



# St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE





God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 6, 2018 Reflection This Week: Frances Chikahisa Reflection Next Week: Tricia Scott

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

### Readings for May 13, 2018

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11
SECOND READING:
GOSPEL: MARK 16:15-20

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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### **Small**

I am so small, a speck of dust moving across the huge world. The world a speck of dust in the universe.

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Are you holding the universe? You hold onto my smallness. How do you grasp it, how does it not slip away?

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I know so little.

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You have brought me so far.

-Denise Levertov-

It seems that the last few weeks at St. Joseph have been filled with great loss and powerful grace; with hospital rooms and funeral planning; with beloved ones passing beyond our grasp into the mystery of death, and with others drawn unexpectedly back from the brink of death, at least for now. It has been a time of standing at bedsides, feeling unable to do much more for those in crisis than provide a shoulder and a ritual against which they might lean til they can get their feet under themselves again. Though I have learned from experience the value of presence, I have often felt awkward and intrusive walking into a small hospital room during these difficult moments, these moments of uncertainty or grief. Like Martha in Luke's gospel, I have often wished that I was in my own "kitchen"—i.e., in my church or in my office. Or I wished I had some skill that would allow me to do something "real," like adjusting the oxygen levels or flushing the IV port. But at those times I feel Christ telling me to get over myself and my awkwardness—these are just expressions of ego, and they don't matter. I am not there to seem useful, I am there to give a gift that is not mine, but that I have been called to bear. Of this grace, I am just a witness, like the women standing at the foot of the cross, or Mary of Bethany at the feet of Jesus. It is Christ who blesses and holds, comforts and anoints, consoles and redeems. To bear him witness, through the rites of the Church, may seem to me a small and awkward thing to do amid the beeping machines and bustling nurses—less "real" than the care and comfort offered by their ministrations—but, through Christ, this gift is everything, and to be able to be there, to assist as the family and friends share that gift with their sister, daughter, brother, friend: that is everything that matters, and ultimately everything my heart desires.

Today, I received a note from the parents of the young woman I met at Harborview a few weeks ago, about whom I wrote in a recent essay. I had forgotten I left them my card, in case they needed anything after the anointing. In their note, they told me that their daughter had died a few hours after my visit, and they wanted me to know how much it meant that she died having received the Sacrament of the Church. They also told me how two other relatives of theirs had died suddenly and had not been able to be anointed before death, and how they had feared history would repeat itself with their daughter. Reading their note, I felt tears filling my eyes, knowing that in my smallness God had done something wonderful, something I never would have been able to do if my ego had had its way. I say this with no false humility nor as a humble brag: in this case, as in so many others, God grasped my small and petty self, and put me where I was supposed to be—using a "cloud of witnesses" to prod me and pull me into living up to my responsibility, and being a better man than I naturally might be.

The experience of God doing great things through my smallness is not something unique to my visit to Harborview nor to my recent visits to other people in the hospital. Quite often, I find God using what I least value about myself, using some weakness or failure, towards some good end. And when embarrassment or laziness keeps me from living the promises I have made in my vows as a Jesuit (not to mention those made for me in my baptismal promises) I often feel a "cloud of witnesses" i.e., my parents and ancestors, my friends and brother Jesuits, all those living or dead whose love I feel around me—reminding me of my true desire to be with Christ and live his mission in the world. Sometimes these reminders come as a gentle nudge, and sometimes as a 2x4 across the back of my head, but they are always grace, even if not always a type of grace I can easily accept. They are, instead, what Fr. Joe Conwell used to call moments of "dark grace," which begin in a sense of weakness or even humiliation and end with a gift of humility, where my smallness becomes so much less important than God's love.

Nor do I think I am alone in this experience of "dark grace"—indeed, I believe many of us feel this tug at one time or another, even though we sometimes fail to realize that it is grace. We may call it our conscience—or we may call it "Catholic guilt"—but what we experience through its presence is a movement in our hearts that longs to rouse us from our comfortable couch of indifference, that longs to drag us beyond our ego or our selfinterest. Grounded in our fundamental choice of love, this spirit draws us forward, not into slavish duty, but into deeper freedom, a freedom from self-made chains of pride and fear. In these moments, we are like St. Peter, at the end of John's gospel, who is called three times to repeat that he loves the Lord, until the importance of that love in his life sinks in. It is only then, when he accepts fully his commitment to this love, that Peter can receive the promise of its cost, the promise that someday "someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (Jn. 21: 18).

Like Peter, each of us, redeemed by love and grounded in love, will sometimes be led where we do not want to go, led to a place where we feel awkward or embarrassed, powerless or small, led to a place where all our usual devices of control don't work. We will be led to the bedside of our beloved one, or to the funeral of a friend: led to the home of a refugee whose language we do not speak, or into the presence of a homeless man whose life we cannot fix. And in each of these uncomfortable moments, though we may want to flee, we must stay. Stay, despite our smallness, despite our weakness, despite our pain, despite our inability to make thing right. Stay, even when we're angry and frustrated and just feel done with all the misery. We must stay because that is what love does, and love is who we are most truly meant to be. But here is the surprise: when we stay—when we go to the hospital or to the funeral, when we visit someone in prison or welcome a refugee—we discover that that is where grace abides. A grace that is deeper than our discomfort, deeper than our pain, deeper even than our loss: a grace as deep and as mysterious as God.

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# Connect with St. Joseph Welcoming Weekend

If you are new to St. Joseph or you are a registered member who has been attending for years and are interested in connecting within the Parish. Please visit our welcome table in the vestibule after Mass this weekend. Members of our welcoming committee are here to answer questions you might have about the many ministries and programs here at St. Joseph.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

### Introit

### (5) Cantor: Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum mnes gentes.
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Laudate Dominum mnes gentes.
Praise the Lord all nations.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us, And
the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Amen.
Amen.

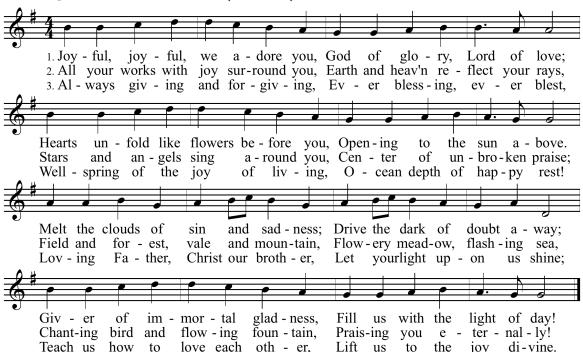
### (9&11) Choral: I Give You A New Commandment

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you so you are to love one another.

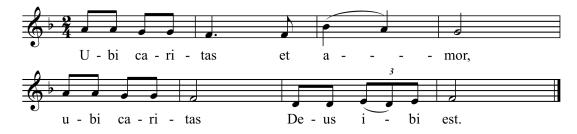
If there is this love among you then all will know that you are my disciples.

**Entrance Songs** (5,9&11) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Hymn of Joy/Dykes



### (5:30) Ubi Caritas

Berthier



**First Reading** 

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

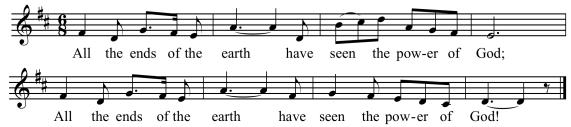
Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.



### Psalm 98

Haugen



Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; Whose right hand has won the victory for us, God's holy arm. *Ref* 

The Lord has made salvation known, ad justice revealed to all, Remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. *Ref* 

All the ends of the earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out, all you lands! Break forth in song. *Ref* 

### **Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

### Storrington Mass

Haugen



Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

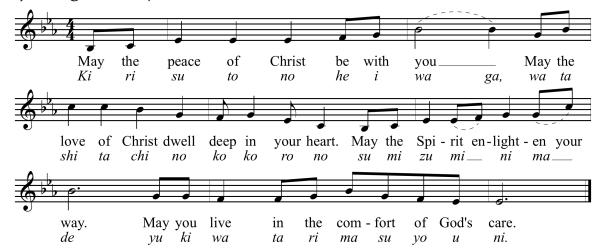
## Reflection

### **Frances Chikahisa**

**Offertory Song** 

May the Peace Of Christ/Ki Ri Su To No

Shiota Izumi



### 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**

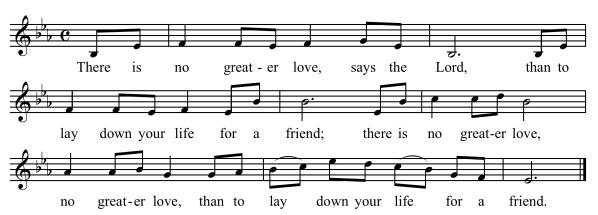
## Live On In My Love

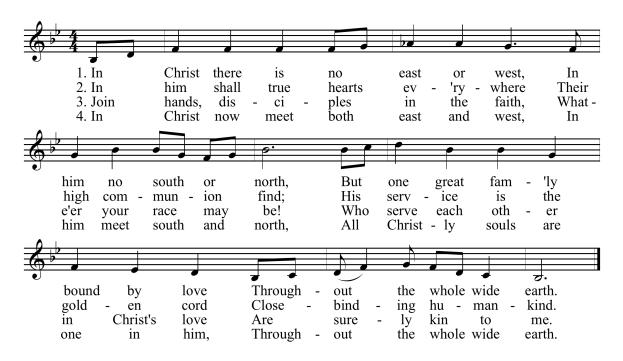
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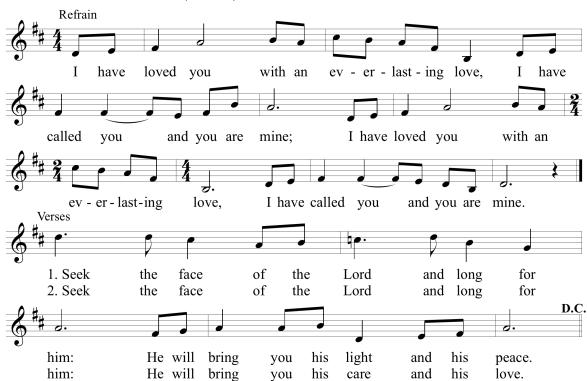
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### (5:30) I Have Loved You

Joncas



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# **Update on the Saadawi Family**

The Saadawi family arrived in late January, 2017. On the trip over their son Zaid was in an urgent medical crisis and when they arrived at Seatac, he had to be taken by ambulance to Children's Hospital. He received excellent care there and ultimately received a new kidney in fall, 2017. The Sadaawi family is immensely grateful for the medical care provided their son and the support of the St. Joseph community during this crisis.

The Saadawi family has come to be an important part of our community. Ali is currently working part time at St. Joseph as a school crossing guard and for the facilities department. He is also taking English classes at the community college, in preparation for getting back into his field as a dental health nurse or possibly as a medical assistant.

Ali's wife Dhilal has been volunteering in the school library, and taking driving lessons while working on her English. She will begin English classes at the community college in July. Abdul Salaam, Ali's father, is in the process of seeking a job in his field of mechanical engineering. When he was in Iraq, he worked as a Quality Assurance Engineer and was employed several years for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Since receiving a new kidney last fall, Zaid is doing well. He is finishing up 1st grade at St. Joseph School, has made new friends. He will be going on to 2nd grade in the fall. Hassan waits every day at his window for the school bus to go to

preschool at Thurgood Marshall. Even on vacation days, you can see him waiting at the window for his bus! He has begun to learn some English.

On April 14th, the family became more complete with the long awaited arrival of Ali's mother and sister. His mother, Siham and sister, Alaa were granted entry after an anxious 5 hour interrogation at the airport. Alaa just finished her degree in physical science in Baghdad, and is ready to begin a life in the US with her family. She began volunteering in the school cafeteria this week. Alaa will be joining Dhilal and taking English classes at the community college. She is interested in possibly becoming a teacher. Siham will be helping Dhilal in taking care of the two boys, preparing meals and generally helping out on the home front.

The whole family has felt blessed and grateful to be a part of our community. They would like to continue to be a part of our family. Their temporary housing is coming to an end on August 1st, and we are looking for a 3 to 4 bedroom home for them to rent, or possibly 2 apartments. Their goal is to be within a 20 minute drive to Children's Hospital and/or St. Joseph. If anyone has any leads, please contact Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Please join us after the 9:00 Mass for a small reception to greet the Sadaawi family and welcome Siham and Alaa at Coffee & Donuts.



# 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, May 7th, 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.

# **Parish Holy Hour**

Thursday, May 10th, 7-8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!



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 $p_{\mbox{\scriptsize rayer}}$  St. Joseph Community extends its prayers Tree and hopes for the following intentions:For Olga who is recovering from heart surgery, we pray for her strength and healing . . . For Jeremy's wellbeing and for his family as he transitions to new beginnings . . . For families who are facing various challenges, may they find hope to begin and continue . . . For the millions of refugees throughout the world, may they find support from our

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be."

prayers and help from community and religious orga-

~Jill Jackson and Sy Miller

### Children's Choir

The Joyful Voices children's choir will sing at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 13th. We welcome your child to sing! Rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8th and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10th in the church (pizza party will follow). To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen Tilghman-Havens at j.tilghmanhavens@ gmail.com

# Come Celebrate A New Feast of Mary





Pope Francis has declared a new feast: Mary, Mother of the Church, to be celbrated on the Monday after Pentecost. (21 May).

Join Fr. John and the St. Joseph Holy Rosary Group in celebrating this feast with a rosary, followed by refreshments, in the church.

7:00 pm, 21 May. (Rosaries and books provided for newcomers.)

# Parish Life

# 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 WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

I'm writing to inform you that Denise Cassidy has decided to step down as the volunteer leader of St. Joseph's Women's Ministry. What a gift she has been to our Women's Ministry and to our parish! Please join us in thanking and blessing her at our upcoming Women's Ministry Spring Mass on Friday May 11th at the Parish Center. Feel free to invite more women to join us. Denise will assist with the transition of leadership so we can sustain the wonderful momentum and energy in our Women's Ministry. Looking ahead, please save the date for our annual Women's Fall Retreat at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center Sept. 28-30. ~Blessings, Deacon Steve

## **Young Adults**

**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

# **LGBTQ** Ministry

Join St. Joseph's LGBTQ Ministry for happy hour, May 7th, at Canterbury Ale House (534 15th Ave E) from 5-7pm. Conversations vary from getting to know new people to where is God moving in your life or various theology topics. All are welcome

and encouraged to join us.

For more information please contact lgbt@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

## **Annual Catholic Appeal**

This weekend kicks off the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish – help us meet our goal of \$151,738 as quickly as possible! Your gift helps support more than 60 ministries and services throughout Western Washington. Gifts of any amount are welcome and appreciated. Donate TODAY!

#### WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

- Donate Online with credit/debit/direct bank with-drawal www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate
- Pledge Only submit your pledge (through the pledge card, envelope or online) and you will be sent monthly reminders.
- Cash or Check make checks payable to Annual Catholic Appeal
- Donate Stock call 800-422-5417 for broker instructions
- Donate through your IRA contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the ACA Office, 710 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 include your name, ACA ID# and the parish you want the gift credit to go to.



# FAITH JUSTICE

### **Books Needed**

Hello all, I am a Jesuit Volunteer at the Wintonia, a permanent supportive housing for individuals coming out of homelessness. We serve 92 adult men and women, many of whom are avid readers! Unfortunately our bookshelves are old, most of the copies having been read by our residents countless times. If you are able to we are asking for donations of used or new books for our residents. Anything will help! Reading is truly a wonderful gift, as C.S. Lewis said, "We read to know that we are not alone." Please help bring the joy and comfort of reading to the Wintonia an outreach of CCS!

Please bring any book donations to the Wintonia, located at 1431 Minor Avenue, Seattle, WA.

If you have any questions, please contact the Jesuit Volunteer, Madelyn Murphy at MadelynM@ccsww.org or 763-242-9851.

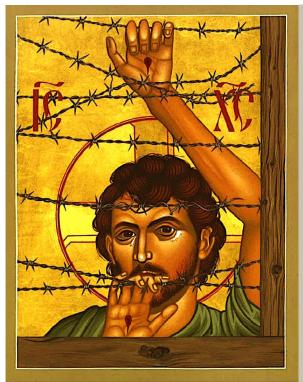
# **Racial Justice in Book Group**

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. Please Rsvp to Mary de Rosas at mderosas@pnwimmigration.com or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish. org or 206-965-1646.

### **Initiative 1631**

A representative of Earth Ministry will be at coffee and donuts this Sunday to offer information on the clean-power Initiative 1631. While the Parish offers no endorsement to any initiative, we encourage all to read the materials provide and consider your response. As Pope Francis reminds us in his encyclical, *Laudato Sí*, we are called to an integral ecology that cares for the earth and those who live on it, and, likewise, we are called to decrease our consumption of materials—and the pollution our consumption creates—in order to follow the call of the gospel. Please consider well this initiative.





For more information contact Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

# **Immigration 101**

Presentation - Panel - Q&A

Monday, May 7, 2018 St. Joseph Parish Center 732 18<sup>th</sup> Ave East 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Keynote: Meghan Casey** 

Senior Attorney, NW Immigrant Rights Project

#### Panel:

- John McKay, Faculty, SU School of Law, & Former US Attorney for Western Washington.
- Pete Holmes, Seattle City Attorney.
- Nicky Smith, Executive Director International Rescue Committee, Seattle
- Zach Carstensen, Director of Outreach and Engagement, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal.