

Sunday, May 28, 2017 \* Solemnity of the Ascension \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

## *Memorial Day Weekend*



*May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens.*

*Blessed Be Those  
Who Have Given To Us  
Their Last Full Measure  
of Devotion*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 28, 2017

**Reflection This Week: Sylvia Flores**  
**Reflection Next Week: Jennifer Kelly**

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday - 5 pm**

**Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm**

### Readings for June 4, 2017

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

### 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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**Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm**

**Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm**

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## He Must Decrease, We Must Increase

*Otherworldliness can be a real temptation in the religion, but the Incarnation itself is a corrective. Down to earth, real flesh and blood. And even at feasts such as the Ascension, which might seem otherworldly, the scripture texts for the day are anything but: "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" (Acts 1:11, KJV). As if to say, take a look around; your work is here!*

**-Kathleen Norris-**

In the closing days of the old dispensation, when the last of the prophets stood on the shores of the Jordan, calling the People of Israel to repentance and baptism, he looked upon the stranger from Nazareth, and he saw the Word made flesh, the One for whom he had been waiting: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!"* (Jn. 1:29). A short time later, questioned by his own disciples, John went further, saying of Jesus: *"This joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease"* (Jn. 3:29-30). It is the last testimony given by John the Baptist, and it marks a transformative moment in salvation history: when all the promises given through Abraham and Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah come to fruition, when at last God's promise to redeem humanity is fulfilled in a single person. In Jesus the fullness of God's presence enters the world and becomes united with the fullness of humanity. No longer aliens or strangers, no longer even the chosen People of the Covenant, we are now inseparably united with God—sharers in the same family, in the same DNA—through Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary, and the one who lives and dies just as we all must do. In Jesus, the old call to worship and sacrifice is replaced by a new call to discipleship: for Christ himself has become our sacrifice, and he now stands as the union with the Father, the like of which we could never attain through our own actions. Thus, for all of us, *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

And yet, if Jesus himself is now the One in whom all our hopes lie—if he, in his own person, unites us to God—why does he leave us? Doesn't the departure of Jesus just put us back in the same boat, worshipping someone whom we cannot see, someone removed from us in heaven? Although it may be nice to have *"one of our own"* inside the Godhead, wouldn't it be better if he was here, running this still apparently not-yet-fully-redeemed world in which we all remain? If in his death and resurrection, Jesus overcomes the power of death—demonstrating the power of love and sacrifice, as well as God's complete communion with the One who loves—then I want him to remain here on earth. I want him to use that power and communion with God to heal the divisions caused by race and creed, by fear and anger; I want him to rule with justice and compassion, instead of the selfishness and brutality that surrounds us; I want him to ensure that the poor have medical care and that the goods of the earth are distributed with equity. I want to follow Jesus and serve him in a world where he overturns the power of death by his power of life, and where the devil, in all its forms, is on the run. Isn't that what the resurrection promises: all of us serving in the Kingdom of Christ?

Wanting all this, I feel a little bit like that disciple, standing with Je-

Jesus on the Mountain of the Ascension, who asks: “*Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?*” (Acts, 1:6) And like that disciple, I suffer more than a bit of disappointment when, in answer to my question, I am left looking up at the sky, wondering, “*Where did you go?*”

Though we may be too used to celebrating this feast to feel fully its power, the Ascension should disappoint anyone who wishes that Jesus would just get on with healing the world and finally save us from ourselves. And if we are disappointed, how much more so must have been those first disciples, just getting used to the presence of their resurrected Lord, who suddenly realized that they were alone again, and that the promises of the Kingdom still seemed a long way off.

So, then, why does Jesus leave?

The answer, it seems, goes back to John the Baptist, and his response to those asking him about the new prophet, Jesus: “*He must increase; I must decrease.*” In ascending to God, Jesus—as an individual—ceases to be the person to whom we must look to do everything for us. In gazing after him, we are simply peering up at the sky, and, like those disciples on the mountain, we soon realize that such passive adoration is not really our mission. Rather, we are called not just to worship Jesus, but to become as he is: i.e., to become women and men filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to proclaim good news to the world, even at the cost of our own lives. Jesus, the man raised from the dead by the power of God, decreases, so that the Spirit of Jesus might increase in each one of us.

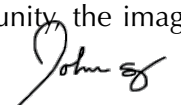
The Ascension begins a transformation in salvation history as great as the one that began on the banks of the Jordan. For in the Ascension we see that Jesus came not to rescue us from ourselves, but to transform us into the image of himself. We are left behind in this world because the mission of Jesus involves more than just establishing himself as the Christ; i.e. the anointed one. The mission of Jesus is more than his personal mission: it is a mission to proclaim and begin the anointing of the whole world—the transformation of the entire world into the body of Christ. And only when Jesus completes his mission in the flesh can we take up that mission, our mission, in the Spirit. Only when he ceases to be, exclusively, the Messiah, can the messianic age begin; only when he ascends and is no longer the visible body of Christ for the world can the whole world become that body, that Christ. As Jesus was anointed by the Spirit at the Jordan—thus entering into his mission as the Christ, the Anointed One—so we, as his followers, must be anointed with the same Spirit. At Pentecost, we must be “*Christ-ed*,” anointed in a way that allows us to become

what Jesus promises we shall be, what St. Paul recognizes when he calls us: “*the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.*” In this fulfillment, by which Jesus, the individual, decreases so that the body of Christ might increase, Jesus finds the same joy John described at the end of his ministry, the joy Jesus foresaw at the last supper, when he told his disciples, “*I tell you this that my joy may be in you and that your joy might be complete*” (Jn 15:11).

So it is that the world, redeemed *through* Jesus, will not come to the fullness of its redemption by him, alone, but by the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit alive in each of us individually and in all of us together—alive, that is, in the fullness of Church. This is the joy that Jesus has given to us, a joy that makes us one with him not as his subjects, but as his friends. We are called to become, by our adoption in the Spirit, what Jesus was by his Incarnation: the living presence of God, by which the world and all that is in it, are returned to God in love.

On this Memorial Day weekend, when we recall the many who have laid down their lives for their friends—i.e., for us and for our liberties—we must take to heart the lesson of the Ascension and the blessed responsibility entrusted to us. We must stop looking at the sky for answers that are already planted in our hearts and in our minds by the Spirit who brought Jesus from death to life. We must begin to take up our part in the redemption of the world: raising up the poor and disheartened, healing the sick and the lonely, freeing the prisoner and rescuing the terrorist from his sins, laying down our lives with the certainty that death has no power over us since we have been raised with Jesus to life.

It is we who are the anointed, who live in communion with God through the gift of Christ Jesus, and who are called now to redeem the world. Not with armies nor with missiles will this redemption come, but with every act of kindness to a stranger, every blessing given in water or food to a refugee. This redemption comes when we place our bodies in the way of war and violence, when we resist the merchandising of arms across the earth and the reductions of medical care to the poor and aged. Redemption comes when we welcome life in the womb by caring for a mother in her fear, and when we hold the hand of someone dying until they pass to God in peace. Redemption comes when we live in the fidelity of our commitments—loving our spouse in everyday ways, forgiving with openness and listening with care. Redemption comes in the mercy that sets a place at the table of Christ for all women and men, especially those who need it most, those struggling and hungry for companionship and love. Redemption comes whenever we recognize, in ourselves and our community, the image of Jesus, who has called us to be Christ.



# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Entrance Songs

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There for him the tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Still, for us he in - ter - cedes, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. There we shall with him re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!

To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!  
His pre - vail - ing death he pleads; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Part - ners of his end - less reign; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Near him - self pre - pares our place, Al - le - lu - ia!  
There his face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

Re - as - cends his nat - ive heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
He, the first fruits of our race, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Live with e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

(5:30) *One Lord*

*True*

One Lord, one faith, one call — to serve  
— each oth - er. One heart, one mind,  
one com - mon ground; — we stand all as one. —

## Gloria

See Cards In Pews





## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

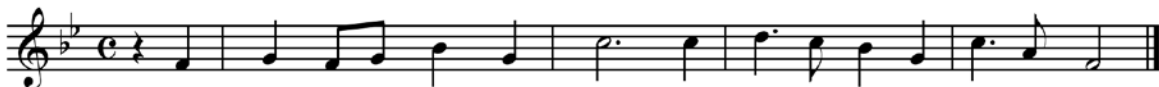
In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

## Responsorial Psalm

*Sing Praise To Our King*

*Murray/Gelineau*



Sing praise to our king, sing praise: for God is king of all the earth.

All peoples clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, the great king over all the earth.

God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise! Sing praise to our king, sing praise!

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.



## Gospel Acclamation

*Haugen*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

## Reflection

Sylvia Flores



## Offertory Song

(9) Choral Anthem: *Ascendit Deus*

Ravanello

*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,* God has gone up with a joyful noise,  
*et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia.* and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

*Christ Has No Body Now But Yours*

Warner

Christ has no bo - dy now but yours, no hands but  
yours. — Here on this earth yours is the work, to  
serve with the joy of com - pas - sion. —

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*Storrington Mass*

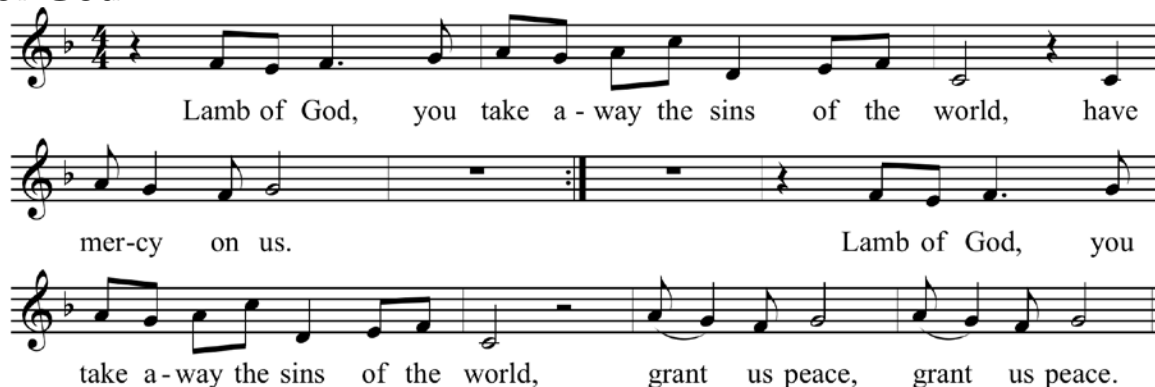
Haugen

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Mystery of Faith



## Lamb of God



### 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

### *Be Not Afraid*

*Dufford*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand,  
You shall see the face of God and live. *Refrain*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amidst the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you, through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked ones insult and hate you, all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*



# One Bread, One Body

Foley

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of  
all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.  
And we, though man-y, through - out the earth,  
we are one bod - y in this one Lord. *Fine*

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, *D.C. al Fine*

wom - an or man no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

## Song of Praise

## Lord You Give the Great Commission

BEACHSPRING

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my  
3. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its  
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may trust your  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and love re -

mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard, Help us  
prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each, Give us  
stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend, And, a -

wit - ness to your pur - pose With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
all new fer - vor, draw us Clos-er in com - mun-i - ty;  
mid the cares that claim us, Hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

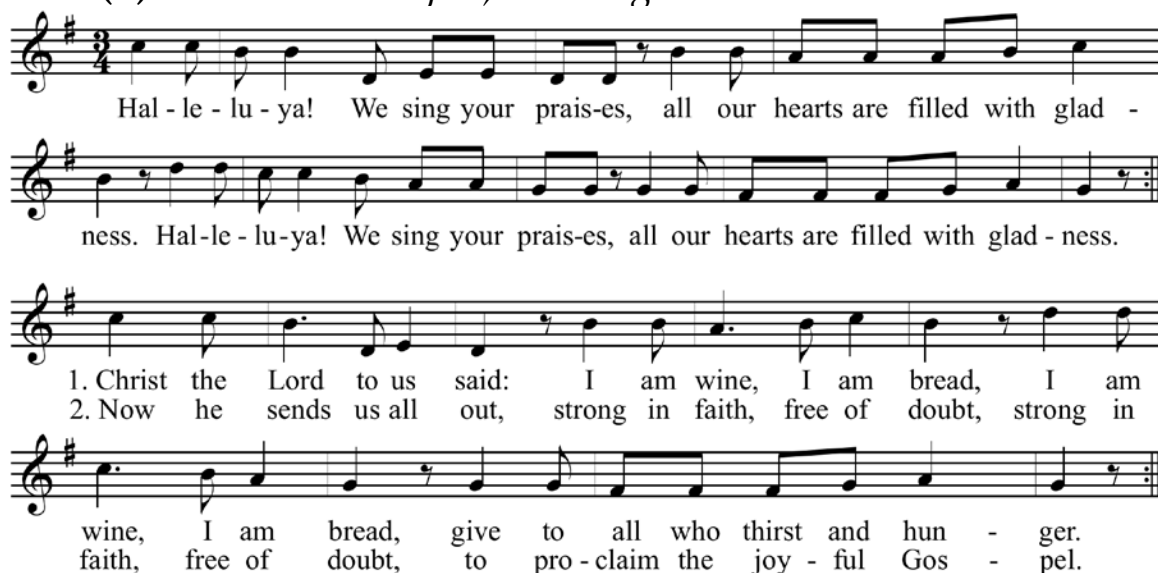
With the Spir-it's gifts em - power us For the work of min-is-try.



## Recessional (9)

## Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

African



Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad -  
ness. Hal-le - lu-ya! We sing your prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.  
1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am  
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in  
wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
faith, free of doubt, to pro - claim the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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### Sunday

9:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!  
10:00 AM MOMs Group  
11:00 AM Mass  
5:30 PM Mass

### Monday - Parish Center Closed

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 Yoga

### Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass  
7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

### 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](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.*

## Mass Time Change

Beginning on June 18th we will switch to one Mass on Sunday morning at 9:30 am for the summer. The evening Masses at 5 pm on Saturday and 5:30 pm on Sunday will stay the same.



# Get Behind Your Church

## Help Paint & Repair St. Joseph



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### Paint The Church Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our "Paint & Repair St. Joseph" appeal. **To date, we have received 235 pledges totaling \$1,175,892 (which includes a match of \$109,320) toward our goal of \$1,605,000.** We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

If you haven't yet given, please prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to help paint & repair the church!

**We are \$429,108 away from our goal!**

### Total Projected Costs

Repair of the St. Cecilia and Coronation of Mary stained glass windows	\$250,000
Repair and Painting of Building Exterior	\$1,095,000
Repair of Bell Tower Roof Membrane and Lighting	\$100,000
Replace outdated boiler controls	\$100,000
Replace the Parish Bus	\$ 60,000
<b>TOTAL URGENT NEEDS:</b>	<b>\$1,605,000</b>

### Double your gift!

Every gift of \$500+ will be matched by a generous donor, up to \$200,000.

Questions or for more information please contact Tina at [tinao@stjosephparish.org](mailto:tinao@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 965-1654.

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For more information please contact our Director of Advancement,  
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For many of us, whether long-time parishioners or recent arrivals, walking through the doors of St. Joseph Church lifts our hearts and ignites our senses. For some entering the church brings back memories of events lived in this space—of First Communions and Confirmations, of Weddings and Funerals, and even of Ordinations—but even for those who have just begun to form such memories, this church vibrates with the hum of 87 years of grace-filled moments, and offers a peace and holiness that is palpable. More than a concrete box with pretty windows, St. Joseph is a repository of memory and presence, a promise that all women and men may come into the “*Domus Dei*” the house of God and be lifted up with tenderness, fed with hospitality and hope, sheltered by compassion and mercy. And with its tower, rising into the sky, this building proclaims to the outside world that we—the beloved people of God—are here to welcome and to celebrate with all who come through the door.

If you have not yet given to our Campaign to Paint and Repair the Church, I hope you will consider your own memories of St. Joseph, or your own hopes for a future here. Help us keep this beautiful space as welcoming and beautiful as what we have received.

In Christ,



John D. Whitney, SJ



## POPE-POURRI

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***“What is the law of the People of God? It is the law of love, love for God and love for neighbor according to the new commandment that the Lord left to us (cf. Jn 13:34). It is a love, however, that is not sterile sentimentality or something vague, but the acknowledgment of God as the one Lord of life and, at the same time, the acceptance of the other as my true brother, overcoming division, rivalry, misunderstanding, selfishness; these two things go together. Oh how much more of the journey do we have to make in order to actually live the new law — the law of the Holy Spirit who acts in us, the law of charity, of love! Looking in newspapers or on television we see so many wars between Christians: how does this happen? Within the People of God, there are so many wars! How many wars of envy, of jealousy, are waged in neighborhoods, in the workplace! Even within the family itself, there are so many internal wars! We must ask the Lord to make us correctly understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. How beautiful! Let’s do something today”***

***~ Pope Francis***

# PARISH LIFE



## Welcoming Ministry Needs You!

The St. Joseph Welcoming Ministry is seeking two to three additional members to join our eight person volunteer effort. The mission of the ministry is to cultivate and ensure a welcoming culture and community at St. Joseph. The committee meets every other month. If interested, please contact John and Ann Patnaude (johnannpatnaude@gmail.com) to learn more about this exciting ministry.

## Young Adult Social

**Sunday, June 4th 6:30 - 8:15 pm**

**STUMP THE PRIEST... WITH FR. JOHN!**

**TOPIC: Church's Teaching on War and Peace**

Attention Young Adults 21-35: Please join us for our Monthly Social immediately following 5:30pm Mass in the Parish Center. Pizza, salad and beverages provided. \$10.00 suggested donation. A great way to meet other young adults! At this month's social, Fr. John will answer questions on the Church's Teaching on War and Peace. For details email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

## Young Adult Mariner Game

**Friday, June 23rd vs. Houston Astros 7:05 pm**

Pre-function gathering TBD 5:30 pm. Fireworks show after the game. Tickets are only \$13.00. To purchase tickets go to <https://goo.gl/OpcNPL>

Deadline is Thursday, June 8th. For more information email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org) or contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646

## 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](mailto:kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com)

## Seniors On The Go

**Friday, June 2nd** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Immediately following the 11:30 am Healing Mass is our annual Senior BBQ. Salmon, chicken and beverages provided. Please bring a side of salad or dessert to share. Singalong led by Bob McCaffery-Lent! Please RSVP by calling Renee at 324-2522 or [rleet@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rleet@stjosephparish.org)

**Friday, July 7th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. No luncheon.

## Women's Ministry

### MOMs Group

We invite you to refresh & reconnect with other blessed moms! New topic each session. **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE! Meet in the Social Hall on Sundays: May 28, June 4, & June 11 from 10:15 am until 11:45.** Fee \$30-\$40. Please contact [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org) or [denise@cassidyhome.com](mailto:denise@cassidyhome.com) for more information.

## LGBTQ Ministry

### Pride Skate Night

#### Co-Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry

Join us for a night of fun and pride **June 7 from 8:00 - 11:00 pm.** \$8 admission includes skate rental if

needed. All are welcome!

Southgate Roller Rink  
9646 17th Ave SW, Seattle

### Cup of Joe: Grounded Theology

Join St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry for a beverage of your choice and snacks. This is intended to be a casual evening of theological conversation facilitated by a guest speaker. June's topic is Spirituality and Sexuality an exploration how our sexuality impacts our relationship to our faith community and our spiritual life. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

\*\*\* Change of location, this is no longer at Victrola Coffee it is now hosted at St. Joseph's Parish Center in the Brebeuf Room. **Monday, June 12th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**



# FAITH JUSTICE

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## Our Neighbors From Iraq: What's Up & How You Can Help

In March, St. Joseph welcomed a wonderful family into the house formerly occupied by the Sisters of the Holy Name. Since then, if you come to the 9:00 am Mass, you may have met **Ali**, the father of the family, or **Zaid (7)**, his elder son—who is also enrolled at St. Joseph School. Zaid's younger brother, **Hassan (3)**, and mother, **Dihlal**, also come to St. Joseph when possible, though, as many of you know, taking care of a 3 year old can be a handful. Though the family is not Catholic, they were part of the diverse culture of Baghdad, and as Ali's grandfather says, *"Our faiths have different buildings, but it's the same God."*

Ali is currently enrolled in ESL classes, and hoping to get into a program for nurse's training and certification in the US, since he worked as a nurse before coming here. Meanwhile, because Dihlal needs to stay home to take care of Hassan, we are creating a schedule for ESL lessons in the home for her, as well as play-dates for her youngest son.

The gratitude and grace with which this family has become part of St. Joseph is a blessing to us, just as they have said we are a blessing to them. (That's the thing about grace, it always seems to spread out over all those involved.)

A current and pressing need. . .is for an automobile for the family. Ali would like to purchase a reliable and sturdy vehicle—hopefully at a good price. Doing his research, he is especially seeking a Volvo, Toyota, or Honda—with enough room to carry the family. If you can help with this search, or if you have a car to sell/donate, please contact Dave Spicer (206-229-7568) or call the Parish Center.

God has blessed us with these new friends. If you see them, say hello. Though we may not (yet) speak much of the same language, we are increasingly sharing one heart. Thank you to all who have helped, and to all at St. Joseph.

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community.

Key findings from data gathered by the US Dept. of Health & Human Services) include "the percent increase in suicide rates (in 2014) for females was greatest for those aged 10–14, and for males, those aged 45–64."

For more ideas on how to support efforts to help those who are impacted with mental illness, go to <http://mentalhealthministries.net/>



# FAITH FORMATION

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## Nevertheless She Persisted: Women Who Said Yes to Their Call

June 1 from 7:00-9:00 PM - St. Joseph Parish Center

Please join us and our guest panelists, Victoria Reis, Susan Decker, Diane Lostrangio & Anna Johnson, for an evening of reflection. By this point in our series we have heard about women who have persisted in the face of adversity and yet remain faithful to God's call. In our final evening we will hear from women today who are responding to the needs of our time. We hope to create a space in which you can continue to listen to in what ways is God calling you to say Yes!

\*\*\*Please arrive early as parking will be scarce. When you come early, you can enjoy food and refreshments.



# LITURGY AND WORSHIP



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the survivors and those injured at a young people's concert from a terrorist's explosion . . . Gratitude for the those who responded to this emergency: First Responders; those who opened their homes for shelter and safety; those who used social media to let families know their children and young adults were safe; the cab drivers who gave free rides; and many others whose hearts of courage were braver and stronger than fear . . . For the men and women who protect us, may God bless them and their commitment of service.

*"... When a father, mother, a brother, sister or a child dies*

*Their hearts live in those who have  
Loved them . . ."*

*~Linda Ann Henry  
"Butterflies from Heaven"*

*Rest In Peace*

*The children and adults who died at the concert in  
Manchester, England.*

## Come Pray With Us! 3 Opportunities For Prayer

Join us in prayer on **Monday, May 2th at 7 pm.** There are two prayer groups meeting. 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, contact Jim Hoover at [sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org) or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. 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.

**Thursday, June 1st at 7 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!

## Ordination Invitation

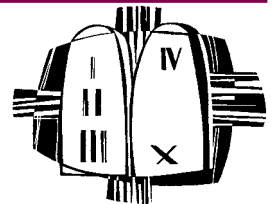
All are welcome to attend the  
**MASS OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**  
The Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM  
St. James Cathedral - 804 9th Avenue, Seattle

**NO TICKETS REQUIRED.**  
Public Reception follows in Cathedral Hall.

Sacred Heart Radio AM 1050 will  
provide live coverage of the ordination  
and installation. The broadcast from  
St. James Cathedral will begin at 1:45 pm.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



### School Openings

As happens from time to time, we still have a few spaces open in select grades for the coming 2017-18 school year. As we enter the season when many families are moving into Seattle, this is a good time to let people know who we are and what we represent. Specifically, if you know of or learn of families looking to place their children in kindergarten, first grade, third grade or sixth grade, please let them know about all that St. Joseph School offers. You are the best marketing tool we have. Please call 206.329.3260 for more information.



## Ascension

In the center of the south side of the nave of St. Joseph is the window of the Ascension, part of those which capture the Glorious Mysteries of Jesus' life. The panels of this window reveal much of this mystery of faith.

**The Trinity:** The symbol of the Trinity, towards which Jesus looks, is the ancient symbol of threes-within-threes within one: the triple, intersecting circles (for the three persons), overlain by the equilateral triangle (symbol of the Father), within a single circle (for the oneness of the Godhead). From this pour forth rays of every color, as signs of grace, which are echoed in the dawn over the city and the halo around Jesus.

**The Ascending Christ:** His wounded hands still visible, Jesus looks to the place of his origin and destiny in this window. One may note the bare feet, like Moses who was called to take off his shoes on holy ground. Jesus rises above the city of Jerusalem, in the dawning light of the new day—a sign of what is to come in the rising of the Church, the new Jerusalem.

**The Apostles:** In Acts, it is not all the disciples, but the Apostles who witness the Ascension; and this window depicts this gathering. Mary, who will be at Pentecost but may have already seen her Son leave once, is not pictured. The three look up at the heavens in various poses depicting a desire to have Jesus stay, and prayerful acceptance or sorrow. Note that they, unlike Jesus, wear sandals—appropriate for the mission to the world they are given.

