Protecting these brothers and sisters is a moral imperative which translates into adopting juridical instruments, both international and national, that must be clear and relevant; implementing just and far reaching political choices; prioritizing constructive processes, which perhaps are slower, over immediate results of consensus; implementing timely and humane programs in the fight against “the trafficking of human flesh” which profits off others’ misfortune; coordinating the efforts of all actors, among which, you may be assured will always be the Church.

-Pope Francis-
The Moral Imperative

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

-Declaration of Independence-

Thus, from the four preceding articles, we see that law is nothing else than an ordinance of reason, promulgated for the common good, by one who has care of a community.

-St. Thomas Aquinas-

When they gathered during those steamy days in Philadelphia, there was no assurance what the result would be. Although General Washington had been leading the war effort for over a year, there was still a sense, among a number of the delegates, that they were simply English citizens, demanding their rights according to the traditions and customs of their nation. The King and Parliament had sought to deprive them of this identity, but surely, through this struggle, a proper resolution would emerge. But, on 7 June 1776, Richard Henry Lee rose in the midst of his companions to offer a resolution: “That these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states.” And though six of the thirteen colonies opposed an immediate declaration, a committee was appointed from among the representatives to draft a document for the Congress to debate. Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the old man of the committee, which included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Robert Livingston of New York, and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Young Jefferson—a writer of great skill and energy, educated in the philosophy of the Enlightenment and by his own commitment to the revolution—was given the task of drafting the document, and returned with a treatise that others felt needed only minor revision. And when it was read to the whole Congress, it was passed unanimously, affirming a vision in which “all men are created equal” and possessed of “unalienable rights” to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”; rights that no power on earth—neither king nor Parliament, President nor Party—could justly supersede. Through Revolution and Civil War, through the marches of Suffragettes and the riots at Stonewall, our nation has been trying to live into this vision, to see more clearly what it means for all people to be created equal, for all to possess not just civil or procedural rights, but “unalienable” rights: i.e., rights derived not from the actions of the state but by the hand and will of the Creator.

This last Tuesday, Pope Francis gathered in Rome with the International Forum on Migration and Peace to affirm that what Jefferson first articulated continues to be true, even when the person being considered is a refugee or migrant. Quoting with approval the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (of which Eleanor Roosevelt was a principal author), the Pope notes that “every migrant is a human being who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by every one and in every circumstance” (62). In a time when many in our country feel threatened by migrants, seeing the very notion of migration as a challenge to national sovereignty—both the forced migration represented by refugees and the seemingly more voluntary migration of those seeking better economic opportunities—this invocation and affirmation by the Pope of the founding principle of the United States seems radical, indeed. Yet, to Francis,
the Gospel and tradition of the Church not only affirms the Jeffersonian notion of “unalienable rights,” but goes further, creating a “moral imperative” that stands in stark opposition to the populist current of our age, a current marked by a “politics of rejection”—in which we “see our neighbor not as a brother or sister to be accepted, but as unworthy of our attention, a rival or someone to be bent to our will” (Address to the Diplomatic Corps, 12 January 2015).

While recognizing the need for rational and consistent border security—which should exist to serve the common good of humanity, and not merely the self-interest of the few—Francis condemns the idea that we can simply legislate away our moral responsibility. As Thomas Aquinas notes, a law, in the tradition of the Church, is not simply a positive expression of power (i.e., something that is enforced); a law must be grounded in reason and answerable to the common good. Thus, immigration laws which simply close the borders to all women and men, regardless of their circumstances or the effect of such a closure, may have the appearance of law, but lack its substance. They are artifices, “rooted ultimately in self-centeredness and amplified by populist rhetoric.” Likewise, criminalization of migration and the expulsion of those migrants who have entered the country without proper documentation can, in many circumstances, violate the very concept of the common good and the unalienable rights of the human beings involved.

In its essence, Francis teaches, migration “is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued.” In other words, migration, across the whole of human history, has emerged from a desire by people to live out their unalienable right to happiness. Trapped in situations of war or poverty, violence or oppression, men and women have always sought a situation in which their lives might be maintained, and the lives of their children might be improved. To deprive these women and men of the rights of life, liberty, and happiness, simply to protect the comfort of our own station, or the disparity of wealth existing between nations, is a violation of fundamental human rights, even if it is not a violation of statutory law. This “inherent desire” must be recognized and respected as a grace from God that puts responsibilities on those more fortunate to share and respect those whom disparity and suffering brings to them. As Francis puts it, “Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate.” More than mere charity, this response emerges from justice, from the shared nature of our being, from the rational (and Scriptural) demand that we treat others as we, ourselves, would be treated. This is what Francis means by a “moral imperative,” i.e., a demand so fundamentally tied to our common nature and to the intrinsic rights given us (to paraphrase Jefferson) by our Creator, that it transcends civil law and the particular desires of individuals. We should obey such an imperative, not because of the coercion of legal sanctions, but because of the demands of our redeemed humanity.

As American citizens and as Catholic Christians, we are heirs to a great heritage of moral reasoning and moral growth. Though, in both Church and State, we have often closed ourselves to the implications of this heritage—choosing our own immediate self-interest over the deeper good of reason and grace—yet, still, the moral voice rooted in our being constantly draws us back to the true Way, to the deep Truth, and to the Life that we share with every woman and man on the earth. In the days and weeks to come, let us, with Pope Francis as our guide, remain faithful to our “better angels.” Let us stand against the criminalization of migration and the dehumanization of our undocumented brothers and sisters. Let us stand with all those sisters and brothers, children and infants, who live in peril across the sea or face unsustainable burdens across the deserts of our southern frontier. Let us say, “We are one blood! One Spirit! One humanity!”—and let us back our words with deeds.

In the coming weeks, here at St. Joseph—acting on the good work of our Task Force on Refugees and Migration—we will be offered a chance to live out the call of Pope Francis to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate refugees into our community. I invite you to come to the meeting on 2 March, at 7:00 PM in the Arupe Room and be part of this project. I also invite you to read the Pope’s complete Address to Participants in the International Forum on ‘Migration and Peace’—which can be found in the back of the Church or online at the Vatican website (http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/february/documents/papa-francesco_20170221_forum-migrazioni-pace.html). Whether you join in this project or choose some other way, let us all act—as God’s beloved, with hope, with courage, and with joy—to bring the mercy of Christ into the world for all those who are frightened and far from home.

Please Join Us In Prayer For The Families Having Children Baptized This Weekend

Daniel & Julianne Fritz
Connor & Lisa Haffey
Adam & Bernadette Omidpanah
Gavin & Megan Oxman
Richard & Janet Ranf
Jonathan & Monica Sham
David & Jennifer Sorensen
Chad & Leah Warren
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Instrumental

Entrance Song

Morning Has Broken (5,9,&11)  BUNESSAN

Prayer over the Offerings

Prelude

Isaiah 49:14-15

First Reading

Gloria

Found on card in pews

First Reading

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my LORD has forgotten me."
Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the
morn-ing! Praise for them spring-ing fresh from the word.
Spring in com-plete-ness where his feet pass.
God's re-cre-a-tion of the new day!

Seek Ye First (5:30)  Lafferty

and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

Alle-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Responsorial Psalm  

In God alone is my soul at rest, in God alone.

In God alone is my soul at rest; from God comes my help.
God, alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress, I stand firm.

In God alone be at rest, my soul, from God comes my hope.
God alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress, I stand firm.

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God, all you people;
trusting always, pour out your hearts to the Lord.

Second Reading  

Brothers and sisters: Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Homily  

John D. Whitney, S.J.
All Things Bright and Beautiful (5,9,&11)

Burns/English

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Verses

1. Each little flow’r that opens, Each
2. The purple-headed moun- tain, The
3. The cold wind in the winter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

Little bird that sings, God made their glowing
River running by, The sunset, and the
Pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the
Lips that we might tell How great is God Al-

Cols ors, God made their tiny wings.
Morning that brightens up the sky.
Garden, God made them every one.
Might y, Who has made all things well.

D.C.
For the Fruits of This Creation (5:30)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen
Communion Songs

**Draw Near**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

Take the Body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near! Drink the Blood for you out-poured.

Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body and his Holy blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Christ, our Redeemer, God’s eternal Son, has by his cross and blood the victory won.

He spent his life for greatest and for least. Praise Christ the Paschal Victim, Christ the Priest.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and claim the promise of salvation here.

Christ rules our hearts and all his saints defends; He gives believers life that never ends.

With heavenly bread Christ makes the hungry whole; his living water fills the thirsting soul.

Alpha, Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations on the earth, be with us now.

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**You Are Mine #649**

Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.
Recessional  
All Creatures Of Our God and King (5,11&5:30)

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! O folds rich blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The Worship God in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh

2. Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfolds sun with golden beam And fruits and flow'rs that verdant grow, Let praise the Father, praise the Son, And

3. Let all things their Creator bless, And silver moon with softer beam: Alleluia! Alleluia! God's glory also show. Let praise the Spirit, Three in One!

All Creatures Of Our God and King, All Things Bright and Beautiful, For the Fruits Of This Creation words and music in the public domain.

Alleluia (9)  Pergolesi
**This Week At St. Joseph**

**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

**Wednesday**
- 7:00 AM  Ash Wednesday Mass in Church
- 7:00 PM  Ash Wednesday Mass in Church

**Thursday**
- 7:00 AM  Mass

**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.

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**Liturgy and Worship**

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

Wednesday, March 1st at 7am & 7pm in the Church.

Special collection for St. Martin de Porres

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**5:30 Mass Conversation**

Following the 5:30 mass on March 12th, all who regularly participate are invited to a gathering and conversation about this Mass. As part of a parish-wide liturgy evaluation conducted in November, several of the survey questions were addressed specifically to the 5:30 community. Respondents were specifically asked if they would be open to a summer experiment moving the Mass time from 5:30 to 7 pm. After discussion of the survey responses, members of the Liturgy & Worship commission agreed that a gathering to discuss these questions further would be essential. We expect this time together to shed additional light on what members of this community most value about the Contemplative Sunday evening liturgy. We look forward to an open and fruitful conversation about all of these questions. Light refreshments will be served.

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**Stations Of The Cross**

Join us to pray in the footsteps of Jesus on Friday, March 3rd at 11:00 am in the church. Let’s pray together the Stations of the Cross.

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**Parish Holy Hour**

Thursday, March 2nd, 7 - 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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**Come Pray With Us!**

**Monday Night Prayer Groups**

Join us in prayer on Monday, February 27th 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.
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 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, please contact Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com or call 206-399-6013.

Women’s Ministry

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 stjoseph@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry

Attention all Young Adults 21-35.. Please join us for our YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass on **Sunday March 5th.** Wine, cheese and snacks provided...

Please join us for our Quarterly Planning Meeting on **Tuesday, March 7th 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

For more information contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stjoseph@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

**Friday, March 3rd** - Stations of the Cross at 11 am followed by a Healing Mass at 11:30 am then Seniors’ Lenten Luncheon in the Parish Center.

**Friday, March 17th** - Join us for a Seniors’ Potluck Dinner at 5 pm in the Parish Center.

**Thursday, March 23rd** - Seniors outing to Poulsbo and Clearwater Casino, call Renee to join us 206.324.2522 ext 100. 10 am to 4 pm.

Black Catholic Advisory Council of the Archdiocese of Seattle

Please join us for a Listening Session at **St. Paul’s Catholic Church on March 22nd at 6 pm.** In preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress XII in Orlando, Florida. For more information visit [http://www.nbccongress.org](http://www.nbccongress.org)

St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry

**Entering the Desert: A Lenten Reflection Series**

**Tuesdays in March 14, 21, & 28**

7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Join with St. Joseph’s LGBTQ Ministry in Lent to take some time and enter the desert with Jesus. Discover what more God is calling you to in discovering beauty in the desert of prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Ceili

Get your tickets for the Ceili on our website [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

This wonderful event is Saturday, March 11th at 6:00 pm in the Wyckoff Gym. Don’t hesitate, tickets sell fast!
St. Vincent de Paul

The issue of immigration is top news these days and occasionally our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers serve immigrant families. Recently we responded to an immigrant mother with four children. Her husband was still in their homeland and struggling to get here to join them.

Well-spoken and polite, this mom needed not only food but some clothing for the kids and diapers for the baby. Her part-time job simply did not pay enough to cover their modest but full-month of expenses. We were able to provide what she needed but her situation struck us as not unlike the situation of other immigrant families trying for a better life in the United States.

Just as Jesus did not quiz the people about their immigrant status when he blessed the loaves and fishes to feed their large numbers, we do not cross-examine the people who ask us for help. The Vincentian ethic is to help those in need, period. Thanks to your donations, we can do that.

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul is next weekend!

Who Is My Neighbor?

The Face of Poverty in Washington State

Who Is My Neighbor?

This past November the Catholic Bishops from our state released a Pastoral Letter inviting all Catholics to reflect on poverty and the disturbing trend that more and more Americans are living in poverty. In the words of Pope Francis “I want a church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us... We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them.” You can download the letter and access the accompanying video by going to www.thewscc.org

The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC) has created a three week study guide for parishes to use and we are hoping to have one or more study groups meet during LENT between March 6th-10th. At this time, we are looking for facilitators and determining the level of interest among parishioners to participate. Exact dates/times have not been set. We are also hoping to engage our Outreach Partners in this endeavor by inviting their members to join our parish groups.

If you are interested in facilitating or participating, please contact Deacon Steve at stevw@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.
The St. Joseph Task Force on Refugees & Migration Presents:

“I urge you to help transform your communities into places of welcome where all God’s children have the opportunity not simply to survive, but to grow, flourish and bear fruit.”
-Pope Francis-

Called together by Fr. John, the Parish task force has been exploring ways to respond to the crisis in the world and the call of our faith.

Join us on this evening, as we welcome the International Rescue Committee and offer a proposal to make St. Joseph a place of welcome and transition for those coming to our country.

An Evening of Discussion & Discernment on Our Welcome of Refugees to St. Joseph Parish

Thursday, 2 March 2017
7:00 PM in the Arrupe Room
St. Joseph Parish Center
732 18th Avenue E.
Seattle, WA 98112

www.stjosephparish.org
St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Presents

Saturday, March 4, 2017
9 am - 12:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
Event is free!
Please register at signupgenius.com:
input denise@cassidyhome.com
in “search” to find the event.
All women are welcome!

Bringing 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 reflections.

Questions? Email Deacon Steve stevew@stjosephparish.org or denise@cassidyhome.com
www.stjosephparish.org
Children’s Faith Formation

CFF2 Chalice Making Workshop for Children

The next CFF2 event in preparation for First Eucharist will be a child-only chalice making workshop. Your child need only attend 1 of the three days: March 5 from 10:30-11:45am OR March 6 from 3:45-5pm OR March 7 from 2:15-3:30pm. This workshop will take place on the stage in the Social Hall. We would love to have extra adult help--please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org if you are available to lend a hand.

Mark Your Calendars: the Parent and Child workshop is on Saturday, March 25 from 9am-Noon.

Holy Land Tour

Join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J. on his spiritual and cultural 14 day tour: “JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN”

OCTOBER 8 - 21, 2017

This journey focuses on many of the important places in Jesus’ life, his birth, his preaching and his miracles in Israel and Jordan. Visit Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, swim in the Dead Sea and more.

CONTACT parishioners Hilda and Walt Kicinski for full tour details and savings opportunities at 206.501.4468 or info@vikingcat.com