“Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, who has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!”

Photos of the Saadawi Family courtesy of Taryn Elledge-Penner
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017

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Homily Next Week: Steve Wodzanowski

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

Readings for July 2, 2017
First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center
Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

At that time, [the first Companions] had all agreed upon what they were
going to do, namely: to go to Venice and Jerusalem and to spend their
lives helping souls. If they could not obtain permission to stay in Jerusalem,
they would return to Rome and offer themselves to the Vicar of Christ, so
that he might employ them wherever he judged to be most for the glory of
God and the good of souls.

“The Autobiography of Ignatius Loyola” as told to Luis de Camara-

To walk together—free and obedient—moving toward the margins of society
where no one else reaches, “under the gaze of Jesus and looking to the
horizon which is the ever greater glory of God, who ceaselessly surprises
us”. As Saint Ignatius reminds us, a Jesuit is called “to think and to live in any
part of the world where there is hope for greater service of God and help of souls” [Constitutions, 304].

-Francis Address to the 36th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus

In the late 5th century, amid the tumult caused by the fall of Roman
civilization, Benedict of Nursia wrote a Rule of life for the monas-
tery in which he lived, a Rule that called for hospitality and schol-
ship, for work and prayer in a single place. Taking vows of chastity,
obedience, and stability of place, the Order of St. Benedict—and a female
community founded by Benedict’s sister, Scholastica—preserved much of the culture and learning endangered by the upheaval that accompanied the fall of Rome, and helped found monastic life in the West. Years later, in 1209, moved by the violence and acquisitiveness of the growing urban culture, Francis of Assisi renounced the wealth of his merchant father and devoted himself to preaching in poverty the grace of God’s kingdom—going even so far as Egypt, where he met with the Muslim Sultan to speak of God’s peace. Joined by other similarly disaffected young men, and with the blessing of the Pope, Francis helped found the Order that bears his name—and assisted his childhood friend, Clare, in founding a women’s contemplative Order, the Poor Clare’s, likewise dedicated to the witness of poverty. At almost the same time as Francis was beginning his mendicant (i.e., begging) community in Italy, in southern France a Spanish priest by the name of Dominic de Guzman began training young men to preach the Catholic faith against the ignorance he encountered, and called young women into monastic community life to pray and support that preaching (n.b., in this era, women religious were required to be in contemplative communities). As with the Franciscan movement, Dominic’s new Order was a departure from the monastic norm of religious life in his day. Taking no vow of stability, Dominicans sought to be mobile and coordinated across regions, while retaining the monastic discipline of common prayer. Yet, despite their differences, each of these movements emerged from its founder’s sense that something was lacking or endangered in the Church of his day. Thus, Benedictines were called to “prayer and work” (“ora et labora”) in a time of threatening chaos; Franciscans were called to witnesses “peace and the good” (“pax et bonum”) in an age of violence and increasing consumption; and Dominicans were called “to praise, to bless, and to preach” (“laudare, benedicere, predicare”) through liturgical and educational ministry, at a time when ignorance and error seemed widespread. Each responded to a particular challenge of the early and late middle ages, and each offered a particular solution appropriate to its time and place.
When Iñigo de Loyola was born, in 1491, the major religious Orders in the West, which had once offered revolutionary solutions to the problems of their age, had become part of the landscape of the Church, and had given birth to numerous other Orders, often founded for the sake of renewal or as attempts to expand the mandate of the original practice. From the Benedictines had been born a variety of monastic communities, which held to the Rule of Benedict but interpreted it in different ways; meanwhile, both the Franciscans and Poor Clares had seen the growth of manifold disciplines and communities, spinning off from the original charism of Francis and Clare. On the other hand, the Dominicans had become important protectors of the hierarchy of the Church, both as teachers and in the leadership of the Holy Office of the Inquisition. Still driven by their original call, each of these religious traditions took on new dimensions—so much so that, by the time Ignatius and his Companions arrived in Rome in 1540, there was a backlash against allowing any more religious communities to be formed.

Yet, if the splintering and expansion of the medieval Orders inspired resistance to the founding of a new congregation, Ignatius offered a vision so different in both design and purpose as to overcome this resistance. For the Society of Jesus is formed not to meet any specific need or deficit found in the Church—not for preaching nor for teaching, not for stability nor for scholarship, not as peacemakers nor as missionaries—but to make its members available for whatever the Church might need at any moment or place. The charism of the Society, in other words, is not circumscribed by a particular ministry, but is, on the contrary, availability to any and all ministries, wherever the need is acutely felt. Thus, Ignatius, unlike his predecessors, writes no binding Rule, by which his spiritual contemporaries or followers should live; instead, he writes Constitutions, which call upon an individual Jesuit or community to keep always in mind the “places, times, and persons” who make up the circumstances of their ministry. The guidelines of the Constitutions are intended to help one towards better discernment in concrete situations, but they must always be applied “tantum quantum” (i.e., insofar as they are helpful) and in line with the movements of the spirit within the individual or group.

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises, the Society of Jesus was never a response to a social or Church problem, but rather the embodiment of a movement of discernment begun in the individual. In the Exercises, a person is invited to discern the movements of spirits within her own heart—consolation and desolation, hope and despair—in order to discover how best to achieve her deepest desire: a closeness with the God who loves her and whom she has come to love through Christ. Through their experience of the Exercises, the early Companions experienced, as Ignatius had, a profound freedom: a sense that no rule nor action was good or bad, except insofar as it brought greater benefit or bore more fruit for the Kingdom of God. For this reason, the first Companions, when war made it impossible to go to the Holy Land and serve in poverty, willingly placed themselves, in obedience, at the service of the Vicar of Christ, whom they determine has the strongest sense of where the greatest needs could be found across the globe.

The apparent contradiction that the freedom of the Exercises led the Companions to bind themselves to each other and to the Pope through vows of obedience finds resolution when we understand the overarching desire of these first Jesuits for the “good of souls,” as Ignatius refers to it. The desire to be placed with Jesus, and to serve him in his mission of bringing all creation to the Father, means that all lesser desires—including personal independence—become relative, i.e., valued only in as much as they lead us to God. The process of discernment, the foundation of all Jesuit mission, holds in tension varied and sometimes conflicting goods, harmonizing them in light of that deepest desire of the human heart for communion in Christ. Thus, the Jesuit charism is not a charism of this work or that work, but a charism of process, which unites diverse elements without collapsing the tension between them, looking always towards “the greater glory of God” (“ad majorem Dei gloriam”—the motto of the Society of Jesus). It was for this reason that the early Jesuits, rather than simply following their own lights, were willing to vow obedience to the Pope for the sake of mission, in an act of freedom and humility. Believing that the Spirit resided both in the hierarchical Church and in their own hearts, they chose obedience as a means of disciplining their egos—a bridge to transform the apparent conflict of charism and institution into a dynamic tension, by which God’s grace might be more fully realized among the People of God.

In a parish such as St. Joseph, which is both part of the Archdiocese of Seattle and part of the spiritual tradition of the Society of Jesus, we are called to live in the creative tension of these two identities: to ask ourselves what it means to be both Jesuit and diocesan, and how these might work together. This is not a theoretical issue, but one that we must embrace daily, in the service of God’s People. As Pope Francis said to the Jesuits gathered recently in Rome: “The harmonizing of this and all tensions (contemplation and action, faith and justice, charisma and institution, community and mission ...) is not contained in abstract formulas but rather obtained over the course of time through that which Faber calls ‘our way of proceeding’. By walking and ‘moving forward’ in following the Lord, the Society harmonizes the tensions inevitably produced by the diversity of the people it brings together and the missions it receives.”

Next Week: Part II - Living the Jesuit Charism at St. Joseph
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Songs

(5&9:30) Sing O Sing

1. Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea; let music fill the skies!
2. Night and day we announce your praise, O Lord of every land,
3. Mighty Master of raging storm, we kneel before your pow’r.
4. Hear us, Lord of the sun and moon; we bless you night and day.

Lift your voice like the thundering waves: let songs of praise arise!
give you thanks for the sun and stars, all blessings of your hand.
Loving Lord of the faithful rain that makes the desert flow’re.
Guide us, Lord, as we journey home; be with us on our way.

Praise God with drums and dancing! Praise God with flute and horn!
Helper of all who labor, comfort to all who mourn.
Giver of song and sorrow, grower of every seed.
Spirit of field and forest, powder of snow and rain.

Blessed be our God, Mighty Lord of all!
Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!
Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!
Praise to you, O God, Mighty Lord of all!

(5:30) Be Still

1. Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, to whom my love I give.
2. Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, I came to set you free.
3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my chosen one, I whom I show my ways.

whom my love I give. My life is yours, in you I live.
whom I show my ways. My love is with you all your days.

Be still, be still and know that I am God.
First Reading
Jeremiah said:
“Terror on every side!
Denounce! let us denounce him!
All those who were my friends
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.
Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,
and take our vengeance on him.’
But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.
In their failure they will be put to utter shame,
to lasting, unforgettable confusion.
O LORD of hosts, you who test the just,
who probe mind and heart,
let me witness the vengeance you take on them,
for to you I have entrusted my cause.
Sing to the L ORD, praise the L ORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!”

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 69

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my family,
an alien to my brothers and sisters.
I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favor.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails;
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn captives in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give God praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second Reading
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 up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.
Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the house-tops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”
Holy, Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass

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

Mystery of Faith

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
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

Communion Antiphon

Be Not Afraid

Verse 1
1. 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
Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2
2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid 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.
God Sends Us Forth

1. God sends us forth to love and serve,
2. Nourished by Christ, our Word and Bread,
3. Called to the ones the world ignores—
4. So, with the cross to lead the way,

Make known God’s name and live God’s word,
Burn ing with love and Spir it led,
Hung ry and thirst y, weak and poor—
Let us go forth in peace to day,

Mir or God’s love, reflect God’s grace Till
Sent to embrace a world in need, To
Let us bear Christ, who heals all pain And
And to the ends of earth make known The

All have seen the Sav ior’s face.
make God known in word and deed.
com forts those bowed down by shame.
sav ing love our God has shown.

Song of Praise

Alonso
## This Week At St. Joseph

### Sunday
- 9:30 AM  Mass
- 10:30 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
- 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  Yoga

### Wednesday
- 7:00 AM  Mass

### Thursday
- 7:00 AM  Mass

### Friday
- 7:00 AM  Mass

### Saturday
- 3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

### Liturgy and Worship

**St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:** Welcome to the residents of Tent City 3 who have moved in this weekend . . . A grateful thank you to Deacon Steve and to everyone who helped make this move possible . . . For Beverly and Georganne to be comforted as they mourn the loss of Gregory who died unexpectedly.

> "Fear no one."
> ~Matthew 10:26

**RIP**
*Earl Spangler whose funeral Mass is here Tuesday, July 11th at 4pm.*

### BBQ After The 5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, July 9 - 6:30 pm**
(Following the 5:30 p.m. Mass)
St. Joseph Parish Center

Join us for a celebration of summer with food, drinks, and picnic games on the lawn between the church and the Parish Center. This is also an opportunity to meet our new neighbors from Tent City 3. Burgers, dogs, pop, lemonade, wine, potato salad and chips provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Volunteers needed for set-up, serving and clean-up, contact Deacon Steve to volunteer, stelew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. Hosted by the Young Adult Ministry & the Welcome Committee Ministry.

### Come Pray With Us!

**Monday Night Prayer Groups**

Join us in prayer on **Monday, June 26th 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. Participants need to enter the church before 7 PM as the church is locked in the evening. For information, contact Jim Hoover at sacred-silence@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.

### Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph’s has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by Parishioners? This is the perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to help deepen your prayer life through their reflections.

https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/

Parish Office is closed July 3rd & 4th.
TENT CITY at ST. JOSEPH

Tent City Welcome Dinner

If you want to help with providing food/volunteer at the Welcome Dinner, please sign-up by visiting the link below. Or email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

To help with the welcome dinner on Thursday, June 29th - http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/meals.php?t=ETSS3384

Calendar of Events

Here is our current Calendar of events while Tent City is here and who to contact if you want to volunteer. Our goal is to have at least one parish sponsored event each week. If you have ideas for additional events and/or want to take the lead on hosting a dinner or other type of gathering, let me know.

• Tuesday, June 27th  7:00 -  8:30 pm – Parking lot. Meet our new neighbors at Tent City 3 Ice Cream Social. Elizabeth Rogers is taking the lead. If you want to help, email her at elizabeth@elizabethrogerspt.com. This is a great event to just attend.

• Thursday, June 29th 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Parish Social Hall. Welcome Dinner. Click on link above to volunteer. If you have ideas for entertainment after dinner, please email stevew@stjosephparish.org

• Sunday, July 9th  6:30 – 8:30 pm – on the Plaza. Welcome Barbecue after the 5:30 pm Mass hosted by Young Adult Group and Welcoming Ministry. If you would like to help, please email stevew@stjosephparish.org. Need side dishes, salads and desserts.

• Thursday, July 13th  7:00 – 8:30 pm –Parish Center. Panel Conversation on Homelessness with Residents of TC3. Need folks to bring desserts to share! To help contact Kate Wise at k.wise@outlook.com

• Friday, July 21st  7:00 – 10:30 pm – Parish Social Hall. Pizza and Movie Night.. Need volunteers to get pizza from Costco, buy salad, beverages, snacks and desserts. To help contact john.v.kew.ii@gmail.com

• Wednesday, August 2nd 6:30 – 8:30 pm – on the Plaza. Parish Barbecue to celebrate St. Peter Faber, S.J. Hosted by St. Joseph’s Men’s Ministry but we need help with set-up, cooking, serving and cleanup. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

We will have a Tent City Hosting meeting on Thursday, July 6th at 7:30 pm to finalize our Calendar of Events. If you have questions, suggestions, comments, concerns or feedback, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org If you are willing to take the special Tent City cell phone, in case of emergency calls on evenings and weekends for a week or two this summer, please call or email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965 - 1646. (Last summer we received a total of six calls, half were questions about donations!)

Dear friends, by simple gestures, by simple prayerful actions which honor Christ in the least of his brothers and sisters, we can bring the power of his love into our world, and truly change it.

~Pope Francis
Seniors On The Go

Thursday, July 6th - SENIORS OUTING to the Ballard Locks featuring a free afternoon concert with the Jazz Pearls. 11am – 4pm. Brown Bag Lunch. Transportation from St. Joseph provided. Free! To register call or email Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or 324-2522.

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

Friday, July 21st - Join us for a wonderful day exploring the North Cascades. Including lunch in the town of Newcastle and an afternoon boat cruise on Diablo Lake. $25.00 per person including lunch. Leave from St. Joseph's Parish Center at 9:00 am and returning around 8 pm. Must sign-up and pre-pay by July 14th. To register contact Renee at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Pride Movie and Discussion

Come join the LGBTQ Ministry in celebrating the end of Pride Month with a screening of Pride (2014) and post-discussion from 7:00-9:30PM. All are welcome to the festivities!

Synopsis: Pride is inspired by an extraordinary true story. It’s the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers’ families.

Parish Center in the Brebeuf Room
Tuesday, June 27th from 7:00-9:30 pm

Parish Life

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for the Young Adult Bible Study as we walk through Romans this summer! Meetings held every Thursday from 7-8:30 pm for 7 weeks starting on June 29th in the Parish Center. The first meeting will be introductory, and there will be no need to have anything prepared. For information about the study and where to find the materials, please contact Sabrina at sfordyce@spu.edu

Young Adult Service Trip

Wednesday, July 19, 7 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center

The St. Joseph Young Adult (YA) Community is hosting a service immersion trip to build homes in New Orleans October 18-22, 2017. The trip is 5 days and the $1,075 cost includes airfare, lodging, meals, transportation and all service activities through our partners Shirts Across America and Habitat for Humanity. Join us for the Info Night where you can hear more about the trip, registration details, and the experiences of past participants. This is an incredible opportunity to build community with other young adults while serving the NOLA community that is still rebuilding. Come learn more! Pizza, salad, and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Deacon Steve at 206 965 1646 or Katy Ryan at Katherinemryan@gmail.com

LGBTQ Ministry Summer Home Mass & Potluck

Thursday, July 13th at 6:00pm

Please join the LGBTQ Ministry for a home mass and potluck in celebration of community and fellowship. We will be meeting at the home of Tee Earls and Troy Kaser; please bring your favorite side dish. An RSVP is appreciated as space is limited. Please email lgbt@stjosephparish.org to RSVP and for location address or for any other questions.

Young Adult Hike (21-35)

SATURDAY JULY 15TH

Location: Oyster Dome (Pacific NW Trail, Bow, WA 98232)

Details: Views of the San Juans and Samish Bay! A great opportunity for fellowship and celebrating Creation. Please bring your own snacks/water. We’ll stop at a local restaurant to grub up after the hike!

Time: Meet at 8 am St. Joseph to carpool. We’ll be back in Seattle around 4-5 pm.

Drivers: We are looking for 1-2 more drivers, so let us know if you’re able to drive! Drivers need a Discover Pass—if you can’t drive but do have a Discover Pass, please bring it along so a driver can borrow.

For details email averyhaller@outlook.com
What We Do

The Men’s Ministry at St. Joseph Parish is focused on bringing men of all ages together in a community of fellowship. We gather on a regular basis for a variety of informal events including retreats, volunteer, reflection, outdoor, and social activities.

The Men’s Ministry at St. Joseph Parish helps create and enhance a full and meaningful life. Our activities provide opportunities to develop friendships that help define, discover, and make sense of our lives and roles as men.

Who We Are

We are professionals and teachers, fathers and grandfathers, some work in industry while others work in NGOs and in community services. Many of us live in Seattle, with some from the Eastside and others on the peninsula or the islands. Regardless of where we live, we come together to stay connected and share in our experience of life.

We welcome all men of all ages and at all places along the pathway of life to join us in our many gatherings and participate in our community.

When We Gather

Each year we organize a number of events that provide opportunities for fellowship, prayer, reflection, and supportive discussions. These gatherings will recharge the batteries of our faith and are always a lot of fun.

Here are some of the activities we have planned in the coming months.

We hope you will join us!

Men’s Gathering and Discussion on Family Disaster/Emergency Preparedness for the Home, Canterbury Ale House, 534 15th Ave E, Thu. Jun. 29th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Feast of St. Peter Faber, S.J. Celebration and Tent City BBQ at St. Joseph, Wed. Aug 2nd, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Day Hike to Red Pass (~10 miles, ~2,500’ vertical), Sat. Aug.19th, 7:00 a.m. departure from St. Joseph’s Fall Mass and Pot Luck BBQ at the Parish Center, Fri. Sep. 22nd, 6:00 p.m.

Fall Weekend Retreat at Camp Casey, Whidbey Island, Fri. Oct. 20th, 8:00 p.m. - Sun. Oct. 22nd, 11:00 a.m.

For More Information

Contact Deacon Steve via email at stevew@stjosephparish.org

On the web: https://www.stjosephparish.org/46/mens-ministry.html

We’re on Facebook! Search for “St. Joseph Parish Men’s Ministry”
Our Refugee Family Update

Our community continues to be blessed by the presence of the Saadawi family. The school has extended their lease on the house for another year. Zaid will be able to continue as a student at St Joseph in the fall. The whole family has been busy learning English.

Now that the family is settled in their home, Ali is looking for a job. If anyone has any leads, please contact Leslie Boniface at 206-669-2370. He is willing to do almost anything. It needs to be during the day because of Zaid’s treatments. Ali is particularly interested in a delivery job, or perhaps cleaning or stocking in a hospital, store, or restaurant.

Additionally we received a note from the International Rescue Committee our partner in our refugee ministry. I wanted to bring this story on the Saadawi family, which was published today to our website in honor of World Refugee Day, to your attention! As you already know, none of the support we’ve provided the Saadawi family would be possible without Saint Joseph and we at IRC are so very grateful for all you’ve done for this family. See the story https://www.rescue.org/announcement/leaving-home-save-their-child - Daron Mackie, Intensive Case Worker Management, IRC

What’s On Fr. John’s Kindle These Days?

1. Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

* Vowell is an unconventional historian who interweaves her own experience of visiting historical sites with the story behind it. Here she explores the life of the Marquis de Lafayette, who came to the Revolutionary US as a 20 year old and volunteered to work for General Washington. A unique view of the Revolution, and great reflections on who we are now and how we got here. (This is a good “beach read” with a bit of meat on the bone. Very accessible.)

2. The Death of Adam by Marilynne Robinson

* A great and important series of essays by the author of Gilead. This is not a light read, but not too technical either. She talks about Darwin in an interesting way that offers some great understanding about how the idea of competition and survival of the fittest both comes from and continues to influence our social policy—to the detriment of the poor and the Christian vision. She writes on Bonhoeffer, on family, and on other topics. You can read each essay by itself, but it will get you thinking. (Accessible to most adults, but you may have to remember what you learned in school a while ago—as I did—at times. Not a “pop” book.)

3. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohleben

* If you’ve been meaning to read Laudato Si, but worry about all that theology, this book is wonderful and will give you a great sense of the community of the earth. Wohleben is a lovely writer and the sense of what is going on in the forest is informative, but also wonderfully inviting of reflection. A gentle book, which I find helps make me a bit more gentle. (Very accessible for all.)

4. Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott

* If you are looking for a book that gives you a little bit of a kick in the rear, while making you laugh at your own human nature, Anne Lamott is the one to read. Her reflections on mercy in herself and for herself—how hard it can sometimes be—rings true, and allows us to embrace an spirituality that isn’t about something “out there” but about our own family and friends. Great reading if you are tired of brain candy, but not quite looking for intellectual broccoli.
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 331 pledges totaling $1,285,078 (which includes a match of $165,959) towards our goal of $1,605,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

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