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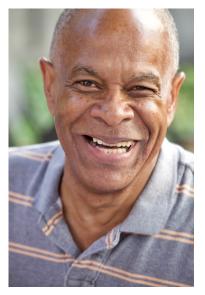
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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."



















FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 29, 2018

Reflection This Week: Ann Alokolaro Reflection Next Week: Frances Chikahisa

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

Readings for May 6, 2018

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

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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With apologies, I offer another "best of" column this week, this one from 2014. During the last few weeks, I have been with a number of people who have died or are facing death. Some of these deaths come at the end of long and blessed lives, others seem to come too soon, and leave in their wake what Edna St. Vincent Millay calls "a hole in the world," and still others come tragically, without a hint of their arrival until they are here. And, in these last weeks, I have had the sometimes hard grace to be with the families of the dead and dying in the face of this mystery. I know I have no answer for them, no key to get through grief. Instead, all we can do is stand together. Deeply aware of this mystery and of my own sense of smallness, I return to this article, written almost exactly four years ago, and recall the promise I still find hard to hold, yet believe with all my being. I hope this reprise will bless you. -John, SJ-

The Resurrection of Jesus

To limit your desires and your hopes is to misunderstand God's infinite goodness.

-St. Therese of Lisieux-

When my mother was a small child, she was diagnosed with a serious disease, one that most of her doctors presumed would take her life. My grandmother, a woman of great faith and unwavering determination, refused to accept this result, and began a rosary novena asking for the intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux—the young Carmelite who died at 24, in relative obscurity, but whose letters about her life, published posthumously under the title, The Story of A Soul, began a devotion that led to her canonization and declaration as a doctor of the Church. St. Therese saw her vocation as love, and said, shortly before her death, that she longed to spend her time in heaven doing good on the earth. This great love, lived in small ways, drew many to Therese, including my grandmother. In her prayers, my grandmother promised that she would give a statue of St. Therese to the church, and that my mother would enter the Carmelites herself, when she was old enough. Miraculously, given the progress of her disease, my mother began to recover soon after the novena was completed; and, as promised, my grandmother donated a statue of "the Little Flower" to the parish garden. Then, when my mother was in high school, she stood up when the invitation to explore religious life was offered, telling her teacher that she intended to become a Carmelite. However, the teacher, a Sister who had seen my mother's rather sociable personality, replied "Oh, Miss Moriarty, I think you should just go back to your seat." It seemed that the gift of healing did not demand the payment promised, but was—as grace always is—given freely.

We can often dismiss such miracles today, and find those who believe in them a bit naive. The idea that God might intrude into the rational order of the universe because of our prayers and the intercession of the Saints seems a superstition, not an act of faith. It makes God seem capricious. Unable to understand why God might act in one case and not in another, we can simply step away from the notion of miracles, preferring to see the Scripture stories as allegories and culturally-conditioned myths. Their truth, we tell

ourselves, rests not in the particulars of the events (i.e., not in miracles), but in the overall moral message they convey.

Even the story of the resurrection of Jesus, which generations of Christians have held to be our foundational miracle, is sometimes understood today as a symbol of how the ideas of Jesus, the Teacher and Prophet, find "new life" in the Church his followers found. To think otherwise seems too confusing, since we have no experience of a resurrected body, no sense of what it might be and how it might look. The very notion of physical resurrection is beyond our comprehension and experience. And the idea that Jesus could come forth from the grave not as a spirit, but in flesh still marked by the scars of his crucifixion leaves us trapped in a mystery too great for our minds to contain. Does it really makes sense that an infinite God is so concerned with one singular life? Isn't it more reasonable to presume that resurrection is a metaphor for God's love and concern for all humanity? Honestly, there are days I think so, when the personal love of God seems too much for me to bear.

And, yet, just as I am ready to give way to such "demythologizing" of the gospels, just when I begin to give up on miracles of healing and resurrection, and see all these stories as beautiful allegories, the irreducible presence and person of Jesus Christ overwhelms me. He comes to me, not in visions or in voices, but in a way both indescribable and undeniable—in a love I feel in my heart, and some place deeper than my heart; in a call that I cannot deny; in a touch that guides me to places I do not fully understand; in an encounter that both grounds me and undoes me. This Jesus—so different from the bland beneficence of humanitarianism—comes, and overturns all attempts to make my faith a mere morality fable.

Jesus, bloodied and wounded, abandoned and betrayed by real people, by people he loved and keeps loving until his last breath, testifies that the passionate love of God is always particular—scandalously particular. This Jesus was not an avatar of God, but a true human being, who lived in a particular moment of history, in a particular nation and culture; who was born of a particular family, with particular friends. And when he died, it was not a symbolic death, but an actual, physical death; a death horrific and tragic, unique to him, and yet, in that, a death like each one of us will face.

The scandal of particularity, like the scandal of the Incarnation, reminds us that God's infinite love is somehow made visible in a single life. No, it is not *humanity* who is saved, not *humanity* who dies and is raised, but one person—and through him, each one of us.

For just as Jesus has a personal relationship with God, so too does the risen Jesus desire a personal relationship

with each one of us. Jesus loves you, and me, and him, and her; and though he can be said to love *all* of us, it is because, first of all, he loves *each* of us, and comes among us as the Savior of every single person. The infinite goodness of God, made flesh in the particular goodness of Jesus Christ, sees each of us for who we are. Sees each of us, not just as one person among many, but as this particular person who is broken and yet hopeful, weary and yet longing, sinful and yet deeply desirous of a love that will heal that sin. In the heart of Jesus, I am who I am, with all my wounds and all my wonder. Thus, I am saved; thus, each of us is saved.

To that, we can only say: "Alleluia!"

John of

Dear Members of the Parish,

I want to express my deep and heartfelt thanks for all of you who gave so generously to our shortfall request—both those of you who gave a special gift and those of you who increased your giving. I was especially moved by the small gifts, knowing that many of you who gave did so because you felt St. Joseph was worth the sacrifice. I feel the same way. We have, thankfully, now reached the amount which should allow us to fiscal finish the year well. Please know that you are all in my prayers. I am so grateful to be called to ministry among you. May God bless us all as we build a Parish full of grace.

Blessings,

John, SJ

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.



Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Guimont



My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the LORD, those who seek him.
May their hearts live on forever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the LORD, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him. They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come, declare his saving justice to peoples yet unborn:

"These are the things the LORD has done."

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.





Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reflection

Ann Alokolaro



Presider: El Señor esté con vosotros. The Lord be with you.

All: Y con tu espíritu.

And with your spirit.

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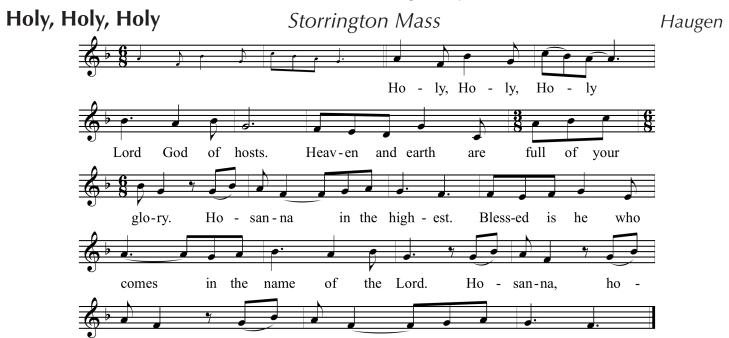
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Presider: Levantemos el corazón. *Lift up your hearts.* All: Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor. We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Demos gracias al Señor, nuestro Dios. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: Es justo y necesario. It is right and just.

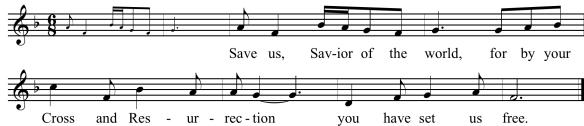
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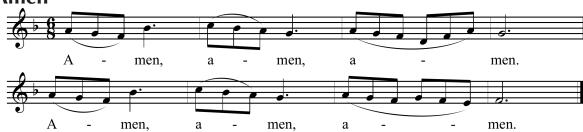


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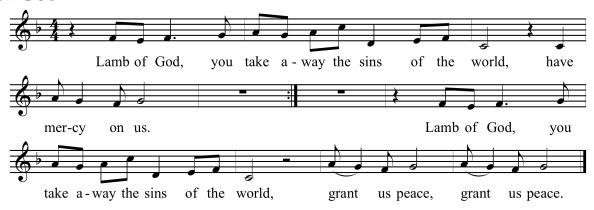




Great Amen



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

(5) Gift Of Love

Traditional Vietnamese

Refrain: What return could I make? Could I ever repay? With my life, O God, may I love you as you have loved.

- 1. From the ancient days you have chosen me as your torch of light and love throughout the world.
- 2. Though my life is marred I've received your word, to proclaim to all the world your love and truth.
- 3. As the sea of life pounds with waves and storms, you will hold and lift me high from every harm.
- 4. Grant your servant peace, for I'm summoned now; as your witness, make my life a gift of love.



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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.



Join us in prayer on Monday, April 30th, 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.



 $p_{\mbox{\scriptsize rayer}}$ St. Joseph Community extends its prayers Tree and hopes for the following intentions: For an elderly lady with lymphoma of the bladder, we pray for her and the doctors attending to her . . . Congratulations to John who

earned 3rd place in a writing contest . . . For the wellbeing of Henry and Virginia as they travel . . . For Susi's upcoming job application to be considered . . . For Uncle Rocco to enjoy his time in Seattle . . . Blessings upon Joyce and many others like her who generously love their families with their time and energy and caring . . . For Paul and his family and the many friends of Colleen who cherished and loved her . . . For a beloved daughter who is very ill in the hospital prayers for her and her family.

> "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." ~1 John 3:18

> > Rest in Peace Lisa Petschl Colleen Battaglia



FAITH JUSTICE

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!

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. Everyone welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul

People recovering from any type of addiction live with a constant challenge. Often these folks suffer from mild forms of depression that inhibits them from feeling really good, or being able to function at their best. But they make it, somehow through determination they keep on fighting.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers encounter some of these people in response to calls for help with food and rent, or maybe to pay the light bill. These calls are inspiring and humbling because for some their struggle is a never ending one. The fact that they keep trying day-in and day-out takes a special courage and commitment. Thanks to your generosity, we can play a small part in helping them to soldier on. The next collection is May *5/6*.

Parish Life

Newcomers Wanted!

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.

RSVP or questions, email caprices@stjosephparish.org

Men's Ministry Spring Retreat

Begins: Friday, May 4th – 8:00 pm Ends: Sunday, May 6th ~ 11:00 am Location: Dumas Bay Retreat Center, Federal Way-Bring toiletries, a sleeping bag, pillow & towel. Register to Reserve a Spot – Cost \$195 Animators – Rob Carroll, Dick Ellis, Kevin Farewell, Pablo Proano, Josh Sanderson, Dave Spicer.

To reserve your spot, email Deacon Steve stevew@stjosephparish.org

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

St. Joseph School Endowment Annual Golf Tournament

Newcastle Golf Club May 17th, 2018

The sun is out! It's time to dust off the clubs, tee up and get signed up for the annual Golf Tournament – if you miss out you can't use a mulligan!

Individual registration is \$175 and includes greens fees, power cart, practice facility warm up, tee gifts and the post-golf awards banquet.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities contact Rebecca Frisino at rfrisino@stjosephsea.org



Seniors On The Go

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

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 youngadult-community@stjosephparish.org

YA Social

Sunday, May 6th, Following the 5:30 pm Mass

What can be better than wine and cheese?! Join us for a laid back social with wine and cheese tasting. There will be some non-alcoholic options, but feel free to bring another drink choice to share! A great opportunity to meet other Catholic Young Adults and check out what we have going on. Invite a friend or co-worker. To get on our listserve.. email youngadult-community@stjosephparish.org

Please join us for our Quarterly Planning Meeting Tuesday, May 15th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center.

Our goal is to plan out events for the next three months (June-July-August). 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@stjosephparish.org





In the early 1980's, Pope John Paul II, worried by perceived rebellion in the Society of Jesus, intervened in the Society and appointed his own representative. Two years later, he withdrew his control and allowed the Society to elect Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach as Superior General. In the years since, the Jesuits have been renewed and rededicated, something highlighted by the election of Pope Francis—the first Jesuit Pope. This third part of the Jesuit seminar will cover the years from General Congregation 34 to the most recent General Congregation 36, looking at the current mission and direction of the Society, and, in the last class, on the Jesuit character of the current Pope.

JUIT SEMINAR III

FROM KOLVENBACH TO FRANCIS:

THE PATH OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS TODAY

COME FOR THE FOUR SESSIONS
THURSDAYS, 7:00 PM,
ARRUPE ROOM
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER

3 MAY 2018

10 MAY 2018

24 MAY 2018

31 May 2018

NO CLASS ON 17 MAY.

Contact Fr. John Whitney, SJ for details jwhitney@stjosephparish.org

