



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE RESULT PARISH IN SEATTLE



"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

Edward

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 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 January 7, 2018

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

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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Mary and Her Son

We were raised because he was lowered; shame to him was glory to us. He, being God, made flesh his residence, and we in return are lifted anew from the flesh to God.

-Hilary of Poitiers-

And because of His visitation, we may no longer desire God as if He were lacking: our redemption is no longer a question of pursuit but of surrender to Him who is always and everywhere present.

-W.H. Auden-

"God became human, that we might become divine."

When Athanasius, a young deacon from the city of Alexandria, first wrote these words in the early part of the fourth century, the Church was just beginning more than two centuries of struggle about the nature of Jesus and his relationship to God and to us. On the one hand, there were those—like the deacon, Arius—who held that Jesus was a creature like any other, whom God had elevated to sonship, but who remained always something less than fully divine. For Arius, it was absurd to speak of God becoming human, since God was the Creator, and the Creator becoming a creature was a logical impossibility. In this view, Jesus was the first creature, sent into the world to rescue humanity; yet, his identity as Son was an honor given to him, not a matter of his nature. At the other extreme, were those who held that Jesus was only an avatar of God: the divine merely masquerading as a human being. To Athanasius, however, and to the Church which followed him, the mystery of God becoming human was precisely the point; for through this wondrous impossibility our categories and limitations are overcome, and all that reason and logic demand becomes subject to the greater power of love. From the Council of Nicaea forward, the Church holds that the unity of the divine and the human in Jesus—the oneness of the ineffable God with that scrawny little baby born in a manger, of the Lord of heaven with that convicted felon hanging on the cross—is fundamental to our hope, fundamental to our reconciliation with God and with each another, fundamental to our salvation. So it is, that, following the teachings of Athanasius, the Church proclaims Jesus to be something reason cannot fully grasp, for he is *"true God and true man," "one in being"* with the Father and one in being with us, as well.

But if the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus is the key of our salvation, how does that key work? How does Jesus' coming into the world as a little baby and leaving the world as a convicted felon unify us with God? How does it save us? How does it make us divine?

Salvation—or *divinization* as it is called in Eastern Christianity—is a gift of God that is given to us through Jesus, but it is a most unusual gift. For it doesn't come to us because Jesus—the Son of God—is so powerful; on the contrary, it comes to us because Jesus—the Son of Mary—is so weak. Or, perhaps a better way to understand this: salvation comes to us because Jesus, the Son of God, has emptied himself of power and the privileges of divinity to become the beau-

tiful and fragile baby who suckles at the breast of Mary and dirties his diapers in a Bethlehem manger. For isn't this at the heart of unconditional loving, that it places the power not in the hands of the one who gives but in the heart of the one who receives?

A few years before my mother died, as my Christmas present her, I gathered up all the family slides going back to 1962—when my father first started taking slides—and put together a slide show, including some music from the different periods. Among these slides, were a great many from various Christmas eves, when we would all gather in our living room in California, as our parents opened up the gifts my brothers and sisters and I had bought for them. As I looked through these slides, one that especially caught my eye was from the early sixties. In it, my mother is holding a scarf that I think my sister gave her. In front of her is a bottle of perfume I had bought at the neighborhood drug store, and on the floor is my brother's gift: one of the largest and ugliest oil paintings you could possibly imagine—a beach scene at sunset. None of these items is worth very much, yet my mother is looking up, clutching the scarf to her chest as though it were made of spun gold, and the tears are glistening on her cheeks. Seeing that picture, I immediately recall the feeling I had that Christmas eve—even before I opened my own gifts. It was a feeling of joy, of love, of incredible communion with my parents; for they had allowed themselves to become the receivers of our love, to become not the ones who provided all to us (although they gave us even the money for these gifts) but the ones who received from us everything they desired. They gave me and my sisters and brothers a great gift by accepting what we had to give, not according to objective standards of value but according to the standard which only love can set. Their greatest gift was that they called us to be for them what they had always been for us: they gave us the grace to become givers, by accepting with grace what we had to give.

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This coming Monday, we celebrate a double feast, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Naming of the Child Jesus. But it is really only one feast: the feast of our salvation. For what makes us divine, what saves us, what unites us in communion with God is that each one of us now participates, through the presence of our brother, Jesus, in the very life of God. Like my parents on Christmas, who rejoiced in even the simplest gifts, God raises up our smallness and makes of us something wondrous. God empowers us by becoming weak for us. In Jesus, the divinity becomes the receiver of our gifts; the Creator of all blessings is blessed by the generosity of the creatures. It is impossible, and yet love makes it happen. In that moment, when Mary, the daughter of God,

becomes God's Mother; when the unnameable Lord of the Old Testament is named by Joseph as *Jesus*; when all that is said of God is now true of a human being and all that is said of a human being is now true of God: everything changes. Suddenly, irrevocably, the Spirit of God is one with us, and we become what God is—not by eating fruit from the Garden, nor by building towers to heaven, but by giving as God has given to us, with a self-emptying and welcoming love.

What Mary, the Mother of God, reveals to us is that salvation is not a *"something"* we are given or can earn, but is, instead, a relationship we constantly renew—renew each time we open our hands to give with mercy, or open our hearts to receive the mercy of someone else. For when we become weak that others might be strong, become poor that they might be enriched, become servants that they might find their freedom, we manifest the same Spirit as did the Son of God in his Incarnation. Each time we risk our lives or our fortunes by standing up against injustice, by feeding those who are hungry, by reconciling those who are divided, by breaking bread at this table with all who would come to it, regardless of conditions of worthiness or merit—each time we love as Jesus loved, as Mary taught him to love, we signal that his body is our body, that his blood runs through our veins. He has become what we are; we can become what he is.

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Let us pray that in this New Year, we might become, more fully, the women and men whom Jesus invites us to be. Let us pray that we might become as Mary became before us: she whom we celebrate as *Theotokas*, *God-Bearer*, *Mother of God*. Let us pray that we might become mothers and fathers of God in the world, bearing in our bodies the power of God, through the weakness of Christ, and the mystery of God's own Spirit.



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Prelude

Once In Royal David's City

Alexander



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
 4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the lo - ly
 day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

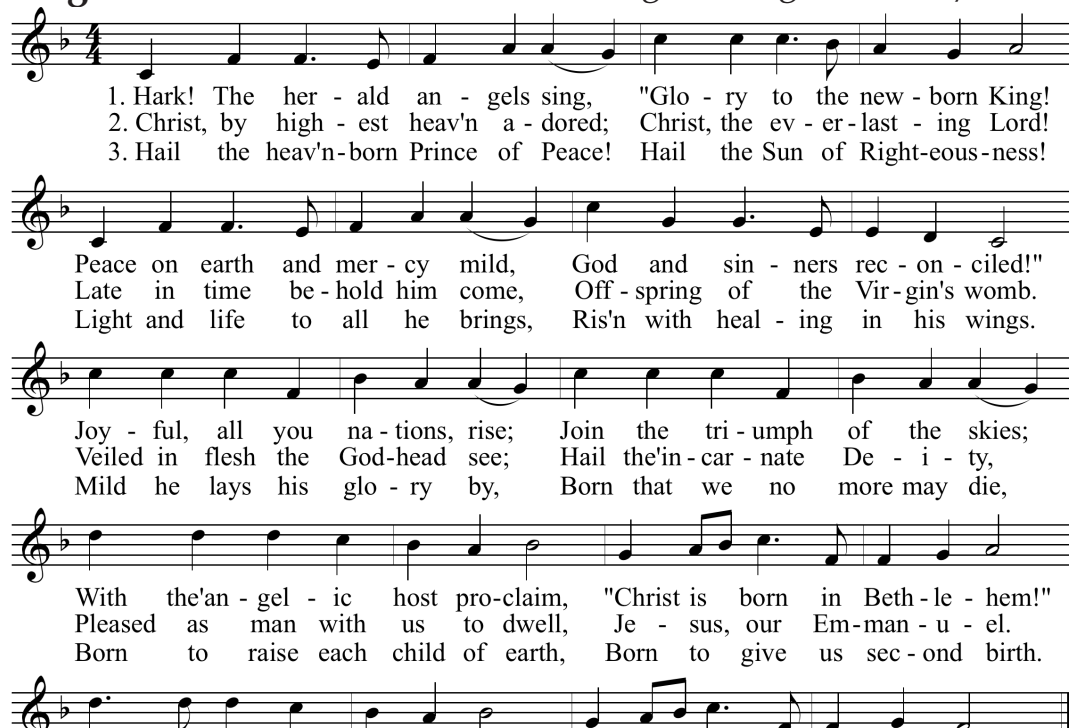
ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
 sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
 maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad-ness.
 leads his chil - dren on To the place where he has gone.

Entrance Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Wesley/MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

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.

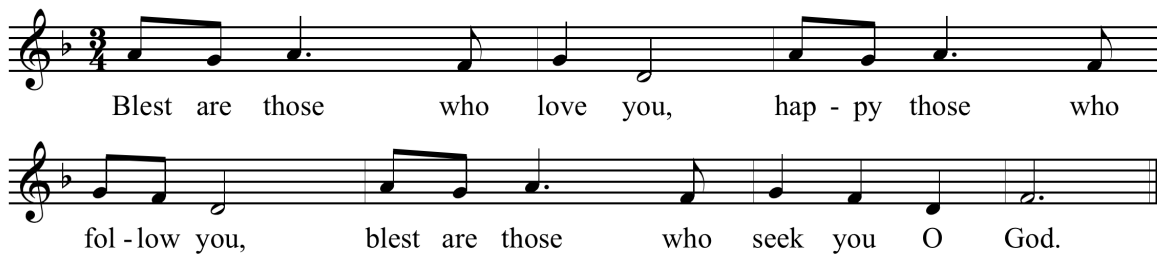
The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

Haugen



Happy all those who fear the Lord and walk in his pathway,
You will find what you long for, the riches of our God.

Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home.
Your children flourish like olive plants, rejoicing at your table.

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life.
May the peace and the love of God be always in your heart.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

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 Acclamation

Christmastime Alleluia

Chepponis



Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

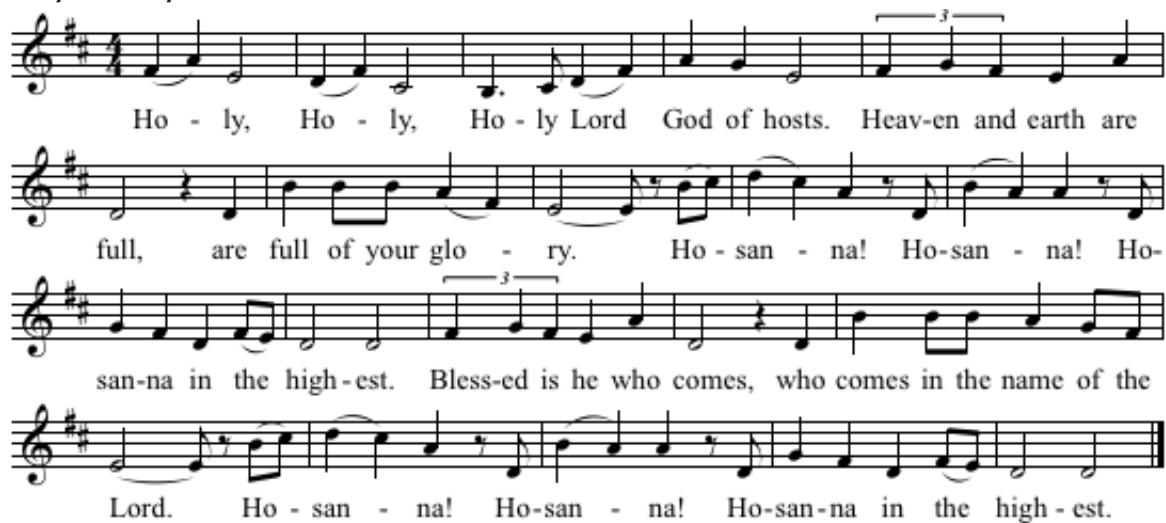
Offertory Song

Gentle Joseph Heard A Warning

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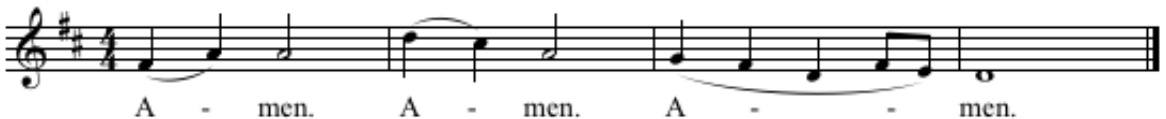
Holy, Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



Lamb of God



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For a child is born, the world re-joice! Shepherds and
 an-gels pro-claim his birth. This is Je-sus the Lord, our
 Sav-ior and bro-ther, bear-ing God's peace to the earth.

What Child Is This?

Dix/GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On
 2. Why lies he in, such mean es-tate Where
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come,
 Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing, Whom an-gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear; for
 peas-ant, king, to own him. The King of kings sal-
 an-thems sweet While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 va-tion brings; Let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.
 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 Mar-y.



Song of Praise

Go Tell It On the Mountain

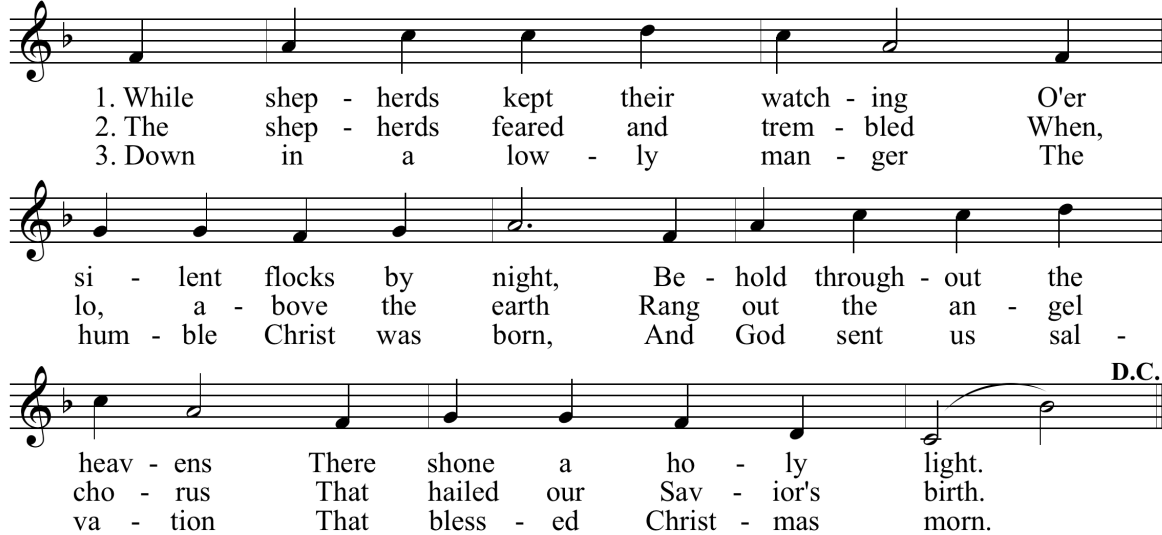
Spiritual

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
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The
si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the
lo, a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -
D.C.
heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Recessional

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

10:00 AM Mass - Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

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Friday

7:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM Anointing Mass

Saturday

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

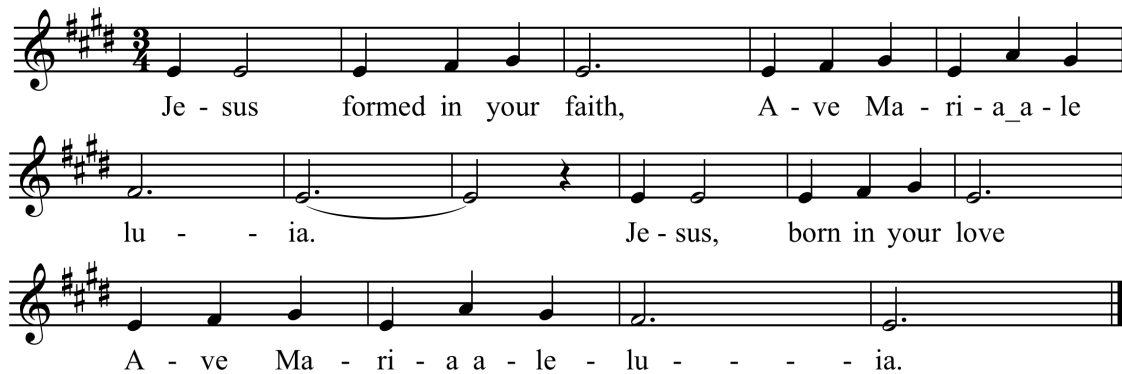
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Sunday, 5:30 pm & Monday, 10 am

Prelude

10 am Ave Maria

Bach

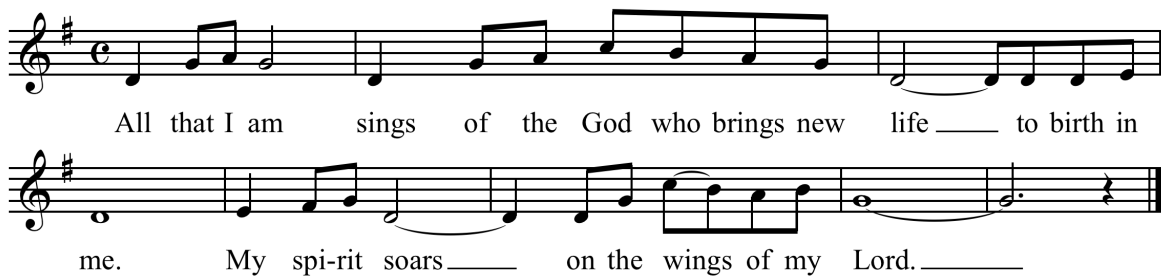


Je - sus formed in your faith, A - ve Ma - ri - a - le
lu - - ia. Je - sus, born in your love
A - ve Ma - ri - a - le - lu - - - ia.

Entrance Songs

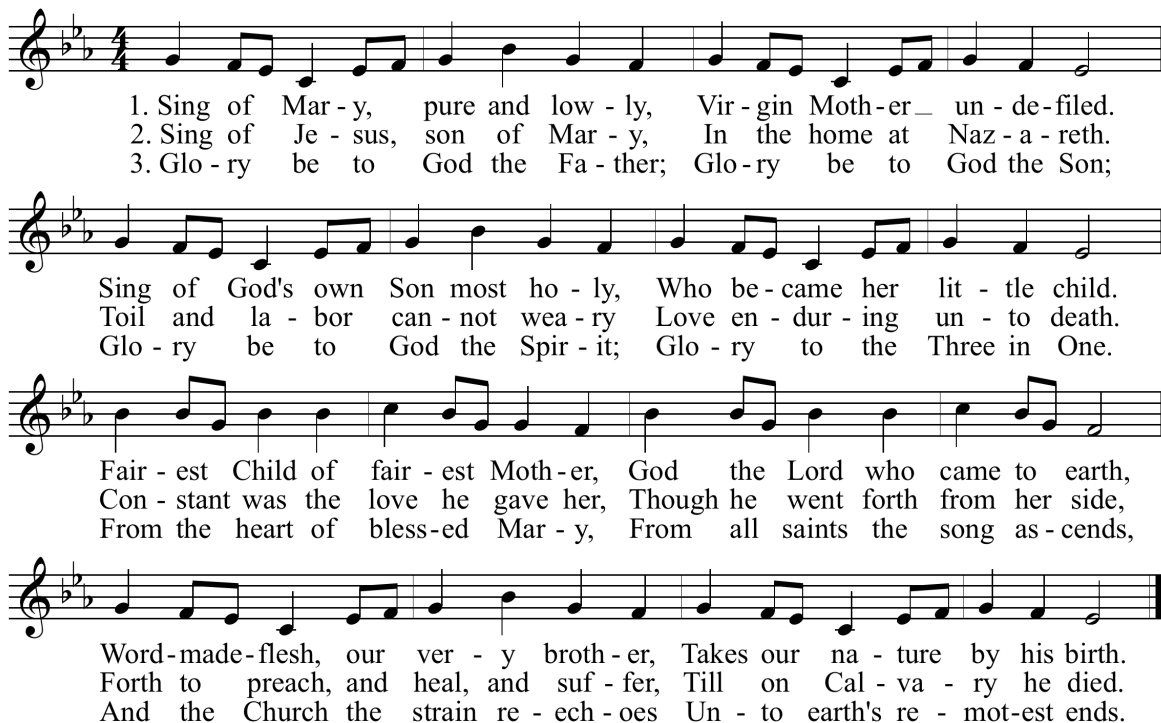
5:30 PM Magnificat

Haas



All that I am sings of the God who brings new life ____ to birth in
me. My spi-rit soars ____ on the wings of my Lord. ____

10 AM Sing Of Mary

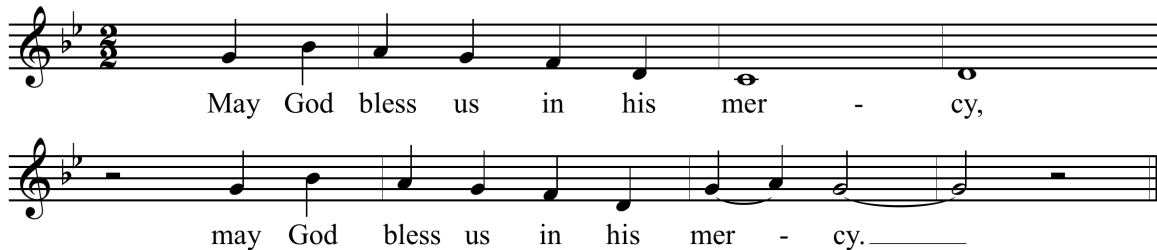


1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er un - de - filed.
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at Naz - a - reth.
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to God the Son;
Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.
Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; Glo - ry to the Three in One.
Fair - est Child of fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
From the heart of bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,
Word - made - flesh, our ver - y broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 67**Guimont*

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your salvation. *Ref*

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth. *Ref*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. *Ref*

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God

Gospel Acclamation*5:30 PM Chant*

Verse: In the past God spoke through our ancestors through the prophets;
In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

*10 AM Christmastime Alleluia**Chepponis***Gospel**

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



Homily
John D. Whitney, S.J.



Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing star,
so strong and bright, gen-tle Moth-er, peace-ful dove,
teach us wis-dom; teach us love.

10 AM Solo: What Songs Were Sung

Niles

We cannot tell, we do not know, what stars shone down so long ago,
When Mary birthed her own sweet Son and peace and love became as one.

The Son of God, as Scripture said, was virgin-born in a tiny shed
Where simple shepherds stood hard by while heavenly sound filled up the sky.

Now let us stand, uncovered all, before this creche in lowly stall
Where kings and angels dignify God's gift, His Son, in humility.

We do not know, we cannot tell, what songs were sung, what starlight fell,
Or why the holy mystery stands for so many years in so many lands.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.

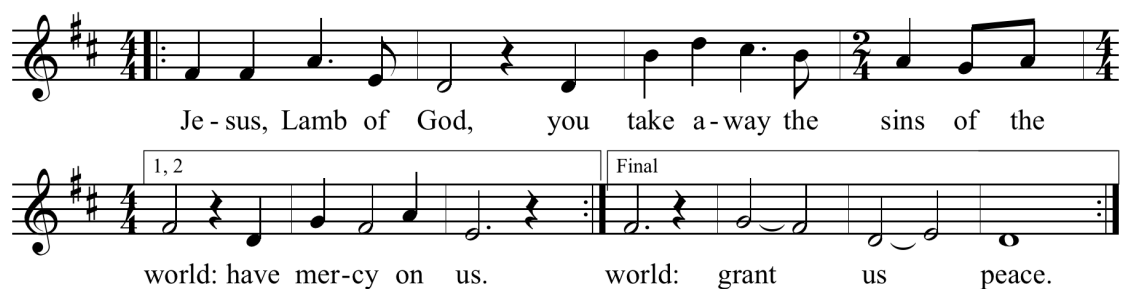
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When we eat this— bread, and drink this cup,— we pro-
claim your death O Lord,— un-til you come a— gain.

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Communion Songs

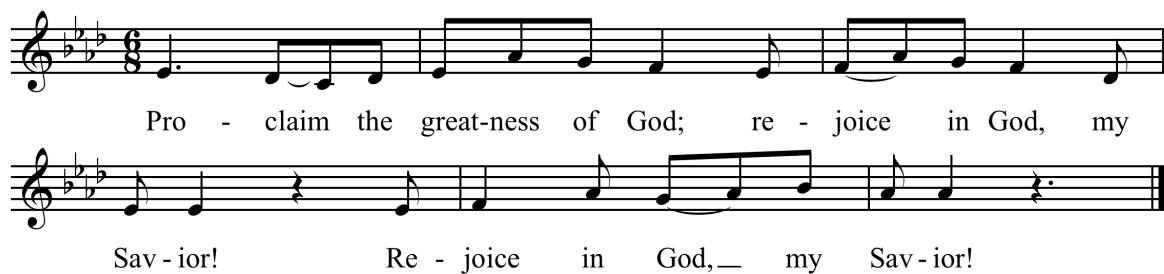
5:30 PM Holy Is Your Name

Haas



10 AM Magnificat: Proclaim the Greatness of God

Chepponis



What Child Is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come,

Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing, Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for
 peas - ant, king, to own him. The King of kings sal -

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Recessional

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Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Brian who is recovering from surgery . . . For Alyssa's friends who were in a car accident, we pray for each of them.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you . . ."*

~Numbers 6:24-26

Rest in Peace

*John Ghiglione, beloved husband of Joann and
dear friend of St. Joseph Parish.*

Rosary on Monday, January 1st at 3 pm.

*Celebration of his life will be here on
Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 11 am.*

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!

Children's Baptism

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children -- Children who have not yet been baptized by the age of seven years old receive full initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) into the church during the Easter season. Children participate in preparation classes as a group to learn about the Catholic faith. Parents and godparents are selected and are also an active part of the child's faith formation during this time. **Children's Baptism** -- If you have a child age five to seven years old and he or she would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, then this is the program for you! Preparation begins in January with the Sacrament of Baptism taking place this upcoming April. Questions? Contact Dottie Farewell at 206-965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by parishioners? This is the perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to help deepen your prayer life through their reflections. <https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/>

True joy does not come from things or from possessing, no! It is born from the encounter, from the relationship with others, it is born from feeling accepted, understood and loved, and from accepting, from understanding and from loving; and this is not because of a passing fancy but because the other is a person. Joy is born from the gratuitousness of an encounter! It is hearing someone say, but not necessarily with words: "You are important to me". This is beautiful.... And it is these very words that God makes us understand. In calling you God says to you: "You are important to me, I love you, I am counting on you."

~Pope Francis



What We Do

The Men's Ministry at St. Joseph Parish is focused on bringing men of all ages together in a community of fellowship. We gather on a regular basis for a variety of informal events including retreats, volunteer, reflection, outdoor, and social activities.

The Men's Ministry at St. Joseph Parish helps create and enhance a full and meaningful life. Our activities provide opportunities to develop friendships that help define, discover, and make sense of our lives and roles as men.



Who We Are

We are professionals and teachers, fathers and grandfathers, some work in industry while others work in NGOs and in community services. Many of us live in Seattle, with some from the Eastside and others on the peninsula or the islands. Regardless of where we live, we come together to stay connected and share in our experience of life.

We welcome all men of all ages and at all places along the pathway of life to join us in our many gatherings and participate in our community.

When We Gather

Each year we organize a number of events that provide opportunities for fellowship, prayer, reflection, and supportive discussions. These gatherings will recharge the batteries of our faith and are always a lot of fun.

Here are some of the activities we have planned in the coming months.

We hope you will join us!



Winter Social, Bowling at The Garage, 1120 Broadway, **Wed. Jan. 17, 2018, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** *(21 and over only)*

Marriage Enrichment Weekend in La Conner, **Fri. Feb. 2, 2018, 8:00 p.m. - Sun. Feb. 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**

Lenten Breakfast hosted by St. Joseph School, **Tue. Mar. 6, 2018, 6:45-8:00 a.m.**

Lenten Mass and Potluck Supper at the Parish Center, **Fri. Mar. 23, 2018, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Spring Retreat at Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way, **Fri. May 4, 2018, 8:00 p.m. - Sun. May 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m.**

For More Information

Contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646

Send email: men@stjosephparish.org

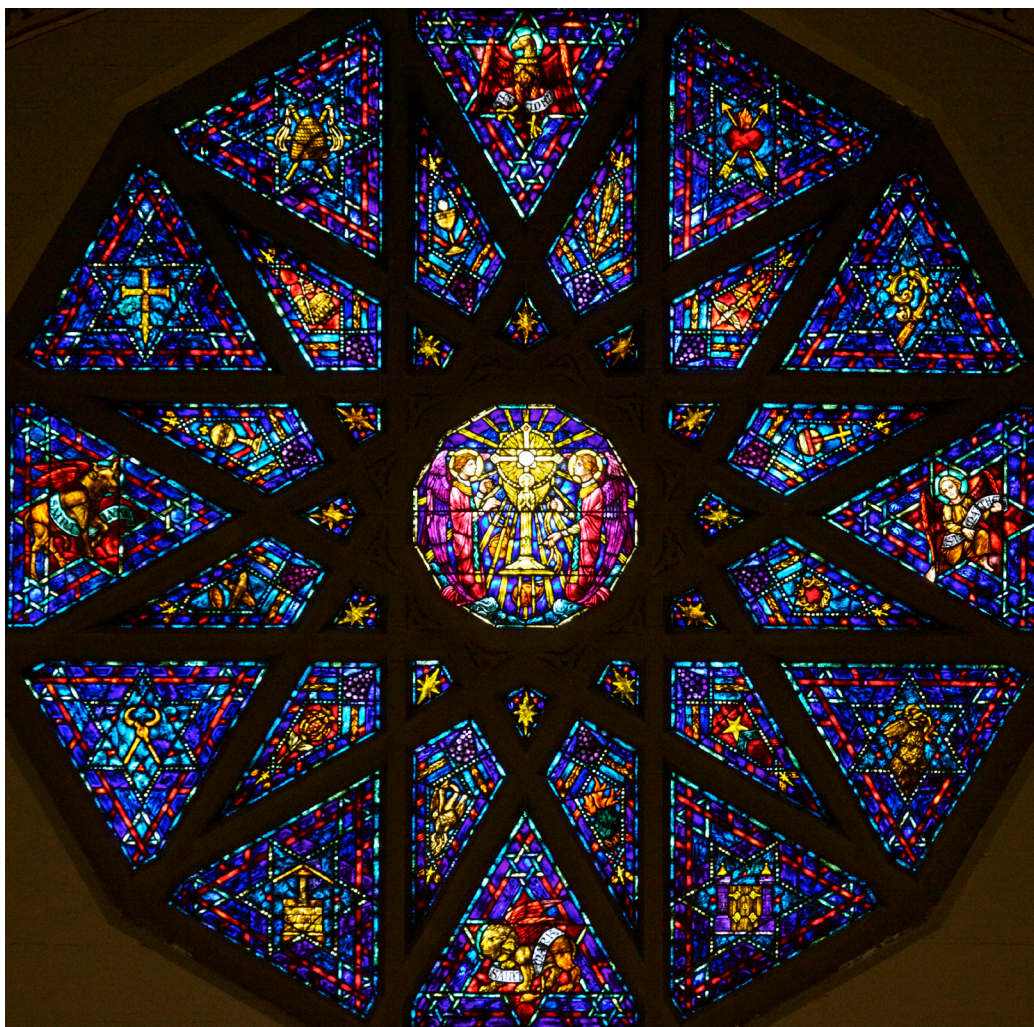
On the web: <https://www.stjosephparish.org/46/mens-ministry.html>



We're on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/st.joseph.seattle.mens.ministry>

STEWARDSHIP

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 522 pledges totaling \$867,202 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. 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



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. Vincent de Paul Collection January 6 & 7

An afternoon with St. Vincent de Paul volunteers:

She is not well, likely suffering from depression and needs help with food. She gets \$16 a month in food stamps. We provide \$50 in Safeway cards. Next, another person with three children and a husband who was laid off also needs help with food. We can provide \$100 in Safeway food cards.

A third call finds a man whose daughter is dying of cancer, in Chicago. He wants to visit her but to pay for his travel he can't cover his rent for January. We cover that, \$170, so he can "visit the sick." Lastly, we see a woman on disability, caring for young niece and nephew. We give her the last \$50 we have in food cards.

These are your donations at work, helping people in need. They always are grateful, two of them breaking down in tears of thanksgiving.



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.

L'Arche Noah Sealth

L'Arche Noah Sealth, an intentional community for people with and without intellectual disabilities and long-time beneficiary of our parish's support, is looking for a day away space in the Seattle area for staff to utilize and recharge. More specifically, the community is searching for secluded living quarters in a home or a small apartment with a bedroom and a sitting area. A separate access is desirable but not required. L'Arche is able and willing to reimburse for the space and is looking to utilize the accommodation for a year or more but is willing to make a short term agreement as well. Please reach out to L'Arche by phone at (206) 325-9434 or by email at supportcoordinator@larcheseattle.org.





PARISH LIFE

Seniors On The Go

Friday, January 5th, 2018 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Tuesday, January 9th - Join us for our Seniors Planning meeting at 11:30 am in the Arrupe Room. Brown bag lunch.

Wednesday, January 17th - Join us for *Aging Gracefully* our Senior support group, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Young Adult Bible Study

Join the YA Bible Study as they go through the Book of Acts on Thursdays - January 11th-February 15th. Meet in the Parish Center for discussion from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact Sabrina at sfordyce@spu.edu to RSVP and with any questions!

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.
