

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 5, 2017

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Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

#### Readings for March 12, 2017

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center Reconciliation Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church

or by appointment

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#### Into the Desert

All I have is a voice
To undo the folded lie,
...the lie of Authority
Whose buildings grope the sky:
There is no such thing as the State
And no one exists alone;
Hunger allows no choice
To the citizens or the police;
We must love one another or die.

#### -W.H. Auden-

Then the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

#### -Matthew 4: 8-9-

Rising up from the waters of the Jordan, where John—hesitantly at first—had washed him in the baptism of repentance, Jesus saw the Spirit of God descend upon him like a dove, and heard the voice proclaim, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Yet, even with that declaration, Jesus did not begin immediately his public ministry, but instead allowed himself to be led by the Spirit into the desert, into the great wilderness across the Jordan, where he was meant to fast, to pray, and to be tempted by the devil. Only after this journey, when he had faced the temptations of selfsufficiency and power, of privilege and comfort; only after he had chosen, in the midst of these temptations, to wait on the mercy of God, instead of grabbing the shortcuts offered by the devil, was Jesus ready to take up his mission as the Anointed One of God. It was not enough to be baptized; not enough even to be beloved: before he could manifest the grace of God in the world, Jesus had to choose, from his human nature, hope over power, grace over privilege, surrender over the temptations of heroic conquest. In these forty days, Jesus offered his weakness into the hands of God, and rejected the ego-satisfaction offered by the devil. It was the prelude to his whole life; the beginning of that journey which would end at the Cross, end in the perfect sacrifice of Calvary, when he would empty himself completely and become the Savior of all humanity by becoming the loving servant of God.

As this Lenten season begins—these days in which we, too, are invited by the Spirit into the desert with Jesus—we might long for forty days of prayer as a respite from the anxious times in which we live. There is little doubt that our world is a mess. While thousands of veterans struggle with wounds of the body and of the soul, we hear proposals for increased spending on weapons, and encouragement for widening wars, which "sunshine patriots" stand ready to send other people's children to fight. We see Jewish graveyards defaced and mosques threatened; the earth scarred by excessive consumption, while her indigenous sons and daughters are pushed from their ancestral homes. We hear cries of "America First!" as the bodies of children—just as innocent, just as loved as American children—wash up on the shores of Europe or are held

in U.S. detention centers awaiting deportation. Everywhere, division seems to tear at the fiber of our communities—separating blacks from whites, rich from poor, gay from straight, native born from immigrant—and at the sinew of our families, where partisan anger and hurt challenges even connections of blood and history. At such a moment, forty days in the wilderness can seem like a pretty good idea. What better time to withdraw into the desert and escape all the sorrow and pain that surrounds us?

Yet, the Spirit does not draw Jesus into the desert to bring him rest, but so that he might discover in himself the power of grace, the fruit of his baptism and of the love that God pours out upon him as he rises from the water. The Spirit leads Jesus so that, renewed and blessed, he might face squarely the temptations of the devil. Similarly, our journey into Lent—if we wish to go with Christ—cannot be a vacation from our responsibility nor an escape from the world; rather, it must be a pilgrimage into the simple and spare landscape of truth, into the wild expanse of our own heart. Lent is not a spa on the outskirts of Scottsdale, where we can hide; it is an encounter in the wilderness, where the God who loves and consecrates us summons us to a purifying fire and unfathomable mercy. It is a journey to the devil, who will tempt us with easy solutions and lonely power; a journey we begin smeared with the ashes of our own mortality, and marked by the image of the cross of Christ. For though each of us chooses to make this pilgrimage on his or her own, we do so, always, at the side of the One who has met our Enemy in the wilderness before.

It is easy, amid the endless babble of day-to-day life, to grow deaf to the whispers we can hear in the wilderness; easy to misconstrue our temptations as "reasonable" compromises that "everyone" does. It is easy, pressured by manufactured fears and "alternative facts," to believe that we have to take those goods that God seems so slow to give: take the food or water, the oil or land we need for our survival; take the privileges and prestige we have earned by our exceptionalism; take the power that other nations seem to use so poorly and use it "for their own good." And, in the end, we leave behind our need for God, worshipping, instead, our own power and our own control—prostrating ourselves in homage to a devil who will hold our hearts in constant anxiety and will take our children as soldiers for foreign wars or as guards, patrolling the walls we have built around our empire.

Lent offers an alternative to the noise of this world—not through escape from the world, but through a pilgrimage of prayer: a summons to listen, with hearts open and fearless, to the love spoken to us in our baptism, when the Spirit descended and it was declared about us as it was about Jesus: "This is my beloved one, with whom I am well pleased!" And as we listen, Lent leads

us out into the desert, to encounter the truth, to resist the temptations born of our devilish fears and anxiety. It calls us to believe in the Spirit who leads us and the Son who stands at our side. Lent asks us to fast, not so that we can lose a few pounds nor because we deserve some kind of punishment, but so that we can see the freedom we have in the depth of our soul. This season calls us to fast, so that we can recognize our own power to give, rather than grasp; to share, rather that consume; to live in communion with others, rather than dominate them for the satisfaction of our disordered desires. Lent calls us to the freedom that is at the heart of love, and joy, and mystery—i.e., the freedom that Jesus knew in its fullness, and lived, even to the Cross and to the tomb.

John of

# Connecting with St. Joseph - WELCOME!

All are welcome at the table!

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

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

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

We look forward to connecting with you. Thank you!

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

# **Entrance Antiphon Call to worship**

#### Ringing of the handbell



Re-turn to God

Return to God

Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

- 1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation; come and learn now the way of our God. Ref.
- 2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love. Ref.
- 3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the prisoner free; If you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost; Give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn. *Ref.*

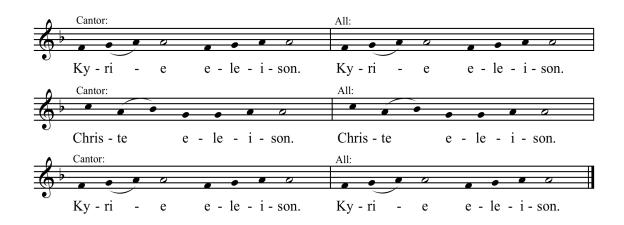


#### **Confiteor**

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, *Strike breast during next line*.

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.

#### **Kyrie**



The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the

garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Create In Me

Hurd



- 1. Have mercy on me God, in your compassion. Remove my sin, wash me from my guilt. Ref.
- 2. O purify my heart and teach me wisdom; then I shall be cleaner than the snow. Ref.
- 3. O give me back the joy of your salvation; a willing spirit, sustain in me. Ref.

**Second Reading** 

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.



**Gospel Acclamation** 

Vermulst



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you

and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

#### Homily Steve Wodzanowski



Haas

#### Fall Slow Tears (9)

Fall slow tears, and drown all my doubts and fears and wash away my sin and shame in the flood of forgiveness and mercy.

Fall, fall, fall, slow tears. Weep sad eyes; my soul in repentance cries. Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Take all my iniquities upon you. Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.

Fall slow tears, and drown all my doubts and fears and wash away my sin and shame in the flood of forgiveness and mercy. Fall slow tears; weep sad eyes; fall, fall, fall slow tears.

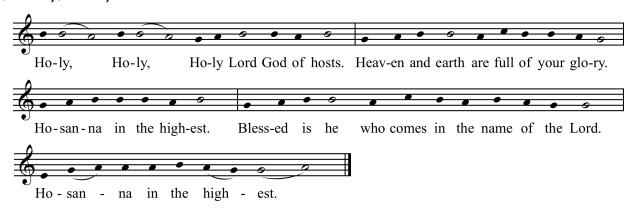


#### All Are Invited To Come Forward

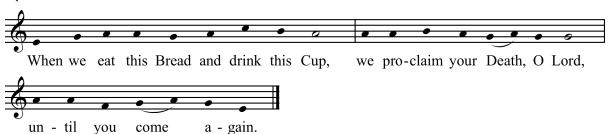
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



#### **Mystery of Faith**

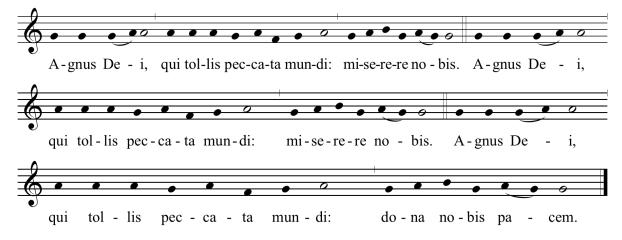


#### **Great Amen**





#### **Lamb of God**



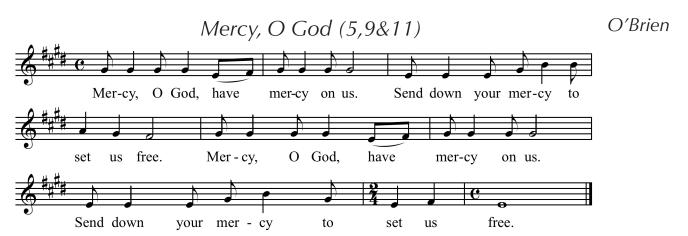
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in God's shadow for life. Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock, in whom I trust."



The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear. Under God's wings, your refuge, God's faithfulness, your shield. *Ref.* 

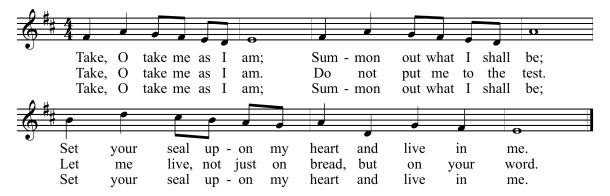
You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day. Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Ref.* 

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands, they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Ref.* 



#### **Communion Meditation** Take, O Take Me As I Am

Bell/Carroll



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# 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

#### **Monday**

5:30 PM

7:00 AM **/** Mass

7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group 7:00 PM Sacred Silence

Mass

#### **Tuesday**

7:00 PM Tuesday Night Yoga

#### Wednesday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

#### **Thursday**

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Heroic Leadership - School Auditorium

#### **Friday**

7:00 AM Mass

#### **Saturday**

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

6:00 PM Ceili - Wyckoff Gym

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.

#### Rice Bowl - Pick Up Yours In The Vestibule!

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the church vestibule and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

#### FIRST WEEK OF LENT - ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.









# LITURGY AND WORSHIP

#### **Monday Night Prayer Groups**

Join us in prayer on Monday, March 6th at 7 pm. 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. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer... 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. Many who've prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. 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.

Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its Tree prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Georgina in her battle with back pain...Evonne in her recovery from recent surgery . . . Jackie who is healing well after a brain operation . . . Michael's

health . . . Danny being a good friend to many in our community . . . Lucas' evaluation by the doctors of a slipped disc in his neck . . . Happy Birthday to Anne, lean and Linda.

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting . . . . "

~loel 2:12

RIP **Betty Shorett** whose Funeral Mass is March 10th, 11am

#### 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.

#### **Stations Of The Cross**



Cancelled March 10th Please join us March 17th at 11 am

#### **Welcome The Newly Baptized**

Theodore James Fritz Bridget Jane Haffey Rafael James Omidpanah Cole Charles Oxman Jacob Clayton Oxman Kiera Stephanie Ranf Lillian Zhuo-Xi Sham Louise LouAnn Sorenson Vera Catherine Warren



# Nine Days of Grace: Novena 2017

A Lenten retreat in the midst of daily life

Are you looking for a Lenten practice to help restore your relationships with God and others, and renew hope? The Ignatian Spirituality Center invites you to

be part of our upcoming *Nine Days of Grace*, entitled "Building Bridges, Building Hope".

What will I experience during these Nine Days of Grace? This Lenten retreat in the midst of daily life draws an inspiring community of people from all ages and faith backgrounds. Attend one, some or all of the nine days; or make the retreat online. Depending on which is most convenient, choose either Seattle U's Chapel of St. Ignatius during the day or St. Joseph Church in the evening (1:00 pm on weekends). In the context of the Eucharist, you will experience stirring reflections given by a team of three Ignatian-inspired presenters, the assembly's powerful prayers of petition, beautiful ritual music, and optional individual prayers for healing at the end. Many experience a palpable sense of the Spirit and of abundant graces that stays with them long after the retreat is over.

What is a Novena? The Novena's origins date to 1633, when St. Francis Xavier appeared to the priest Marcellus Mastrilli in a healing vision and promised that all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days would experience profound grace. Although the term "Novena" may sound like an outdated ritual irrelevant to contemporary life, it survives today as an annual tradition because of its very relevance to the daily lives of those who participate.

Why "Building Bridges, Building Hope"? During a time that appears to have accentuated what separates and divides us, the act of building bridges is more important than ever. This year's retreat team recognized that stories throughout scripture tell of broken people struggling similarly in their relationships with one another and with God. Yet they also recognized that what God is ultimately about in the world is reconciliation. God walks with us, and in that we can find hope. Perhaps we, in turn, can walk with one another a little more closely and together nurture hope, as tender as it may feel during this time.

If you are new to or familiar with this retreat, we hope you will consider entering into it this Lent, responding to God's personal invitation to build bridges and hope. Feel free to invite someone else to experience the abundant graces of this Lenten retreat as well!



Nine Days of Grace: Novena 2017 "Building Bridges, Building Hope"

Wednesday, March 8 - Thursday, March 16

Weekdays: 12:30 pm at Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle
University or 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Seattle
Saturday: 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Church
Sunday: 1:00 pm at Chapel of St. Ignatius

#### Fr. Pat Kelly, S.J., Lisa Dennison, and Kent Hickey

Are you longing to restore your relationships with God and others, and renew hope? Come experience for yourself the surprising graces of "Building Bridges, Building Hope," a unique nine-day Lenten retreat in the midst of daily life! Join an inspiring faith-filled community for one, some, or all of these nine days of grace, featuring meaningful and relevant reflections by three Ignatian-inspired presenters, your heartfelt prayers of petition and healing, and beautiful music, all within the context of the Eucharist.

- Free will offering. Seating first-come, first-served.
- Visit our webpage at <u>www.ignatiancenter.org</u> or our Facebook page @ignatiancenter.
- For more information, contact <u>andrea@ignatiancenter.org</u>, or call (206) 329-4824

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#### **Retreat Team**



Kent Hickey (President, Seattle Preparatory School)
Lisa Dennison (Executive Director, SEEL Puget Sound)
Fr. Pat Kelly, S.J. (Assoc. Professor, Seattle University)
(see more biographical info at www.ignatiancenter.org)



# STATIONS of the CROSS

A Lenten Devotion Featuring Pergolesi's Musical Setting of the Stabat Mater

March 24, 2017 7pm, St. Joseph Church

Free will offering

Madeline Bersamina, soprano Erin Calata, mezzo soprano Matthew Samalek, organ



# 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

# Parish Life

#### **Hope & Healing Group**

Please join us for Hope and Healing, a new group at St. Joseph's for anyone seeking health and wellness. We will meet at **7pm on March 21st upstairs in the Parish Center Jogues Room.** In March, our topic is: Embracing New Identities. Questions? Contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@ stjosephparish.org or Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768.

#### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Group is holding a coffee connect on **Saturday, March 11th** at Tully's on 19th Ave E

from 10 - 11am. Please join us for an hour of lively conversation. Contact Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.



#### St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry

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

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

#### **Tuesday Night Yoga**

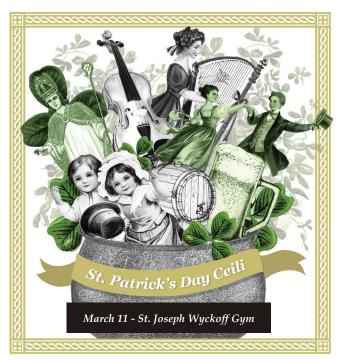
All parishioners are invited to join our Tuesday night drop-in yoga classes from **7 to 8 pm in the Mother Teresa room** of the Parish Center. No prior experience doing yoga is necessary. The classes will offer you an opportunity to relax and recenter. \$5 donation suggested, mats are available upon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

#### Ceili

Get your tickets for the Ceili on our website 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. 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 almsgiving.

#### **Seniors On The Go**

**Wednesday, March 15th -** Seniors Support Group at 12:00 pm 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.

# FAITH JUSTICE



#### 13th

Join us for a Special showing of the Movie 13TH Wednesday, March 15th - 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Parish Center

13th is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States;"[2] it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which freed the slaves and prohibited slavery (unless as punishment for a crime).

DuVernay's documentary opens with the facts that today the US has 5% of the world's population but 25% of the people in the world who are incarcerated. She demonstrates that slavery has been perpetuated in practices since the end of the American Civil War through such actions as criminalizing behavior and enabling police to arrest poor freedmen and force them to work for the state under convict leasing; suppression of African Americans by disenfranchisement, lynchings and Jim Crow; conservative Republicans declaring a war on drugs that weighed more heavily on minority communities and, by the late 20th century, mass incarceration of people of color in the United States. She examines the prison-industrial complex and the emerging detention-industrial complex, demonstrating how much money is being made by corporations from such incarceration. 13th has garnered acclaim from film critics, and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. This screening is co-sponsored by St. Joe's Conversation on Race Book Group and Parish Faith Justice Commission. For details, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646









#### Who Is My Neighbor?

LENTEN STUDY GROUP The Face of Poverty in Washington State A Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of the State of Washington

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. We are offering a group on three consecutive Tuesday nights March 21, 28 & April 4th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. To register or for more info please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Save The Date - Blood Drive **Parish Center** 





# Our Local Church

#### ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING STUDY

Campaign planning study announcement.

Over the last several years it has become apparent that the archdiocesan priest pension and post-retirement medical plans [does not include the Society of Jesus] are seriously underfunded. Similarly, our women religious must rely on dwindling resources within their own communities to meet their retirement needs. In addition, parishes have their own needs to address.

At the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and in dialogue with the Presbyteral Council, the Priest Pension Board and other leadership, Archbishop Sartain has decided to explore the possibility of a major campaign to address the retirement needs we face today and are projected to face in the future, as well as local parish needs.

This planning study is an assessment to gauge support for a major campaign to address some or all of our identified priorities. The study is being administered by outside counsel, the Steier Group, a Catholic development firm. They will survey the entire archdiocese to determine which of our needs are deemed most urgent by parishioners, and identify potential support of a major campaign.

All parishioners are invited to visit the Archdiocese of Seattle's website to learn more about the study's proposed goals and participate in the study.

To participate in this important study, please go online to www.seattlearchdiocese.org and click on the "Planning Study Survey" link under the Archdiocesan Events and Activities section to learn more and provide comments. Use password: Catholic

#### **Catholic Advocacy Day**

MARCH 16TH - 9:00AM TO 3:00PM OLYMPIA, WA
Online registration at ipjc.org
For registration questions, call 206.223.1138 or email catholicadvocacyday@ipjc.org

Act on the Washington State Bishops' Pastoral on Poverty: Who Is My Neighbor?





### St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:



# **Reading Matthew**

Thursday's
March 23, 30 & April 6
St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This is a three week series, facilitated by **Fr. John Whitney**, **SJ** who will lead us on an in depth look at the major themes of the Gospel of Matthew.

Week I: The Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven

Week II: The New

Week III: The Passion & Resurrection

For more information or questions please contact Theresa Lukasik theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651



# **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Agape Trip 2017**

Are you a middle school student or a parent of a middle schooler? Have you heard of the Agape Service project and always wanted to go? Agape Service project is a one week long service immersion trip for current 5th-8th graders. It is held in Whatcom County and organized through Western Washington University's Newman Center. This year's trip will begin Sunday, July 30th and end Friday afternoon, August 4th. For an application or more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@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.** 

And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer. ~ Pope Francis