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Pentecost

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 20, 2018

Reflection This Week: Julie Tilghman 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 May 27, 2018

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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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APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

SIGNS OF HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

Within the framework of holiness offered by the Beatitudes and Matthew 25:31-46, I would like to mention a few signs or spiritual attitudes that, in my opinion, are necessary if we are to understand the way of life to which the Lord calls us. I will not pause to explain the means of sanctification already known to us: the various methods of prayer, the inestimable sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, the offering of personal sacrifices, different forms of devotion, spiritual direction, and many others as well. Here I will speak only of certain aspects of the call to holiness that I hope will prove especially meaningful.

The signs I wish to highlight are not the sum total of a model of holiness, but they are five great expressions of love for God and neighbour that I consider of particular importance in the light of certain dangers and limitations present in today's culture. There we see a sense of anxiety, sometimes violent, that distracts and debilitates; negativity and sullenness; the self-content bred by consumerism; individualism; and all those forms of ersatz spirituality – having nothing to do with God – that dominate the current religious marketplace.

PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE AND MEEKNESS

The first of these great signs is solid grounding in the God who loves and sustains us. This source of inner strength enables us to persevere amid life's ups and downs, but also to endure hostility, betrayal and failings on the part of others. "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom 8:31): this is the source of the peace found in the saints. Such inner strength makes it possible for us, in our fast-paced, noisy and aggressive world, to give a witness of holiness through patience and constancy in doing good. It is a sign of the fidelity born of love, for those who put their faith in God (pístis) can also be faithful to others (pistós). They do not desert others in bad times; they accompany them in their anxiety and distress, even though doing so may not bring immediate satisfaction.

Saint Paul bade the Romans not to repay evil for evil (cf. Rom 12:17), not to seek revenge (v. 19), and not to be overcome by evil, but instead to "overcome evil with good" (v. 21). This attitude is not a sign of weakness but of true strength, because God himself "is slow to anger but great in power" (Nah 1:3). The word of God exhorts us to "put away all bitterness and wrath and wrangling and slander, together with all malice" (Eph 4:31).

We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root. "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger" (*Eph* 4:26). When we feel overwhelmed, we can always cling to the anchor of prayer, which puts us back in God's hands and the source of our peace. "Have

no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts..." (*Phil* 4:6-7).

Christians too can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned. The result is a dangerous dichotomy, since things can be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, and people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others. It is striking that at times, in claiming to uphold the other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying, and ruthlessly vilify others. Here we see how the unguarded tongue, set on fire by hell, sets all things ablaze (cf. *Jas* 3:6).

Inner strength, as the work of grace, prevents us from becoming carried away by the violence that is so much a part of life today, because grace defuses vanity and makes possible meekness of heart. The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters, and avoid the verbal violence that demeans and mistreats others. Saints hesitate to treat others harshly; they consider others better than themselves (cf. *Phil* 2:3).

It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons. That is itself a subtle form of violence. Saint John of the Cross proposed a different path: "Always prefer to be taught by all, rather than to desire teaching even the least of all". And he added advice on how to keep the devil at bay: "Rejoice in the good of others as if it were your own, and desire that they be given precedence over you in all things; this you should do wholeheartedly. You will thereby overcome evil with good, banish the devil, and possess a happy heart. Try to practise this all the more with those who least attract you. Realize that if you do not train yourself in this way, you will not attain real charity or make any progress in it".

Humility can only take root in the heart through humiliations. Without them, there is no humility or holiness. If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and you are not on the path to holiness. The holiness that God bestows on his Church comes through the humiliation of his Son. He is the way. Humiliation makes you resemble Jesus; it is an unavoid-

able aspect of the imitation of Christ. For "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). In turn, he reveals the humility of the Father, who condescends to journey with his people, enduring their infidelities and complaints (cf. Ex 34:6-9; Wis 11:23-12:2; Lk 6:36). For this reason, the Apostles, after suffering humiliation, rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for [Jesus'] name" (Acts 5:41).

Here I am not speaking only about stark situations of martyrdom, but about the daily humiliations of those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves, or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear an injustice so as to offer it to the Lord. "If when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval" (1 Pet 2:20). This does not mean walking around with eyes lowered, not saying a word and fleeing the company of others. At times, precisely because someone is free of selfishness, he or she can dare to disagree gently, to demand justice or to defend the weak before the powerful, even if it may harm his or her reputation.

I am not saying that such humiliation is pleasant, for that would be masochism, but that it is a way of imitating Jesus and growing in union with him. This is incomprehensible on a purely natural level, and the world mocks any such notion. Instead, it is a grace to be sought in prayer: "Lord, when humiliations come, help me to know that I am following in your footsteps".

To act in this way presumes a heart set at peace by Christ, freed from the aggressiveness born of overweening egotism. That same peacefulness, the fruit of grace, makes it possible to preserve our inner trust and persevere in goodness, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" (Ps 23:4) or "a host encamp against me" (Ps 27:3). Standing firm in the Lord, the Rock, we can sing: "In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Ps 4:8). Christ, in a word, "is our peace" (Eph 2:14); he came "to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Lk 1:79). As he told Saint Faustina Kowalska, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy". So let us not fall into the temptation of looking for security in success, vain pleasures, possessions, power over others or social status. Jesus says: "My peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace" (Jn 14:27).

This is an excerpt from Pope Francis new exhortation on being holy. The entire document is available in our vestibule. Please take a copy and enjoy!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Introit

(9) Pentecost Introit

Proulx

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

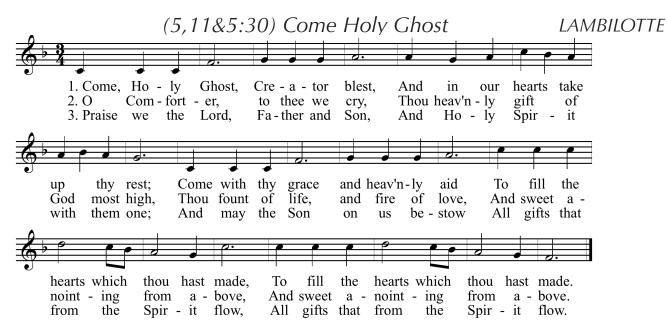
(5:30) Spirit Blowing Through Creation

Haugen

Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people.

Burn in the weary souls, blow through the silent lips. Come now awake us! Spirit of God.





Gloria See Cards In Pews

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."



If you take away their breath, they die and they return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit of life, they are created in your sight!

May his glory last for all time; may the Lord be glad in his works. Pleasing to him will be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:13b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is opne though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.





Gospel Acclamation

Festive Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp



Gospel John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Reflection

Julie Tilghman

Offertory Songs (5,11&5:30) Cantor: Canticle To the Spirit

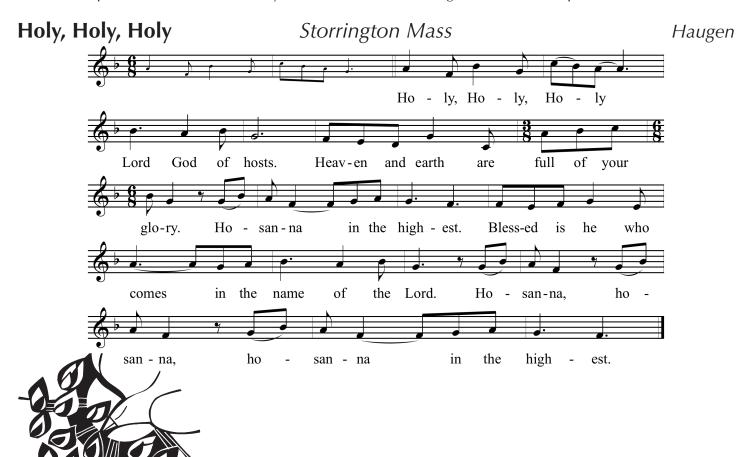
Daley

Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, root of all things, washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds, you are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awak'ning the heart from its ancient sleep.

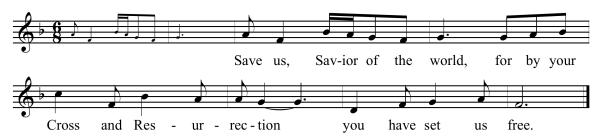
(9) Choral: Creator, Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Distler

- 1. Komm heilger Geist, o Schöpfer du, sprich armen Seelen zu; erfüll mit Gnaden, süßer Gast, die Brust, die du geschaffenhast. (Creator Spirit, heavenly dove, descend upon us from above; with graces manifold restore your creatures as they were before.)
- 2. Your light to every sense impart, and shed your love in every heart; your own unfailing might supply.
- 3. Her seidem Vater, unserm Herrn, und seinem Sohn, dem Lebenstern; dem heilgen Geiste gleicher weis sei jetzt ewig Lob und Preis! (Praise we the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit with them one; and may the Son on us bestow the gifts that from the Spirit flow.)



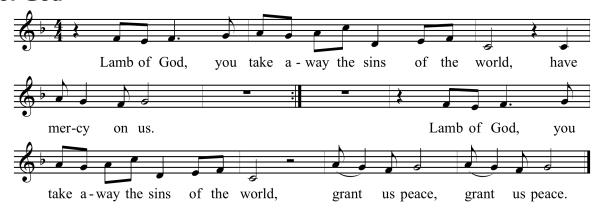
Mystery of Faith



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.



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Foley



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Coffe

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

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Reconciliation

5:00 PM Mass



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.

Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Friday, June 1st - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am in the church. Followed by our celebratory BBQ with Deacon Steve. You will not want to miss this delicious luncheon!

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.



Women's Ministry Book Club

We will be discussing *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a relationship of Respect, Compassion and Sensitivity,* by Fr. James Martin, SJ.

Long title, but a pretty short read! You still have time! We, at St. Joseph, are already pretty well "onto the bridge", but we can help spread the word. Come let us know what you think!

Wednesday, May 30th - 7:00-8:30 pm The Xavier Room (upstairs in the parish center) Bring a few goodies to share, and a friend!

Blood Drive

Monday, May 21st - St. Joseph Parish Center 1 pm to 7 pm - (closed 3 pm - 4 pm)

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

St. Joseph Men's Ministry

Planning Meeting - Tuesday, June 5th 7:30 pm – 9:00 in the Parish Center

Newcomers Welcome! Questions or details contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



Young Adult Ministry

Third Sunday Socials: Canterbury Ale House Sunday, May 20th - 6:30 pm - 8 - Canterbury Ale House

New to St Joseph? Not new to St. Joseph? Looking to continue your fellowship outside of Mass? Join us for Third Sunday Socials at Canterbury Ale House (534 15th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112) on each third Sunday of the month. This is a casual, no-obligation, social way to connect with fellow St Joseph Catholics. Open to ages 21-35. Meet at the back of church the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass or meet us there. Questions? Reach out to Patrick Mireur (pmireur@gmail.com)

Children's Faith Formation

Thank you to the many teachers who made this a fantastic year: Dawn Gomez (childcare), Erin Daly (substitute CFFPreK), Doreen Twohy (CFFK), Christina Leber (CFF1), Meredith Wright (CFF1), Monica Alquist (CFF2), Lisa Visintainer (CFF2), Therese Clark (CFF3/4), Gaby Reyes (CFF3/4), and Peter Heymann (CFF5/6). Your commitment and dedication to the faith-life and education of our young parishioners is inspiring! We also appreciated the consistent and reliable help of our youth volunteers: Josie, Zalie, Mary, Ruby, & Gracie. Here's to a job well done!

-Your CFF Staff

Pathfinders Thank Yous

Our middle school youth group had their end of the year party last Wednesday, May 16. Thank you to Ryan, Dan, Shannon, & Theresa for being part of such a bumpercrop year. Youth ministry is vibrant and alive because of your hard work and support. With gratitude and much appreciation, Dottie

Help Needed:

Children's Faith Formation is looking for two key teaching positions next year in the PreK and Kindergarten classrooms. Interested applicants should contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652 for the job description and application.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

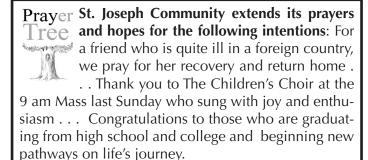
Come Celebrate A New Feast of Mary

Pope Francis has declared a new feast: Mary, Mother of the Church, to be celebrated 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 provided for newcomers.)



"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." ~Psalm 104:30

Rest in Peace Geno Kaupiko's "Tutu," who passed away recently.

Funeral Mass for Virginia Elliot Solseng will be Tuesday, May 29th, 10 am at St. Joseph with reception to follow.

Easter Lay Reflections

If you have missed any of the wonderful reflections we have heard this Easter season, they are posted online, on the front page of our website. www.stjosephparish.org



OUR LOCAL CHURCH

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway and we are seeking everyone's participation to reach our goal of \$151,738 as quickly as possible! Currently, we have \$50,710 committed. Any amount received over our goal will be returned to St. Joseph and will be designated to improve, and hopefully expand, the restroom facilities in the Parish Social Hall.

The Annual Catholic Appeal funds various ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Through your generous giving, 172 parishes & missions and 74 schools help to provide A Future Full of Hope for thousands of people throughout Western Washington. If for some reason you don't choose to give directly to the Archdiocese, know you can make your gift directly to St. Joseph—simply just write us a note to let us know that your gift is in lieu of a gift to the Archdiocese. Many thanks.

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FAITH JUSTICE



Information Night - (OPOP) One Parish, One Prisoner

Guest Speaker - Chris Hoke, Underground Minsitries Wednesday, June 13th - 7:00 pm to 8:30 - Parish Ctr

St. Joseph is joining two other churches of different faith traditions in Western Washington for an exciting pilot program called One Parish, One Prisoner. Born out of a collaboration of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Underground Ministries and the Department of Corrections, One Parish, One Prisoner matches up a faith community with an incarcerated man, while in prison, to help with their re-entry into society before and after their release.

Our parish has been matched up with Diego who is scheduled to be released in early 2019. Our stakeholder's team has started the process by exchanging letters and visiting him in prison. We just completed the first visitation a few weeks ago and will continue to do so on a monthly basis.

The hope is to involve our larger parish community in embracing Diego and being a resource and support for him for the remainder of his time in prison and after his release. We have already learned that he hopes to pursue a career in Graphic Design and are looking for parishioners with this professional background who can mentor and guide him. We will also need resources for housing, etc. when he is released. All of us benefit when someone in Diego's situation is able to successfully reenter society and make a positive contribution.

Over the past nine months we have formed a parish stakeholders team. The team has participated in several trainings and visited Monroe Corrections Complex. They are: Jill Heiney-Smith, Linda Ellis, Leslie Overland, Al O'Brien, Vince Herberholt, Paige Pratter and Deacon Steve Wodzanowski.

Come and hear the inspiring story of One Parish, One Prisoner from Chris Hoke and "Neaners" who lead the efforts for this pilot at Underground Ministries.

Learn how to get involved with this ministry at St. Joseph! For more information, www.undergroundministries.org or contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646.

El Salvador Sister Parish Meeting

Tuesday, June 5th - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Parish Center

Come and learn about our Sister Parish In El Salvador. Hear an update on our Water Project and stories from parishioners who visited there for Easter. We are looking for parishioners to help with strengthening our relationship. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Racial Justice Book Group

"Why are the black kids sitting together in the Cafeteria and Other Conversations about Race"

Tuesday June 12th - 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Parish Center

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 "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria and Other Conversations about Race" by Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD. We will also be setting aside time to pick books for the fall and perhaps a summer read. Come with your selections! One possibility we're looking at is reading Dr. Robin DiAngelo's new book, White Fragility, perhaps over several months. We particularly encourage 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!

St. Francis House

Thank you for your consistent support of Francis House! If possible, it is desirable for our homeless clients if canned food donated, has a "pull-tab" for easy opening. Great items to bring are tuna fish, spam, canned turkey, chicken, peanut butter, chili, pork & beans and soups, "Mac and cheese continues to be the overwhelming favorite."

Sleeping bags, new and clean, plus blankets and men's underwear, briefs or boxer are in short supply right now. Either bring to the church office, or directly to St. Francis House at 169 12th Ave.

SCOPE Project

Do you know anything about global health? About the HIV/AIDS world health crisis? Are you interested? Do you want to be involved?

This past year, a group of parishioners donated \$5,000 for St. Joseph's to fund two UW graduate students for the SCOPE project in Ethiopia: Sheldon Halsted and Elizabeth Karman. You can read their blog of their experiences at: https://scopestories.wordpress.com

Better yet, you can come to meet them on **June 3rd in the Arrupe Room**, after the 9am and 5:30pm Masses. Sheldon and Elizabeth will share their experiences and will introduce next year's fellow.





SCOPE is a partnership between the UW Dept. Of Global Health, the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, and various U.S. and Ethiopian faith communities. It is a unique Faith/Medicine partnership that targets HIV/AIDS and maternal health - specifically vertical transmission of HIV from mother to infant, in a country where the WHO says 1.2 million are living with HIV/AIDS, and over 90,000 pregnant women a year are infected. But it is a partnership not simply where people of faith send money to people of medicine. It is a partnership where people of faith, specifically Ethiopian priests and holy women, are trained by University of Washington and University of Gondar grad students to be medical advocates.

Ethiopia has a doctor shortage, one of the lowest doctor to patient ratios in the world, rated in 2010 as only about 2000 doctors for the whole country, and western medicine is often not trusted. At the same time, Ethiopia has about 500,000 Orthodox priests, who are revered and who are asked about physical health as well as spiritual. Until recently, priests have preached the

use of holy water to combat HIV/AIDS, as the only treatment that could promise a real cure. We know that if a pregnant woman begins antiretroviral treatment by the sixth month of pregnancy, her baby will be born HIV free. The Ethiopian government provides antiretroviral drugs free.

The SCOPE project, however, uses a unique and inexpensive strategy that offers promise to many nations; they use American and Ethiopian global health grad students to train priests and holy women to be medical advocates, in addition to being spiritual ones, and to advocate for antiretroviral treatment, along with holy water, urging pregnant women to seek antenatal care.

