"They abandoned their nets and followed him"
**In the Footsteps of Fools**

Glory, then, is the unconquerable weakness of God in love. Glory is the life of God who gives himself, who surrenders himself in love. This, therefore, is what, at the invitation of Ignatius, we dare to ask for in prayer: “Give me your love and your grace” [234].

-Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.-

He grew up in a bourgeois family of moderate wealth, the fifth of nine children, in one of the most privileged and powerful nations on earth. Although not of noble birth, his father was an important person in the town of Orleans, holding almost every significant official position in the city at one time or another. Isaac was the child of his father’s second marriage, and his mother saw to his education—at home until he was 10 years old, and then sending him to Jesuit schools. In 1624, at the age of 17, he entered the Society of Jesus and began his novitiate in Rouen in Northern France, going later to Philosophy studies at La Fléche (where René Descartes had graduated just a few years before), and theology studies in Paris. Like many young Jesuits in this third-generation of the Society, Isaac Jogues had every opportunity for success and security. Dubbed the “schoolmasters of Europe,” the members of the Society were sought after by kings and princes across the continent; and though some nascent nationalists disliked the internationalism of the Society, nevertheless, benefactors and devoted alumni were everywhere to be found. For a young Jesuit, who wanted to make a mark on the world and serve the Church, these European schools, desperate for priests and teachers, offered a wonderful chance to shape history through the formation of future leaders in the very centers of power. It was good work, reasonable work, work that could effect many significant people, and work that needed to be done. And it was work for which Isaac was well prepared.

Yet, instead of staying in this valuable work, this sane and substantive work, on 8 April 1636, Isaac Jogues set sail from Europe on his way to New France, to work among the Huron, a people of little importance or education, who lived in what some politicians might call an “outhouse nation,” far from the palaces and gold trimmed towers of France and far from the thriving schools of the Society of Jesus. Rather, for the next six years, Jogues, with his companion, Charles Garnier, lived in the tiny village of St. Joseph, learning the ways and language of the Huron, eating their food and sharing their life. Then, as if the hardships of these years were not enough, he began to travel to more distant villages—many of which drove him out because of the rumors, spread by English and Dutch settlers, that the Blackrobes brought “calamity wherever they went and they had consequently been driven out of Europe.” Settling, in 1641, among the Ojibwa, at the mission of St. Mary’s, Jogues thought his wandering, at least, was done, until, in 1642, while on a trading mission with some Christian Hurons, he was captured by Mohawk warriors—part of the Iroquois Confederacy—who tortured him for months—part of the Iroquois Confederacy—who tortured him for months and ultimately killed his Jesuit companion, René Goupil. Yet, somehow, Jogues survived and, with the help of a party of Dutch traders, made his way back to France, where he was hailed as a “living martyr” and given permission to say Mass, even with his torture-mangled hands.

All seemed at last complete: the foolishness of his journey was overwhelmed by the heroism of his return, and it looked as if Jogues would spend the rest of his life near his mother in Orleans. But, his insanity was not quite done. And in 1646, Jogues returned to the “outhouse” nation of Iroquois, accompanied by another foolish Jesuit, Jean de LaLande. There he met by more suffering. Superstitious of the “evil magic” of the foreigners, and suspicious of Jogues’ knowledge of their region, the Mohawks killed him with a tomahawk to the head, just a few months after his return, and then killed LaLande the next day, throwing both bodies into the river, where they were...
later found and identified. And in a strange twist to this story, the Mohawk brave who killed Jogues was later captured, and, a few days before his execution, asked to be baptized in prison, taking as his Christian name, “Fr. Isaac Jogues.”

Looking at the life of Isaac Jogues, at his commitment to the people of these “outhouse nations,” and at the ultimate failure of most of what he sought to do, I come to one conclusion: I think we are too sane—we modern urban Jesuits and companions, we scholarly and industrious Americans. We analyze and sift the news of the world, thinking we are discerning when we are only filtering life through our books and our studies—through our prisms of reasonableness and prudence. We diffract and divide the light of truth we have been given, breaking it into its component parts: theology and philosophy, sociology and psychology, politics and economics. We know so much about the world, about life, about human nature and the nature of good and evil; we know so much even about God—and, yet, we are still afraid of that great mystery that confronts us; that hidden pocket of poverty and passion, of death and resurrection, which calls us to give ourselves to something more, something beyond reason and practicality. We long for such a call; even as it frightens us with all it seems to demand. We are afraid of our poverty, and so we try to hide from it, and we cannot seem to tell the truth, even to ourselves.

So what, then, do we fill our days with? Gossip at the breakfast table and sarcasm over drinks; work that saps our strength and (we vainly hope) gets us a little praise and respect from others; we cheerlead or we snipe; we make money or spend it on gadgets that give us the illusion of connection and control. We cast our feelings of powerlessness as moral rectitude and our inconsideration as detachment. We hardly live and yet are afraid of dying; we critique the culture of individualism and yet reflect it almost perfectly. We sneer at the supporters of President Trump, and yet we long to believe in someone ourselves. We seek to comfort ourselves with pleasure—or at least to mitigate our pain—and find ourselves living with what St. Paul calls “the greed that is idolatry.”

And, even as I write these words, I know I cannot absent myself from them. For what I say is not said to condemn, so much as to confess. We stand together in this sin—this wasteland between our desire for the passion and commitment of Isaac Jogues and the paralyzing fear of what might come of such passion. And so we ask: “What are we to do?”

And at that moment, here comes St. Paul, writing to the Colossians, as if to us—calling us to embrace that passion which alone will liberate, that truth which is greater than all our rationality and richer than all the treasures in which we hope to hide ourselves: “Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed. . . in the image of its creator.”

We need, in these days when lies are all around us, and truth itself is a radical act, to stop lying to ourselves and to one another, to admit that this whole order of world-weary sophistication and irony, of on-line outrage and anonymous moral superiority, of over-work and over-play, of criticism and inertia, of passionless professionalism and fear-masking prudence—all of it, is not what we most deeply desire. It is death, and it grows on us in our fear.

Sorrow and hunger, persecution and suffering, companionship with refugees and communion with those in “outhouse countries”—that is what we really want! Not for its own sake, but because that is where Christ is—that is where the love which alone can satisfy us, the love that alone can set us free, waits for our arrival. It is hard for us to believe it: hard to believe that the distress we feel over the politics of deception and desecration is something deeper than politics. Hard to believe it, actually, a stirring in our hearts, a whisper of grace, that invites us deeper into the mystery of love and life. For when St. Paul says, “Your life is hidden now in Christ,” he doesn’t mean just hidden from others—he means hidden from ourselves, as well. Our job is to uncover it, to dig our life out from the sludge of lies and fear, hurt and disorder that keep it hidden, even from us.

For our real life is there, at the Cross, in the Passion, among the poor and those whom the world would have us fear. Our life is in the secret desire we harbor to go to Malta and work with refugees, or to Puerto Rico to help rebuild houses (a desire we don’t mention for fear of seeming naïve or foolishly enthusiastic). Our life is in stirring of our heart, when we listen to the stories of children called before immigration courts with no one to stand beside them, or in the recognition we feel when a woman recalls her harassment at the hands of a man in power. Our life is in the unspoken longing that comes to us when we hear refugees speak about the violence that scars their country; it is in that urge we have to do something to stop such violence, before practicality creeps in and tells us we cannot. Our life burns behind the vehemence we feel in opposing the border wall—until our prudence steps forward to tell us to be quiet. Our life is in the risky business of caring that young black men are not killed in the street, and that children have a place to sleep; it is in consoling the young man facing uncertainty about his gender identity, and the pregnant teenager, unable to get off opiates. Our life is in surrendering to the passion of Christ Jesus, even if we fear we will look too pious and too crazy! Our life is that secret passion, moving in us, which we long to obey, but which we worry is too much, is too late, is too crazy, is too little to change this seemingly irredeemable world.

But surrender to this passion is the truth of our life—it’s deepest truth—and all the darkness, all the despair, all the real failure we, or our world, will ever know, comes not because we have surrendered too much, but because an excess of prudence and sanity (as the world defines it) keeps us from surrendering ourselves completely into the passionate embrace of Christ, who lives in our hearts for the life of the world. When we at last release our life from fear—in all its forms—when we become fools, as Isaac Jogues was a fool, as Christ was a fool, then Christ will appear in us and we will share his glory: indeed, we will be his glory. This is the grace that will overcome the hate and lies of this world; this is the grace for which we pray. This is the foolishness that moved Jogues to love the Huron and the Mohawk people in a way that changed them and him, one heart at a time; and it is the foolishness that will change us from fear to faith, from victims of hatred to builders of a kingdom of love!
Gloria  
See Cards In Pews

First Reading
The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.
Psalm 25

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.
O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD; he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgment; to the humble he teaches his way.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,
those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,
those buying as not owning,
those using the world as not using it fully.
For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia 7

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.
Offertory Songs

(5,9&11) Lord When You Came

Gabarain

Lord, when you came to the seashore you weren't seeking;
Lord, have you need of my labor? Hands for service,

the wise or the wealthy But only asking that I might
a heart made for loving? My arms for lifting the poor and

follow Señor, me as miroda los o-
broken.

jos. sonriendo has dicho mi nombre
En laarena he dejado mi barca,

junto a ti buscare o tro mar.

(5:30) Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are
full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hos-

san-nana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
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) Choral: O Taste and See Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34/Gusten Y Vean Alonso

Refrain

Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué bue-no es el Señor, qué

Verses

¡Gus-ten y ve-an! Taste and see the

good-ness of the Lord, qué bue-no es el Señor.
Prayer Of the Seamless Garment

Loving God, holy and true:
you are the Father of all Creation,
the Mother of all that lives.
In you, all life has its beginning,
all forms of life reveal your loving plan.
You have woven human life into a seamless garment,
and clothed your people in your sacred Word.
May we honor your Incarnation
by honoring all who live:
infant or aged,
sinner or saint,
woman or man,
those possessed of much
or those who live in dispossession.
All are works of your hand, bearers of your Spirit,
sisters and brothers of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen

Song of Praise

(5,9&11) Give Thanks For Life Murray/SINE NOMINE

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light,
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
Who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,

3. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
That lies in darkness does its life retain.

In resurrection to grow green again;
Recessional

(5:30) Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

South African

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 764 pledges totaling $1,061,683 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!
Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey

- Program meets on Wednesdays – Beginning Feb. 21st and ending on Apr. 18th – 9 sessions altogether including an Immersion – Ana Martins and Vince Herberholt are the facilitators.
- Each session is 2 hours long – 7:00 - 9:00 pm – Sessions will be held in the Parish Center.
- Sessions are organized around 3 main themes:
  - History and facts surrounding migration
  - Theological perspectives on migration
  - Discernment & Action addressing the challenges of migration
- Sessions include: prayer, dialogue, active listening and relationship building.
- Learning resources include: articles, online viewing, and two resource books.
- Registration fee for books and materials $28 – scholarships available

To Register contact Dn. Steve:
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Vince Herberholt 206-491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net
Children’s Choir

The St. Joseph Children’s Choir “Joyful Voices” sings the 9 am Mass. The date of the next choir Sunday is February 11th with rehearsals on Feb 1st & 8th. All children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through rehearsal and Mass. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen or Matt Tilghman-Havens at j.tilghmanhavens@gmail.com and mtilghmanhavens@gmail.com

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Evonne’s upcoming surgery and recovery . . . For Patricia’s health to continue improving . . . For John and Terri’s travels . . . For Paul and his family.

“Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.”

~ Pope Francis

Liturgy and Worship

Contemplative Prayer

TAIZE PRAYER

The third of our Contemplative Prayer events sponsored by the Liturgy and Worship Commission will be Sunday, February 25th, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church. This series of events is designed to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about, and get a taste of, some of the prayer experiences that are already part of the St. Joseph community life.

Taize prayer is ecumenical. The Taize community, though Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide and have sought to demonstrate this in the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages, and have included chants and icons from the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. Ecumenical services based on this model and music are held in many churches throughout the world.

5:30 PM Eucharistic Ministers

Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at the 5.30 pm Mass? We are seeking one to two additional members to join our team, serving once every three weeks. Please contact Ann Patnaude (annpatnaude@gmail.com or 312.330.6657) to learn more about this wonderful ministry.
Volleyball Registration

It’s time to register for CYO Volleyball. All 4th-8th grade students are encouraged to participate. The deadline to register is January 25th. Registrations received after the 25th do not guarantee placement on a team. Visit St. Joseph School website to register.

Family Mass & Dinner

Family Mass & Dinner Dance Party Please join us for our Annual Family Mass and Dinner Dance on February 10th. We’ll celebrate Mass at 5:00 pm then head to the Social Hall for dinner and dancing. More info to come! Hosted by the PAB & Parish.

Adult Faith Formation

Seamless Garment: A Consistent Ethic of Life
Monday, February 5, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

During the Season of Life, join us for a panel discussion that explores the interrelatedness of the dignity of life ranging from war & peace, abortion, and the death penalty. Patty Bowman from IPJC will weave together the various principles of the seamless garment and a panel will address issues from their experiences. Panelists include: Annapatrice Johnson, Maryknoll, Susan Fox and Shannon O’Donnell.

Living Justice: Understanding Catholic Social Teaching

Tuesday, January 23 & 30 | 7:00-8:30 PM
Parish Center

Take a step back from the news headlines and look at the roots of the social teaching of our faith. If you want to make a difference in our world, discover the Church’s teachings on the social issues and live a faith that does justice. In this introductory course, we will explore the key figures and themes found in Catholic Social Teaching.

Materials provided. For more information, please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.

Save The Date

Confirmation will be January 27th at the 5 pm Vigil Mass. We welcome Bishop Mueggenborg joining us for this Sacrament. Reception to follow. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Theresal Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.

Sunday Parenting Group:

Love in the Family

The Faith Formation Office is pleased to introduce a new parenting educational opportunity we are calling "Love in the Family," on Sunday mornings during coffee and donut hour following the 9 am Mass. Join other families as we explore our faith through the lens of raising children in our world today. We will hand out current articles and reflection pieces to guide our conversations on various topics ranging from “how to serve others with kids,” to “how to navigate our Catholic faith in our 21st Century culture.” All gatherings will be facilitated and materials provided. No cost. This is also a great time to meet families and connect and converse during hospitality. All are welcome! Meet by the Social Hall stage around 10:20 am. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.
“Sinners called to be Companions”
Jesuit Identity In the Modern World
Part II of the Jesuit Seminar with Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

Last Fall, St. Joseph offered an introductory seminar on the roots of the Jesuits and the spiritual identity of St. Joseph Parish. We are now to examine the great changes that happened after the Second Vatican Council, with the election of Fr. Pedro Arrupe and the orientation towards a “faith that does justice”.

EVEN IF YOU WERE NOT INVOLVED IN PART I OF THE JESUIT SEMINAR, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR PART II.

Thursday, January 25
Thursday, February 1
Thursday, February 8
7:00 PM, Arrupe Room, Parish Center
Young Adults

Soulful Soups - Every Other Monday

Join young adults for fun and fellowship at biweekly family-style dinners. The next dinner will be on Monday, January 22nd. Email Callie Turgeon for details and the address: cturgeon10@gmail.com

Speed-Friending

Eager to make new friends? Want to get connected with other young adults at church? Well look no further than St. Joseph Young Adult Speed Friending after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, January 28th. Get acquainted and get connected. Pizza and beverages provided.

Retreat

February 17 & 18th - Sign up on our website www.stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

Friday, February 2nd - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Join us for a luncheon after Mass.

Thursday, February 22nd - Join us for a Lenten Day of Reflection from 10 am – 2 pm – Parish Center. Presenter is Stephanie Ragland.

Hope & Healing Group

Join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion around health, illness, and wellness. We will meet Tuesday, January 23rd, from 7-8:30 pm upstairs in the Jogues Room. All are welcome!

Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768 with questions.

Moms Night Out!

St. Joseph Parish

January 26th
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Parish Center

REJUVENATE FOR 2018 AT

St. Joseph
Women’s Ministry
“Moms Night Out”
Invite a Friend!

Byo snacks & drinks.

WOMEN@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG
Sister Parish

Tuesday, Feb 6th - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Parish Center

This is an opportunity to hear an update on their Water Project as well as learn more about our EASTER DELEGATION TO EL SALVADOR - March 28th – April 4th 2018. Padre Miguel, Pastor of our Sister Parish in El Salvador has invited our community to send a parish delegation down to celebrate the TRIDIUUM (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) with them. If you are interested in going, please contact Deacon Steve for details at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Blood Drive

Monday, January 29th - St. Joseph Parish Center
1 pm to 7 pm - (closed 3 pm - 4 pm)

To make an appointment, please email Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephparish.org or call 206-324-2522 ext 100. For questions about eligibility, please call 800-398-7888.

January Is Mental Health Awareness Month

Interested in learning more about Borderline Personality Disorder?

Join us for this presentation which will include a description of the symptoms of Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) and the theory regarding its development. An evidence-based treatment for BPD and related issues, called Dialectical Behavior Therapy, will also be discussed. Resources for BPD treatment and support will be provided. Please join us for this presentation at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Thursday, January 25th, 2018, 7:15-9 PM, Victoria Hall, 814 NE 85th Street, Seattle, WA.