“I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.”
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Reflection This Week: Randy Novak
Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

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

Readings for September 10, 2017
FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9
SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

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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Integral Ecology: Loving the Earth and Other People

Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. . . Human beings, too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people’s lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development, and the throw-away culture.

-Pope Francis-

It could be seen coming for a long time—the distinct shape, like a great comma moving across the satellite photographs of the Gulf—but the hope had been that it would miss, as others had missed, the most populated regions. It seems we live on such hope, combined with large doses of denial and short-sightedness. We don’t accept the science of global warming because we know that to accept it would mean grave inconvenience and, perhaps, even some constraint on our consumption-centered lifestyle; we deny that what we do “on our own property” can really affect the order of the world; we tell ourselves that “someday” isn’t this day. And so we cut down the mangroves and do away with the miles and miles of marsh land to make it easier for the oil and gas industries; we ignore the natural course of rivers and build our houses (and even our cities) on flood planes, believing we can just dam and levee our way to safety; we push the poor into the lowlands and assure them that bad things rarely happen—surely not in their lifetime. After all, look at all the storms that have missed, think how many days of the year disaster has avoided us. Until the time it doesn’t.

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf coast, generations of hubris and denial, of cost-cutting and avoidance helped to make it one of the five deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. Such human failure went back more than a century, when it was decided to redesign the natural path of the Mississippi River around New Orleans—resulting in much of the city, eventually, being actually lower than the level of the river that surrounded it. It continued in the Flood Control Act of 1965, which allowed the use of shorter steel pilings as a money-saving measure in the construction of levees. And it became cataclysmic through all the decisions that allowed the natural buffers of coastal grass and marsh, which had protected New Orleans and other regions from storm surges for centuries, to be destroyed and developed. Combining these factors with the intensifying effects of global climate change allowed Katrina to become not just a great storm, but one of the most destructive hurricanes ever seen in the Gulf.

Yet, Hurricane Katrina was more than an ecological disaster: it was also a human tragedy, a failure of wisdom and compassion that contributed to the death of many of the 1,200 hundred people who lost their lives, and to the displacement of tens of thousands of others. It was a failure that led to hundreds of poor people being trapped in their homes, that led to others being evacuated to Houston—where today, many of the same poor are the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The aftermath of Katrina saw large numbers of poor people housed in
a domed stadium, with poor sanitary conditions and insufficient food and water. It saw a community of children and the aged living for years in FEMA trailers, some of which were later recalled because of formaldehyde leakage. And, in the wake of Katrina, despite the immediate outpouring of sympathy, the poor remained largely displaced, slipping again into the shadows as agencies and public opinion moved on to the next headline-grabbing event. We have, it seems, great hearts for those struck by disaster, both natural and human-caused—for victims of hurricanes and tsunamis, of violence and war—but our attention spans are dangerously brief, especially when it comes to the poor and to the inconvenient truths that may call us to change our way of behaving and doing business.

In his social encyclical, *Laudato Sí*, Pope Francis seeks to call the world out of its addiction to short-sightedness and patchwork solutions; he seeks to challenge all women and men—not just Catholics or Christians—to look at the long-term effects of our habits of domination of the earth and reckless consumption. He seeks to establish that events such as Katrina are not accidental nor unavoidable, but that they are directly related both to our self-centered attitude towards the goods of the world and to our diminished sense of the value of the poor and marginalized. Indeed, for Francis these issues are inextricably linked: our thoughtless misuse of the earth and our thoughtless misuse of the poor are two sides of the same sin. And, conversely, our care for the earth and our care for the poor are also intrinsically interwoven: to truly love the earth, we must love the poor who make up such a huge part of its population; and to love the poor, we must love the earth from which their life emerges and is sustained. This is the principal at the heart of *Laudato Sí*, a principal that Francis calls “integral ecology”—a type of ecology which seeks not to make the earth a garden for the rich, but rather a home for all women and men; where use is distinguished from exploitation and renewal involves both changes in the environment and changes in the human heart.

Integral ecology calls us to recognize that property is never fully owned, but is always held in trust from the Creator for the good of the human community existing over history. Thus, to destroy something absolutely—e.g., to eliminate a species or to devastate a forest, to fill in marshland or burn fossil fuels—requires a discernment that takes into account more than one’s immediate circumstances or personal property rights. Likewise, to restrict something—e.g., the burning of wood for charcoal or the clearing of forests for farmland—requires a similar discernment, that takes into account the needs of the persons who actually live on the land. True ecology calls us not simply to be stewards or masters, owners or occupiers, but to be in communion with each other and with our common home; i.e., to live as women and men who love and serve each other within a world of living things, which give us life and enable us to give life to others. Integral ecology calls us to go beyond merely reacting to events—to our desires of the moment or to the crisis of the month—and invites us to form a community of discernment and reflection, in which all voices are heard and various considerations—scientific, economic, environmental, etc.—are fit into the human framework of the common good.

All this month at St. Joseph Parish, we are invited to reflect upon the Season of Creation: to renew and deepen our understanding of Pope Francis’ encyclical and to commit ourselves more fully to the integral ecology that raises up people by renewing the earth, and that renews the earth by raising up people. Seeing the devastation of Hurricane Harvey makes such reflection and commitment even more timely (and, please note, we will, like other parishes, look to our community to help fund relief for the victims of Harvey in the coming week); but it should also remind us that we, as a Parish, have been doing the kind of reflection and action called for by the Pope since the days of Katrina—through our support and sponsorship of the work of Shirts Across America.

Shirts Across America began in the frustration of the young women and men of St. Joseph’s youth group, the Voice, who saw in the devastation of Katrina a call to service that was at once both essential and overwhelming. Yet, they began, and in the course of the last decade they have remained faithful to the poor areas of New Orleans—especially to the Ninth Ward—and to the people who have been displaced. Though tempted to run off to the next flood or the next disaster, they have focused on where they began, and have shown the grace of constancy and commitment, as well as sweat and zeal. They have grown a community of leaders, young women and men from high schools and colleges, who are asking questions about social structures, even while they are mudding dry-wall to help a displaced family come home to a structure of their own. Shirts, which eventually grew too large to be housed as a part of the St. Joseph youth group, has opened up young, privileged women and men to the life of the poor and marginalized, and has helped them to become part of one another’s community. Before Francis became Pope, let alone wrote about integral ecology, Shirts Across America was helping our young sisters and brothers (and some of us old folks, as well) see the connection between poverty and ecological degradation, between sustainable ecosystems and sustainable communities.

For this reason, I have asked Randy Novak, founding director of Shirts Across America, to offer the reflection at our Masses this weekend—and have directed that the collection this week will go to the work of Shirts. In this Season of Creation, let us build a just and loving world: one house, one relationship, one community at a time.
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

(5&9:30) Canticle of the Sun

Haugen

Refrain

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who blow where they please To please the Lord.

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the tree, The seas mightily light up the way Un to your throne.

5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you help us to know The heart of love.

D.C.

(5:30) Litany of Peace

Bridge

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews
First Reading
You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.
Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63
O God, you are my God; whom I seek; O God, you are my God; whom I seek;
For you my flesh pines, my soul thirsts, like the earth, parched, lifeless without water.
Thus have I gazed toward you in your holy place. To see your power and your glory.
Your kindness is a greater good than life itself. My lips will glorify you.
Thus will I bless you while I live; Lifting up my hands I will call upon your name.
As with a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
For you have been my help, you have been my help; In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

Second Reading
I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

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

Gospel
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Reflection
Randy Novak
Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."
Offertory Song

May You Cling To Wisdom

May you cling to wisdom, for she will protect you,
and if you cherish her, she will keep you safe.

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, hos-
sanna, 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.
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 Song  (9:30&5) How Great Is the Goodness  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'ring and death?

What more could be our final wish than to live in the love of the Lord?
Prayer for the Season of Creation

God, Creator of the Universe:
You have made the earth and all that lives upon it,
Have given us grain and grape,
The mighty oak and flowers in the field.
You have made us companions with the birds of the sky
And the fish of the sea,
With the powerful lion and the gentle lamb,
With all that crawls or flies, swims or walks upon the earth.
You have made us one with water and with air,
With spirit and with flesh.
And in the life of your beloved Son,
You have made us one with you,
Living with you in this, our common home.
Help us to love this earth, in all its wonder and its grace,
And to love our sisters and our brothers,
Who shine with your light, now and forever.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.
### Autumn Mass Time Change Starting Sunday, Sept 10

We will return to our regular schedule as follows:

*Saturday evening at 5 pm, Sunday at 9:00 &11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Please join us!*

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## This Week At St. Joseph

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This weekend we are doing a collection to support the good work of Shirts Across America!

Shirts Across America (SAA) is a non-profit organization providing high school students an opportunity to become leaders as they volunteer to build homes in New Orleans, Louisiana.

SAA volunteers are exposed to unique and diverse cultures through immersion trip experiences. After working with our organization, many participants return home empowered to make a difference in their own communities.

Our partner schools include: Bellarmine Preparatory, Eastside Catholic, Holy Names, Olympia, Roosevelt, St. Joseph Parish, Seattle Preparatory, and Sumner.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- SAA has sent over 2,700 volunteers to build homes in New Orleans and Mississippi.
- SAA has fully funded 16 homes through donations and time worked by volunteers.
- SAA volunteers have worked on over 155 homes/projects in the region.

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**SHIRTS ACROSS AMERICA**
Children’s Faith Formation
2017-2018

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. To volunteer, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Course Offerings

Scholarships available for all our course offerings!

Children’s Faith Formation Childcare: During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin experiencing church through playtime. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. Open year-round, register at any time. The annual fee is $50.

Children’s Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K): During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. *Your child should be out of diapers and able to follow simple directions, such as those given in a preschool setting. The annual fee is $30.

Children’s Faith Formation Kindergarten (CFF K): During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten (private, public, home, or parish school) beginning in the fall. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and gym playtime. Pickup is in the old gym across from the Social Hall. The annual fee is $30.

Children’s Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1): The first of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Participation and completion of CFF 1 (or equivalent) is required before the second year, during which your child would receive these sacraments. This includes children in our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. The annual fee is $60.

Children’s Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2): ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this upcoming school year must have completed the CFF 1 class (or equivalent) last year whether you attend our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. Additional retreat and home materials provided for immediate preparation. There is a $100 annual fee.

Children’s Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. The annual fee is $30.

Children’s Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. The annual fee is $30.

Children’s Faith Formation Year Junior High: This class is a 3-year Bible study for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is $30 for each of the classes PLUS $25 for materials (Bible & workbook).

High School Confirmation: Youth must be at least 16 years old by the Confirmation Mass date (late January/early February), already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and are participating members in their parish and personal faith life. Classes begin in October and end in January. The annual fee is $135.

Pathfinders Youth Group at St. Joseph Parish

Did you know this year begins the 15th year of our middle school youth group? Pathfinders—open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders—began with a small group of youth and a handful of adult parishioners back in September 2002 under a newly appointed youth minister. We have seen the group grow and flourish for hundreds of youth over the years, through service, community, and faith-oriented activities. Pathfinders is currently seeking adult volunteers interested in having a positive impact on our middle school youth this 2017-2018 school year. Come be a part of it! Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652 to learn how you can help with this vibrant ministry.
Faith Formation Commission

St. Joseph’s Faith Formation Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Formation Commission forms and supports a spiritually and intellectually active community by developing educational programs appropriate to age and circumstances, supporting programs that nurture a sacred relationship with God, creation, and our local global communities, and fostering dialogue and discussion in the Catholic Jesuit tradition. We meet five times a year in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept 12th, Nov 14th, Jan 9th, Mar 13th and May 8th. Ministries we currently oversee include Children’s Faith Formation (CFF), Adult Faith Formation (AFF), Sacramental Preparation and Youth Ministry. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term. If interested, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Adult Faith Formation

St. Joseph’s Adult Faith Formation Committee is seeking new members! Adult Faith Formation nurtures the life of the parish by providing formation programs that meet the spiritual and intellectual hunger of our parishioners. We hope to companion people on the journey as they mature in faith.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee helps to develop the programs for our community, through the study of scripture, church doctrine and history, study of the sacraments, Catholic social teachings and moral development, the lives of the saints, and finally Ignatian Spirituality and discernment. We do this through evening events, formation series, and multi-media platforms.

We are also seeking technology talented individuals to help launch our “Catechetical Moment of the Week” video series or other platforms through which we can connect with our parishioners such as Facebook Live or potential online learning opportunities.

If you are interested please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresaL@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651. We are looking for 4-6 new members who can commit to a 1-3 year term.

Becoming A Jesuit Parish

Part One: Beginnings of the Society of Jesus

This year, as part of the parishes work at better incorporating our Jesuit identity, Fr. John Whitney, SJ, will be leading a series of seminars to study the origin and direction of the Society. The first of these—which will study the origins of the Jesuits through original documents and reflection on the life of Ignatius—will begin in the month of September, for three weeks. Participation is limited, so if you would like to be a part of the seminar, please contact Fr. John directly: jwhitney@stjosephparish.org or leave a note in his mailbox in the Parish Center with your contact information.

Jesuit Seminar: Beginnings
Thursday Evenings: September 14, 21, 28
7:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Parish Center
Faith Formation

Come and See What
the Catholic Faith Has to Offer

Tuesday, September 19th - 7:00 pm – 8:30
St. Joseph’s Parish Center

• Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph’s?

• Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion or Confirmation with the Catholic Church?

• If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!

Parish Service Project

Saturday, September 16, 10:00am-2:00pm
Restoration Project
Ravenna Park: University District

This is a great service and faith formation opportunity. We will be directly caring for God’s Creation by removing aggressive weeds, maintaining weeded areas, and planting new native vegetation. During our lunch break we will provide faith formation on Laudato Si’ and Care for God’s Creation. EarthCorps supplies gloves, tools, water and snack bars. They will teach you everything you need to know about tool use, safety, forest health, and the importance of the work you will be doing. No experience necessary, just come ready to learn something new! Dress in work clothes and weather appropriate. Please bring sack lunch. This is a family friendly event but young adults and adults are encouraged as well.

Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, Seattle

To register or for more information contact: theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522

Registration info:
First Name
Last Name
Number of Attendees Adult
Number of Attendees Children
Shift Times 10:00-12:30 or 12:00-2:00 or 10:00-2:00
Contact info email & phone number

The VOICE Youth Group

THE VOICE Youth Group Kicks Off! The Voice, St. Joseph’s High School Youth community, invites ALL 9th - 12th grade students to our kick-off event on Wednesday, September 27th from 7-8:30 at the St. Joseph’s Parish Center. Come join for food, friends and games. As members of the Voice, high schoolers may apply to this year’s Shirts Across America Trip in June 2018!

Please contact Sam Kennedy at samkennedy09@gmail.com with any questions.

Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Young people are a powerful engine for the Church and for society

~Pope Francis
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!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE
SEASON OF CREATION
EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES
SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 4TH
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
FOR CREATION

Thursday, September 14
7:00 pm-8:30
CLIMATE SCIENCE, LAUDATO SI’ & THE NORTHWEST: A RESPONSE OF FAITH FOR THE FUTURE
Presented by: Jeff Renner
Seattle University Wyckoff Auditorium
Sponsored by: IPJC, Seattle University, Earth Ministry

Saturday, September 16
10:00 am-2:00 pm
DIRTY HANDS, FULL HEARTS: RENEWING A BIT OF OUR EARTH
Ravenna Park: University District
We will work together to restore a section of Ravenna Park.
Weeding, Restoring Native Species, Working with EarthCorps: tools, gloves, water & snacks provided.
No experience necessary, just come ready to learn something new!
This is a perfect event for families and adults, all are welcome!
Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, Seattle
RSVP or for more info contact: theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522

Saturday, September 30
10:30 am
LAUDATO SI’: A MASS CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION
St. James Cathedral, Seattle
All are welcome to celebrate the Season of Creation at St. James Cathedral.
Sponsored by St. James Cathedral, IPJC, Seattle University, Earth Ministry

Wednesday, October 4
6:30 pm
ECUMENICAL BLESSING THE ANIMALS: ON THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI
St. Joseph Parish, Seattle
We continue the tradition of blessing all animals with shared prayer open to all.
Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, IPJC, Earth Ministry
Parish Life

Senior On The Go
Thursday, September 7th - IF IT’S FREE... IT’S FOR ME.
1st Thursday outing to the Seattle Art Museum. 10 am to 3 pm, please bring your own lunch. Sign up for a seat on the bus by calling Renee at 206.324.2522 ext 100 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Tuesday, September 12th - Planning Meeting 11:30 am, bring a brown bag lunch.

Wednesday, September 20th - 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

Friday, October 6th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a wonderful lunch in the Parish Center. Come join us!

Young Adult Bible Study
Come join us to study Genesis! We will walk through the book with daily readings and meet weekly for discussion. Plan to meet Thursdays starting September 7th through October 12th from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Parish Center. Please contact Sabrina at sfordyce@spu.edu to RSVP or with any questions.

Young Adult Hike
When: Saturday, September 9th. Meet at 8am in the St. Joseph’s parking lot, we’ll carpool together to the trailhead.
What: If you’re a hiking pro, or never hiked before in your life, join us for fun and fellowship on the trail! Please bring a brown bag lunch and water. Everyone is welcome!
We are looking for 1-2 more drivers, please let Avery know if you can drive. Drivers need a NW forest pass. Contact Avery at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768 with questions.

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Housing Request
Parish Family From Syria
St. Joseph’s Parish is trying to help a family from Syria who have joined our parish: Kareem, Katryn and their one year old son Jacob. They are searching for a one bedroom house, apartment, mother-in-law or basement housing option in the 98112 or 98122 zip code. They can afford $800 a month rent including utilities.

Kareem has a full time job and they arrived in Seattle last March. They both speak English. We really want to help Kareem and his family because he has given countless hours in supporting our Refugee family from IRAQ. If you can help, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Parish Life

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

St. Joseph’s Men’s Ministry
Please join us for our Men’s Ministry Fall Planning Meeting – Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Newcomers Always Welcome!

Please join us for our Fall Mass and Potluck Barbecue
Friday, September 22nd, 6pm – 8:30pm, Parish Center. Fr. Julian Climaco SJ presiding. Bring a salad, side dish, dessert and beverage of choice to share.
WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

• Donate Online with credit/debit/direct bank withdrawal – www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate
• Pledge Only – submit your pledge (through the pledge envelope or online) and you will be sent monthly reminders.
• Cash or Check – make checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal
• Donate Stock – call 206-382-7316 for broker instructions
• Donate through your IRA – contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the ACA Office, 710 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 – include your name, ACA ID# and the parish you want the gift credit to go to.

Each year the Annual Catholic Appeal focuses on all the good that is being done in our Archdiocese: the homeless are sheltered; retired priests and nuns are cared for; our seminarians are prepared for future ministry, and so much more. Great things are being accomplished in the name of Jesus! And each year, we are called to renew our efforts to ensure a Future Full of Hope by giving to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign!

The support of every parish is crucial to the existence of the many ministries and services of the Archdiocese. Gifts of any amount are welcome! Use an ACA envelope found in the pews or go online to www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate to make your gift!

Our assessment is $161,315 and we have raised to date $88,188. If you haven’t yet given, please prayerfully consider a gift.

OUR LOCAL CHURCH

All Saints Catholic School Fair Parking

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup begins on Friday September 1st and runs through September 24th (note: the Fair is closed on Tuesdays and on Wednesday 9/6 this year). Help support Catholic education in East Pierce County by parking at one of the All Saints Catholic School’s fair parking lots. Our main entrance is located on 7th Ave SW between 2nd & 3rd St SW. Our paved parking lots are located on 3rd St SW between 5th and 6th Ave SW in downtown Puyallup. We are just a short distance from the main gate of the fairgrounds. All proceeds from our Fair Parking Fundraiser goes directly to our school’s operating budget. For your convenience, you can pay your parking fee with a major credit card. Look for our friendly volunteers in red aprons to direct you to our lots. Thank you in advance for supporting our school while you Do the Puyallup!
St. Joseph Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and ‘meal bags’ for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April. The program tries to offer a night’s rest in an environment of dignity, respect and safety.

History: The St. Joseph Winter Shelter came into being in 1992 in response to a need presented by the Archdiocesan Housing Authority’s St. Martin de Porres Shelter. St. Martin’s can sleep 212 men a night but the need far outweighs the available space during the cold winter months, hence the satellite shelter system was created. There are now 8 local churches working with St. Martin’s to provide 34 beds a night during the winter months.

Get Involved: Please consider volunteering as a host. Hosts work in pairs and sign up for a specific night once a month. The two hosts spending the night provide hospitality and a sense of community. Meal providers use their own funds to prepare a meal for the men to take the next morning. They are scheduled on the day of their choice once a month or every six weeks.

Meal providers can deliver the meals between 8:00am - 10:00pm. The men appreciate the fact that someone has thought enough of them to make sure they have food for the day. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages, special people who aren’t afraid to face a population and a life style that might be different than their own.

To volunteer contact Taffy McCormick at wintershelter@stjosephparish.org or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

In these times....What can we do?

Pax Christi Northwest in collaboration with the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action is pleased to present

educator, writer and advocate for nonviolent change:

Ken Butigan

Ken is a key organizer for Campaign Nonviolence, a movement to mainstream active nonviolence, The Campaign is part of the long-term process of abolishing war, ending poverty, and healing the planet.

Be inspired by past movements for peaceful social transformation and explore what we can do NOW.

Saturday September 16 – 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
St. Joseph Church Social Hall – Capitol Hill – 732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

Schedule: Gathering – 8:30, Welcoming – 9:00, Prayer – 9:15, Workshop – 9:30, Networking & Lunch – 12:00
(Please bring a bag lunch), Peace Walk – 1:00 (destination TBA), Conclusion – 3:00

Come join us for a full day of inspiration, prayer, exchange, and ACTION for NONVIOLENCE in our day.

For more information, contact Denny Duffell – duffeldennis@gmail.com.

Grounded in the Gospel and Catholic social teaching, Pax Christi Northwest is a regional organization of Pax Christi USA (PCUSA) a membership organization that rejects war, preparation for war and every form of violence and domination including personal and systemic racism. See: paxchristiusa.org.

Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action gathers people to explore the meaning and practice of nonviolence from a perspective of deep spiritual reflection. Throughout the year the GZ Center provides opportunities for witnessing against and resisting nuclear weapons, especially Trident. See: www.gzcenter.org.

Build Peace With Justice Through Nonviolence :: War is not the Answer
Liturgy and Worship

Music Ministry

Top 10 Reasons to join choir:

2. Admit it, you aren’t feeling confident about your singing voice. Singing in choir will give you the basic training and experience you need to sing more freely. Next thing you know, you’ll be singing your office presentations, around the dinner table, during your walk around the neighborhood or while you are working out at the gym. This will literally change how people think about you!
3. We have the best seats in the house, especially when the church is overflowing on Christmas and Easter.
4. Singing is a whole and complete Mind/Body/Spirit experience. I had a choir member for many years with Cystic Fibrosis. Her doctor said that singing in the choir had done more for her breath and lungs than anything he could have done.
5. Intellectual stimulation—when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
6. Since the choir sometimes moves between the organ loft and the south transept, we exercise while we pray and sing. This has obvious health benefits.
7. You have a regular Thursday night out (Choose one): a: without the kids, b: without your partner, c: WITH your partner, d: WITH your kids, e: with yourself.
8. We are a small faith community offering a humble gift...if you have been given the gift of a decent singing voice this is a surefire way to make sure you don’t hide it under a bushel but share it with the world.
9. Friends! You will no longer be able to complain, “Church is so impersonal—I don’t know anyone.”
10. 2000 years of liturgical music tradition can’t be wrong.
11. We need you!! Seriously!

The St. Joseph Adult Choir rehearses Thursdays from 7-9 pm and sings the 9 am Sunday mass from September through June. It is open to high school age and older. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Robert McCaffery-Lent: Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

The St. Joseph Children’s Choir “Joyful Voices” sings the 9 am mass three or four times a year and has two evening rehearsals before each mass. The date of the next Children’s Choir Sunday is October 15. All school age children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through rehearsal and Mass. Parents of younger kids may need to sit with them and help them through the music. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen or Matt Tilghman-Havens at j.tilghmanhavens@gmail.com and mtilghmanhavens@gmail.com.

Instrumentalists: If you are skilled in playing an instrument, there are a variety of opportunities in the music ministry! For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Robert McCaffery-Lent: Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

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/

“Don’t forget what would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our cellphone, always with us, always close to us!”

~Pope Francis
Come Pray With Us!
Monday Night Prayer Group
Join us in prayer on Monday, September 4th, at 7 pm. We will pray the rosary in the chapel in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Parish Holy Hour
Thursday, September 7th, 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!

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Patricia’s health goals . . . To enjoy a relaxing weekend of playing golf with buddies . . . Happy Birthday to Nancy and Valerie . . . May this Labor Day weekend be restorative as the school year will begin soon.

“. . . discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.”
~Romans 12:2