

Sunday, September 24, 2017 * Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year *
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



*"Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is still near!"*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Homily This Week: Steve Wodzanowski
Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

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

Readings for October 1, 2017

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

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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One Step, Then Another

Perhaps we cannot prevent this world from being a world in which children are tortured. But we can reduce the number of tortured children. And if you believers don't help, who else in the world can help us do this?

-Albert Camus-

We had to "gown up" before entering the hospital room, clothing ourselves in the yellow garments and the blue gloves so typically worn when there is a fear of infection. In transplant cases, especially, where outside contamination could be life-threatening, such precautions were normal, since the patient was filled with anti-rejection medications. Yet, when Deacon Steve and I finally deciphered the correct way to put on the gowns, and made it into the room, we realized Zaid was not there. Instead, he was walking the halls of the ICU, followed by his mother and his nurse, who walked close behind with the pole of intravenous fluids and medications that were connected both to his arm and torso. And so we stood in the sunshine of the room, waiting for them to return and talking with Zaid's father, Ali about the many other things happening in his family's life. Though Ali is still uncertain in his spoken English, he seems to understand it fairly well—certainly better than I would understand the regional language after only a few months in Iraq—and he answered with smiles and a few carefully chosen phrases.

When Zaid finally returned, his smile was like a flash of lightning in an evening sky—quick, bright, and arresting. He looked so much stronger than he had the last time I saw him, and seemed filled with joy, even though harnessed to tubes and monitors. Like any 9 year old boy, he mugged for the camera—flashing peace signs and trying to look tough, until his smile burst out again, unrestrainable even in the hospital. Only a few months before, while leaving my office one evening, I had seen him so much worse—his blood pressure in the basement, his stomach aching, the paramedics easing him onto the gurney on his way to Children's Hospital. But now, given the gift of life by a generous donor, he looked as I knew he was meant to look: like a young boy, straining to be let out, ready to run and play. And though, if you looked more closely, you could still see in those eyes, the remnants of experiences you or I can not imagine, still, on that morning, there was mostly hope and laughter, plans for ice cream and pizza when he got out of the hospital. "But," he said, with kindness and thoughtfulness beyond his years, "I must also bring some for my little brother, Hassan. He'll want some, too."

Through the good work of many people—the International Rescue Committee, Children's Hospital, the parishioners of St. Joseph, etc.—Zaid will very likely live a long and, we pray, blessed life. Yet, it could have been very different. Zaid's family arrived in the United States just before the first Executive Order restricting refugee resettlement from certain countries—i.e., the so-called "Travel Ban"—was put into effect. Though later overturned, and then re-issued, with its fate currently in the hands of the Supreme Court, this ban would have at least delayed if not completely derailed the entry of Zaid and his parents into the United States and into Seattle. And the

result, almost inevitably, would have been Zaid's death.

These days, so many choices we face—as individuals, as a nation, as a Church, as a People—seem to come to us as mere abstractions, numbers on a page or statistics on a graph, none of which connect to our “real” lives. We support or oppose efforts to close the border not because we know any refugees or migrants, but out of ideological positions or political theories, because of what we hear on FOX News or MSNBC. And even when our ideology or politics happens to coincide with what St. Augustine or Thomas Aquinas used to call the “common good,” our choice comes not from our communion with *this* person or *that* person, but from our thoughts or feelings about classes of people—about Refugees or Migrants, Unskilled Laborers or Unaligned Persons—none of whom has a face or a smile, a mother or a father. These are *imaginary* people, without particularity or individual features: stereotypes who can be kept at a distance by our ideologies, since ideology filters out all the pesky personal features that open her life to us, that make him someone unique, someone with his own story.

Occasionally, of course, that distance created by abstraction is bridged, at least for a moment. Perhaps it is the photo of a child, washed up dead on a Mediterranean beach, or staring out at us from blank eyes, his body covered in the dust of a ruined city. Or, perhaps it is when we read a homily by Pope Francis, and feel his love and sorrow in the simple yet powerful images he employs. And for a moment we think, “*I can do something for those people; I need to do something!*” But then the enormity of the situation overwhelms us again, and we go back to making dinner or to playing *Words With Friends*—anesthetized by a problem beyond our ability to solve. Standing against the specific realities of work and school, of home and traffic, of caring for aging parents and raising our own children, the great issues of the day seem too remote, too hard to approach. Though listening to the news may make us shake our heads or perhaps even shed a tear, we quickly withdraw from that place of anguish, moving on to the next story and the next. Fearful of a grief too great to hold, we build up our own walls of detachment and theory, of self-protection and mind-numbing consumption. *Who am I in the face of the great, intractable evils of our day—racism, genocide, forced migration, poverty, climate change, etc.? These are too much for one person (one nation, one Church, one People)!*

But then there is Zaid, who could be dead, but is not. Who laughed when I took a picture of his toes and who wants to go out for ice cream and pizza as soon as he is well. He is not The Refugee Crisis, but he is a refugee—a young boy with a story of war and death, of displacement and resettlement more harrowing than I can fully

imagine. It is his story. Just as his parents and his brother have their story. His grandfather has his. His aunts and uncles, cousins and neighbors each have theirs. This is the particular—the place of real healing and greatest hope. To forget that, to be caught in theories or ideologies, is to lose our way. Zaid is alive. That is the beginning—and though there is more to do, if we do not start there, our work will mean little.

In the first Contemplation of the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius of Loyola invites the person doing the Exercises to sit with the Holy Trinity, looking down upon the earth. The exercitant is called to “*see the different persons: . . . those on the face of the earth, in such great diversity in dress and in manner of acting. Some are white, some black; some at peace, and some at war; some weeping, some laughing; some well, some sick; some coming into the world, and some dying. . .*” and then to hear the Blessed Trinity choose to “*work the redemption of the human race*”—not through some great act of power nor a single deed of grace, but through Incarnation in the womb of a poor woman, living in an occupied town, called Nazareth, on the fringes of the Roman Empire. In the life and death of that particular person, the great issues of the day were not overturned—there was still war and cruelty, violence and racism, the displacement of peoples and the murder of the innocent—but somehow, it became harder to hold that web of hate together. For Mary loved her son, Jesus, and he loved Peter and Martha, Lazarus and Mary, the man born blind and the woman at the well. He loved Paul so particularly and definitively that it knocked him down and blinded him for awhile, until he got up and loved Timothy and Titus, some friends in Rome and a few in Corinth.

The issues of the world are too big for me, or for you. But, Zaid is alive because his parents loved him and the members of this community welcomed him, and the doctors at Children's worked on him, and a donor gave him an organ. *I* cannot solve these great issues. But we can redeem the world. One step, then another.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Song

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN/Newton

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
safe — thus far, And grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Gloria See Cards In Pews

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

Guimont

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Walker/O'Carroll



Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them

their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Homily

Steve Wodzanowski

Baptismal Acclamation

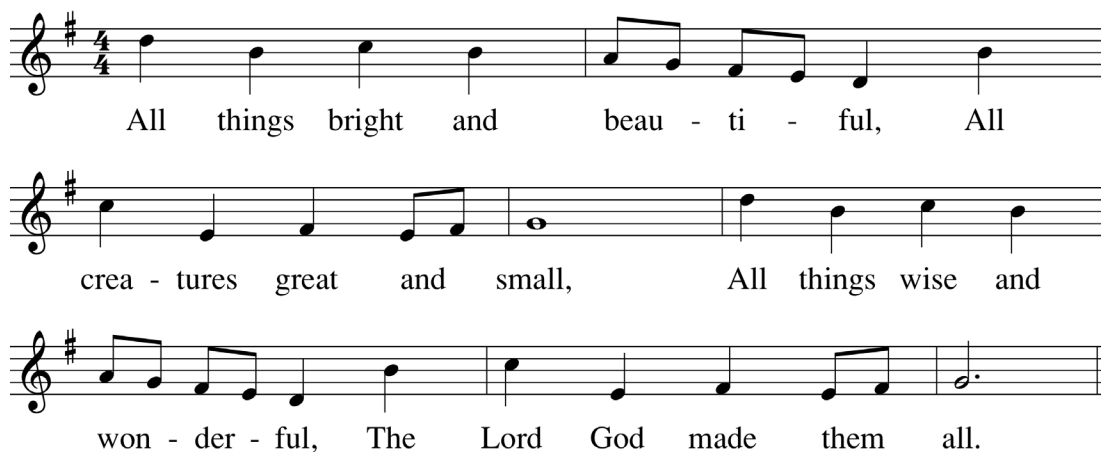
Vulpus



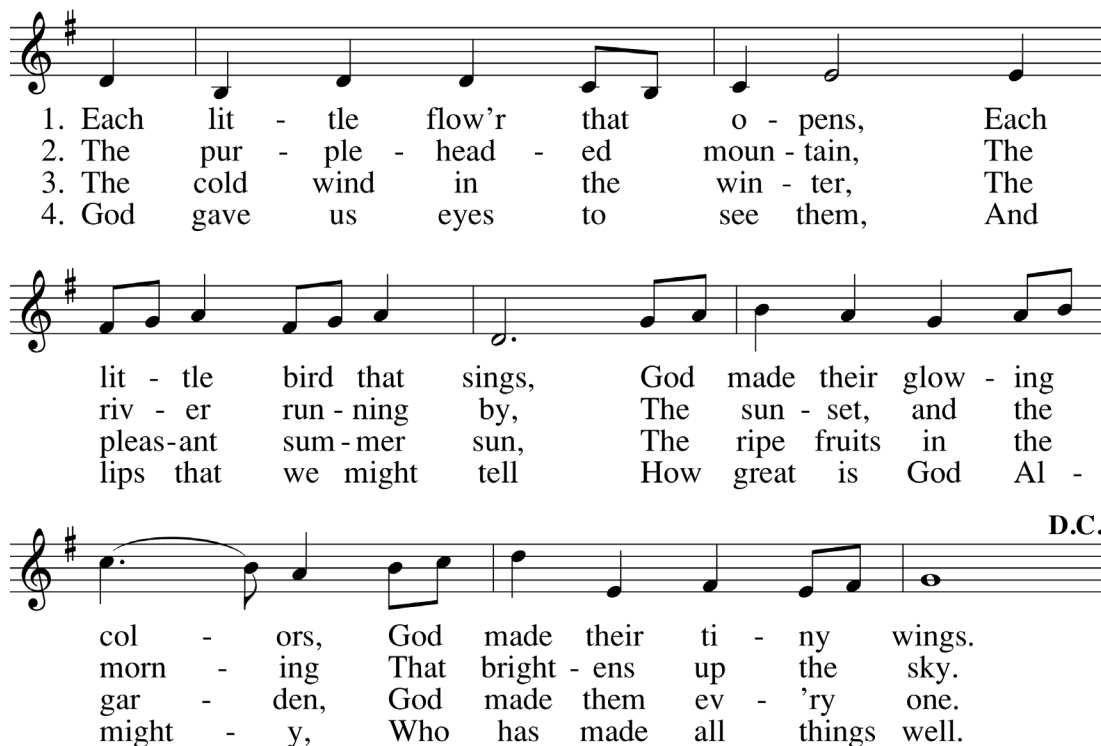
Offertory Song

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK



Verses



(9) Choral Anthem: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Rutter



Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!

12 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lamb of God

Cantor *All*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have

3 *Cantor* *All*

mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of world, — grant — us — peace. —

All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

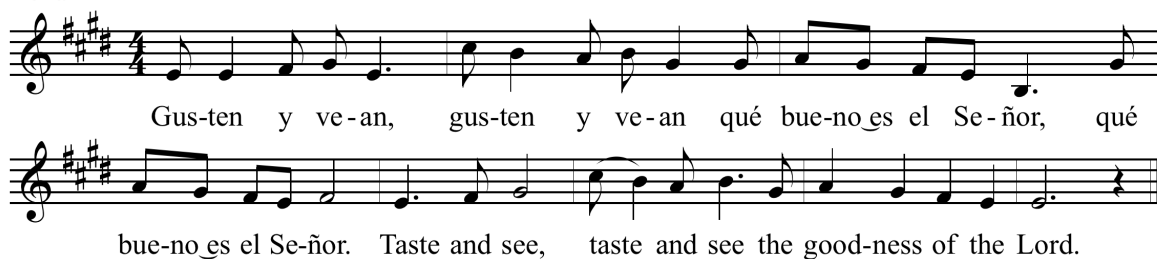
**IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED A GLUTEN FREE HOST,
PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.**

Communion Songs

O Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

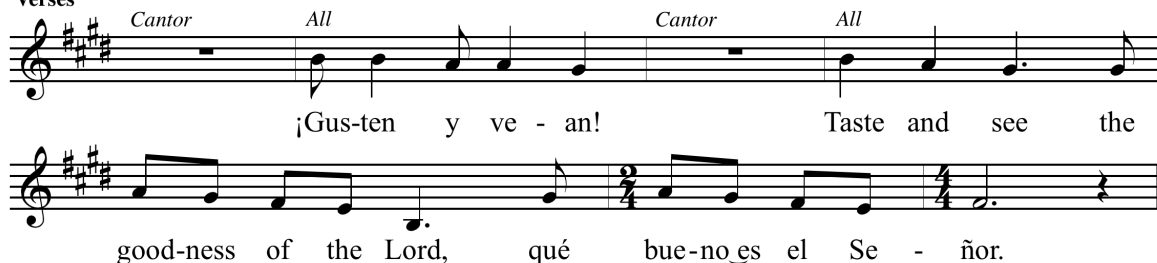
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Refrain



Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué bue-no es el Se-ñor, qué
bue-no es el Se-ñor. Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

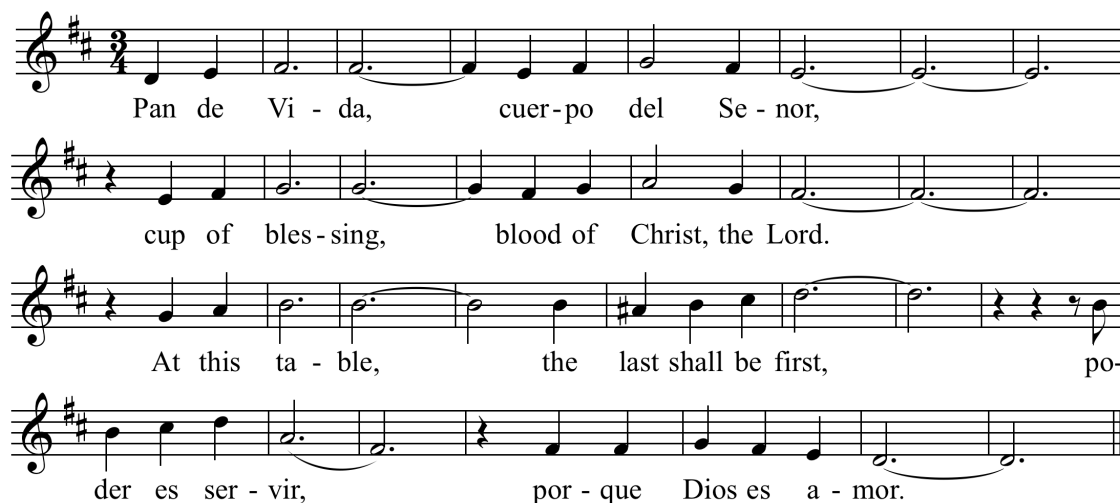
Verses



Cantor *All* *Cantor* *All*
¡Gus-ten y ve - an! Taste and see the
good-ness of the Lord, qué bue-no es el Se - ñor.

Pan De Vida

Hurd



Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - nor,
cup of bles-sing, blood of Christ, the Lord.
At this ta - ble, the last shall be first, po-
der es ser - vir, por - que Dios es a - mor.

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.

Recessional

(9) All You Works Of God

Haugen

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and tree, bless the one
 — who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to
 be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er
 new. Raise your voi - ces, all you works of God.
 1. Sun and moon: bless your Ma - ker! Stars of heav - en:
 2. All the earth: Hills and moun - tains:
 Chant your praise! Show - ers and dew:
 Green things that grow:
 Raise up your joy - ful song.

(5:30) If You Believe and I Believe

Zimbabwean Traditional

If you be - lieve and I be - lieve And we to - geth - er pray, The
 Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free, And
 set God's peo - ple free, And set God's peo - ple free; The
 Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

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

Monday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Sacred Silence
7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

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

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

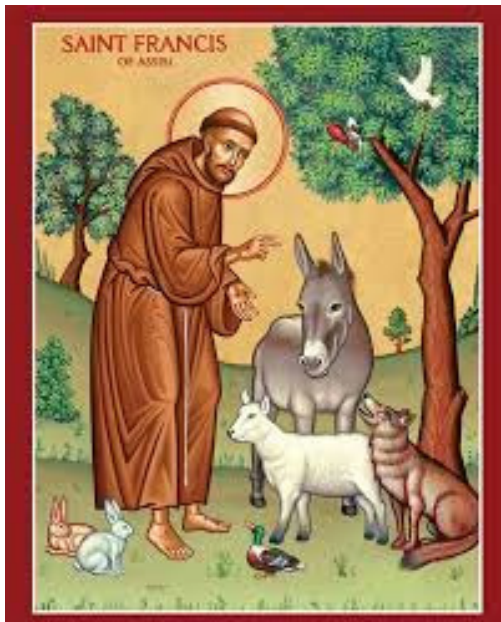


Ecumenical Blessing of the Animals on the Feast Of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 4 | 6:30 PM
Outside on front lawn of St. Joseph Parish, Seattle

We continue the tradition of blessing all animals with shared prayer open to all. Please bring your pets for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi as a sign of our care for God's Creation.

Sponsored by: St. Joseph Parish, IPJC & Earth Ministry



Music Ministry

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. Rehearsals are Thursdays, October 5th & October 12th. 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.

Altar Server Program

St. Joseph Parish is looking for students interested in altar serving at Sunday Masses throughout the year. This is a great service opportunity as well as helpful participation. If you are in 5th thru 8th grade and would like to learn more, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Contemplative Prayer Experiences

Last year the Liturgy and Worship Commission surveyed the 5:30 community about a possible time change experiment during the summer. The recommendation and decision was to NOT change the time and to leave it at 5:30 but, in the process of discerning this possibility, we also had some excellent conversation about the nature of what is called the "Contemplative" Mass at St. Joseph. There was a distinct desire on the part of many to explore the meaning and charism of what is meant by "Contemplative Prayer" and to perhaps be more explicit about how this makes the 5:30 Sunday evening mass "different" than the other masses. In this way it is hoped that those who regularly participate in the 5:30 mass might have a better, deeper shared understanding of what being part of a contemplative liturgy asks of us so that we can maintain a setting that is conducive to this unique prayer form.

To help us in this exploration the Liturgy and Worship Commission is sponsoring a series of events this year designed to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about, and get a taste of, some of the prayer experiences that are already part of the Saint Joseph community life. Each will take place from 4-5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons in the church making it particularly easy for 5:30 mass goers to participate and then stay for mass.

CENTERING PRAYER - October 8

SACRED SILENCE - December 3

IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - February 4

TAIZE PRAYER - February 25

Baptism Families

Please join us in praying for the families having children baptized this weekend: the Hart & Weis family, the Ferre family, the Dorner family, and the Maletta family.

Need for Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers have a special delight and joy in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the "Body Of Christ." That is to say, we who are gathered to celebrate the paschal mystery: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They have a gift for being truly present to others in this brief moment they have and speak their own faith in these few words while calling forth the faith of the communicant in their response. This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, received the sacrament of Confirmation, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living.

Get Involved

For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please visit the parish website or contact Ministry Lead, Mary Sepulveda at eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org. Ministers are needed especially for 5PM Saturday, 11AM Sunday and 5:30 PM Sunday.

The annual gathering of Eucharistic Ministers is **Wednesday evening Sept. 27th** in the Arrupe Room in the Parish Center. This would be a great opportunity to find out more about this ministry and meet some of the great folks who are already involved. Social at 6, dinner at 6:30, program from 7-8:15 pm.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: In admiration of our seniors who drove to Ellensburg to visit a much loved friend and shower her with their caring and friendship . . . For the infants who are being baptized this weekend . . . For God's gift of graces that provided a roof over her head and a job for one of our parishioners.

" . . . let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving."

~Isaiah 55:7

Rest in Peace

Julia Buchholz, beloved wife of Carl Swenson and mother of Will, whose service was Saturday, September 23rd.

FAITH FORMATION



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.

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 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.

Attention All Students in Grades 6th, 7th , & 8th

St. Joseph Parish is hosting a middle school focus group and we need to hear from you! Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org for more information.

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/>

Faith Formation Commission We Need You

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.



FAITH FORMATION

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. Children's Faith Formation begins **Sunday, October 1st** for children pre-school age thru junior high. Deadline to register is September 30. 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. Child Care during 9am Mass in the Social Hall. Please visit our Homepage tile Let's Get Started and sign up under Children's Faith Formation. 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 pre-school setting.* The annual fee is \$30.

Children's Faith Formation K (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). Have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students 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.

**To sign up, visit our homepage:
www.stjosephparish.org**

High School Confirmation Registration is open now!

High School Confirmation begins October 8th. An information meeting for parents and students will be held on **September 24th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Mother Teresa room, Parish Center.** A second information meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th at 8:00 PM in the Brebeuf room, Parish Center with our High School Youth Group. To register, visit our Homepage tile Let's Get Started www.stjosephparish.org Questions? Please contact Theresa at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651. Deadline to register is October 6th!

PARISH LIFE



Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

Sweet Life Cafe

A Spiritual Stay-treat

September 29 & 30, 2017

Friday, Sept, 29th, 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, Sept 30th 9 to 3 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 and walks. Cost \$50 including Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. To register contact stevew@stjosephparish.org or women@stjosephparish.org Questions? Contact smarie49@comcast.net

Women's Ministry

Moms Gatherings are back!

Join other Moms to connect and reflect.

All ages & stages welcome!

Featuring Author/Speaker/Coach Cara Meredith

Sundays October 8, 15, 22, & 28, 2017 from 10:15-11:45 AM in Social Hall classroom.

Childcare Available ~ Attend any number of sessions
Drop-ins welcome ~ \$30 fee includes childcare

Please contact women@stjosephparish.org or stevew@stjosephparish.org for questions or to sign up.

Hope & Healing Support Group

Hope and Healing is back! Join us for monthly prayer, meditation, discussion and fellowship as we explore the relationship between faith and well-being. If you are experiencing illness, or are generally interested in health and wellness, Hope and Healing is the group for you. Our September topic is: "Come As You Are." Next meeting is **Tuesday, September 26 from 7-8:30pm** upstairs in the Parish Center Jogues Room. Questions? Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, October 4th - Please join us to see the play "RELATIVITY" at the Taproot Theatre, 2 pm matinee. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Please bring a lunch. We will leave the Parish Center at 11:45 am and arrive back around 4:15 pm. To register and pre-pay for tickets contact Renee at (206) 324-2522 ext 100 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

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

Men's Ministry Fall Retreat

Patient Trust - Stay patient, trust your journey.

October 20-22, 2017

- Location: Camp Casey, Whidbey Island - 1276 S Engle Rd, Coupeville, WA 98239 | Carpooling Options | Bring toiletries, a sleeping bag, pillow & towel.
- All meals included on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday - bring snacks and beverages to share on Friday
- Free time on Saturday Afternoon
- Saturday evening liturgy
- Register at www.stjosephparish.org to reserve a spot - Cost \$150
- Animators - Father Peter Ely SJ, Dan Quinn-Shea, Thad Westhusing, Leo Lyons

Questions? Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org



FAITH JUSTICE

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.

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.

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

One Parish, One Prisoner Prison Re-entry Program

St. Joseph's 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”. Please join us for an informational gathering on **Monday, October 2nd 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

Concert to Benefit JRS

St. Joseph Parish & School has acquired four tickets to the SOLD OUT benefit 2017 Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees Tour. The concert is in Seattle at the Moore Theatre on October 3rd and will feature Dave Matthews, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, and special guests. We will be selling raffle tickets for \$50 each for a chance to win 2 tickets. All raffle proceeds will also be donated to JRS. Drawing will be held at the 5:30 Mass.
