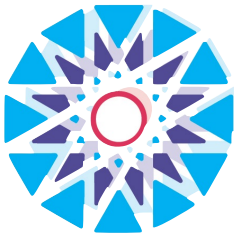


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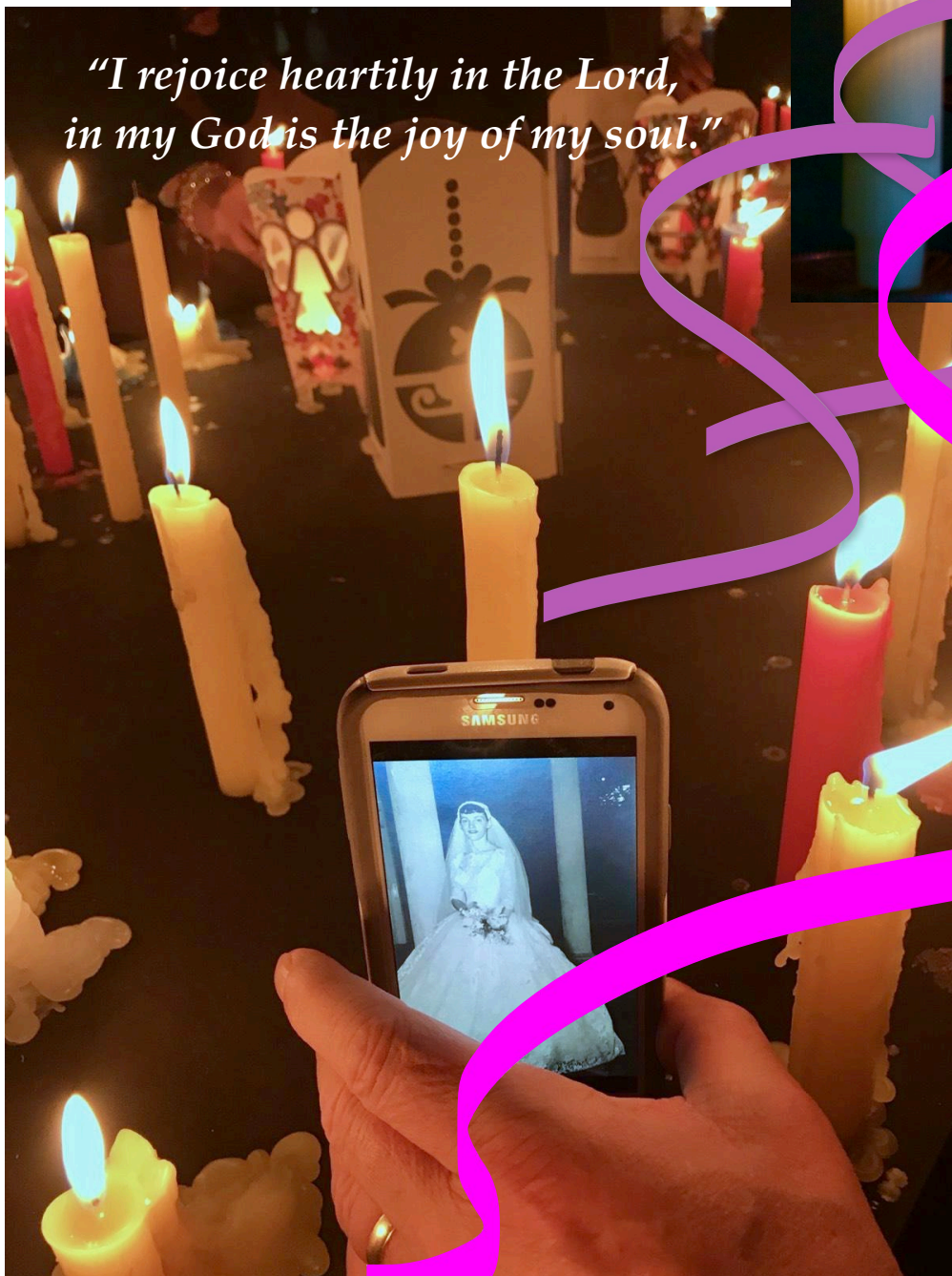


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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE! REJOICE!

*"I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul."*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

**Homily This Week: Deacon Steve
Wodzanowski**

Homily Next Week: Julian Climaco, S.J.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

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

Readings for December 24, 2017

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

SECOND READING: ROMANS 16:25-27

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

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

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Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Until Then. . .

*Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Let your heart be light.
Next year all our troubles will be out of sight.*

*Have yourself a merry little Christmas. Make the Yuletide gay.
Next year all our troubles will be miles away.*

*Once again as in olden days, happy golden days of yore,
faithful friends who are dear to us, will be near to us once more.*

*Someday soon, we all will be together, if the fates allow;
Until then we'll have to muddle through somehow.*

So have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

-Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane-

Although liturgically I am deeply committed to the season of Advent, I must admit that—like many others—I begin listening to Christmas music even before the second candle in the Advent wreath is lit. Whether it is Bing Crosby and David Bowie singing “*The Little Drummer Boy*,” or Mary Chapin Carpenter’s rendition of “*Once in Royal David’s City*,” I love to read in my office, listening to those songs whose every word and note is familiar, but which still delight me, and which take me to places of memory, where friends and family—some far away and some who have passed on—are suddenly no farther from me than my ears and my heart. And though it is true that religious carols, like “*Adeste Fideles*” and “*Angels We Have Heard On High*,” especially when sung in church, can raise my mind to the grace of Christmas, many of popular tunes—even the corny ones—can sometimes evoke in me just as profound a sense of the sacred and the wondrous, of the great gift of Incarnate love, born in the midst of our broken and wounded world. Though such feelings are unlikely when I am listening to Amy Grant’s version of “*Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree*,” or Eartha Kitt’s “*Santa Baby*,” still there are moments and songs which can stop my breath: as when gravel-throated Marlene Dietrich sings “*Little Drummer Boy*,” or Diana Krall croons “*Count Your Blessings*.” In those moments, the sacred and the sentimental—like the angels and the shepherds—come together, joint witnesses to a love that stretches from the choirs of heaven to the shuffle setting on my i-Tunes playlist.

Of all the so-called secular Christmas songs, my favorite has long been “*Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*,” especially as it is originally performed, by Judy Garland in the 1944 movie, “*Meet Me In St. Louis*.” Although most later renditions of this song follow the 1957 lyric—in which, encouraged by Frank Sinatra’s desire to “*jolly up*” the piece, the lyricists change “*next year*” to “*some day*” and replace the line “*Until then we’ll have to muddle through somehow*” with “*Hang a shining star upon the highest bough*”—I remain committed to the original. In part, perhaps, this commitment comes from memories of my mother, who loved Judy Garland; yet, it is also more than that. There is something about the gentle melancholy of the original, the notion of *muddling through* and the hope for next year, that elevates this piece beyond the typical Christmas fare. It is not jolly; it does not insinuate that we are living in the fullness

promised by Christmas, but instead calls us to a merry “little” Christmas—a Christmas in which our troubles are not yet gone, though they may be more distant next year, and where the great communion, recalled in this feast, is not yet fully realized, though it may yet be “if the fates allow.” This is a song of hope, not of fulfillment, a song I love because I find it more authentic, both for the time in which it was composed and for our time today.

“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” was written in the last year of World War II, when thousands of American homes already had a gold star in their front window, a sign of a spouse or child killed in action; when hundreds of thousands of troops were beginning yet another year away from home, on the blood-stained beaches of Saipan or in the hedge-row country of Holland; when each day brought news of the missing and the dead, of young boys shot out of the skies over Germany or wounded in the jungles of Burma; when victory over the forces of totalitarianism and fear seemed possible, but not yet assured. Though it was not expected to be the hit it became, when teamed with the deeply vulnerable voice of Judy Garland, this song seemed to capture the moment; and when she sang it live at the Hollywood Canteen, it brought battle-hardened soldiers to tears. Loss and longing, the wistfulness of yesterday’s joy and the delicate thread of hope looking towards tomorrow, all made “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” one of the most significant Christmas songs of the war years.

I sometimes imagine my father—a 24 year old lieutenant from Boston, in command of a small ship somewhere in the south western Pacific—listening to the voice of Judy Garland, singing “Merry Little Christmas” on Armed Forces Radio. Did the wistfulness of the lyrics carry him home to his brothers and sisters? Did he recall the years gone by, when he had come from college for Christmas with his family; or did his mind go further back, to those days before the death of his father, when they would all gather in the New England cold around a fire and a tree? Did he sit, in the sun and heat of those islands, and dream of the years to come: of a family and a deepened sense of friendship with those not lost to the war? In the midst of the boredom and terror, the separation and loneliness, how many sons and daughters have sat like that, at this time of year: aware of the muddle of the current moment, yet still hopeful of the time to come.

However, it is not just in wartime that we can feel the ambiguity of this season; indeed, the very nature of Advent, and of Christmas as well, is filled with this ambiguity. Here we see the Son of the Omnipotent God manifest in the weakness of a maiden’s child. We see the Lord of Light huddled in the darkness of a stable. We see the Savior of the world, proclaimed by the angels and visited by the Magi, but ignored and hated by the

people who had foretold his coming, and driven out as a refugee by the violence of those he comes to save. All of this is part of what theologians sometimes refer to as the “*proleptic eschatology*” of Christmas—the profound yet unfathomable truth that in the birth of Jesus, in the Incarnation of God as one of us, our salvation is both *already* realized and *not yet* complete. In the person of Jesus, God has already been joined inseparably to us, but the grace of that union is not yet fully manifested in the world. This mysterious mingling of the “*already*” and the “*not-yet*” in Christmas, challenges us—in every age—to live as people of hope: women and men filled with joy for the unconquerable gift of Emmanuel, God-with-us, but still aware of the brokenness of reality, and of our call to care for the stranger and the refugee, the child in danger and the parents facing violence from the state. To see only the “*already*” of Christmas—only the joy of fulfillment—is to avoid the mission we share with Christ; but to see only the “*not yet*” is to despair of salvation at all.

This is why I love “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” for like Christmas itself, it is a song that recognizes the brokenness of the current age, while never abandoning the promise of something more. We are not yet the fullness of the Kingdom, for refugees remain unwelcome and afraid, while the innocent sleep, forgotten in the cold. Still, we are made for that Kingdom—a Kingdom already begun in the miracle of Incarnation and proclaimed by the humble gurgling of the child at Mary’s breast. And if at times it feels that all we can do is “*muddle through somehow*,” let us never lose heart, but trust in the One who loves us and who has united his fate with our own. Someday, soon, we all will be together, and until then let us light the candles, let us sing our songs, and let us rejoice in our unconquered hope.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

(5&11) *The Desert and the Parched Earth*

Brubeck

(9) *Choral: Rejoice In the Lord*

Gieseke

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord always. And again I say I say: Rejoice!
Let your moderation be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Rejoice!



Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Entrance Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Latin 9th C

1. O come, O come, Em - man u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us in the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
That trust your might - y power to save,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man u - el
Gau - de! Gau - de! Em - man u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.
Na - sce - tur pro te Is - ra - el.

Blessing The Advent Wreath






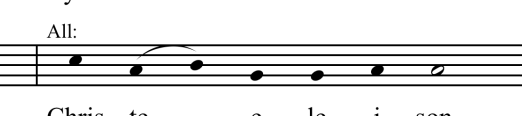

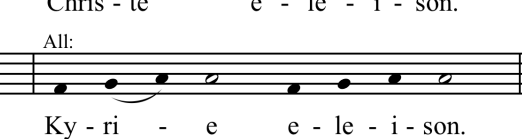
Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Strike breast during next line.

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie

<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.</p>
<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>	<p>All:</p>  <p>Chris - te e - le - i - son.</p>
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First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me; he
has sent me to bring glad tidings to the
poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to pro-
claim liberty to the captives and release
to the prisoners, to announce a year of fa-
vor from the LORD and a day of vindica-
tion by our God.



I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the
joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a
robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle
of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a
diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jew-
els. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a
garden makes its growth spring up, so will the
Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up
before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Canticle of Luke: My Soul Rejoices

Psallite



My soul re-joi - ces in God, all my be - ing bles-ses God's name.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
He looks upon his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me; holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age; on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength; and scatters the proudhearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones; and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things; sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel his servant; remembering his mercy.

His mercy promised to our fathers; for Abraham and his children forever.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel Acclamation

Advent Alleluia (9)

Joncas



Chant



Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.



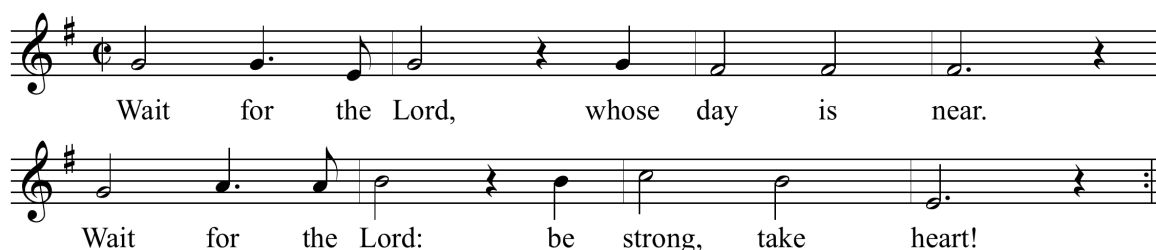
And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Homily Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

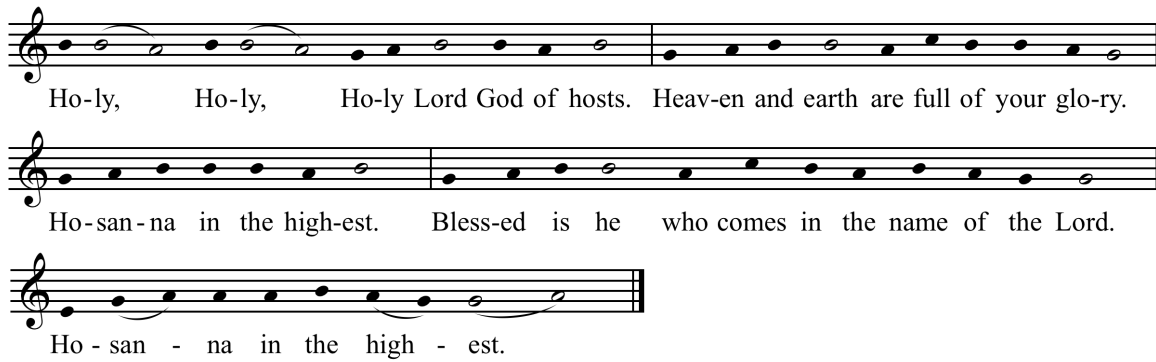
Offertory Songs

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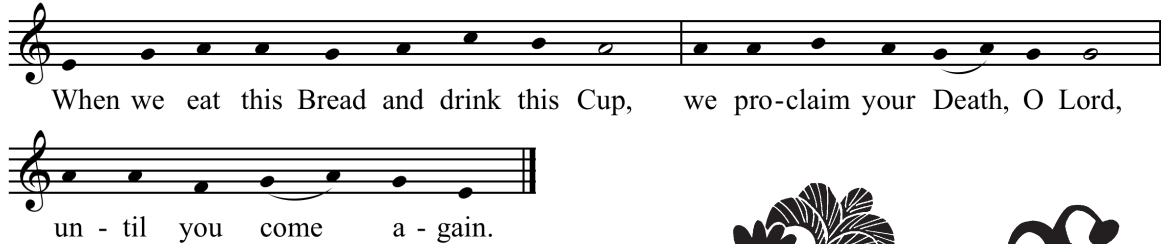
Taize



Holy, Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



Lamb of God



All Are Invited To Come Forward

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

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

Communion Songs

(9) Rejoice in the Lord

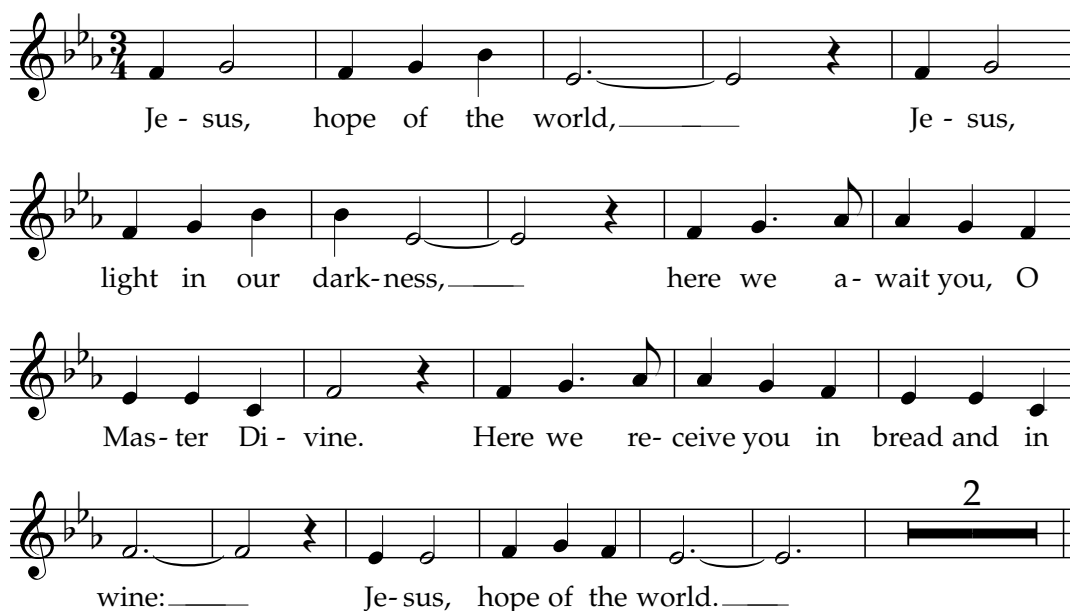
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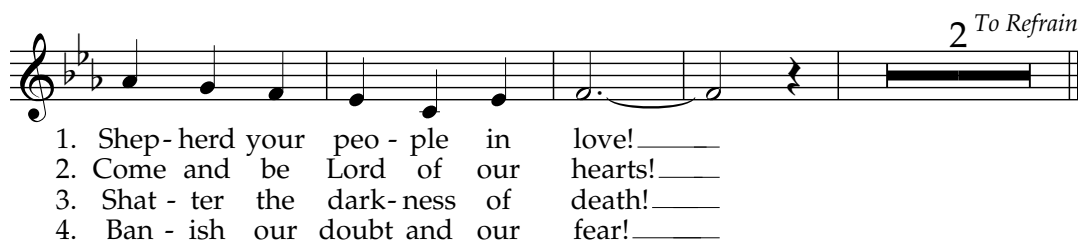
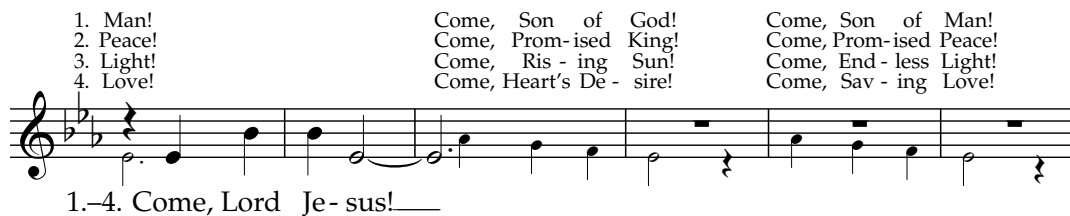
Jesus, Hope For the World

Tate/Light

REFRAIN



VERSES



Song of Praise

O Come Divine Messiah

French Carol

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For

world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive
low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man

tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
weak - ness We shall your God - head see.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O

Come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Recessional

Tolling of the Bell

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

3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

WELCOME!

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

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

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" link.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP



Come Pray With Us!

Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, December 18th, at 7 pm.** There are two prayer groups meeting. Join our Sacred Silence prayer group in the church or come pray the Rosary in the Parish Center Chapel.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, January 4th, 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!

Church Social

Join us on **Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center,** after the 5:30 pm Mass for some joyful fellowship! We'll have snacks, beverages and wonderful Christmas Caroling led by our own Bob McCaffery-Lent. Please join us!



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Joe's mother and the family . . . For Jim who is having sinus surgery . . . For those who are suffering from illnesses . . . For Collin and Abby's upcoming wedding nuptials . . . For families and friends who are travelling for the Christmas holidays . . . For more kindness and gentleness and to experience and share peace amongst all of us.



*"I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul . . ."*

Isaiah 61:10

Some Advent Prayer Resources

Take a look at some of these Jesuit websites with prayers for your advent reflections.

www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent

www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/prayers

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

And of course, reflections by St. Joseph parishioners at <https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com>

PARISH SURVEY

St. Joseph Parish Survey
Report to the Parish Community
December 11, 2017

The Parish Planning Survey was part of a discernment process begun by St. Joseph Parish in September of 2017 to determine how its resources and especially current space in the church building can be best utilized to accomplish its mission: *Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve*.

Parish leadership wanted broad input to the discernment process from across the parish community. Pursuant to this, parish staff, the Pastoral Council and leadership of the parish's various commissions conducted three listening sessions to which all parishioners were invited. They also worked with consulting firm, Managing for Mission, to design and administer a Parish Survey. The survey was conducted on-line from October 28 to November 10, 2017, inviting by email all the parish's employees and members, as well as others associated with the parish, for whom addresses were available. Others were invited through a link on the parish's website, the parish bulletin, a Facebook post and pulpit announcements. In the end 402 members of the parish community submitted survey responses. Managing for Mission noted that the response rate was unusually high for a survey of this type, which suggests in itself the engagement of the parish community and its interest in the question being discerned.

Participants were asked to rank the importance of the key words in the Parish Mission Statement, *Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve*. The older the participant the more likely they were to rank "Eucharist" at the top, and the younger the participant, the more likely to give top ranking to "Service." Those in the middle ranges age-wise tended to give highest ranking to "Love." Asked what draws them to the parish, the top aggregate rating went to "Community/Relationships," followed closely by "Worship," "Personal spiritual growth" and "Jesuit history and identity," with older participants tending more toward "Worship" and younger toward "Personal spiritual growth."

When asked whether they felt welcomed at the church and parish activities, 92% either agreed or strongly agreed that they did. Respondents gave a wide variety of reasons for why they feel welcome (being greeted warmly, their longevity in the parish, openness to sexual minorities, being known by name, etc.) or not feeling

welcome (feeling invisible, not having longevity in the parish, disabilities like loss of hearing, etc). The vast majority of respondents, over 87%, agree or strongly agree with the importance of cultural, racial and economic diversity in the parish.

When asked about how different aspects of the parish's ministry feed them spiritually, "Celebration of the mass and other sacraments" and "Homilies" ranked the highest. When asked about mass attendance, 42% of the respondents said they attend weekly or more, with those older than 65 having the highest attendance. This declines the younger the participant, except for the 22-35 age group (so-called "Generation X") which had the second highest frequency.

When asked about various aspects of parish ministry, participants ranked "Celebration of the mass and sacraments" as most important, followed by "Ongoing spiritual support for parishioners" and "Serving the needs of those within the parish." The youngest group (22-35) included "Hospitality to newcomers" as third highest, instead of "Serving the needs of those in the parish." When asked about the effectiveness of aspects of parish ministry, the top three were "Celebration of the mass and other sacraments," "Jesuit identity" and "Children's faith formation and sacramental preparation." Finally, participants were asked about their level of involvement in these various areas and "Celebration of the mass and other sacraments" again emerged on top, followed by "Jesuit identity" and "Solidarity with and service of those outside the parish." 55% of the respondents said they would like to participate more in these programs.

When asked about navigating the campus, 82% agreed or strongly agreed that they could easily get to where they wanted to go. Comments suggested that most of the difficulties were caused by mobility issues, or way-finding challenges.

Participants were asked whether they feel at home in various spaces on the church campus. Top rankings were given to the worship space, the entrance/vestibule and the church grounds. Lowest ranking, although still positive, were given to the Social Hall and the Old Gym in the church basement. These two spaces were also the least frequented by the respondents. 72% said they had been in the Social Hall in the last 6 months, at 47% in the last month. 51% had been in the Old Gym in the last 6 months and 32% in the last month.

PARISH SURVEY

Participants were asked to rank various priorities for use of additional funds if they came available. Top on the list were: "Providing housing for refugees," "Renovations to the bottom floor of the church" and "Adding an onsite food pantry."

Participants were asked several demographic questions to determine what kinds of people were participating. 12% were age 22-35; 30% age 36-50; 34% age 51-65; and 24% were older than 65. Though most of the avenues of communication at the parish's disposal for inviting participation in the survey are directed toward the adult community, they were asked to share the survey link with other members of their household. In the end, no one identifying themselves as under the age of 22 took the survey.

34% of the respondents have lived in the parish for more than 20 years and another 16% for 11 to 20 years. Only 2.6% have lived in the parish for less than a year. 94% said they were registered with the parish, 3% said they were not, and another 3% did not know.

Two-thirds of the respondents were women, and one-third men. 2 respondents identified their gender as "other." 85% identified as European American, 5.6% as Hispanic American, 3.6% as Asian American, 1.3% as Pacific Islander, .33% as African American and .33% as Native American.

If you would like to review more detailed results of the Parish Planning Survey, please contact Renee Leet at the parish office at (206)324-2522 ext 100.

PARISH LIFE



Marriage Enrichment Weekend



February 2-4, 2018
La Conner, WA

"Love Me Tender"

Please join with married couples of all ages and walks of life as we gather for a weekend of spiritual reflection and fellowship.

This year's theme, *Love Me Tender*, invites us to explore how the ordinary, every day things we do for one another can be filled with loving tenderness.



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* Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.

Seniors On The Go

Friday, January 5th - 11:30 am Anointing Mass with lunch in the Arrupe room after Mass. Join us!

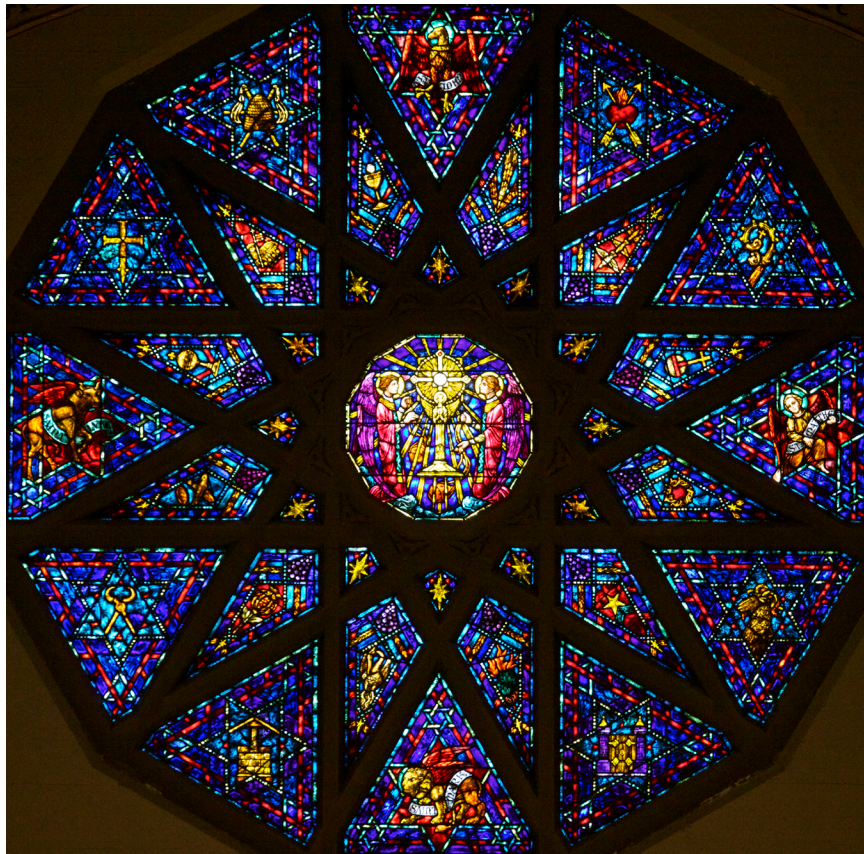
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 2nd, in the Parish Center (Brebeuf Room) from 7- 8:30 pm.** We spend that time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. We welcome all levels of experience, even people who would like to learn to knit or crochet as we have members who would be happy to teach and mentor at the gatherings.

For more information, please contact Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com or call 206-399-6013.

STEWARDSHIP

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 428 pledges totaling \$749,283 toward our goal of \$1,500,000.** We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish! If you haven't yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work. Many thanks to: Peter Alspach & Maureen O'Leary, Mary Anglin, Brian and Tricia Axtell, Rose Mary Bacina, Edward & Carolyn Baker, David Batchelder & Colleen McShane, Tipton Blish & Bridget Perry, Mary Carter, Marguerite Crowley Weibel, Steve Deitz & Mary Beth Hribar, Timothy Dellit & Elizabeth McNamara, Michael & Rosemary Dunigan, James Farnsworth & Melati Baybars, Thomas Farrelly, Patrick & Roxanne Finney, William & Beth Ketcham, Kelan & Elizabeth Koenig, Carey & Carol Kraft, David & Vitore Lawton, Renee Leet, John McKay Jr, Jeffrey Morneau & Jameson Reynolds, Conor Morrison & Lovina McMurchy, Jo Plorde, David & Michelle Rodriguez, Michael & Jennifer Rothmeyer, Anthony Santos & Dongni Hu, Brian Smith & Peggy McShane, Ron & Erin Smith, Sandip & Carrie Soli. As always, for additional information please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien, Director of Advancement, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1654. Many thanks!



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.

FAITH JUSTICE



Giving Tree

Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!

Instructions: **GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH**

BY MONDAY DECEMBER 18th at 4pm.



Francis House

St. Francis House is always grateful for non-perishable food, particularly canned meat tuna and peanut butter donated by St Joseph parish. This winter there is a great need for blankets, comforters and sleeping bags. Also, kitchen pots and pans, silverware, and small electric appliances, as toasters, coffee makers, irons, etc. are needed. Items can be taken to St. Francis House at 169 12th Ave., or to the Parish Center.

Save The Date

Next Blood Drive is January 29th from 1 pm to 7 pm in the Parish Center. Mark your calendars and save a life.

It is the duty of all men and women to build peace following the example of Jesus Christ, through these two paths: promoting and exercising justice with truth and love; everyone contributing, according to his means, to integral human development following the logic of solidarity.

~Pope Francis

Share The Journey

ADOPT A REFUGEE FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Joseph's is partnering with Refugee Woman's Alliance (ReWA) in helping 6-10 Refugee families this Christmas. If you would like to ADOPT A FAMILY, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Epiphany Dinner

On **Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 1-4 pm in the Social Hall**, we'll open our doors to anyone in the community for a shared meal and fellowship. We extend a personal invitation to all of our "Outreach Partners," such as Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, and Jubilee Women's Center, to name a few. Transportation will be provided from several locations downtown. As is our tradition, we invite members of our community to provide cooked turkeys, hams, vegetables, potatoes, beverages, desserts and appetizers. Volunteers are needed for food prep, cooking, decorating, table hosting and clean-up. Sign-ups are super-easy! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany). Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number for the item you would like to bring. You can also sign-up after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.





St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 am Mass

(no 11:00 am or 5:30 pm Mass)

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening

10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Monday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

New Year's

Sunday, December 31

Sat 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, 11:00 am Feast of the Holy Family

5:30 pm Vigil Mass, Mary Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2018

10:00 am Mass, Mary Mother of God