St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.















FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 15, 2018

Homily This Week: John D. Whitney, S.J. Homily Next Week: Christopher Hadley, S.J.

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

Readings for July 22, 2018

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center
Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment
Parish Center
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Monday- Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Friday - 8 am - 3 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

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Out of the Pit

Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him a long ornamented tunic. When his brothers saw that their father loved him best of all his brothers, they hated him so much that they could not say a kind word to him.

-Genesis 37:3-4-

I know a man of such / mildness and kindness it is trying to change my life. He does not / preach, teach, but simply is. It is astonishing, for he is Christ's ambassador / truly, by rule and act.

-Mary Oliver-

A few months ago, feeling a little worn-down by the craziness of the world, I turned on one of those action-adventure movies that always promise to distract. This one, Behind Enemy Lines, starred Owen Wilson and tells the story of an American pilot, shot down in Bosnia during the war there, who is trying to escape Serbian nationalists who believe he has seen their war crimes. Most of the movie is pretty standard fare: Wilson running through the forest, pursued by dark, menacing, Eastern-European looking men. But one scene still sticks in my memory. It's raining and Wilson is (of course) running through the forest, when he slips on some mud, slides into a ravine and lands on his face. As he pulls himself up, smeared with wet mud, he looks around him and everywhere are corpses—men, women, children, all around him. He has fallen into one of the mass graves so well known in the Bosnian war, that had not yet been covered up. Revolted, but fearful of giving himself away, Wilson lies there, among the dead bodies, until the patrol moves past.

In a relatively predictable movie, the scene is haunting, both for what it says about our world, and for its symbolic implications. How many mass graves have been dug since those years in Bosnia? How many thousands of Serbs and Croats, Syrians and Iraqis, Nigerian and Sudanese, Hondurans and Salvadorans lie, undiscovered—though not unmourned—across the earth? But, even more than the horror of these actual deaths, the image of Wilson, hiding amid the corpses—bound to them, dependent in some way upon them—seems a powerful metaphor of our age and of our own situation. For like the pilot in this movie, we, too, seem to have fallen, in our fear, into a pit, filled with dead things—with envy and pride, with self-righteousness and greed—all of which we think will protect us, and from which we find it hard to escape.

For many of us, envy seems like a minor vice—a small disorder, that is, perhaps, even a bit childish: we wish we had Bill Gates' money, or imagine what we could do with Oprah's fame; we resent our neighbors' child who gets into a better school than our child, or grumble at a relative who goes on a trip to Hawaii ("Yeah, but they don't have any kids, like we do!"). Petty complaints, and beneath us, perhaps, but not great sins. Yet, in saying that, I think we underestimate envy; we minimize the resentment that so often accompanies it, and forget how closely it is tied to other disorders, like fear and hatred. For real envy is not just about wishing we had something someone else has, it is about all the ways we compare ourselves to others—

or, rather, to our idea of others—and so bind ourselves to these corpses that come from own our minds and our hearts. Embracing such comparisons, living among them, blinds us to our own gifted reality, and feeds our fear of others and our alienation from them. We do not see real people, but only our own unfulfilled desires, our own imagined fears. Defining ourselves always in comparison to others, we envy those whom we think have more—more money, more power, more happiness, etc.—and we fear those whom we imagine want what we have—our jobs, our homes, our nation. We create, in our minds and hearts, an imaginary world of "them" and "us," a world where everything is a zero-sum game and for anyone else to rise, I must fall. In such a world, we no longer seek Truth, but only our truth, i.e., a truth shaped by our fears and resentments, a truth that reinforces our own biases and world-view. In this pit, we live among these dead things, born of our own mind, and fear getting away from them, since without them we will have no value, no measure, no identity.

The odious effects of envy are nothing new, but may be found in the story of Joseph, in the book of Genesis. In this story, the love that Israel has for his son, Joseph, is seen as a threat by Joseph's brothers. Rather than accepting the love their father has for them, they resent the love given to Joseph, and they seek to take that love back by killing Joseph or selling him into slavery. In this text, we see that it is not the real Joseph that the brothers hate, it is their idea of Joseph, created in comparison to themselves, that oppresses their minds and their hearts. Controlled by a sense that, because their father loves Joseph, there is less love for them, they become obsessed with improving themselves by destroying this "other" this idea of Joseph who keeps them from the value for which they long. Nowhere in the story is there a sense that Israel does not love all his sons, but they are caught by their own comparisons, and bound to a dead and death-dealing notion that crushes their hearts, a disordered attachment that keeps them from living fully and brings them deeper and deeper into the pit of death.

This experience of living our lives in comparison to our ideas of others—whether manifested as envy or self-righteousness—is pernicious and widespread, emerging in both personal behaviors and in our political policies. How many young women are starving themselves today to be as thin as some air-brushed fashion model; how many millions of dollars are spent on liposuction and Cialis, all because we fear being older than the other or less virile than "the competition"? How much time is spent watching what others are doing, measuring our own performance against theirs? Or evaluating our own programs by how many medals we won, in comparison to our competitors? How much of our policy towards immigrants is shaped by our sense that we are better

than them, or our fear that their success must mean our failure? Rather than seeing our own blessings and wanting to live and grow in solidarity with others, we see only our ideas of these others—giving their lives meaning only in light of our fears and needs, our emptiness and wishes.

Such pernicious comparisons can be subtle, as when we talk about college rankings as a tool of evaluation, or popularity as a measure of success; and they can even be inverted, as when we diminish our own suffering because others have it worse. And they can be deadly, as when we close the door to refugees from certain countries because we have determined that they are less than us, or when we need to prove our value and our power by conquering other nations. In all these ways, we hide ourselves amid corpses to feel safe, seeking to create our identity by invalidating the identity of others, seeking to appear taller by knocking someone else down. And, all we are doing is binding ourselves to corpses of our own making, whose being is a judgment and a threat to us. Thus, we cast ourselves into a pit of the dead, and stay there because we are afraid to move, afraid to be detected by what we fear is a hostile and hidden truth.

But, Jesus Christ comes not to bring death, but to bring life. To raise us out of the pit of skeletons and corpses in which we are lost, to free us from all the comparisons that mar our vision and bind us in fear. Christ comes to set us free, by seeing us as we are, and by helping us to see ourselves and one another with God's loving vision. The Indian Jesuit, Anthony de Mello, put it this way: "Behold God, beholding you, and smiling." Only in this way can we climb out of the pit of corpses in which we have hidden ourselves, a pit we seem to make bigger with each passing day, with each act of anger and fear.

This is our liberation from the odious prison of comparisons. For in the gaze of God, we will, at last, see ourselves as we are: beloved though imperfect, free in ourselves and yet bound to every other person, to every other part of reality. In the love of God, given through Christ Jesus—a love which which is Spirit and life—we are no longer more or less, closer to or farther from, stronger, taller, shorter, smarter or more foolish than any other person; but we are ourselves, entire. Each one of us the "beloved disciple" laying our head on the breast of Christ, or standing at the foot of his cross. Each one of us bathed in the liberating and redeeming gaze of love—which knows neither limit nor comparison—and which leads us, step by step, from acceptance to gratitude, from gratitude to generosity, and from generosity to communion with all the men and women of the world.

John of

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.



Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple."

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."





Lord, let us see your kind-ness; and grant us your sal-va - tion. I will hear what the LORD God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful. His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land.

Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven.

Also the LORD will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Justice will march before him, and guide his steps on the way.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.



Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick— no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

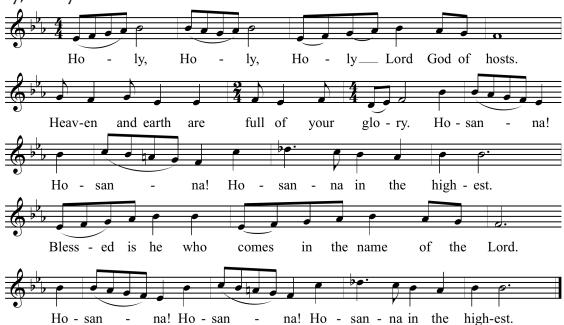


Offertory

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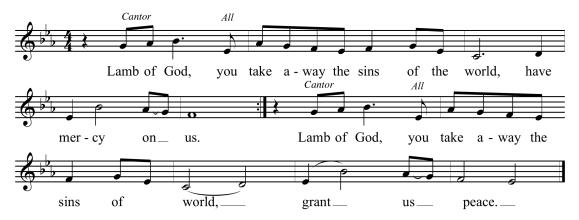
Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



Lamb of God



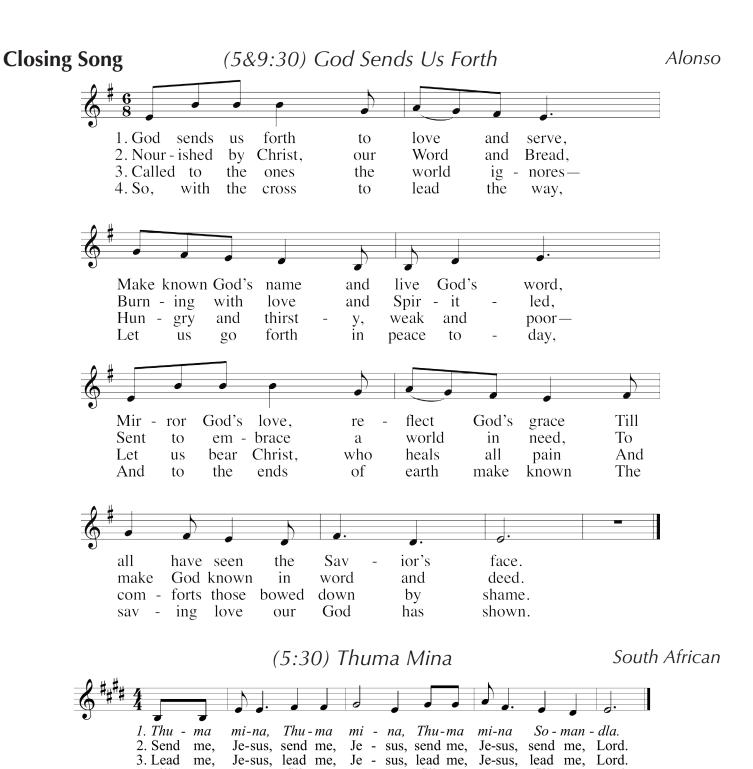
All Are Invited To Come Forward

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.









Je-sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me, Je-sus,

OUR COMMUNITY







For more information contact Dn. Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org or Vince Herberholt (206) 491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net

The Faith Justice Commission Presents

Immigration 102

A Conversation
On Immigrant Detention
With

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal

Saturday, July 28, 2018 St. Joseph Parish Social Hall 732 18th Ave. East

9:30 - 11:30 am

Parking in the lot behind the Parish Center and School – enter on 19th

Moderator: Michael Ramos
Executive Director, Church Council of Greater Seattle

Conversation Panelists in addition to Representative Jayapal

- Malou Chavez, Dep. Dir., NW Immigrant Rights Project
- John McKay, Faculty, SU School of Law, & Former US Attorney for Western Washington, Parishioner
- Fr. John Whitney S.J., Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

Help Needed!

CAR NEEDED FOR OUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY DONATION OR FOR PURCHASE

Our Syrian refugee family, Kareem, Katryn and Jacob are in desperate need of a used car either for purchase or as a donation. Kareem has generously assisted us on so many occasions with translation and support of our other refugee family from Iraq. This is an immediate need. If you can help, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Juliette Chambers
Cora Collins
Ryan Collins
Patrick Haffey
Evan Loofburrow
Ignatius Meade McCord
Grace Miller
Rosalind Pratt
Louis Shumway
Margaret Tompkins
Peter Wright

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Come Pray With Us! Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on Monday, July 16th 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.

The Sacred Silence prayer group will gather in the church for an hour of silent prayer. Please arrive before 7 pm as the doors are locked right at 7. For information, contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish. org or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. People will help guide those who are just learning.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes **for the following intentions**: For Virginia's back to be better . . . For Paul's future . . . Thanksgiving for the many prayers and to the amazing teams from around the world who rescued the young soccer team and their coach in Thailand from the flooded

caves.

"To give light to them that sit in darkness . . . To guide our feet into the way of peace."

~Luke 1:79



Save The Date

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center - Federal Way, WA Next retreat planning sessions is July 23rd For more details, contact Sheila Sifferman Marie at smarie49@comcast.net or Deacon Steve at stevew@ stjosephparish.org

St. Martin de Porres

Volunteers Needed - St. Joseph provides a meal to the men at St. Martin de Porres Shelter every Saturday night. We have four teams, one for each week. We are looking for parishioners to join the team.

Here's how you can help:

- 1. Serve at the shelter (5:45pm 8:15pm)
- 2. Contribute Food Items: Milk, Ice Cream, Fruit, Hard-Boiled Eggs, Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Lasagna etc. varies from team to team.

We usually serve between 150 and 220 men a night. The biggest need are servers on the 2nd Saturday and food contributors on the 1st Saturday. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family or with a group of friends. We have a special 5th Saturday team that also helps out whenever a 5th Saturday pops up on the calendar. If you would like to learn more or volunteer contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

We still need help, please consider joining a team!

Young Adults

Third Sunday Socials: Canterbury Ale House Sunday, July 15th - 6:30-8 pm - Canterbury Ale House

New to St Joe's? Not new to St. Joe's? 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 all ages. 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)

Blood Drive

Monday, July 30th - 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.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal is still needed! Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington through the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. We currently have \$128,054 of our goal of \$151,738. 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. Please fill out a pledge envelope today or donate online – the web address is on the pledge envelope located in the pews.

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Summer Ignatian Retreat

3:30 pm Friday, July 27 - 2:00 pm Sunday, July 29 Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades Fr. Eric Watson, SJ, Carla Orlando, and John Hickman, Fr. Pat Kelly, SJ, and Fr. Natch Ohno, SJ (*Please note: check-in time is 2:45 - 3:15 pm)

Take time this summer to renew your soul and soak in silence on the shores of Puget Sound with this 3-day guided silent Ignatian retreat. This silent retreat will offer stirring and relevant presentations based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, followed by suggestions for prayer and abundant time for reflection; opportunities for individual spiritual direction; morning and evening prayer; and sharing in the Eucharist. Give yourself the luxurious gift of time and space to rest, receive, and discern God's presence and direction in your life! We welcome adults of all ages and faith backgrounds who are open to deepening their relationship with God through the Ignatian spiritual tradition.

QUESTIONS: Email Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or call (206) 329-4824.

FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that St. Joseph has a Facebook page? Check out our posted pics and inspirational shares on our Jesuit identity. Additionally, information about events at the parish are updated regularly. And while you're at it, please "like" us.

Check us out at: www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle

Come and See What The Catholic Faith Has To Offer

Sunday, July 29th after the 9:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses in the Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion or Confirmation with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org All are welcome in this journey of faith!

Spiritual Exercises In Everyday Life

Do you desire to draw nearer to a God who desires to draw nearer to you?

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a retreat community meeting here at St. Joseph. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people of in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying daily, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2018.. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call SEEL at 206-721-3518. Many retreatants describe SEEL as a transforming experience!

There will be a brief information session to give more details and answer questions about the SEEL retreat on Sunday, July 29th after 9:30 mass and 5:30 masses in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us, an RSVP is encouraged by emailing/calling Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org