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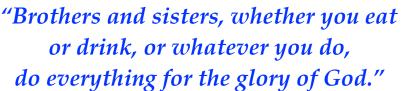






















SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11, 2018
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Wodzanowski
Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

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

Readings for February 18, 2018

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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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Do You Want to Be Well?

When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement. I was a bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

When it's over, I don't want to wonder if I have made of my life something particular, and real. I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened, or full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

-Mary Oliver-

In these February mornings, after Mass is done and before the children can be heard outside or the parish staff arrives to mark the beginning of the work day, I love to light a few candles in my office and hunker down in my father's green leather chair to read and pray. Recalling the lessons I learned as a novice, I will sometimes read a passage from Scripture and imagine the scene, composing the place as Ignatius taught us to do, and entering in through the grace of imagination and memory: what are the smells and sounds? What time of day is it, and who do I see around me? Who am I in this scene and where is Jesus? What is he doing? What is he saying? What do I want to say? So much of prayer, especially Ignatian prayer, begins in paying attention to the world and the people in it, to one's memories and one's feelings, to all the little bits of matter—made holy by the Incarnation—that are given to us as Sacraments, if we only take time to receive.

Recently, during one of these morning prayers, I opened my bible to chapter 5 in the Gospel of John, and began to read about the sick man at the pool of Bethesda—though, to tell the truth, I never made it past the first paragraph. In my mind's eye, I see the crowds moving through the streets of Jerusalem, on a warm spring afternoon. It is festival time, and people from all over Judea and Galilee, Egypt and the East are pushing and shoving their way through the sellers and the food venders, past the merchants and the soldiers. There, on the right, are the poor women, carrying food for their family meal, moving along the side of the walkway so as not to be jostled by the men. Meanwhile, in the middle of the street, wealthier women move in entourages with male servants surrounding them. I smell the roasting meat and vegetables of the venders, the dust and sweat of workers; and I hear the rumble of unfinished conversations, the yell of fathers and the yapping of hungry dogs looking for whatever scraps they can find. And pushing through this crowd, I see a small group of men—the disciples, with Peter and James in the lead—walking like you do on a busy street, pushing their way forward, trying to get past the jam. They walk, I imagine, a little ahead of Jesus, who moves more slowly, looking around as he passes a group of beggars near the public pools of Bethesda. There they are: the lame and blind, the ill and crippled, all looking for a hand-out and hoping the water will stir and offer a chance at a cure. He sees each one of them, even as people move around him on their way to somewhere else, and then, as the disciples get further away, he stops and kneels beside one man in particular—a man who looks older than his 50+

years, his dark skin leathery from the sun, lying on a mat with a small begging bowl next to him, a few scraps around, and a worn blanket half-covering his twisted body. The man hadn't called to Jesus, hadn't even noticed him passing, except as part of the crowd; but Jesus sees him and is moved with some sense of recognition and love. Crouching down and leaning close to his face, so he can be heard above the crowd, Jesus looks in the man's eyes and touches his hand, knowing that he has been there for a long time-years and years-and asks, with great gentleness, "Do you want to be well?" And even as the man begins to explain how he never seems to get to the water soon enough, etc., etc., Jesus tenderly takes his arm and says, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." At this point, I imagine, the disciples finally notice that Jesus is gone, and begin to look behind them, over the heads of the crowd; but it's too late, the miracle is done and the man is standing there with Jesus, tears in his eyes, as Jesus begins to move away, and the man looks for those who had helped him over the yearswith food or a few coins—to show them what has happened. And as I return to my room, leaving Jerusalem's smells and sounds behind, and feeling the warm coffee in my hands, what fills my heart is that image of Jesus, crouched down beside that man with such compassion and kindness, and saying to him, simply: "Do you want to be well?"

At the end of the last century, the physician-turnednovelist, Walker Percy described contemporary culture as "demented. It is possessed by a sense of dislocation, a loss of personal identity, an alternating sentimentality and rage, which, in an individual patient, could be characterized as dementia. . .I would call it the age of the theorist-consumer. All denizens of the age tend to be one or the other or both." Even more than when Percy wrote these words, we can see today the effects of this cultural dementia, this tendency to retreat into theory and consumption, which leads us away from a genuine encounter with the world and draws us ever deeper into isolation and despair. Exacerbated by the disembodied anonymity of social media and by the simplistic solutions of ideology, we shelter ourselves from nuance and complexity. We fall pray to "isms"—whether racism or fundamentalism, sexism or nationalism, fascism or socialism—all of which give us the illusion of knowing the world without the hard work of attending to it. Instead of seeing the person before us, we fit him into a preconstructed category—e.g., "young black man" or "old white Christian," "Seattle progressive" or "suburban Republican"—and swallow his humanity in our theory. Likewise, rather than attending to the particular elements of this woman's life, allowing them to shape our encounter, we consume her as something preformed and virtual, reducible to our concept of her as an object of our desire or lust. Rooted in dementia and a disconnection from the world, this realm of theory and consumption, of ego and selfishness has no room for either love or commitment, and leads, instead, to violence and hate—the same violence and hate that surrounds us today.

Confronted by such a demented and divided world, we can be tempted either to find our own ideology into which we might retreat, or simply to hide ourselves beneath the covers of work and distraction. Like the denizens of the market in Jerusalem, we might just lower our heads and push along—past the invalids who sit near the pool, past the soldiers and the slaves who share our streets—hoping that somewhere we can find a moment's peace or at least stay one step ahead of the craziness. But Jesus wants more for us than mere survival, more than merely avoiding the deep dementia of the crowd. What he wants for us is life, in its fullness, a life that involves entering the world completely and embracing it as women and men called to become the image and likeness of God, called to receive the gift of incarnation, called to see the sacramentality of the world, called to love, in all its wonder and pain.

In the encounter at Bethesda, Jesus provides a pathway for all of us, laying out in his own life the route to healing and wholeness. For, while all those around him are busy with commerce and conflict, with thoughts of the future and visions of where they are going, Jesus remains present to the moment he is given. He sees the world with his eyes and his heart open, unclouded by worries of the future or regrets for the past, by ideology or by theory. And looking at the world in this way, he recognizes not a generic invalid, but one man, unique and particular, and understands him, empathizes with him, feels compassion for him, and loves him. As I imagine Jesus, loving this man while the whole market swirls around them, I know that this is the moment of healing—more powerful even then the call to pick up his mat. For in this moment, all that separates these two from one another, all that allows us to see another person as something "other"—as "black" or "crippled," as "poor" or "gay," as "gentile" or "Jew"—all of that sinful structure of theory and consumption is wiped away, and what remains is the real, i.e., the beloved one, waiting to receive us, waiting to bring us to life, waiting to make us well.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

(5) Jesus In the Morning

Spiritual

- 1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
- 2. Praise him, Praise him, Praise him in the morning...
- 3. Love him, Love him, Love him in the morning...
- 4. Serve him, Serve him, Serve him in the morning...
- 5. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning...



First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. his abode outside the camp."



Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

To you I have acknowledged my sin; my guilt I did not hide.

I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD." And you have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice in the LORD; exult, you just! Ring out your joy, all you upright of heart!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.



Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept

Homily Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

coming to him from everywhere.

Baptismal Acclamation (11)

Vulpius



(5:30) Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates



Offertory Songs (5) Choral: He's Got the Whole World In His Hands Spiritual

He's got the whole world in His hands... He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands...

He's got a-you and me brother in His hands...

He's got a-you and me sister in His hands...

He's got the whole world in His hands...



All Are Invited To Come Forward

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

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

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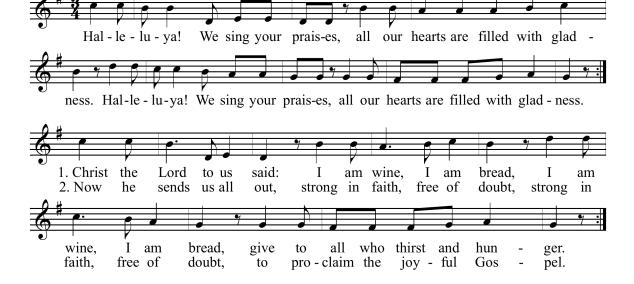
Prayer Of the Seamless Garment

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 South African



(5&5:30) Hallelujah, We Sing our Praises



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Please join us in praying for the families of those baptized this weekend.

The Appleyard Family The Bosa/Platt Family **The Eastwood Family**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

Mass 9:00 AM

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 Prayer Group

7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 AM Ash Wednesday Mass (in the church) 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass (in the church)

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

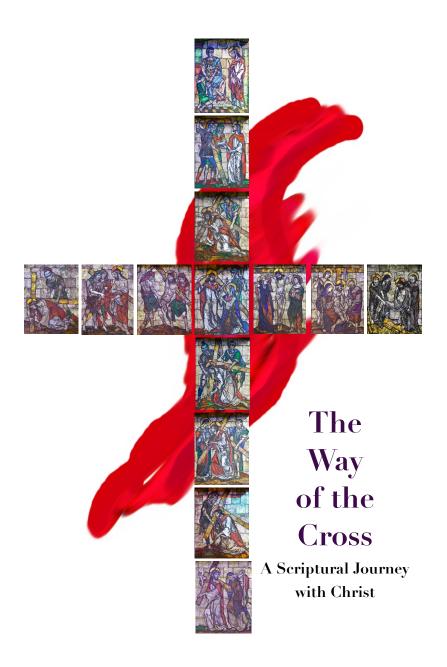
Saturday

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



St. Joseph Parish Life Ministry Presents

Soup & Stations



"Lent is about a relationship, the most important one, with God and our neighbor." Fr. John Lombardi

Join Us!

Pray

Walk with Jesus on the Way of his Cross.

Stay

Join your fellow pilgrims for a simple soup supper.

Wednesdays during Lent.

Stations at 5:30 pm in the church.

Dinner to follow.

No need to RSVP Just show up!

Parish Life



Newcomers Wanted!

Welcome to St. Joseph!

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

Wednesday, February 21st, 5:30 – 7:30 pm Food and Drink provided!

First we will meet in the church and pray the Stations of the Cross together and then head over to the Parish Center for a simple soup supper and fellowship.

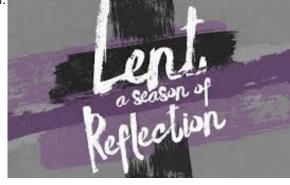
Come meet the Parish Staff, your fellow new parishioners and our welcoming committee. Learn about how to get involved in the parish. To RSVP please contact Caprice Sauter at caprices@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1642.

Join Us!

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, February 13th - Seniors ministry planning meeting at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Brown bag lunch optional. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. For details contact Deacon Steve at 206 965 1646.

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



Young Adults (21-35)

Please join us for our quarterly planning meeting **Wednesday, February 21st, from 7-8:30 pm** in the Parish Center.

Our goal is to plan events for the next three months (March-April-May) Bring your ideas and feel free to invite a friend. Snacks will be provided. For more details, contact Deacon at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjo-sephparish.org

LGBTQ Ministry Social

Join St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry for happy hour on the first Monday of the month. On **March 5th,** we will be at Liberty Bar (517 15th Ave E) from 5-7pm. All are



welcome and encouraged to join us. And remember, *Happy Hour is the Best Hour*. For more information, please contact lgbt@stjosephparish.org



Save The Date
Saturday, March 10th, 6 pm
St. Joseph's Annual St. Patrick's
Day Party

Join us for food, music & fun! Online registration coming soon.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Eddie's treatments to go well . . . For Cathy and Bern on their upcoming choices . . . Grateful a son has found a place to live . . . For Val and Jeff on their journey . . . For those who look after the ill, bless you and your work.



"Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."

~Pope Francis

Come Pray With Us! Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, February 12th, 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.

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 pm in the church**. This series of events is designed to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about 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.



FAITH FORMATION

NEW Summer Service Learning Camp at St. Joseph Parish

Calling all current 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders! Do you want to make a difference in your community? Come join us for St. Joseph's Camp Give Back, June 25-29, 2018 from 9 am-3 pm. Throughout the week, campers will participate in community service and reflection, developing empathy for the poor and marginalized. They will leave the week feeling empowered to make change, and put faith into action. Sign-ups through the Faith Formation page will come soon. Questions? Contact Julie Tilghman at julietilghman@gmail.com

Pathfinders NEW Summer Service Learning Trip to Hillsborough, OR

St. Joseph Parish is planning a trip to Hillsborough, OR to participate in a new service learning experience called "Just5Days." Just5Days is a five-day service program where you will be involved in direct service to those in need as you also learn about your faith. The trip is from June 25 thru June 29 and open to current 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. Contact Dottie Farewell for additonal information and an application form at dfarewell@ stjosephparish.org



LENT AT ST. JOSEPH



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February, 14th - Mass at 7 am & 7 pm in the church! Special Collection to support CCS Pregnancy Support.

Rice Bowl Collection

Fast, Pray & Give this Lent with the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

New Program This Year - Soup & Stations

Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the church to pray in the footsteps of Jesus. Then stay and join us for a simple soup supper and fellowship. No need to RSVP, just show up. Every Wednesday in Lent, beginning Feb 21st.

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm & every Friday at 11:00 am. All are in the church.

Young Adult Ministry Lenten Retreat

February 17 & 18 - Register now at www.stjosephparish.org

Senior Ministry Lenten Day of Reflection

Thursday, February 22nd - Call 206.324.2522 ext 100 to RSVP

Women's Ministry MOM's Group Series

3 Fridays beginning on February 23rd - 6 pm in the Parish Center

Women's Ministry Lenten Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 17th - Register online at www.stjosephparish.org

Novena of Grace - 9 Days of Grace

March 7th to the 15th - Presented by the Ignatian Spirituality Center

Men's Ministry Mass & Potluck

Friday, March 23rd - 6 pm in the Parish Center

Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 24th -12 pm to 4 pm

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness."

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FAITH JUSTICE

Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey

The St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission Presents A Small Group Education & Faith Sharing Program

- 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: 206-965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org

For more information contact: Ana Martins 206-617-1569 or ninabmartins@hotmail.com or Vince Herberholt 206-491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net

Cabrini Program

Addressing Trauma & Building Resilience Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, 9am - 2pm Archdiocesan Chancery: 910 Marion St., Seattle 98104

An interactive workshop presenting the latest science on the effects of trauma on brains and bodies, and how your outreach work can help build resilient communities that support people's mental, physical, and spiritual health.

Facilitated by Avery Haller and Sierra Quintana, Bastyr University MPH candidates 2018. Register now at www.

cabriniministry.org. In partnership with the Archdiocesan Office of Discipleship. Email Avery at averyhaller@outlook.com with questions.



Opioid Epidemic Forum

The Opioid Epidemic in Our Community: What Families Need to Know.

Our communities are struggling with opiate misuse and addiction, including fentanyl, heroin and prescription opioids. Please join us to hear from Melissa Weiksnar, author of Heroin's Puppet, a mother for whom the epidemic hit home. Learn facts about the disease of addiction, current trends in our culture, options for treatment, and the realities for recovery.

Take this opportunity to learn more about opioid abuse and how it can impact your family and community. Catherine of Siena Parish, Sunday, February 25th, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Victoria Hall Music Room (northeast of the rectory) 814 NE 85th Street, Seattle, WA. RSVP: Trez Buckland, bucklandmike@hotmail.com or 206-930-2739.



ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church vestibule beginning next weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

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