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 of a gluten free host, please come to the Presider & indicate this.
A Shepherd’s Prayer

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, ‘Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’

-Luke 2:8-11-

In the darkened season of this cold, old earth, when we, doubters and mourners one and all, had almost resigned ourselves to a grey and frozen world,

You broke upon us, like a sudden dawn,

which splits the low-hung clouds and baptizes in beauty,

all the hills and valleys,

which just a moment before had seemed so dull.

Though long-expected, you surprised us still,

and we were taken, whole, without a shot,

without a sword unsheathed,

without resistance: we gave way.

And our poor hearts, chilled and challenged,

opened to the grace of Life made flesh,

to the joy of Promise come into the world.

Far from that day was the suffering yet to come,

the abandonment and wounds, the silent cross.

And if they were foreshadowed,

we could only sense the light,

and feel that sudden grace that filled our world;

we, who sat so long as exiles on those hills,

heard the songs of angels come to us—

and moved beyond our many fears,

we came and offered adoration,

to One like us, a child of poverty,

abundantly loved and loving,

through whom God now and always will abide.

Amen.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Prelude

Once In Royal David’s City

IRBY/Alexander

Entrance Song

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS/Wade

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES
Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:

“Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”

Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.”

The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel Acclamations

Christmastime Alleluia

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Christmastime Alleluia
Gospel

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Reflection

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Offertory Song

Come, Sing A Home and Family

CAROL

Alan Hommerding

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schutte

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Schutte
Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen


Lamb of God

Mass Of Creation

Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world grant us your peace.

Communion Song

Away In A Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. The stars in the bright sky looked down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Close by me forever. The little Lord Jesus, your tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.
**What Child Is This**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping, Whom angels greet with an-thems sweet While shep-herds watch are keep-ing? This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas-ant, king, to own him. The King of kings sal-ute, As ev-ery-where; Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born! Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary.

**Go Tell It On The Mountain**

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-ry-where; Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born!

Verses

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night, Be-hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho-ly light.

2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When, lo, a-bove the earth Rang out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav-ior's birth.

3. Down in a low-ly man-ager The hum-ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal-va-tion That bless-ed Christ-mas morn.
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  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Holy Rosary Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.
THANK YOU FOR SAYING YES! We can’t begin to express our gratitude to the following parishioners who have affirmed membership in our parish and made a pledge of support for 2015. Our vibrant parish would not be what it is without your consistent support.

As of December 18th, we have received $835,299.00 toward our $1,500,000 goal. If you have yet to send in your annual affirmation of membership or pledge of support for 2015, please feel free to pick up a yellow envelope in the back of the church, or contact stewardship@stjosephparish.org. THANK YOU!!

Online Giving looks a bit different with our new website. After you set up your account the first time, you will find a much more user-friendly and interactive system. You can make one-time gifts—or set up recurring gifts and receive reminders before gifts are processed. A new feature is that you can also direct funds from either your credit card or a bank account. Don’t hesitate to contact Tina if you’d like her assistance with entering your first gift in the new system. She can be reached at 206.965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org
A Fun Catholic Quiz for the Christmas Season

This self-quiz is meant to be fun and educational. Take it alone or share with your friends and family. Answers are found at the bottom. Good luck! Dottie Farewell, Director of Religious Education

1. The liturgical year begins on which Sunday?
a. Christ the King   b. New Year’s   c. Easter    d. First of Advent

2. Since Vatican II the Church begins the new liturgical year with a new “Cycle” of readings based on the Gospels. How many cycles are there?
   a. 2   b. 3   c. 4   d. 5

3. The liturgical color used during the Christmas season is __________.
   a. White   b. red   c. green   d. violet

4. What does the crèche represent?
   a. The Eucharist   b. The Crucifixion
   c. The Nativity   d. Jesus’ baptism

5. Jesus was born in which town?

6. Who baptized Jesus?
   a. The prophet Isaiah   b. His disciple Peter   c. Mary
   d. His cousin John

7. Jesus was baptized as an infant.
   True or False

8. Special songs that speak of Christ’s birth are called Christmas _________.
   a. Carols   b. hymns   c. antiphons   d. anthems

9. The wise men presented Jesus with gifts of gold, myrrh, and _________.
   a. Copper   b. frankincense   c. candy canes   d. water

10. Joseph was warned by ________ to take Jesus to Egypt to protect him.
    a. The wisemen   b. Mary   c. an angel   d. Jesus

11. Who was Joseph protecting Jesus from when escaping to Egypt?
    a. King Herod   b. Emperor Augustus   c. a tiger
    d. Pontius Pilot

12. The shepherds heard about Jesus’ birth from _________.
    a. The angel of the Lord   b. the wisemen   c. the sheep
    d. John the Baptist

13. Jesus was born in ancient Palestine, which was part of the _________ Empire at the time.
    a. Greek   b. Egyptian   c. Spartan   d. Roman

14. The Christmas season ends _________.
    a. on Boxing Day, Dec 26   b. on the Baptism of the Lord
    c. on Epiphany   d. when all the presents are opened.

15. What did the word Christmas mean when it was first recorded?
    a. Christ’s home   b. Christ’s mom   c. Christ’s crib
    d. Christ’s mass

16. On New Year’s Day we celebrate the Solemnity of _________.
    a. Mary, Mother of God   b. John the Baptism   c. Joseph
    d. St. James

17. Here at St. Joseph Parish, name the person holding the infant Jesus in the statue next to the baby crib.

18. If you look along the north side of the Nave, you will see stained glass windows of which Mysteries of the Rosary?

19. The first of the Mysteries from question #11 is the _________.
    a. Annunciation   b. Visitation   c. Nativity
    d. Presentation

20. Our parish was dedicated on October 26, 1930 to Christ the King.
    True or False

Preparation for Older Children Baptism

If you have a child five years of age and older whom you would like to be Baptized into the Catholic Faith, please set up an appointment with Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. The plan is to gather monthly (Jan-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at a designated Sunday Mass during the Easter Season – This year that date is Sunday April 19th at the 9:00 am Mass. Classes are all on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16th. Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Pancake Breakfast Thank You!

A very heartfelt thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make our annual breakfast a rousing success! We could not succeed without each and every one of you! Alana, Carter & his sponsor Kevin, Analise, Scott, Burke, Kevin McD, Kevin M, Gabija, Annie & friend Taylor, Victoria, Joe M., Danny, Stephen, Emma, Kate, and Confirmation Teachers Matt D & Rose P, Peter H and sons Nick, Ben, & Franklin, Patrice T and sons Ryan and Noah, Aiden, Mary, Juliette and dad Mike, Blake, Austin, Jeremy, Joe R., Charlie & dad Jim, Ethan, Jamie, Thomas, Cooper, CFF Teacher Monica, and Pathfinder Adult Leaders Christopher, Krista and Kyle.

Parish Life

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting is Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center for fellowship and time to knit together. We welcome new members any time, and of all knitting levels. There are excellent teachers in our group who are happy to get a new knitter started.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started on a shawl, please contact: Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com

Seniors On The Go

Friday, January 9th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am in the church. Followed by lunch in the Parish Center.

Please note the date change!

Sunday Morning Childcare

On Sunday mornings, during the 9am Mass, we offer childcare for children 1 year to 4 years old. This is a time for our youngest parishioners to begin experiencing church through play and community.

Children are supervised by our experienced infant and preschool teacher, Dawn Gomez, along with youth volunteers. Parents may want to use this service every week or on a drop in basis—we allow for both!

If you feel you will regularly use childcare, then you will want to register.

- Childcare begins in September and ends in June.
- We have a winter break and Easter break, but otherwise, childcare is available each Sunday morning during the 9am Mass.
- Registration is online and the cost for Sunday childcare is $50 for the year. Drop-in is available with a $5 per child per use charge.
- If your child is sad or needs you during Mass, we will notify you by text

Whether your child is registered or drop in, we ask for you to sign in each week beginning at 8:45am with your name and signature. If you are drop in, we will also require your cell phone number. Pick up and sign out with signature is 15 minutes after the dismissal from Mass. The childcare room is located in the Social Hall, to the right (south end) of the stage. A sign in table is on the Social Hall floor.

For more information you may contact sundaychildcare@stjosephparish.org
Parish Holy Hour
Thursday, January 8, 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!

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-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Rosary At St. Joseph
St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center Loyola Chapel.

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Noel House Collection
As is our tradition, on New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we will give our collection to Noel House, an Outreach Partner of our parish and program of Catholic Community Services. Since its inception in 1990, Noel House Programs has offered nightly shelter to single women experiencing homelessness. Over the years, Noel House Programs has grown to include a variety of services, including referrals to 15 emergency shelters, nightly meal service, and case management at the main Noel House shelter. In total, Noel House Programs assists 72 women with nightly shelter, 20 women with permanent housing and 180 women with nightly emergency shelter referrals. As always, thanks for your generosity to women in need in our community.

Sacred Silence
A time for silent prayer and peace
The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhooover3law@qwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.
WestSide Baby

WestSide Baby and St. Joseph’s Baby Corner is now open for volunteers, donations and Provider Partner pick-ups at their new location at 2301 S. Jackson Ste. 202, Seattle, WA 98144, across the parking lot from the Red Apple Market! The former Baby Corner facility on Cherry Hill next to Providence Hospital has been relocated due to the planned development of that site.

The new facility offers additional hours, and is open Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm, and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. There are new, increased volunteer opportunities available at the office, including filling orders, sorting and painting. WestSide Baby will continue to operate out of its White Center headquarters.

THANK YOU!! During Immaculate Conception Mass, St. Joseph parishioners donated $937.18 to WestSide Baby.

Cabrini Ministry

HAVE A HEART 2015 ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Holy Family Parish
7045 120th Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA
To purchase tickets: www.cabriniministry.org

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St. Joseph’s Epiphany Dinner

Sunday, January 4th, 1 - 4 pm
Parish Social Hall

Come one: Come all! As is our tradition each Epiphany, we open our doors to everyone in the broader community for a shared meal and fellowship. Clients and staff from St. Joseph Parish Outreach Partners—Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, Jubilee Women’s Center, St. Francis House and L’Arche—will be our special guests. (The parish provides transportation from several locations downtown.)

Please join us, and if you are able, consider providing cooked turkeys, baked hams, vegetables, & potatoes or beverages, desserts or appetizers. Volunteers are also needed to do food prep, cooking, decorating, table-hosting, and clean-up.

This year, sign-ups are on-line at PerfectPotluck.com. Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number, and the item you would like to bring or the volunteer assignment you desire—SUPER EASY! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany).

Thank you in advance for joining us for this very special event!

For additional information, visit the www.stjosephparish.org calendar, or contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference here at St. Joseph’s thank you again for supporting our work to help those in need. Every penny of what you contribute goes out to people who need help with food, utility bills, clothing, rent, bus transportation. Each contribution you make helps. Each is big in the scheme of how our parish community reaches out to others.

The next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be on the weekend of January 3rd & 4th.

Thank you!
Surprised By Love

Faith, Commitment, and the Unexpected in Marriage

St. Joseph’s Couples Retreat Weekend
January 30 – February 1, 2015
La Conner Country Inn

$365 per couple*
Partial scholarships available

*Includes Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and Saturday group dinner

Saturday lunch and afternoon on your own

Register with Deacon Steve by January 5th.
206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
Mary, Mother of God
1 January 2015

Vigil Prayer for Peace - 8:00 PM to Midnight, 31 December 2014
Mass of the Solemnity - 10:00 AM 1 January 2015

How can the infinite come to birth in finite?
How can eternal God be born into time?
How can the Creator be the child of the creature?

Beloved Mary, Mother of God,
in your womb the divine was nurtured,
the timeless suckled at your breast,
and all that was and is and ever shall be
became your child.
Hear us, Mother of the Eternal God,
sister of our bone and of our flesh,
and bring to us the mercy of Christ your Son,
that we, too, might bear him to the world
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.