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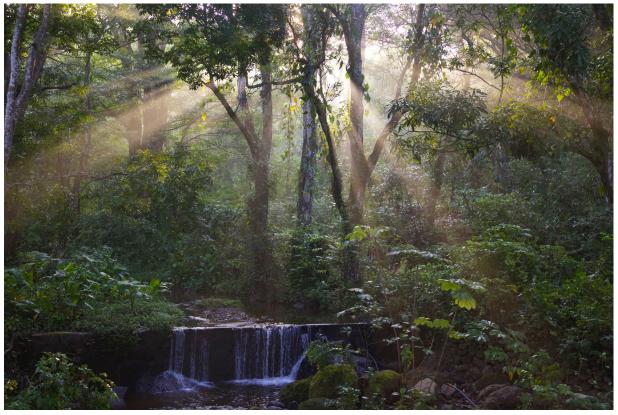
St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

"ACCESS TO SAFE, DRINKABLE WATER IS A BASIC AND UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT, SINCE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN SURVIVAL AND, AS SUCH, A CONDITION FOR THE EXERCISE OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS."

-POPE FRANCIS, LAUDATO SÍ-







"For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction."

-St. Paul, to the Thessalonians-





TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2017

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

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:00 am, 11 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for October 29, 2017

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

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Stopping The Refugees

There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. . . . Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which civil society is founded.

-Pope Francis-

During the visit of the first delegation from St. Joseph to our Sister Parish in El Salvador, Principal George Hofbauer—all six foot plus of him—laid in the back of a pick-up truck, so as to avoid notice by the government forces roaming the countryside on the way from San Salvador to Arcatao. It was the early 1990's and the troubles in Central America were resonating throughout the north, even as the geo-politics of the north was causing misery and hardship throughout Central America. Though St. Joseph had originally hoped to partner with one of the communities of Nicaragua, where the newly installed Sandinista government was being fought by the Contras, those plans changed when a Jesuit recommended that perhaps the region of Arcatao, in El Salvador was more in need of support. Located high in the hills, near the Honduran border, Arcatao and the surrounding villages had lost thousands to the violence of the Salvadoran civil war, and was a center for FMLN opposition. They were also closely connected to the Jesuits, and deeply desirous of friendship with a Jesuit Parish from the United States. Though aid and advocacy would follow, it was this friendship, this solidarity, that was the deepest desire of the people of Arcatao; and it was that which drew a small band of St. Joseph parishioners to leave the safety and comfort of Seattle for that place where death-squads and assassination—even of priests and religious—was not yet in the past.

As that first delegation drove through the wounded, yet beautiful countryside of El Salvador, on their way to Arcatao, they could little conceive all that would happen to that country—and to the partnership they were beginning—in the coming years. Seeking to avoid the main roads, they drove past the spot where the Jesuit priest, Rutillo Grande, was murdered with two young catechists, while going from village to village to perform baptisms. Grande, who had preached to the poor that it was not God's will that they suffer endlessly at the hands of the rich, was branded a subversive by the military government, whose death squads ambushed him and his young colleagues in one of the first attacks on a religious leader. It was Grande's murder that had attracted the bookish and passive Archbishop Oscar Romero into the countryside, where he came the night after the killings and helped prepare the bodies for their joint funeral, presiding himself in the small church not far from the site. Seeing the bullet-ridden body of his friend was a conversion moment for Romero, a moment that may well have been on the minds of the St. Joseph delegates, as they drove through the same small village just a few years after the Archbishop himself had fallen victim to an assassin's bullet, and a few months after the murder of six Jesuits and their two companions at the UCA in San Salvador. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church," wrote the theologian, Tertullian, and it was in this blood, shed by those who came to be our allies and our friends, that the seeds of unity for the Church of San Bartolomé in Arcatao and the Church of St. Joseph in Seattle was first planted.

In those early days of our relationship with Arcatao, when the repression was still active, the St. Joseph community served as a place of refuge and advocacy. We spoke up for those in prison—occasionally even helping them to win their freedom (in part, it turns out, because some officials in San Salvador did not understand that Washington State and Washington, DC were not the same place). And though it was the people of El Salvador themselves who eventually forged a peace deal and began the long work of reconstruction and national reconciliation, the community of St. Joseph joined in the celebration, and contributed to the building up of new schools and to the support of infrastructure—finding in our solidarity with the re-born San Bartolomé a deeper sense of our own identity and the grace of the Eucharist igniting us to love and serve.

Like any family, the relationship between Arcatao and St. Joseph has had its ups and downs, times when both communities were so involved in their own issues, that our connections grew weaker. Yet, like most families, in times of crisis and need, we have found our ties renewed, our life together deepened and strengthened—to the benefit of both communities. In the last few years, a number of delegations have gone between our two cities, building human ties, putting a human face on issues of education and development, globalism and integral ecology. When out youth group went down to Arcatao, they lived in the houses of the parish families, and came to see their own families differently. And when we sell goods from Arcatao at the Alternative Bazaar, we recognize the work of women we have met, who have welcomed us into their homes and given us sweets from their table. We have worked with the people of Arcatao as they sought to oppose Canadian mining corporations, whose hydraulic mining techniques would have destroyed the mountains and the water, and taken all the wealth back to North America, leaving the people displaced and destitute. Meeting with families and parish councils, with parents and children, our delegations saw the human cost of the commercial activities of these large North American conglomerates—and so we pledged not abstract support, but our hearts and voices in companionship. Thus, when the international courts and the national government ruled to protect the lands and people, it was our victory, as well, since it meant protection for those women and men who had become part of us.

Because of this "partnership for the gospel from the first day until now"—as St. Paul puts it in his letter to the Philippians—St. Joseph and San Bartolomé are able to overcome the easy stereotypes promoted by politicians and media, and to see each other as sisters and brothers, part of the same body of Christ, who love our children and want good for them. For us, the people of the south are not a threat to be neutralized: they are our community, with whom we have been through much, and whose desire—we know from experience—is to find a way to build up their homeland, so that their children (like our children) can remain

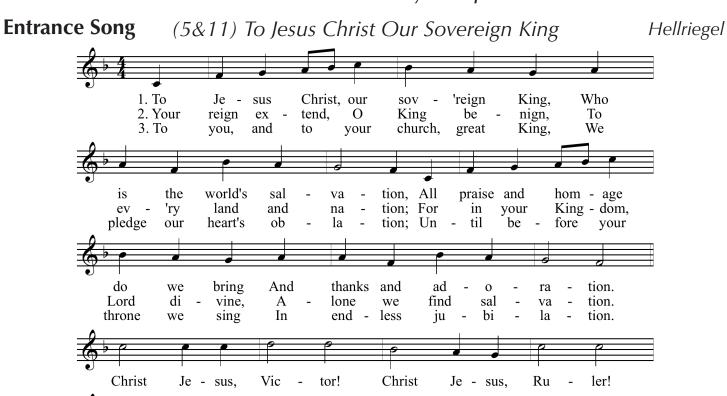
in the place of their birth, with opportunities that will raise both them and their nation. Knowing the women and men of Arcatao, we see that the migrants and refugees at our door come not because they want to abandon the homeland they love, but because conditions make remaining impossible. To be a refugee—whether because of war or poverty—is not the dream of the people of Arcatao, nor of any other people. Yet, to prevent it, we must deepen our companionship, rather than abandon it; we must look closely at the forces driving people into exile, and help them in their desire to overcome; we must do more than simply bar the gates and put razor wire on our walls, we must love with the same incarnational and transformative love of Jesus.

Over the last three decades, many factors—war, exploitation, poverty—have pressed upon the people of Arcatao and forced many young men and women into exile. Yet, at the same time, defying these pressures, the families and community leaders in the region have worked to make remaining in their own country a viable possibility—and St. Joseph has been part of that work. Through advocacy at the time of the war and in the face of international mining interests, through support of scholarship programs that allow young people a chance to learn skills and then return them to their community, through collaboration in the water projects by which the members of the Arcatao community built piping and gravity-flow systems to local neighborhoods and households, and through the presence and prayer of our delegates and Parish, we have helped these communities retain those young people who long to stay in the land of their birth. But now a new threat, one that all of us, I hope, have begun to recognize threatens our sisters and brothers: climate change. Today, with shrinking rainfall and a shortened season, the wells and springs upon which Arcatao's people have long depended—and through which they have built a water system that helps them rise from poverty—are drying up or leaving behind only fetid pools. And, although they are willing to do the work of creating a sustainable alternative, it again calls us—as their brothers and sisters—to help.

This weekend at St. Joseph, we will raise money to support the work of the people of Arcatao, who are using their own sweat-equity to re-open a well at the side of the region's river, and who will then install pumps to supplement the water from the threatened springs. This project, which will not damage the river but could sustain hundreds of families, is literally a concrete solution for at least part of the problem of emigration and displacement. If we truly worry about refugees and migrants—worry about their plight or (less nobly) worry about them coming to our country—in this collection we are offered the chance to help our Sister Parish keep their own home habitable. This is the love of the gospel, given not in words but in deeds. It is what families do when crisis strike. So let's do it.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.



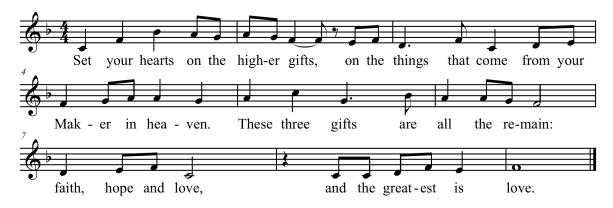
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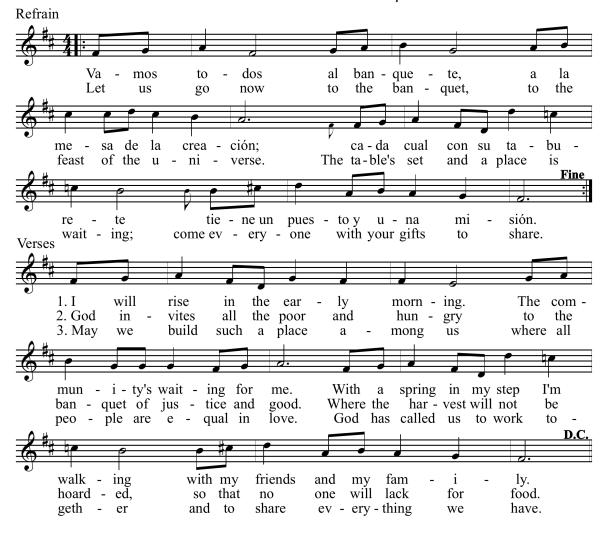
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(9) Vamos Todos Al Banquete



Gloria See Cards In Pews

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,

First Reading

whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6







Second Reading

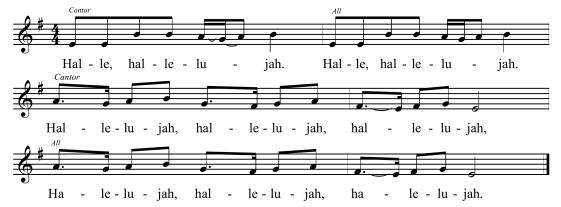
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

nor.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Traditional Syrian



Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



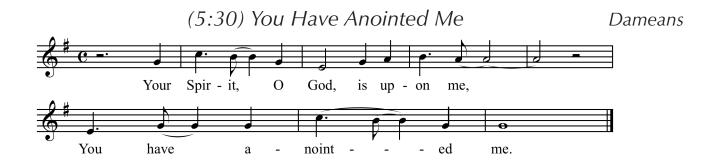
Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Songs

(9,5&11) Canticle To The Spirit

Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, root of all thing washing them clean, Wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds, you are our true life, Luminous, wonderful, awak'ning the heart from its ancient sleep.



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.



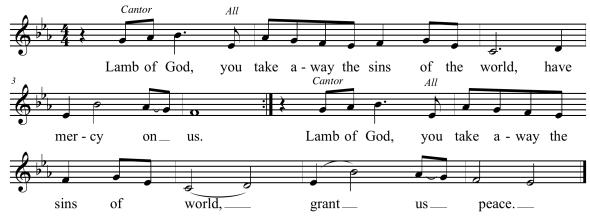
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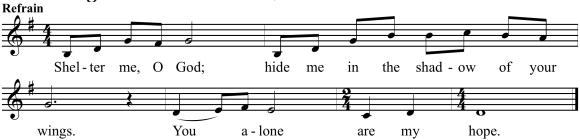
Lamb of God



Communion Songs

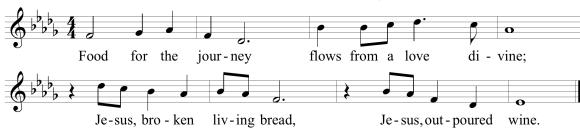
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Food For the Journey

Zaragoza



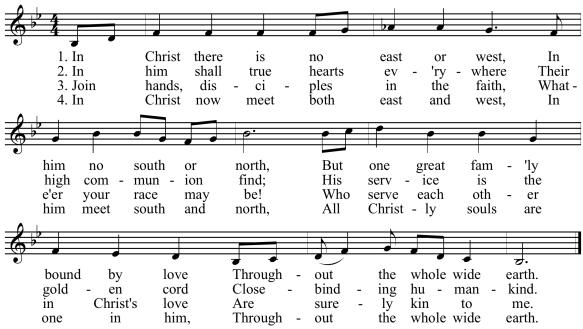
- 1. As manna fell from the starry heaven, behold my bread for you, my chosen, my beloved.
- 2. I am the bread of life, whoever believes in me will never thirst again. All who come will never hunger.
- 3. I long to hold you through all pain, nourish you along the uphill road; so I entrust this simple food, my own self I give to you.
- 4. Each broken life is called to form this body, this sacred cup all share, I laden with the outcast.
- 5. Come my people who gather as one; feed on my love, then go forth and feed the world.
- 6. My body broken, my blood shed, goes before you showing the way. Give of your body, risk your blood, that the kingdom of God may reign
- 7. In all the poor perceive this humble banquet and the lowly shall arise to guide you on your journey.

The verses are based on a homily by Blessed Óscar Romero

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In Christ There Is No East or West



Prayer to Share the Journey

God, Creator of the World and all who walk upon it: In the Sacrament of this table,

We have become your daughters and sons,

Pilgrims in the footsteps of Jesus.

May we trust in his guidance and follow his Way,

Becoming Companions of all who walk beside us.

May we raise up the refugee and give hope to the migrant,

May we see in their journey, our own.

May we break down the borders that limit our love,

And open the doors of our hearts.

May we share the journey of our sisters and brothers,

And so come with them into the kingdom,

Where the poor are welcomed at the table of Christ,

And we are at last made whole.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Recessional

(9) To You, O God, Be Given the Glory



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

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

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Pathfinders Youth Group 7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

Weekly Reconciliation 3:30 PM

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

LITURGY AND WORSHIP



This Weekend Is World **Mission Sunday**

For communities like our Salvadoran sister parish, San Bartolomé, water is more precious than gold. It allows them to raise crops, sustain their cattle, and live their lives. Last summer, seven communities within the parish were shocked to learn their two natural springs had dried up or become acidic. This lack of potable water affects more than 220 families, nearly 750 people. This crisis galvanized the greater parish to find a solution for their brothers and sisters. The proposal: utilize an existing, unused well adjacent to the river that collects groundwater from the hills above, install pumps to pump the water through a filter system into an adjacent cistern, once filtered, the water will be pumped again, up the hill to another cistern above the communities where it will be gravity fed into their homes via the existing piping system. The total cost of the project is about \$85,000.

At the masses during Mission Sunday weekend we will take a collection for the water project in San Bartolomé parish. We have a generous donor who will match any gifts dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. If you are interested in additional support or learning more about our relationship, please e-mail us at sisterparishelsalvador@gmail.com.



Joseph Community extends Tree prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For those attending infant baptism preparation classes . . For the upcoming Seahawks game with our friends from Tent City 3 . . . For the suffering of many

throughout the world through natural disasters and because of human malice.

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, When my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

~Psalm 61:2

Lector Training/Audition for High Schoolers

We'd love to hear the young people of St. Joseph's proclaim the Word of God! If you are in high school and have an interest in being a lector. please come to our training/audition on November 5 at 12:15 pm in the church. (Don't forget Daylight Savings that weekend!)

We will go over the role of the lector and give you a chance to practice. It is a wonderful ministry to be a part of in our parish. For more information, contact Jessica Smits: jessicasmits@gmail.com



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Sponsors Needed For RCIA

We are in need of 5-7 adults who can be a faith companion to someone going through the RCIA process to join the Catholic Faith.

The St. joseph Community promises prayerful support for, and to walk with, each prospective new member of the Catholic Church. The role of RCIA sponsor is the fulfillment of that promise. As a sponsor you are assigned a Confirmandi (Baptized Catholic adult), Candidate (Baptized adult), or Cathechumen (Unbaptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share.

Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey. You offer counsel and support as you are able and to the extent that it is needed or desired. You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Joseph community. You listen and you pray. Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with a Candidate or Catechumen through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Church.

Many prospective Sponsors ask themselves whether they are worthy or qualified. The role of Sponsor is not that of Catechist. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church's teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can.

If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@ stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We have a sponsors meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 7 pm.

Joyful Voices Children's Choir

Many thanks to the children who sang the 9 am mass last weekend as part of "Joyful Voices" and to parishioners Jen and Matt Tilghman-Havens for directing them. The liturgy was lively and spirited! They will sing again on February 11th.

All school age children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through both rehearsals and the 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

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

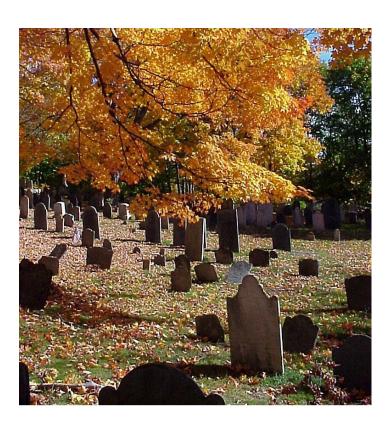
The Solemnity Of All Saints: On November 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us. Masses are at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm in the church.

Ritual Of Remembering: At the 7:00 evening mass on **Tuesday, November 1**, we remember those who have died this past year. We gather in candlelight, speak their names aloud, and pray for them and for each other as we sing the Litany of the Saints.

As in previous years, you are invited to bring photos of your loved ones to help create a shrine or "Saints Corner" to be located in the north transept of the church. This will be maintained as a sacred space for contemplation and prayer throughout the month of November until Advent begins on December 3rd.

Additionally, you are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the "Book of the Names of the Dead" located at the entrance to the church.

Please bring your photos the weekend of October 28th/29th, or on All Saints Day to the baptistery and place them in the box. Please write contact information on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you after November.



FAITH JUSTICE

Recovery Cafe

Annual Thanksgiving Meal & Open Mic Night Sponsored by St. Joseph on Saturday, November 18, 1:00 - 8:00 pm. Are you and your family looking for a way to make Thanksgiving really memorable for those in need?

On Saturday, November 18, we will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 125 members of the Recovery Cafe, but we need your help--both in the preparation, and in the delivery, serving and clean up. To that end, consider signing up to volunteer and/or provide food. This year, food donation and volunteer sign-ups are on-line at Website: www.perfectpotluck.com - Last name: Brennan - User PW: 2435

Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, please go on-line or contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646, stevew@stjosephparish.org, Laury Bryant at (206)234-9444, lauryb39@hotmail.com or Gretchen Brennan at (206) 949-5456, gretchenbrennan@comcast.net. Online sign-ups available for the following: turkey & gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing/ sressing, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, green salad for 25, vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free hot dish & cold dish, dinner rolls + butter, cranberry sauce, milk, apple juice, satsuma oranges, and extra gravy. Plus gifts of wool socks for Cafe members. Volunteer shifts: 1:00 - 8:30 pm. The recovery cafe is a refuge of healing and transformation, supporting men and women in recovery from addiction, mental health challenges and homelessness. Learn more at www.recoverycafe.org

Trick Or Treat For Jesuits

Each year thousands, yes thousands of witches, wizards and some saints visit the Jesuit house on Halloween night.

Help us feed these hungry souls by dropping off a bag or two of candy at the Parish Center on weekdays. Thank you!

SCOPE

SCOPE—is a partnership between the UW Dept. Of Global Health, the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, and various US & Ethiopian faith communities that targets HIV/AIDS and maternal health. SCOPE uses American and Ethiopian global health grad students to bridge the gap between medical and faith communities in Ethiopia to improve health in an incredibly unique and inexpensive way.

ST. JOSEPH—a group of parishioners have donated \$5000 to co-sponsor two US grad students, Elizabeth Karman & Sheldon Halsted, for a 6-month project that will train faith leaders to be maternal health advocates in Ethiopia. They will return to the U.S. in mid-December and speak in person at the Parish early in 2018.

Follow Elizabeth and Sheldon on the SCOPE Stories blog as they share their amazing work with our Parish (https://scopestories.wordpress.com/). If you would like to learn more about SCOPE, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Fall Family Pancake Breakfast on October 29th

This breakfast is co-hosted by the PAB and the Parish following 9am Mass in the Social Hall.

All are welcome for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fruit. Coffee and juice are provided. The cost is \$5 per person; 4 years old and under are free. You may pay in advance

at our website www.stjosephparish.org or pay at the door.

To volunteer, set up, serve or clean up, sign-up today with Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Parish



Alternative Bazaar

Sunday, November 19th

10 AM - 1 PM 732 18th Ave E - In the Social Hall



This year St. Joseph's Parish
Alternative Bazaar will have
beautiful handcrafted items from dozens
of countries, and
organizations around the world in order
to support disadvantaged
artisans overseas and in the US.

The artisans and vendors are Fair Trade Certified, or a non-profit whose sales 100% support the organization.



Come and support our non-profit outreach partners such as: L'Arche, Chief Seattle Club, Association of Catholic Childhood, Jubilee Women's Center, Ten Thousand Villages and many more!

For More Information: Steve Wodzanowski, 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents

Walk a Mile in My Shoes: Refugee Simulation

October 28th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Social Hall

(located below the church)

"We have a duty toward our brothers and sisters who, for various reasons, have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice, of civility and of solidarity." - Pope Francis



Jesuit Refugee Service has developed a refugee simulation to provide us with an experiential learning opportunity of what refugee's experience. You will be given a name and a personal story of a refugee. You will share your story with others in your camp and discover the living arrangements as well as food allotted. As you travel through the camp, you will learn facts along the way, and discover ways to get involved. Please join us, and invite your friends.

For more information please contact TheresaL@stjosephparish.org

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship FAQ - Glass Pockets

At St. Joseph Parish, we do our best to have "glass pockets" since we know the money with which we tend to the mission of St. Joseph Parish belongs to the people of St. Joseph. In the spirit of fiscal transparency, we attempt to answer some frequently asked questions about our finances.

What is the annual budget of St. Joseph Church?

Excluding the School, which operates a separate financial structure, St. Joseph Parish had annual expenses in fiscal year 2017 of \$2,069,358, resulting in a \$99,771 surplus. These funds will be used to replenish savings that we dipped into last year to update our technological infrastructure. The vast majority of last year's revenue (\$1,563,196) was generously given by parishioners during our annual stewardship campaign and weekly collections. The small remaining amount was generated from things like facility rental, program fees, etc., most of which are set and cannot grow significantly.

How does St. Joseph Parish spend the money raised during the annual Stewardship Campaign?

Gifts raised during our annual Stewardship Campaign fund the ministries, programs, and day-to-day operations of the Parish. The largest expenses for the Parish are related to the ministers and facilities that directly serve St. Joseph parishioners:

Administration: Stewardship supports the salaries and benefits for our staff and employees, including the Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacon, and Pastoral Assistants, the Director of Religious Education and her assistant, Music Ministers, Maintenance, Facilities, Stewardship & Communications, Bookkeeping, etc. The budgetary percentage that goes to this area remains below the national average--for all we do, we run a relatively lean machine. Also within this area is the printing of weekly Mass guides and bulletins, as well as maintaining webpages.

Building & Grounds: Keeping the lights on and the heat pumping in the Church, Parish Center, Social Hall, Old Gym, etc.; maintenance.

School Support: Following the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese on appropriate support for schools, St. Joseph Parish gives over \$200,000 each year to St. Joseph School, which provides scholarship help for members of the Parish.

Programs: Sustaining(beyond fees) Children's Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, weekly and daily liturgies, funerals, weddings, speakers, retreat opportunities, marriage enrichment, spiritual direction and counseling, coordination with outreach partners, the parish picnic, etc. (Hopefully, you know at least some of the great things our staff does!)

Archdiocesan Assessments: In addition to our Annual Catholic Appeal assessments, St. Joseph pays insurance through the Archdiocese, as well as an Archdiocesan operations tax (approximately 5.75% of Stewardship income). This is the only money that goes to the Archdiocese from Stewardship gifts.

Should you have any questions about the finances of our parish, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien, Director of Advancement at tinao@stjosephparish.org or call 206.965.1654.

For over a century, women and men such as you have prayed over their resources and have placed their trust in the goodness of God. Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished as a place where young people are educated with hope, where seniors gather with joy, where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer and community. Through family, work, and service, all share the Eucharist they have received. As a part of this history, we ask you to open your heart fearlessly, and to commit, not out of guilt, but out of the love of God that has been poured into your heart.

Thank you for becoming a part of St. Joseph. Thank you for your annual affirmation of membership and active participation in our community. Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship commitment this year. Thank you for the grace you have, and the grace you share with us all.

Why we came to St. Joseph. . . and why we stay. . .

Many things bring people to St. Joseph—location, liturgy, educational opportunities, Jesuit tradition—but the true blessing begins when people choose to stay, and become the life of the community. Here are the reflections of a few of your neighbors:



Rebecca Buettner - Finding a Home & Making One

Like many at St. Joseph, Becky began life elsewhere—growing up in Baltimore and attending Loyola University in that city. She came to Seattle more or less on a whim—with no job, no apartment, and one friend at her side. It was, she says, "The kind of thing you only do at 21." But somehow, she found an apartment on Capitol Hill (this was 1994) and a good job. Yet, she soon found herself homesick. And though a bit out of the habit of going to church, "homesickness and the desire for a sense of community" led her to her neighborhood parish: St. Joseph. It was a wonderful surprise: "I felt welcomed like an old friend. I immediately felt at home." And for 22 years, the staff and community has always been there, "laughing with me and praying for me, without judgment."

Since that first Sunday, Becky has continued to come to Mass, but now she is part of the hospitality others feel. As a Eucharistic Minister at the 11:00 AM Mass, as a teacher for those preparing for First Communion, as a member of the Pastoral Council, and especially as a constant volunteer with the Parish Seniors, Becky finds joy by giving it back. At First Friday luncheons, Becky serves behind the scenes, offering soup and sandwiches, and her wonderful smile to our older community members. "This community has made me a better person, and I am proud to be part of St. Joseph."



Gianlucca Pelagatti - Welcomed As I Am

One of the greatest graces to the St. Joseph Community have been the women and men who have entered the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Gianlucca, though baptized Catholic, had been separated from that faith for two years, when he came to St. Joseph. Concerned by the Catholic attitude towards the gay community, but hearing about St. Joseph, he came on his birthday to the 9:30 Mass, and fell in love with the liturgy and the space, so when Deacon Steve invited people to check out RCIA, he knew it was grace. This last March, after attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with other Candidates and Catechumens, "I was confirmed and received at St. Joseph."





For Gianlucca, "St. Joseph is more than just a church I attend. . .I consider the parish part of my family." At Rosary Group or Bible Study, weekday Mass or Sunday celebration, "I don't have to worry about hiding a part of me in hopes of being accepted—the parish welcomes me as I am." But more than just his own acceptance, Gianlucca supports and finds blessing at St. Joseph because its mission blesses the world, "At St. Joseph, we encourage each other to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Within this community, I learn to find God in all things."

Prayerfully Giving Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call

Level One The Mustard Seed	For those with great hearts but limited resources. "What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'" (Luke 13:18-19)	 A. \$150 < \$350 about \$2 - \$7 a week B. \$350 < \$750 about \$7 - \$15 a week
Level Two Providing for the Mission	For those who sacrifice to build the mission. "Accompanying Jesus were the twelve & some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, & many others who provided for them out of their resources." (Luke 8:1-3)	 A. \$750 < \$1,000 about \$15 - \$20 a week B. \$1,000 < \$1,500 about \$20 - \$30 a week C. \$1,500 < \$2,500 about \$30 - \$50 a week
Level Three Sowing Bountifully	For those graced & willing to share their bounty. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (Luke 8:1-3)	 A. \$2,500 < \$3,500 about \$210 - \$300 a month B. \$3,500 < \$5,000 about \$300 - \$420 a month C. \$5,000 < \$7,500 about \$420 - \$625 a month
Level Four Faithful & Prudent Stewards	For those blessed with substantial resources & able to share. "Who, then, is the faithful & prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, & still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:42, 48)	 A. \$7,500 < \$10,000 about \$625 - \$850 a month B. \$10,000 < \$25,000 about \$850 - \$2,100 a month C. \$25,000 < \$50,000 about \$2,100 - \$4,200 a month D. \$50,000 < whatever grace moves you to give
Level Five Spiritual Companions	For those who have only their hearts to give. "When he saw Peter & John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, & said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.'" (Acts 3:3-6)	If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayersthe gift that animates all othersare still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph.

Parish Life

CYO

Congratulations to all Kindergarten through 8th grade participants on this year's St. Joseph Cross Country team. Not only did the 4th grade boys and 5th grade girls win their overall grade level championships, but in the best tradition of our mission, 8th grade cross country runner, JR Cassidy, stopped to help a fallen competitor in the final stretch of the Championship race, earning St. Joseph the St. Paul Sportsmanship Spirit of CYO Athletic Award! Way to go athletes and coaches!

Parishioners of Color

St. Joseph Parish Life commission is hosting a listening & discernment gathering for Parishioners of color. **Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 – 9:00 pm, Parish Center.**

This is a follow-up to our September 7th Gathering where 24 parishioners attended. In addition to hearing one another's experience of being a parishioner of color at St. Joseph Parish we want to explore and discern themes, concerns and hopes for the future. Newcomers Welcome. Andrea Wong Fontana, Program Coordinator of the Ignatian Spirituality Center, will facilitate. Our planning committee includes Fr. Julian Climaco, Ana Martins, Linh Dam, Mary Price and Deacon Steve. For more information and to RSVP, contact Fr. Julian at jclimaco@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Ministry

Attention All Young Adults (21-35) Please join us for our Quarterly Planning Meeting Monday, November 6th, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center.

Our goal is to plan out events for the next three months (Dec-Jan-Feb) 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

Socializing for Justice: A Ministry Fair for Young Adults – Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Maryknoll Mission House: 958 16th Ave E.

Learn more about where you can find spiritual nourishment, how to get involved in faith-based social justice movements and put faith into action through direct service. Talk directly to mentors from a variety of organizations and meet other young adults with similar passions! Light refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by: Maryknoll, Kids4Peace, Missions Office and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center. RSVP on the EventBrite Link: tinyurl.com/socializeforjustice2017

Seniors On The Go

Thursday, October 26th - Join us for a movie matinee at 12:30. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll watch *Queen of Katwe*. Hosted by our Senior Ministry, but all are welcome!

Friday, November 3rd - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a wonderful lunch in the Parish Center. Come join us!

Thursday, November 16th - Join us for an outing to the Snoqualmie Casino and Factory Outlet Stores at 10:30 am – 4:00 pm. Signup for a spot on the bus by calling Renee at 206-965-1640 or rleet@stjosephparish.org. We depart from St. Joseph's 10:30 am, arrive at the Casino 11:30 am and head to a buffet lunch (cost \$10.95). At 12:45 pm, anyone who wants go to Snoqualmie Outlet Mall hop on the bus or stay and gamble. Head home at 3:15 pm.

Newcomers Wanted!

Welcome to St. Joseph!

If you are recently registered or a newcomer (in the last year or so) to the parish, please join us for our NEWCOMERS MEET, GREET & EAT Gathering.

Tuesday, October 24th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Parish Center Food and Drink provided!

Come meet the Parish Staff, your fellow new parishioners and learn about how to get involved in the parish. To RSVP please contact Caprice Sauter at caprices@ stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1642.

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Hope & Healing Group

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion around health, illness, and wellness. Hope and Healing's October topic will be: 'Archetypes and Saints: help on your health journey.' We will meet **Tuesday, October 24th, from 7-8:30 pm** upstairs in the Jogues Room. All are welcome! Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook. com or 206-459-1768 with questions.

You're invited!

Visit St. Joseph School

Tours available most Wednesdays Call today to schedule 206-329-3260 ext. 243

Kindergarten Information Night Monday, November 6, 2017 7:00 pm RSVP Online www.stjosephsea.org

- -Commitment to Service
- -Art, Music/Band, Chess, Sports, Robotics, STEAM
- -1:1 Technology
- -Before and After School Program

