Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
Courage In A Time of Danger

A successful autocracy rests on the universal failure of individual courage. In a democracy, abdications of conscience are never trivial. They demoralize politics, debilitate candor, and disrupt thought. -Marilynne Robinson-

Even today we raise our hand against our brother... We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves as if it were normal; we continue to sow destruction, pain, death. Violence and war lead only to death. -Pope Francis-

Over 14 years ago, on 13 February 2003, I stood as Jesuit Provincial with members of the Gonzaga University community, and reflected on the growing drumbeat for war with Iraq. Less than two years after the attacks of 9/11, the people of the United States were profoundly susceptible to the temptations of fear and the invocations of security being used upon us. Even though we knew better—knew that aggressive war was against our tradition and a violation of the principals of both faith and international law—in the halls of Congress, in much of the media, and even among Catholic intellectuals and Christian religious leaders, the pressure of repeated misinformation and intentionally skewed data, united with the idea of our own national exceptionalism and righteous fury, pressed upon otherwise reasonable women and men, and drew them to compromise their principals, just a little bit, for the sake of being agreeable. Indeed, even those who questioned the wisdom of the war, or the sufficiency of the evidence, felt pressured for the sake of national purpose or to maintain the unity discovered in the tragic wake of 9/11. And though a few spoke out—as we did at Gonzaga, as the ailing John Paul II did, and as the American bishops did—the overwhelming desire for national consensus quieted or marginalized these dissent voices, and left those who would not be quiet often without listeners. As a nation, we had decided to let our consciences slumber—just for a little bit—anesthetizing them with grief and fear, with falsefied evidence and one-sided stories, with talk of ourselves as crusaders of virtue and of our enemies as an axis of evil. And caught up in this carnival-barker patriotism, we sent thousands of our sons and daughters to their death; we destabilized and armed a volatile region; we oversaw the death of perhaps a hundred thousand civilians; we made ourselves complicit in torture and the on-going imprisonment of people never convicted of a crime; and we brought back veterans, wounded in body and soul, who are committing suicide at a rate never before imagined. In the words of Scripture, we have—through all our small compromises, through all the little acts that set aside our conscience to feed our disordered passions—“sown the wind, and reaped the whirlwind.”

When we look at the aftermath of the intervention in Iraq, we can easily deceive ourselves into believing that we simply made a error of fact: i.e., that the problem was that we misread the intel, but, everyone believed there were weapons of mass destruction.
Further, we claim, we could not have foreseen the aftermath of the war, (even though so many wars had similar aftermaths) and ignorance is not the same as sin. Yet, in claiming all of this, we begin at the wrong place. For our error is rooted, not in our lack of knowledge about the conditions on the ground, nor in our lack of foresight about what intervention would cost in persons and culture. Rather, our sin is rooted in the disordering of our will—i.e., in our failure of courage, through which we came to believe that our moral principals were luxuries, fine for peacetime but too fragile for times of war. To continue to assert that the War in Iraq would have been justified had WMD’s been discovered is to miss the deeper, spiritual truth that the war was immoral and unjustifiable on its face, because the possibility of being wrong (as we were) was always there, because we never have the kind of knowledge by which such aggression can be justified. Unwilling to recognize, with humility, own limitations, we determined it was better to err on the side of violence and war—with all its horrific and unpredictable consequences—then to risk being caught again, as we were caught on 9/11. While such an attitude is understandable, it is fundamentally immoral, since it entails intentionally causing actual harm—harm that is both massive and virtually indiscriminate (no bombs are smart enough to kill only the guilty), for the sake of preventing a merely potential danger.

For a reasonable person, it is not enough to say that I was worried by the potential of the other to hurt me, or I was scared that he might. These emotions, even when justified, do not give a person the right to act immorally. Rather, such excuses for violent intervention—whether claimed by a nation in the making of so-called “preemptive” (i.e., aggressive) war or by police officers in the killing of unarmed suspects because they fear they might be dangerous—lack the element of courage essential to any moral act. Morality requires courage; indeed, it is the crucial element in a moral act. This is never so clear as when one must risk receiving an injustice, so as not to commit an injustice—e.g., when we let a prisoner go because the evidence we have is circumstantial, or when we don’t attack a country unless we have first been attacked.

This week, as the President of the United States speaks about unleashing “fire and fury” in response to the rantings of the North Korean tyrant, we should recall the lessons of Iraq and ground ourselves in the tradition of our faith. This war—which still claims our children after 14 years—was the product of hubris and fear, of self-righteousness and pride; yet, it can become, as well, an occasion of grace, if we allow it to remind us of what is true and lasting. We must, more than ever before, act with courage and hope, with strength and with humility.

Aggressive, preemptive war cannot be the answer, but human reason and unwavering mercy may be. It will not be fast nor spectacular—like the coming of Christ into the world, it will likely involve days of muck and straw, before there is any glory—but it will be true to our best nature, to our only true nature: i.e., as moral agents capable of working together on serious things.

Let us pray for the wisdom of peace. Let us labor for it. And, just as we ask our political leaders to be courageous, let us also be courageous, by refusing to compromise the call of Christ that comes to us in these troubled and holy days.

WELCOME!

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

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

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link.
Entrance Songs (5&9:30) All Creatures Of Our God and King

LASST UN ERFREUEN

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift
   your voice and with us sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O
   folds rich blessings on our way, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The
   wor-ship God in hum-ble-ness, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Oh

2. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-
   burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And
   fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let
   praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son, And

3. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, And
   sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
   them God's glo-ry al-so show.
   praise the Spi-rit, Three in One!

   lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
First Reading

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85

Mayernik

Lord, let us see your kindness; and grant us your salvation.
I will hear what the LORD God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land.
Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven.
Also the LORD will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.
Justice will march before him, and guide his steps on the way.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Murray

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

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Homily

Julian Climaco, S.J.
Offertory Song

The Clouds Veil

Even though the rain hides the stars, even though the mist swirls the hills,
even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side.
Even when the sun shall fall in sleep, even when at dawn the sky shall weep,
even in the night when storms shall rise,
God is by my side. God is by my side.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

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

Communion Antiphon

Kelly

You Are Mine #649

Haas

Song of Praise

How Can I Keep From Singing

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn That hails a new creation.
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?
3. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that rock I’m clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?

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
Women’s Ministry presents

Sweet Life Café

A Spiritual Stay-treat

September 29 & 30, 2017

Friday, Sept 29th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday, Sept 30th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Fill your spiritual cup at our very own St. Joseph Parish Center

On the Menu:

• Spiritual speaker/author, Cara Meredith
• Reflection and small group sharing
• Selection of peaceful faith experiences such as yoga, art, prayer, outdoor walks

Cost: $50 – includes snacks, Saturday breakfast & lunch. Partial scholarships available.

To register contact women@stjosephparish.org or stevew@stjosephparish.org
Questions? Contact smarie49@comcast.net
Parish & School Picnic

Sunday
September 17th
1-4 pm, Parking Lot

We provide the following:
Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy & Sno-Cones
Soft Drinks & Beer on tap
Rides for the Kids

PLEASE BRING: dessert, salad or side dish to share

KODACHROME will be here playing all your favorite songs!

PARENTS GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS WE NEED YOU!
Contact Joe Augustavo, joeaugustavo@comcast.net or 206-229-6881

Don’t worry, the Seahawks game will be televised at the Picnic!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE
TENT CITY at St. Joseph

TENT CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **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. The dinner link is: http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=EFCD7040 Or, people may go to perfectpotluck.com and use locate the meal using Babinec as coordinator and 9525 as password.

• **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

FREE CAR WASH!

Residents of Tent City want to say Thank You to our Parish for Hosting them this summer by offering a Free Car Wash on Sunday, August 20th from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm in the Parking Lot.

We’ll have lemonade and cookies while you wait!
One Parish, One Prisoner

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

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.

Register Now! Registration & Deposit $550 (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

WestSide Baby

We have had a major influx of donations at our Central District location, but we are lacking in volunteers to help sort it all. So, we are having our first ever Sorting Frenzy during the evening next week. The event is on Thursday, August 17th from 6 pm-9 pm.
PARISH LIFE

Conversation on Diversity in our Parish
Thursday, September 7th - 7:00 pm – 9:00
Parish Center

St. Joseph’s Parish Life Commission wants to explore Diversity in our Parish. To begin the process, Fr. Julian and Deacon Steve are hosting a Listening Session. We want to listen to your experience of being in the parish and explore ways we can become more aware and hopefully more inclusive. Realizing Diversity can means lots of different things, this first gathering we are specifically inviting people of color. The longer term goal is to form a working committee under the responsibility of the Parish Life Commission. I would appreciate knowing if you can join us and if you have any suggestions of other parishioners who you think would be good to invite, please let me know, stevew@stjosephparish.org

LGBTQ Ministry
Discover Liberation Theology - Jeanette Rodriguez PhD
Monday, August 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm

Liberation Theology: What is it? Who began it? Why is it relevant today? 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

St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents
Brats BBQ, Beer and Basics with
John D. Whitney, SJ

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

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday August 16th - AGING GRACEFULLY TOGETHER will meet at 11:00 am in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. We invite any and all who would like to meet, talk and make new friends. You can also call us: Eleanor McCall at 206-325-4615; Frances Chikahisa at 773-294-9424 e-mail franceschikahisa@me.com

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.

Attention All Young Adults
(21-35)

Please join us for our Quarterly Planning Meeting
Tuesday August 22nd
7-8:30pm in the Parish Center.

Our goal is to plan out events for the next three months (Sept-Nov) Bring your ideas and feel free to invite a friend. Snacks will be provided. For more details contact Deacon at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Alexander’s recovery from his recent emergency surgery . . . For Justin’s well being . . . Grateful to the “guardian angel” who helped in a stressful encounter . . . . For Joel’s request for God’s mercies and graces.

“You will seek me and find me, When you seek me with all your heart.”
~Jeremiah 29:13

RIP
Dick McCormick, husband of Taffy, who died last week.

Come Pray With Us!
Monday Night Prayer Groups
Join us in prayer on Monday, August 14th 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/