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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 30, 2017

Homily This Week: Julian Climaco, S.J.
Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

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

Readings for August 6, 2017

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-19

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

Parish Center

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Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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The Survival of the Beloved

[W]e have put together among ourselves a rigidly simple account of life in the world, which we honor with the name Reality and which, we now assure one another, must be faced and accepted, even or especially at the cost of those very things which societies we admire are believed by us to value, for example education, the arts, a humane standard of life for the whole of the community.

-Marilynne Robinson-

If you ever took high school social studies or college economics, you might recall the name of Thomas Malthus, the British cleric who, under the influence of Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*, sought to show that charity is ultimately counterproductive. Devising a graph which claimed to prove that care of the poor only increases the ultimate amount of suffering, Malthus' work becomes a foundational support for the unrestrained capitalism that would mark 19th century Britain. Indeed, his notion of the poor as "*surplus population*" is even quoted by Dickens, who puts that phrase into the mouth of his great opponent of charity, Ebenezer Scrooge. For the unreformed Scrooge, as for generations of capitalist campaigners, the Malthusian Curve presents a "*scientific*" refutation of the misguided principles that emerge from those who take literally the New Testament teaching about feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Altruism, it is argued, though an "*instinct*" of humanity, is counterproductive as social policy; whereas, the economic principles of capitalism, in which surplus labor is used until its numbers are reduced through starvation and exhaustion, leads society to greater progress and a higher aggregate of happiness. This, the argument runs, is not a matter of morality or ethics: it's just science.

One reader who was profoundly influenced by Malthus' scientific approach, was a young British naturalist named Charles Darwin, who proceeded to translate the Malthusian vision upon the whole of the natural world: asserting that evolution occurs from the constant battle of all against all for the possession of scarce resources. In such a world, competition replaces any other moral imperative, creating progress through the destruction of less well-adapted species and the preservation of better ones. For Darwin, this struggle for survival is also part of human community, dictating that superior races and cultures both compete with and eventually supplant lesser, primitive members of the species—which, for Darwin included those "*primitive*" aboriginal races around the world. And, whereas the instinct for compassion may be present in human beings, it exists only as a secondary stimulus, given to help animals (including humans) form communities and families, and thereby allow for a competitive edge. Rather than a choice emerging from a moral center (e.g., a divine presence within each person), ethics is merely a particular formulation of the drive for good-feeling, unnaturally extended by such works as the New Testament into some kind of moral law. Far from the Creation of a benevolent God, the Darwinian world is a battlefield, in which the progress of species depends never on cooperation, but only on successful competition, where the "*virtuous*" (i.e., fittest) survive and the "*inferior*" (i.e., less fit) perish. Any ethics that contradicts this competitive model becomes a potentially dangerous luxury, a kind of "*political correctness*" that undermines the natural progress coming from the competition of persons, communities,

races, cultures, and species.

Yet, for all the apparent science of Darwinian evolution, its blindness to its foundational bias—i.e., its prejudice towards competition, a prejudice grounded in both Malthus and the free market economics of its day—leads this theory to denigrate as “unnatural” the very observable experiences of cooperation and collaboration, of compassion and kindness, of human love and personal sacrifice. These, say the social Darwinians, are not only contrary to the ways of nature, but potentially hazardous to human development, since they allow the poor and less qualified to survive and reproduce, instead of culling them from the human herd, as one might cull a diseased animal. For this reason, various forms of social Darwinism, applying the principles of natural selection to economics and politics, have sought to isolate notions of religion and morality into the private sphere—i.e., matters of sentiment, but not of science—while promoting the “realism” of constant competition and the “natural selection” manifest by unregulated market capitalism, colonial imperialism, and various forms of “selective breeding,” either through scientific eugenics or through more subtle structures of prejudice and racial segregation.

In our own time, the Malthusian-Darwinian bias infects even those communities who profess to be religiously grounded—indeed, even those who profess to deny the theory of evolution itself. Such religious fundamentalists, while affirming the literal meaning of *Genesis* against the scientific evidence of evolution, marry Darwin’s notion of “survival of the fittest” to an apocalyptic eschatology built primarily upon parts of the Old Testament, the Book of Revelation, and a few passages of Paul. This religious reductionism—in which the social teaching of Jesus is rarely mentioned—is then merged with a theocratic vision of America as an essentially “Christian” (i.e., white Protestant) nation. From this comes the notion that spiritual survival depends on the same free market and libertarian principles one finds in natural selection. To these anti-Darwin Darwinists, the science of evolution may be wrong but the vision of the world is still the same: i.e., a struggle for survival in which all those who are not with us are against us. So it is that anti-evolutionary Pentecostals join with neo-Malthusian Darwinist libertarians in a strange alignment, whose premise is that the weak or “sinful” people (e.g., the poor, the marginalized, the disabled, those of other religious traditions) should be culled from the social structures, for the good of society. To support such people through government programs or refugee assistance, through labor laws or anti-discriminatory regulations only weakens the natural resilience of the market and the progress created by natural selection—or, in more religious language, the progress ordained by God for his chosen people.

Though often opposed by a parallel tradition of altruism and community, by ancient Christian values of sacrifice and cooperation, this Darwinian mythology of universal competition remains deeply ingrained in American culture, coming out especially in times of great fear. Indeed, this simplistic vision of reality as competition, where progress comes not through cooperation nor collaboration—not through one generation assisting the next to do better, nor through one community helping another to grow strong—feeds on fear. And those who understand this often manufacture fear to increase their own power. Rather than looking at immigrants and refugees as sisters and brothers, this fear-filled vision sees them as competitors and potential threats. Rather than lifting up the poor, the disabled, the powerless, so that all might prosper, this vision sees such groups as drags on society, who should be pushed down further, so as to decrease the surplus population. The fear of the poor—which prompted Malthus to argue against altruism, which was given a scientific veneer by Darwin and social Darwinism, and which is ordained as “divine will” to some religious fundamentalists—looks always towards enemies, and justifies numerous acts of injustice on the grounds that these perceived enemies threaten our survival by their very existence. Even if this perception is wrong, goes the thinking, we remain justified, since the fundamental law of reality is always survival.

This week—as the President of the United States tweeted that all transgendered persons would be forced from military service; as the Senate of the United States debated decreases in health care for millions of Americans, denying the very notion that such care is an intrinsic human right; as Immigration and Customs Enforcement continues to separate families and detain children—we can hear the echoes of Malthus and Darwin ringing through our national debate. But if we listen carefully, we can also hear the voice of Christ offering a very different message—a message that welcomes the residents of Tent City and the Saadawi family from Iraq, that makes sandwiches for St. Martin de Porres and brings food for St. Francis House, that stands in support of LGTB service members and offers refuge for those pursued by ICE, that refuses to survive at the expense of the other and that stands against fear with a “revolution of tenderness.” The voice of Jesus tells us that our fear is a lie, and that survival does not come through victory in competition, but through generosity in love; not through the power of the weapon, but through the hope of the cross. Our survival comes in the resurrection of the whole community—every race and language; every creed and culture; rich and poor; man and woman; abled and disabled; gay, straight, and transgendered—and the only failure is to leave someone behind. This is the voice of the Kingdom, the voice we need to hear, the message we need to proclaim.

John

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Prelude

Jesu, Joy Of Our Desiring

Bach/Bridges

Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright, drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned.

Striving still to truth unknown. Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Entrance Songs

(5&9:30) Sing, O Sing

Schutte



1. Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea; let mu - sic fill the skies!
2. Night and day we an - nounce your praise, O Lord of ev - 'ry land,
3. Make us shine like the stars of night; we bless your ho - ly_ name!



Lift your voice like the thun - d'ring waves: let songs of praise a - rise!
give you thanks for the sun and stars, all bless - ings of your hand.
Make our love like a blaz - ing light; O set our hearts a - flame!



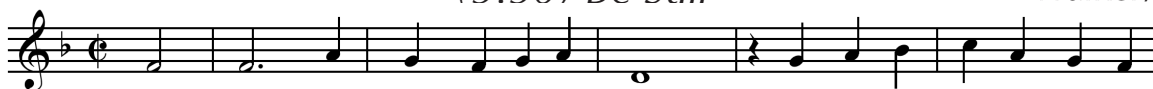
Praise God with drums and danc - ing! Praise God with flute and horn!
Help - er of all who la - bor, Com - fort to all who mourn.
Mas - ter of dawn and dark - ness, Mak - er of shin - ing star.



Bless - ed be our God, Might - y Lord of all!
Praise to you, O God, Might - y Lord of all!
Praise to you, O God, Might - y Lord of all!

(5:30) Be Still

Walker/Freeburg



1. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, to
2. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, I
3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my cho-sen one, to



whom my love I give. My life is yours, in you I live.
came to set you free. Give me your cares and rest in me.
whom I show my ways. My love is with you all your days.



Be still, be still and know that I am



God.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119

Guimont



Lord I love your com - mands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.



Gospel Acclamation

Murray



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

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Matthew 13:44-52

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Homily

Julian Climaco, S.J.



Offertory Song

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the king-^{dom} of God and his right-eous - ness,
2. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you, seek, and ye shall find,
and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you; Al-le - lu, al-le - lu - ia.
knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Storrington Mass

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.

Communion Songs

Eye Has Not Seen #629

Haas

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for

those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of

Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

The Love Of the Lord #702

Joncas

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his

life? What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf-f'ring and

death? What more could be our fi - nal wish than to

live in the love of the Lord?

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but
 3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 side and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 sound in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.

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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
 6:00 PM Prayer Svc & BBQ

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
 5:00 PM Vigil Mass



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Prayer Tree



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Henry's arm to heal well . . . To achieve balance in the busyness of life . . . Thank you for those who make a difference by helping with food for St. Martin de Porres Shelter on the weekends . . . Grateful also for those who donate and those who sort the weekend food donations for St. Francis House.

*"How much better to get wisdom than gold,
To choose understanding rather than silver."*

~Proverbs 16:16

RIP

*Janet Ryan Pasha, sister of Sr. Judy and
Fr. Michael Ryan*

Resources For Jesuit Prayer

www.jesuitprayer.org - Jesuit Prayer is a collaborative online ministry of Jesuits Midwest and Jesuits West. May this prayer site anchor your day and strengthen your resolve to remember what truly matters.

www.sacredspace.ie - Sacred Space began in 1999 and has offered new content every day since then. This prayer site is a joint apostolate of the Irish Jesuits and Loyola Press.

www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer - Focus on what is truly important through a daily prayer experience with Scripture, music, and images, offered by Loyola Press.

www.prayerwindows.com - This site presents an internet gallery that uses paintings to display a way to pray in a creative manner. The artist, Bob Gilroy, S.J., uses creativity to express feelings and communicate with God. Directions are provided so viewers can learn how to see God reflected in their own lives through the arts.

Come Pray With Us! Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, July 31st 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.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, August 3rd, 7 - 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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/>

Tuesday Night Yoga

Body In Prayer

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. Mats are available upon request. Contact Kaitlyn O'Leary with questions at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE



Marriage Enrichment Boat Cruise

Back by popular demand,
St. Joseph Marriage Enrichment Summer Boat Cruise!
Friday, August 25th - \$60/couple

Join us on the "My Girl" Charter Boat for a wonderful sunset cruise with your sweetheart!

BYOB - BEVERAGES AND FOOD

Board: 7:00 pm - Lake Union Public Pier by MOHAI
Setting sail: 7:30 pm
Returning to port: 10:30 pm
Max: 56 people

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

To register: stjosephparish.org then click on the boat cruise tile.

Parish Life Commission

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 11, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, March 5 and May 14. Ministries we currently support include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, parish picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 4-6 new members who can commit to either a 2 or 3 year term.

Young Adult Ministry

Mark your calendar: St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry is hosting a game night **Saturday, August 5th at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Center! There will be pizza, drinks, and lots of games. Bring your competitive spirit, a board game if you have one and enjoy spending time with new and old friends! For more details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

Friday, August 4th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. No luncheon.

Tuesday, August 22nd - RIDE THE DUCKS. Depart from Parish Center at 10:00 am, catch the 11:00 am tour followed by lunch at IVAR's on Lake Union. Return home around 2:30 pm. Cost \$20.00 plus lunch. Must signup and pre-pay by August 8th. Contact Renee in the Parish Office 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Friday, September 1st - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. No luncheon.

LGBTQ Ministry

Discover Liberation Theology
with Guest Speaker, Jeanette Rodriguez PhD
St. Joseph's Parish Center - Mother Teresa Rm
Monday, August 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm

Liberation Theology: What is it? Who began it? Why is it relevant today? We are honored to have Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez, professor of Theology at Seattle University. She will share her expertise on Latin American Liberation Theology and will lead us in a discussion on the implications it has on the issues of our day. Please join us. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Men's Ministry Day Hike

Saturday August 19th

Red Pass via Commonwealth Basin (off Snoq Pass): ~10 miles round trip, ~2500 vertical. 7AM departure from St Joseph. Northwest Forest Pass required if you are driving. Please RSVP to Bill Fleming at billfl@live.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 1st, in the Parish Center (Brebeuf Room) from 7- 8:30 pm**. We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. We welcome all levels of experience, even people who would like to learn to knit or crochet as we have members who would be happy to teach and mentor at the gatherings.

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

TENT CITY AT ST. JOSEPH

TENT CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, August 2nd, 6:30 pm – 8:30 – on the Plaza. Parish Barbecue to celebrate St. Peter Faber SJ. Hosted by St. Joseph's Men's Ministry. To help with set-up, serving and cleanup. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org Feel Free just to come and hang out!
- Thursday, August 3rd, 7:00 pm – 9:00 - Parish Center Panel Conversation with Residents of TC3 and representatives from our Outreach Partners.
- Thursday, August 17th, 6:30 pm dinner, 7pm music. St. Joseph's Mexican Fiesta outside with music provided by Dusty Souls (our very own parishioners...Bob McCaffery-Lent, John Adams and Rob Carroll). Mark Busto and Maureen Lee are heading up the dinner. Please contact them if you want to help at mleebusto@comcast.net
- Monday, August 21st, 6:30 pm Farewell Dinner followed by Tent City 3 Night of Stars in the Parish Social Hall. TC3 residents participating in our Writers Group will be presenting their written stories, poems etc. Lisa Babinec is heading up the dinner. Please contact Lisa to help lbabinec@me.com
- Tent City Move-out Days – Friday August 25th and Saturday August 26th. Location TBD. Need volunteers on both days to take down the camp, load and unload trucks. More details to follow... For general inquiries, contact Deacon Steve 206-403-0910 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

TENT CITY 3 WISH LIST: Bottled Water, Razors (Men & Women), Velcro Strips, Deodorants (Men & Women), Shampoo/Conditioner, Paper Towels, Ground Coffee, Clorox Wipes/Soft Scrub, Laundry Soap/Softener, Breakfast Cereal, Milk/Orange Juice/Lemonade, Dog Food, New Undergarments (Men & Women all sizes), New Socks (Men & Women all sizes, Tents (10 X 10), Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken etc.), Peanut Butter and Jelly, Fresh Fruits, Frozen Party-Size Entrees (Lasagna etc.) , Lunchmeat (Ham, Cheese, Salami, Turkey, Roast Beef etc.)

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE CAMP CHECK-IN TENT



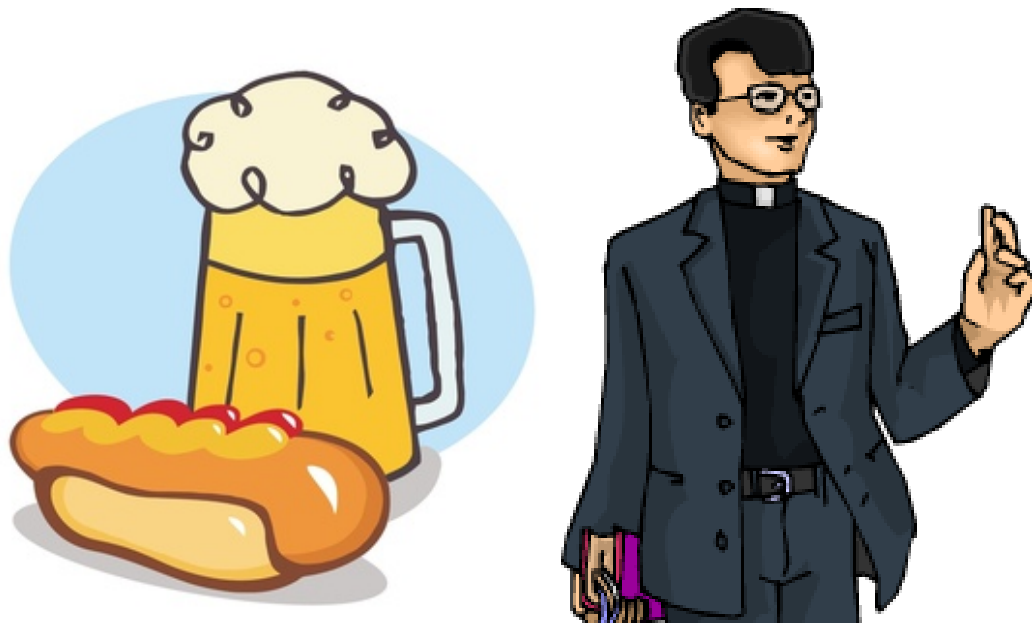
Join Us

**On Wednesday, 2 August,
the Feast of St. Peter Faber,
we will offer Evening Prayer
at 6:00 pm in the church
followed by a barbecue with
our Tent City Neighbors.
Come and remember the
goodness of St. Peter
and the community he has
helped us build,
*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!***



St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents

Brats BBQ, Beer and Basics with John D. Whitney, SJ



August 13th after the 5:30 PM Mass
Arrupe Room

Join fellow parishioners after the 5:30 Mass for a causal evening of brats, hamburgers, beer and other refreshments as we engage in a conversation with John D. Whitney, SJ around the basics of our faith. What do Catholics believe about heaven and hell? What is Eucharist? Why do Catholics baptize babies? Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the Saints? Why do Catholics not eat meat on Fridays in Lent? Please bring your questions and Father John will be delighted to answer them.

For further information or questions, please contact TheresaL@stjosephparish.org
www.stjosephparish.org



FAITH JUSTICE

St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers visited a woman recently who had to quit her job so she could provide 24-7 attention to her mom, in her 90s, with a heart condition and suffering also from diabetes.

She needed help for this month's rent. We provided that but something else perhaps even more important. Our visit with her ran well close to an hour. This woman, exhausted from non-stop nursing, really needed to talk with someone. Her small house was neat and clean, her manner humble and her gratitude heartfelt.

"Mom's Social Security covers our costs most months," she said. "But this month, her medicines, an appliance repair bill and all just ran us out of money. "I really need a break." A friend, it turned out, was going to spell this woman for three days just so she could lay back. "I shouldn't be heaping all this on you," she told us.

In-home visits by St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are of utmost importance. It's a personal way to let people in need know they are not forgotten, have people who care about them, and need not be ashamed to ask for help. Your contributions each month make this possible. Thank you.

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection is next week on August 5th & 6th.



ONE PARISH, ONE PRISONER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

St. Joseph has accepted an invitation from the Archdiocese of Seattle to be a "pilot Church" for a new Prison Re-Entry program in collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Underground Ministries.

We are looking for parishioners to be part of our "RE-ENTRY SUPPORT TEAM". If interested, please call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Blood Drive

Every week Bloodworks Northwest collects about 4,500 blood donations. That's equivalent to enough donors to fill 14 Boeing 747s! This summer, spring into action by giving blood at your upcoming blood drive!

**Monday, July 31st - St. Joseph Church Parish Center
1PM to 7PM - (closed 3PM - 4PM)**

To make an appointment, please email Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephparish.org. For questions about eligibility, please call 800-398-7888

FAQ's:

Yes, you CAN donate if you've had a flu shot

Yes, you CAN donate if you have a tattoo

Yes, you CAN donate if you are a diabetic – as long as you are healthy you are able to give

Yes, you CAN donate if you are taking blood pressure medicine, as long as your blood pressure is within range

Yes, you CAN donate 6 weeks after pregnancy

And there is NO upper age limit – as long as you are healthy and have a beating heart you're eligible!

2017 Young Adult Immersion Trip With Shirts Across America

Wednesday, October 18th—Sunday, October 22nd, 2017—New Orleans, LA

Shirts Across America was created as a ministry of St. Joseph Parish in 2005. The Work: Shirts Across America has organized dozens of volunteer trips to New Orleans over the years. SAA will partner with Habitat for Humanity on this trip as we build homes along the Gulf Coast. The Lodging: The group will be staying in a small dorm setting, allowing you to build a thoughtful, close-knit community. The Cost: Cost of the trip is \$1,075. This cost covers: airfare, ground transportation, housing, most meals, museum visit, and some entertainment.

Important Dates: Mon, July 31, 2017: Registration and Deposit \$550 Due (non-refundable)
Fri, September 8, 2017 Final Payment \$525 Due (non-refundable)

Applications: Registration/Application and payment for the Young Adult Immersion Trip is available at www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org.

POPE-POURRI



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

The brief similes proposed in today's liturgy conclude the chapter of the Gospel of Matthew dedicated to the parables of the Kingdom of God (13:44-52). Among these are two small masterpieces: the parables of the treasure hidden in the field and of the pearl of great value. They tell us that the discovery of the Kingdom of God can happen suddenly like the farmer who, ploughing, finds an unexpected treasure; or after a long search, like the pearl merchant who eventually finds the most precious pearl, so long dreamt of. Yet, in each case the point is that the treasure and the pearl are worth more than all other possessions; and therefore when the farmer and the merchant discover them, they give up everything else in order to obtain them. They do not need to rationalize or think about it or reflect: they immediately perceive the incomparable value of what they've found and they are prepared to lose everything in order to have it.

This is how it is with the Kingdom of God: those who find it have no doubts, they sense that this is what they have been seeking and waiting for; and this is what fulfills their most authentic aspirations. And it really is like this: those who know Jesus, encounter Him personally, are captivated, attracted by so much goodness, so much truth, so much beauty, and all with great humility and simplicity. To seek Jesus, to find Jesus: this is the great treasure!

Many people, many saints, reading the Gospel with an open heart, have been so struck by Jesus they they convert to Him. Let us think of St Francis of Assisi: he was already a Christian, though a "rosewater" Christian. When he read the Gospel, in that decisive moment of his youth, he encountered Jesus and discovered the Kingdom of God; with this, all his dreams of worldly glory vanished. The Gospel allows you to know the real Jesus, it lets you know the living Jesus; it speaks to your heart and changes your life. And then yes, you leave it all. You can effectively change lifestyles, or continue to do what you did before but you are someone else, you are reborn: you have found what gives meaning, what gives flavour, what gives light to all things, even to toil, even to suffering, and even to death.

Read the Gospel. Read the Gospel. We have spoken about it, do you remember? To read a passage of the Gospel every day; and to carry a little Gospel with us, in our pocket, in a purse, in some way, to keep it at hand. And there, reading a passage, we will find Jesus. Everything takes on meaning when you find your treasure there, in the Gospel. Jesus calls it "the Kingdom of God", that is to say, God who reigns in your life, in our life; God who is love, peace and joy in every man and in all men. This is what God wants and it is why Jesus gave himself up to death on the cross, to free us from the power of darkness and to move us to the kingdom of life, of beauty, of goodness and of joy. To read the Gospel is to find Jesus and to have this Christian joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, the joy of finding the treasure of the Kingdom of God shines through, it's visible. The Christian cannot keep his faith hidden, because it shines through in every word, in every deed, even the most simple and mundane: the love that God has given through Jesus shines through. Let us pray, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that His Kingdom of love, justice and peace may reign in us and in the whole world.

~Pope Francis





FAITH FORMATION

Agape Participants

Please join us in praying for our youth attending the Agape service project this week in Bellingham.

Dexter Farewell

Mary Farewell

Sarah Greeley

Hobbs Hegedus

Alexa Mauad

Gabriel McMillen

Tess McMillen

Aidan Ott

Allie Pettijohn

Cody Sauter

And please say an extra prayer for their hardworking chaperones!

Kerrilynn Vander Heyden

Theresa Lukasik

Jamie Read

***“In the face of unjust and painful situations,
faith brings us the light which scatters the darkness.”***

~Pope Francis
