
and want of under-resourced camps. They will die not in
response to a particular threat, but because a disordered
sense of prudence (and the cowardice it empowers) is of
greater concern to us than is their suffering. They will die
insofar as we—like the rich man of the gospel—close
our eyes to the humanity who needs us, insofar as we
mistrust that our table is rich because we are
uniquely deserving of riches. Yet, as Scripture tells us
again and again, our table is rich not because we are so
good, but because God is so good; and what is given to
us is given not so that we can rest in comfort, but so that
we, like Christ, can be merciful and good to all those we
encounter.

The history of the Church—indeed, the very of story of
our God—is a tale of love recklessly and fearlessly giv-
gen. It begins in Creation, when God’s Spirit is immedi-
ately poured into the universe, so that life in all its
forms might come to be. It flows through the Covenant
of Abraham, when the People of Israel are commanded
to care for the alien and the stranger, as they were once
aliens themselves. It reaches its culmination in the In-
carnation, when the blessed Trinity, gazing out upon
the earth, chose to sacrifice the fullness of their divin-
ity and become as we are; and more than that, chose
to become a person without power or prestige. Through
the indifference of a governor who washes his hands
of responsibility, Jesus Christ goes to the cross, emptied
of all dignity and honor—a refugee, left to die by one
who could have protected him. God becomes empty,
to show us that the Way to life is not the expedient way
of Pilate, but the dangerous way of Christ. And since
his death, generation after generation of Christians have
done the same, putting themselves at risk not only for
those who resemble them by faith or race, but because
they are called to love in the manner of the One who
loved them. We can think of Paul among the Gentiles,
or Francis in the court of the Sultan. We can read of
Maximillian Kolbe, who exchanged himself for a Jewish
father and so was starved to death in Auschwitz. Or we
can think of Teresa of Calcutta, holding in her arms the
dying from the streets—Hindu, Moslem, or Jain—with a
reckless love that knew no limit and built no walls.

In these stories, and countless others, we are reminded
that we cannot rightfully call ourselves Christian simply
because we affirm an abstract faith within our hearts or
minds. We are Christian only insofar as we “live and
move and have our being in” Christ. We are not Chris-
tian because we own a Bible, but because we act upon
its teachings: by feeding the hungry and giving drink to
those who thirst, by welcoming the stranger and visit-
ing those who are ill or in prison. When Christ tells us
that these are the signs of our salvation, he does not
qualify them, does not say that we must feed only hun-
grily westerners or welcome only those strangers who are
like us in their faith. Nor does he say we must do these
things only when they are easy or when they are com-
fortable. Indeed, he proclaims, in the eloquence of his
own blood, that we must love without exception—even
those we fear; we must welcome even those whose dif-
genences may seem strange to us. Anything else is a false
Christianity, a shadow faith crafted for the convenience
of its practitioners, and not for the honor and glory of
God.

There is no doubt that nations have a right to protect
themselves from hostile agents, nor does anyone seri-
ously propose the unilateral elimination of borders. Yet,
borders, like wealth itself, are relative goods, instituted
because they efficiently serve the common good—i.e.,
because human rights are best protected by the good
functioning of nation states. Nevertheless, just as the
rich man of the story had a right to eat well and have
comfort, his right to comfort ended when it became so
disproportionate that Lazarus was left starving at the
gate. Likewise, the right of the United States to protect
its borders with reasonable security measures ends when
those measures become unreasonable—i.e., when they
are rooted in vague stereotypes and racial or religious
categories; when they leave innocent people to die, not
because they are a genuine threat, but because we have
been led by fear and political expediency to demonize
and depersonalize them. Yet, fear is no justification for
allowing others to die, and the myth of perfect security
(a value unknown in Scripture) is no reason to abandon
our faith and the higher principles of our nation. Indeed,
in the face of such disordered prudence, the only an-
swer for the Christian is to love more: to love through
our prayer and our action, to love with peaceful, un-
flinching resistance.

\[\text{John 08}\]
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude
Instrumental (5, 9 & 5:30)
SU Chamber Singers: The King Of Love My Shepherd Is (11)

Entrance Song
Send Us your Spirit  Haas

Prayer over the Offerings

First Reading
Isaiah 58:7-10

Gloria
Found on card in pews

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 112  Guimont
Second Reading

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Taize Alleluia

Berthier

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Confirmation Rite - 5 pm Mass

Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation

Homily: Archbishop J. Peter Sartain

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

The Laying on of Hands

The Anointing With Chrism

Offertory Song

Come and Follow Me

Franzak

Come, be my light, be my voice to the nations. Be my hands, be my heart for the world.
Would you go where I go? Where I lead, will you follow? Would you leave everything for my sake?
By the power of the Spirit, everyone with ears to hear it will embrace the call to love within their heart.

Go, take your gift to the poor and the lonely. As you love so will I live in you.
Will you feed, feed my lambs? Share your hope with the hopeless? Bring new sight to the blind in my name?
With a towel and a basin, t’ward the kingdom we will hasten, through the narrow gate that leads to Calvary. Ref.
Homily (9, 11 & 5:30)  
Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates (9)

Go Now In Peace  
Sleeth

Offertory Songs

The Call (9)  
Herbert/Vaughan Williams

SU Chamber Singers: If Ye Love Me (11)  
Tallis

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schatte

Mystery of Faith

Schutte

Great Amen  
Schutte
All Are Invited To Come Forward
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.
If you have a gluten allergy, & need a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.

Communion Songs

Blest Are They #659

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
Blest are the meek, for mercy shall be theirs,
Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be comforted,
Blest are they whose hunger on ly holiness can fill,
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you, holy are you! Re joice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.
The Concluding Rites (5)
Bishop: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
All: Now and forever
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: Who made heaven and earth

Recessional

We Are Called

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God! hope for the hope- less so ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more! walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God!
Sunday
9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available
10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
10:00 AM CFF
11:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass

Monday
7:00 AM Mass
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
7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Thursday
7:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass & Lunch & Learn

Friday
7:00 AM Mass

Saturday
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.
Luis Acosta – I chose St. Sebastian as my Confirmation saint because he played sports and I love to play sports. One of my spiritual gifts is helping others. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to become closer to God and the Catholic Community.

Adam Ambuske – One of my greatest gifts is that I try to treat everyone the way I want to be treated. I enjoy to be outdoors with friends and family. I chose to get Confirmed because it is the next step in my religious life. I chose St. Bernard because he is the saint of the mountains.

Emily Baldwin – I chose St. John Paul II as my Confirmation saint. I have the gift of joy and I love to make others laugh. I love spending time with my friends and family. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to explore my faith.

Mitch Battison – The saint I chose is St. James. One of my gifts is my kindness towards others. I like to spend my time playing sports with friends. I chose to be Confirmed to become a part of the Catholic Community.

Clare Belanger – One of my gifts is being compassionate and caring for others. Something I like to do is spend time in nature. I chose to be Confirmed because I see Confirmation as my next step in my journey as a Catholic and a way to grow in my faith. I chose St. Angela Merici as my Confirmation saint because she worked for girls’ education which is an issue I am passionate about.

Thomas Buckner – One of my gifts is compassion. I enjoy spending time with friends and spending time in the snow skiing. I chose to be Confirmed so I can grow and strengthen in my faith in God. By growing in faith in God I hope to become a stronger member of the community. I chose St. Paul as my saint because he truly lived out Jesus’ message in every facet of life.

Angelo Calfo – I chose St. Christopher as my Confirmation name because my aunt used to always pray to him for guidance. Compassion is a deep gift of mine and for fun I enjoy soccer and I also teach soccer. I chose to get Confirmed because I have always been close with God and I want to be a part of the Catholic Church for the rest of my life.

Caitlin Calfo – I am gifted in making friends, soccer and art. I enjoy surrounding myself with the people I love. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to have a closer relationship with God. I chose St. John the Apostle as my Confirmation name because he is the patron saint of friendship and friendship is important to me.

Giancarlo Fimmano – I chose St. Anthony as my Confirmation name because he had drive, faith, and endurance. One of my gifts is playing the piano and I enjoy working out. I chose to be Confirmed at first because my parents wanted me to, but now I hope my faith will give me the strength to make a difference in the world.

Richard Gall – I chose St. Anthony as my Confirmation name. I have the gift of patience and for fun I love to swim. I chose to be Confirmed to become a more involved member of the Catholic Community.

Robert Gall – One of my gifts is I am a good public speaker. For enjoyment one of the things I love to do is running. I chose to be Confirmed because I like the message of kindness the Catholic Church spreads. The saint’s name I chose it St. Lawrence.

Cooper Lappenbusch – I have the gift of honesty. I love to code and play the piano. I have chosen to be Confirmed because I want to become better at serving my community and learn more about my faith. I have chosen St. Joseph as my saint because he is a father figure and showed great faith.

Thomas Lappenbusch – I chose St. Valentine as my Confirmation name. I have been gifted with being respectful and forgiving. I love to go hiking and camping and I love to go to the gym with my friends. I chose to be Confirmed because I see it as a way to better serve my community.

Asta Liffick – One of my gifts is joy. I love to smile and share positive energy with others. In my free time, I love to read and swim with my friends. I am choosing to be Confirmed because I want to contribute and become a part of the church community. The saint I chose is St. Maria in honor of my grandma.

Sophie Linde – I chose St. Catherine of Alexandria as my Confirmation name. One of my gifts is that I am outgoing and willing to try new things. Because of this I love to travel. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to be a member of the Catholic Community, and I believe in the mission of the Church to help those who are suffering in our world today.

Michael Miner – One of my gifts is confidence and confidence plays a big role in sports, which is what I spend a lot of my time doing. I chose to get Confirmed because it is a big step in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. I chose St. Anthony as my saint because he was a good man and the patron saint of lost things.

Aliyah Murphy – I chose St. Monica as my Confirmation name. I have the gift of patience and I like to help others. For my downtime, I really enjoy music. I want to be Confirmed because I want to be closer to the Catholic Community.
Jack Nelson – I chose St. John the Baptist as my Confirmation saint. One of my gifts is that I am kind to others. I love to play sports with my friends. I chose to be Confirmed because I have been in Catholic Schools my entire life and would like to be a lifelong member of the church.

Natalie Parker – I chose St. Vitus as my Confirmation name. One of my gifts is that I enjoy making people laugh. I love to dance it brings me great joy. I wanted to be Confirmed to show my dedication to the Church.

Marc Pavlovec – I chose St. Ignatius of Loyola as my Confirmation name. I have a gift of persistence. In my free time, I love to spend time with my friends, be outside, and play sports. I chose to be Confirmed so that I can have a lasting bond with the Church.

Joseph Raubvogel – I chose St. Francis for my Confirmation name. My outgoing nature gives me the gift of socialization and I have been musically gifted. For fun I enjoy being with people, eating food and having a good time. I enjoy expressing my opinions and knowledge with others. I chose to be Confirmed to grow in my faith with God and use my gifts to help others.

Theo Roffey – One of my gifts is the ability to make people laugh. For enjoyment, I love to play soccer. I chose to be Confirmed because throughout my high school career I have become very close to God and feel that it is the right time to take the next step in my faith.

Megan Skrobut – I chose St. Sarah as my Confirmation name. One of my gifts is kindness. In my extra time I love to play tennis and basketball. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to be a full member of the Catholic Church.

Erin Skrobut – I chose St. Anne as my Confirmation saint. One of my gifts is patience. I love to spend time with my friends and family and I love to play basketball. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to become a part of the Catholic Church.

Gracie Sullivan – I chose St. Gabriella as my Confirmation saint. I have a gift of listening which allows people to be themselves. Somethings I love to do are read and ski. I chose to be Confirmed so I could be an official part of the Catholic Church as an adult.

Quinn Sullivan – I chose St. Katharine Drexel as my Confirmation saint. I am most proud of my writing ability and hope to use it to influence the world to good. I love to sing and dance. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to further explore my faith and gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism.

Ariana Sutherland – For my saint I chose St. Therese. One of my gifts is compassion. One thing I love is to draw. I chose to be Confirmed because I wanted to join the church community.

Olivia Sutherland – One of my talents that I hope to pursue throughout my life is singing. This led to my choice of Saint Cecilia as my patron saint, as she is the patroness of musicians. I chose to be confirmed in order to further my relationship with God, and the Catholic Church.

Drummond Sweeney – I chose St. Francis of Assisi as my Confirmation name. I love playing sports and one of my gifts is that talent to support and teach others. I can't explain why I chose to become Confirmed, but something inside of me said I should this will help me to become my best self.

Daniel Tiscareno – I am here to get Confirmed because Catholicism has been a part of my life since I was born. Since I have attended St. Joseph, I have been surrounded by Catholicism and its virtues have formed me into a better person. I will get Confirmed to continue that path. Along with God, a big part of my life is golf. I have been blessed with the ambition to make my life and the life of others better. I chose St. Daniel as my namesake and thought it was appropriate to continue honoring his name.

Audrey Vila - Saint Louise de Marillac is the saint I chose because she dedicated her life to serving her community, specifically those in the community that were most vulnerable and neglected. She did amazing work that I also aspire to do. I believe that a gift that I have is my passion. When following my passions, I work hard and get things done. I love to spend time with my friends and family. I chose to be confirmed because I agree with the church and its teachings, especially the idea that we all have a responsibility to combat the injustices that we see and live a life by the example of Christ’s love.

Sam Vila – I chose St. Samuel the Confessor as my Confirmation name. One of my talents is public speaking. This led to my choice of Saint Cecilia as my patron saint, as she is the patroness of musicians. I chose to be confirmed in order to further my relationship with God, and the Catholic Church.

Abby Wolfe – I chose St. Abigail as my Confirmation name. I am compassionate, understanding and I love taking part in community service. I chose to be confirmed because I want to strengthen my relationship with God.
**Parish Life**

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

1. **Coffee Connect** on Saturday, February 11th, at Tully’s on 19th Ave E from 10-11 am. Come sip and socialize. Bring a friend! Contact Sheila Marie for any questions 206.251.7035.

2. 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

3. 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!

4. **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

**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 recenter. $5 donation suggested, mats are available upon request. Contact Kaitlyn O’Leary with questions at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com

**Seniors On The Go**

**A DAY RETREAT WITH SR. JUDY RYAN, SNJM**

*Pondering the Mysteries of Our Lives thru the Rosary*

**Thursday, February 23rd - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Parish Center - FREE! - Lunch Included

An Opportunity:
- to reflect on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of your lives
- to choose to live your days ahead with grace and gratitude
- to offer your wisdom to our wounded world

RSVP by emailing or calling Renee at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Sr. Judy grew up in Seattle, she entered the Holy Names novitiate in 1958, made vows in 1960. Her experience in so many different ministries, make her an invaluable leader for this retreat.

**Wednesday, February 15th** - Seniors Support Group at 12:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Tuesday, February 28th** - Seniors planning meeting at 11:30 am followed by a movie at 1 pm. Bring a snack or a beverage to share!

**Friday, March 3rd** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Senior Luncheon in the Parish Center.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February, 7th, in the Parish Center from 7-8:30 pm.** We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. We welcome all levels of experience, even people who would like to learn to knit or crochet as we have members who would be happy to teach and mentor at the gatherings.

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

**Young Adult Retreat**

Don’t forget to register! Visit our website www.stjosephparish.org, questions email theresal@stjosephparish.org
St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Presents

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

The Season of Lent
Monday Evenings, 7-9 pm
March 6th – April 10
(Beginning Monday After Ash Wednesday
Ending Monday of Holy Week)

St. Joseph Parish Center
Cost $60

For women who want to address and prepare for life’s next challenges - this is for you!
Let’s get together to grow, to laugh, and to occasionally mourn - all in the spirit of the Lenten journey.

For more information, contact Janet at janetmcd4u@yahoo.com.
To register, please contact Deacon Steve at (206)965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Registration Deadline - Monday, February 27th

www.stjosephparish.org
Faith Formation

Children’s Faith Formation

On February 26, St. Joseph will offer one developmentally appropriate Safe Environment course in each of our CFF PreK thru 8th grade classes. In continuing the high-quality faith formation for our youngest parishioners, we are integrating the Seattle Archdiocesan abuse prevention lessons into our curriculum. This annual course will be offered for one class period only. As guardians, parents may choose to have their children opt out of this lesson. Opt out forms will be available in the classrooms prior to February 26. Otherwise, there is no additional paperwork for parents/guardians to complete.

To help families understand what their children will be offered, please visit: http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx. This will provide you with parent and guardian resources, a good FAQ page and opt out forms.

For questions, contact Director of Religious Education, Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206.965-1652.

Liturgical & Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Dwayne in his recovery from heart surgery . . . For Anton’s medical evaluation . . . For Samuel Battaglia in Denver, CO . . . For Nancy’s eyes to respond well with medication . . . For Larry’s recovery from knee surgery . . . For Patricia’s healing . . . For the young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend, may they grow in the strength and grace of our living faith.

“You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world . . . Your light must shine before others, That they may see your good deeds And glorify your heavenly father.”
~Matthew 5:13-16

Rest In Peace
Pauline Guppy, longtime parishioner.

Confirmation Thank You’s

Thank you to Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, Pastor John D. Whitney, S.J., Master of Ceremonies Dottie Farewell, and altar servers extraordinaire Annie Mirkin, Sarah Mirkin, and Allie Pettijohn. Special thanks to the beautiful music of our choir and Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Music, Bob McCaffery-Lent.

A warm thank you to all the adults who have provided guidance, love and support to our youth. Parents are key participants in the formation of their children, and this class has demonstrated the love they have received from their families. Also, thank you to the sponsors who have been praying for our youth and will continue to be important role models in the lives of these newly Confirmed.

Finally, a BIG thank you to the High School Adult Confirmation team of Corbin Johnson, Erin Flotte, Avery Haller, Adam Skarr, and Assistant Director, Theresa Lukasik for their guidance of these youth on their journey this year.

Come Pray With Us!

Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on Monday, February 6th 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.

The Sacred Silence prayer group will gather in the church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. Participants need to enter the church before 7 PM as the church is locked in the evening. For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.
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.

Catholic Hospital Ministry at Harborview Medical Center

Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion and provide a presence to patients and their families at Harborview Hospital. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, background checks, personal interviews and Orientation/Training sessions. Time expectation is once a week - 3-4 hour shift, plus bimonthly check-in gatherings. There is lots of flexibility in regards to specific day/time. If you would like to participate, call 206-965-1646 or email Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Harborview is one of the most rewarding volunteer activities I have ever done. I strongly feel the presence of Christ when I visit a patient. ~ Dick Malloy

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/