“I will lay down my life for the sheep”
Fr. John is taking a few days off, following the Easter celebrations. This week, therefore, is a “best of” column. From last March. More new writings, next week. Enjoy

A Beautiful World

Some days shine so brightly,
Gold dust in a pan.
Some days you hold so lightly
They go slippin’ right through your hands.

And those of us who are so lucky
Get to grow old before we die.
Sometimes it seems this old life
Ain’t nothin’ but a long goodbye.

-Dave Mallett-

Walking home from work the other night, having stayed too late in the office and ready for bed, I chanced to look up at the surprisingly unclouded sky, and was stunned by the beauty I saw. There, just to the east of me, Venus hung low, suspended in the night sky. She was far less bright than the last time I remember seeing her, a few weeks ago, but she was still lovely. In that late winter sky, she had been dancing above the duller, red-hued Mars—like a beautiful young woman, walking past a boy who was too mesmerized to speak. But today, she floated alone, lower in the sky and softer in her light, just above the roofline. Meanwhile, Mars, stood alone, farther to the West, seeming even duller, like the same sad boy watching the exit of the bright partner with whom he had almost had an encounter. Meanwhile, far behind them both, the stars twinkled in the darkness, the far-off chorus of this celestial breakup. And as I stood there in the street, watching the sky and the children, Venus and Mars, I could also sense the great old moon, hiding somewhere nearby, behind the houses or in the trees. For, absent though she was, her borrowed light, an echo of the day-light, still painted the edges of the few high clouds with silver, as they moved, slowly across the high night sky.

As I stood there, fixed in place by the beauty, I thought of the ageless dance of the skies. How many times had Venus flirted with Mars, only to scurry off for another decade or two? How many times had the moon hidden herself in the clouds or ducked behind the trees and mountains, little attending to the Earth who held her tight in orbit and whose tides she made rise and fall? Beauty—transient and yet eternal—was ever present, whether I looked up to see it or kept my gaze hidden behind the clouds of my own worries and plans.

That night, perhaps coincidentally, my dreams were full of those whom I have lost—my sister and my mother, my father and my best friend. I saw them, beautiful under the same evening sky, the puff-ball clouds silvered by the moon, framing them as they moved in and out of view, in that strange way characteristic of dreams. And when I woke in the darkness, the same feeling seemed to surround me that I recalled on my walk home—the feeling that somehow this beauty, so transient and yet so profound, was always there, waiting for me to raise my eyes and encounter it, waiting for the clouds of my heart to part so that the glory of the heavens might become mine again, if only for a few moments.
I have become convinced, as I have grown older, that we are made for beauty—made for the elegant arc of the moon across the sky and for the mournful eyes of a Labrador as he nuzzles our thigh, made for the lovely symmetry of snowfall on an open field and for the muscular branches of a pine tree overreaching the sea. Such beauty elevates us, ennobles us, recalls in us the echoes of eternity that rest in the deep recesses of our hearts. Yet, even more than the beauty of things, we are drawn to the beauty of others—to the gentleness of our mother’s touch and the strength of our father’s arms, to the crooked smile of the spouse we love and the glistening eyes of the friend who comforts us in a moment of loss: each one beautiful in indescribable ways, ways that open our hearts and fill us with longing and joy, hope and satisfaction. And yet, like all that comes into this world, these moments of beauty seem to fade too quickly, like Venus at the rising dawn, leaving behind only memories and the ache that comes with good-bye.

This ache, this profound sense of emptiness that comes with the passing away of those moments of beauty which grace our life, can tempt us to despair, and draw us to any one of the many forms of anesthesia offered by the world: to power or to ego, to mindless consumption or nihilistic indulgence. It is an ache that can lead us to grasp at ideologies, which mask our pain with rage; or push us into depression, which turns our rage upon ourselves. In the noise of an ever-outraged media, in the ugliness of racial or sectarian hatred, in the bland pornography of popular entertainment, we can try to deaden our hearts from the lure of true beauty—protect them from the ache of loss that comes in the passing away of all that lives in this world. Rather than feel the pain of loss, we can seek to numb ourselves with shiny distractions that can never satisfy our hungry hearts.

At the beginning of Lent, when the world was still dark and the threat of snow still hung in the air, we stepped away, for a moment, from the anesthesias of our culture, and reminded ourselves of the transience of beauty, of the transience of life itself. Defying all the tools of denial, we were smeared with the ashes of burned-up palms and we allowed our faces to be marred, so as to recall that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. There seemed to be a truth in that dust—a truth echoed in the news of the world: in Syrian refugees and Korean missiles, in the cycles of lies and sorrows, of fear-mongering and posturing. In this moment, the ashes all made sense; indeed, they seemed to mark our souls and lead us deeper into the desert—where He was waiting for us, again.

Jesus Christ came into the world in a moment of darkness, in a place where beauty seemed irredeemably banished by structures of sin and domination, selfishness and self-righteousness. Yet, from the time his cry broke the night and caused the angels to sing and drew the shepherds to his side, he defied the power of ugliness and vanity, and offered the promise that beauty would not be overwhelmed, and that we—each one of us, born for beauty, for truth, for goodness—would have our eyes opened and our hearts set free. The eternal God entered into time and became part of the gift of creation not to dominate it, but to reveal its great truth: that the transience of this world is not to be feared nor avoided, but entered and embraced, even at the risk of pain. Embracing the poor and the forgotten, the outcasts and the widows, those whose lives were marked by sin and those whom fear kept in the shadows, Jesus revealed a beauty in a world where most saw only their sorrows. Even on the Cross, in that moment of greatest pain, when ugliness seemed triumphant, Jesus offered the beauty of forgiveness and prayer, placing his soul into the hands of the Father in a way that did not overcome death, but overcame the power of death. In that moment, Jesus embraced fully the transience of the world, but denied that such transience could take from us the beauty that had entered our hearts. In the face of Jesus, that poor and homeless wanderer, that vagabond teacher who owned no property and held no power, the beauty of God shone, and illuminated the beauty in all who sought him out. Our memory of that beauty, celebrated each week at the table of the Eucharist, is His real presence, given over and over to us as a moment of eternity.

As the days grow longer and lighter, as warmth draws the first buds from the branches of the trees, and the crocuses push their little wings of color into the light, we know that ugliness still resides in this world. We hear the bluster of ideologues and see the violence of those who would cure pain with power and heal their own hurt with the domination of others. Yet, hope, who has seemed, at times, as hidden as the moon behind a mountain, suddenly streaks the world with light, and draws us back towards beauty. And as we walk these last weeks of Lent, we are not afraid of the Cross we see in the distance, not afraid of the ugliness of this world—or even of the ache it still engenders. The moments of beauty may be transient, but the beautiful resides in our hearts, and we—eternally true and beautiful, through the grace of the One who loves us—are bound for resurrection.

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**WELCOME!**

**New? Visiting? Interested?** Are you visiting for the first time or the 100th? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish?

Our parish welcoming committee is hosting a “Newcomers Meet, Greet & Eat” event on **Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm.** Mark your calendars and make sure to join us, meet parish staff, meet other new parishioners and learn about the many ministry opportunities here at St. Joseph.

Questions, email caprices@stjosephparish.org
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

(5,9&11) Table Of Plenty

Prelude

(9) Easter Introit

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money; come to sorrow and woe. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
3. My bread will ever sustain you through days of flour-lish in peace. For I, the giver of home and gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

(5:30) O Christe Domine Jesu

O Christe do-mi-ne Je-su, O Chris-te Do-mi-ne Je-su.
First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. **He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.** There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 118 – The Stone Rejected By the Builders  Guimont

Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, for God’s love endures forever.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in mortals.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in rulers.

I will thank you, for you have answered and you are my savior.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
we bless you from the house of the LORD. The Lord God is our Light.

I will thank you, for you have answered and you are my savior.
Give thanks to the LORD, who is good; for God’s love endures forever.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel Acclamation Storrington Mass Haugen

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Homily
John D. Whitney, S.J.

Gospel

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Offertory Song

You Are My Shepherd

Walker

Holy, Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass

Haugen
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

Come To The Feast

Moore
Take and Eat  

Joncas

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

Gusten Y Vean  

Alonso

Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué buena es el Señor, qué buena es el Señor. Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Song Of Praise  

(5,9&11) Jesus In The Morning  
Sung by the First Communicants

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.

Thank him…  
Praise him…  
Love him…

Recessional  

(5&11) Instrumental  

(9) This Is the Day  
Roberts

This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad, be glad and rejoice in it.
Welcome The Newly Baptized

Marais Commeree Baldridge
Lucy Kay Cycyota
Elena Claire Dunn
Finley Reese Ginter-Harrast
Georgina Marie Holm
Alexander Aziz Kachaci
Jennings Finn Leland
Rileigh Joseph McGrath
Mason Patrick McIngalls
Joselyn Brynn Richardson
Charlie Hendrix Stark
Warren Grant Uchitel

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 Prayer Group
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer 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 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass
We Are St. Joseph
Service Day Descriptions - April 27th & 28th

Friday, April 27th  10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Chief Seattle Club

“To provide a sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native Peoples” Five days a week, we offer a place where urban American Indians and Alaska Natives, many of whom are homeless and low-income, can join to share a common meal, speak their own languages, access social services, and find peace, without fear of public censure or discrimination. 410 2nd Ave Ext South Seattle 98104  206-292-6214 http://www.chiefseattleclub.org/

3-8 volunteers needed Ages 18 and older. Volunteers will be painting the kitchen, wear painting clothes! Lunch provided, bring your own water.

Friday, April 27th  10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jubilee Women’s Center

Providing safe, affordable and supportive community housing and services for women since 1983 Jubilee serves nearly 1,500 low-income women in the community with classes on technology, life skills and job readiness, community referrals, an open computer lab and free clothing boutique. 620 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112, 206-324-1244 http://jwcenter.org

Some volunteers would be doing yardwork and some will help deep clean the kitchen.

6-12 volunteers needed Ages 21 and older. Dress comfortably and for the weather. Bring a brown bag lunch. Bringing gardening gloves and tools (brooms, trowels, shovels etc optional but encouraged.)

Friday, April 27th  9:00 am – Noon
Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets

We exist to support homeless at-risk youth and young adults to become empowered to lead positive and self-sufficient lives. 1609 19th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122  206-726-8500 Ext 111  http://www.psks.org/

4-6 Volunteers needed ages 18 and older. Volunteers to do Spring deep cleaning and organizing of PSKS main spaces. Bring your own snacks/water. Dress comfortably.

Friday, April 27th  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
St. Francis House

St. Francis House is established in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi to be a presence in Seattle to serve those in need and to inspire simplicity and charity in its volunteers and those they serve. No one is turned away. Everything that is donated to us is given away, free of charge, no questions asked. 169 12th Ave 98122  206-621-0945

8 Volunteers - Children over 12 accompanied by Parent. Spring cleaning inside and out, yardwork, gardening, and donation sorting. Bring work gloves, general yard and outdoor tools (brooms, rakes, trowels, clippers etc.) and cleaning supplies for inside (bucket, gloves, spray bottles, concentrated cleaner) Bring your own snacks/lunch.

Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Pregnancy & Parenting Support: Catholic Community Services

The primary focus of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program is to assist pregnant and newly parenting women, the fathers of the babies, their families and significant others in creating a plan for the unborn child and addressing the pertinent issues integral to making the plan work. 4250 South Mead Street, Seattle 98118 (St Edward Parish, Old rectory) 206-725-2090 http://www.cccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=families_pregnancysupport

6-8 Volunteers needed 18 and older. We need 1-2 folks who have a truck for hauling items! Gardening and some indoor handywork needed. Dress for outdoor work and volunteers need to bring their own gardening tools (shovel, rake, wheel barrow, pruning shears etc..) Brown Bag Lunch.

Saturday, April 28th  10:30 am to 3:30 pm
L’Arche Noah Sealth

The Mission of L’Arche is: To make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships. To engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more humane society. 1425 E Ward St., Sea, 98112, 206-325-9434 http://www.larcheseattle.org/

12 Volunteers - children over 12 if accompanied by parent. We will be splitting into 3 groups: gardening, painting & sanding. Wear closed toe shoes and grubby clothing you can get paint and dirt on. Lunch and drinks provided.

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St. Vincen de Paul - Georgetown Warehouse

St. Vincent de Paul in Seattle and King County is made up of more than 50 conferences—“all-volunteer neighborhood support groups” who make personal in-home visits and personal contacts to help people with survival and self-sufficiency support. Every year we know our service plays a major role in helping to prevent evictions, all of which are expensive personal and financial tragedies.

About this Event: Volunteers will assist in sorting incoming clothing donations. 10- 20 Volunteers - Ages 14 and older accompanied by parent. Snacks provided. Brown Bag lunch

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Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Recovery Cafe

Recovery Café and its School for Recovery serve men and women who have suffered trauma, homelessness, addiction and/or other mental health challenges. In this loving community, men and women experience belonging, healing and the joy of contributing. The Café and School for Recovery helps participants develop tools for maintaining recovery and stabilizing in mental/physical health, housing, relationships and employment/volunteer service.2022 Boren Ave Seattle, WA 98122 206-374-8731 http://www.recoverycafe.org/

10-12 volunteer - Age 14 if accompanied by parent

Volunteers will help distribute woodchips around the perimeter of the Café. This requires transporting by wheelbarrow and then spreading. Some volunteers needed to do wedding. Dress comfortably for outdoor work. Please bring any wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, wedding tools and gardening gloves. We serve lunch at 12:30 pm and volunteers are welcome to eat with Café’s members.

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Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Westside Baby

WestSide Baby was founded in 2001 by a new mom who recognized the stresses of caring for an infant. We are the only social service agency in west King county area that collects, inspects and distributes free diapers, clothing, cribs and safety gear for babies and children. More than 114 local social service agencies, including shelters and food banks, rely upon us to provide critical necessities for low-income families. For more information visit their website http://westsidebaby.org/

Volunteers will sort incoming donations along with bundling diapers into care packages to be given to local families.

10- 20 Volunteers - Ages 8 and older accompanied by parent. Wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing, bring your snacks and water.

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Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Provail - 2 locations

PROVAIL is one of Washington State’s largest, multi-service agencies dedicated to meeting the needs of children, youth, and adults with disabilities who need an integrated, complex set of services to live life according to their own choices. PROVAIL offers a comprehensive range of services to support people, with even the most severe disabilities, in all major areas of life so they can live, work, play, and fully participate in the community of their choice. Learn more about by going to their website  https://provail.org/  For more information contact Sue Grady at sue.e.grady@gmail.com or 503-329-5919.

1548 NE 175th St. Shoreline

5-6  Volunteers ages 12 and older accompanied by Parent. Volunteers will be building vegetable and flower gardens for the residents. Bring your own garden tools, gloves, hand shovels, rakes etc and dress for outdoor gardening! Snacks/Water provided. Brown Bag lunch.

15744 Wallingford Ave N. Shoreline

5-6  Volunteers ages 12 and older accompanied by Parent. At this location, we will digging, bring shovels, rakes, clippers to prune climbing ivy. Wheelbarrows would be ideal, also paper lawn bags Dress for outdoor gardening. Snacks/Water provided. Brown Bag lunch.

Don’t miss our We Are St. Joseph Dinner
Celebrating Our Many Cultures!

Saturday, April 28th after the 5 pm Mass.
RSVP for the dinner at www.stjosephparish.org

Even if you can’t make it to a service project, join us for the dinner celebration!
Green Thumbs & Warm Hearts

Saturday, April 28

Join us for launching this project through, We Are St. Joseph’s Service Days

Provail’s mission is to support people with disabilities to live life with dignity and purpose. They achieve this through home & community living, assistance with mobility & communications, as well as employment services.

St. Joseph Parishioner Sue Grady, has a vision for how Catholics can serve this local community through warm, friendly hearts and green thumbs to bring color and beauty into their lives.

As Catholic people of faith, we recognize the needs of the poor and the homeless, but often forget the many opportunities to support those living with disabilities in our community. There are many people with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries whose quality of life could be greatly improved through more interaction with people like us—people who come to their home with respect and compassion to help them enjoy their lives in their homes and in the community.

The intent is to add color to their yards by preparing a garden at each home with flowers and vegetables. We will plant what they want to eat and help them witness the beauty of bringing food from the earth.

If you are interested in exploring a relationship with the clients, there may be an opportunity to work with them again and help care for their garden.

Volunteer to work at one of these homes by signing up for WE ARE ST. JOSEPH. Help bring beauty through the care of God’s creation to these special people.

For more information please email: sue.e.grady@gmail.com or call her at 503-329-5919
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

SAVE THE DATE:
May 27th, 2018
Meet our Contractors, immediately after the 11am Mass.

Adatto Construction will be on hand to discuss details of our project, introduce themselves, and answer your questions. We encourage you to stop by and get to know the good people who are working hard to restore our sacred space. No RSVP necessary.

Ignatian Contemplative Prayer
The fourth and final of our Contemplative Prayer events sponsored by the Liturgy and Worship Commission will be Sunday, April 22 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the church. One of the hallmarks of Jesuit spirituality, Ignatian Contemplation engages the heart, mind, and soul with Scripture, particularly the Gospels. The aim of this method of prayer is to enter into the events of the bible and to encounter not just the God of yesterday, but also the God of today and forever.

4 PM Meet and greet. All are welcome!
4:10 PM Overview of Ignatian Contemplative Prayer.
4:25 PM Experience Guided Ignatian Contemplation.
4:45 PM Finish with questions and comments.

Question? Jennifer Kelly at watsapur@comcast.net or Fr. Julian Climaco, SJ at jclimaco@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Danny as he will be making choices that will affect his future . . . Thankful for Michele’s support and love during difficult and challenging years . . . For Jeff as he embarks on a new career . . . Safe travel for Nicholas to Austen, TX . . . Gratitude for a wonderful family.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good . . . . “
~Psalm 107:1

FAITH JUSTICE

The Faith Justice Commission
Presents Immigration 101
Monday, May 7, 2018 - Parish Center, Arrupe Room
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Learn about the immigration legal system from professionals in the field & members of the Parish.

Keynote: Meghan Casey, Senior Attorney, NW Immigrant Rights Project

Panel: John McKay, Faculty, SU School of Law, & Former US Attorney for Western Washington. Parishioner
Pete Holmes, Seattle City Attorney, Parishioner

Racial Justice in Book Group

“The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas
Tuesday May 8th - 7:00 pm – 9:00

Please join the St. Joseph Racial Justice in America Book Group for study, reflection and opportunities for action and solidarity on issues of race in America. Our book read this month is “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas. Our Book Read for June `12th is: “Why are the black kids sitting together in the Cafeteria and Other Conversations about Race” by Beverly Daniel Tatum PhD.

We are particularly encouraging men in the parish to participate. This group provides a safe space for the exploration and discussion of difficult issues, with the ultimate goal of discovering for each of us how to live the Gospel message in light of the sin of racism so alive in our country today. Please Rsvp to Mary de Rosas at mderosas@pnwimmigration.com or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We look forward to you joining us!
Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, April 24th - Senior Outing to Holy Family Parish in Kirkland from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. To hear Fr. Julian speak and play piano! It is a potluck luncheon also. Please call Renee to reserve your spot on the bus at rleet@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522.

Friday, May 4th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am in the church. Followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center.

Women’s Ministry

Spring Mass & Potluck
Friday, May 11th - 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Join our vibrant community and Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J. as we welcome spring! Bring a friend and food & drink to share.

RSVP to women@stjosephparish.org

Young Adults

Summer Softball Team! Sign up by May 1st!

Now that the Mariners have opened their season, have you been dreaming about knocking a line drive down the third base line, or catching that pop fly out in right field? Pull out your old glove and get ready for an epic summer of softball! We are looking for players of all skill abilities and fans of all cheering abilities! Games will be on Monday or Thursday evenings from June 4 - August 2, with an end-of-season tournament on August 11. The cost is $40 for an 8-game season, the final tournament, and more fun than you can imagine!

Sign up now at www.stjosephparish.org no later than Tuesday, May 1st! Any questions? Email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Parish Life

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by parishioners? If you don’t already follow us, sign up. This is a 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 deepen your prayer life through their reflections. https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com  If you are interested in being one of our writers please email theresal@stjosephparish.org

Catholicism 101 Series

Tuesday nights until May 15. Join us!

From 7:00 pm – 8:30 - Parish Center, Brebeuf Room

This 5 week series is intended for both Catholic and Non-Catholics who are seeking a better understanding of the basic tenants of Catholic Teaching. There will be a balance of content, group discussion, and an integration of various Catholic Prayer styles to help nurture your faith journey.

Topics Covered
- Faith, Desire for God & The Creed
- Jesus and Incarnational Theology
- Catholics & the Bible
- Sacraments
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Mary & the Saints

This series is Co-Facilitated by, Amanda Baumgartner & Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik.

Any questions, theresal@stjosephparish.org

Sunday Parenting Group:
Love in the Family

Join other families, during our Sunday Hospitality Hour, 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. Meet by the Social Hall stage around 10:20 am. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

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Join Us for the Annual
St. Joseph Spring Men’s Retreat

Call to Hope

- Begins: Friday, May 4th – 8:00 pm Sharp. That’s our start time!
- Ends: Sunday, May 6th ~ 11:00 am
- Location: Dumas Bay Retreat Center, Federal Way
  3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023 | Carpooling Options | Bring toiletries, a sleeping bag, pillow & towel.
- All Meals included on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday
- Bring snacks and beverages to share on Friday & Saturday
- Free Time on Saturday Afternoon
- Sunday Morning Liturgy – Fr. Julian Climaco Presider
- Register to Reserve a Spot – Cost $195
- Animators – Rob Carroll, Dick Ellis, Kevin Farewell, Pablo Proano, Josh Sanderson, Dave Spicer.

Never Lose Hope; Continue to Believe, Always, In

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