

22 July 2018 * Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time * www.stjosephparish.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



*He came and preached peace to you who were
far off and peace to those who were near,
for through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 22, 2018

Homily This Week: Christopher Hadley, S.J.

Homily Next Week:

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for July 29, 2018

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

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

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Hearing the Word In Desperate Times

*When you spread out your hands,
 I will close my eyes to you;
 Though you pray the more,
 I will not listen.*

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash yourselves clean!

*Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes;
 cease doing evil; learn to do good.*

*Make justice your aim: redress the wronged,
 hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow.*

-Isaiah 1:15-17-

I love these long, languid evenings in Seattle, when the sun goes down around 8:30, framing the sharp silhouette of the Olympics with hues of red and gold. I love the cooling breeze, jostling the blinds of my office, as it moves in through the window. And I love, most of all, the families walking past on the street, looking up at the scaffolding and pausing for a minute of prayer before the beautiful home of our Parish. With its wonderful amnesiac effect, the summer sets aside all the grumpy grayness of the winter and tells me how lucky I am to be here, at St. Joseph, in Seattle, among my family and friends.

Yet, despite all the beauty of these days and nights, it has been harder this year to feel the joy of summer. For even as I sign the baptismal certificates of those wonderful children brought to our community by their parents, my heart moves to the more than 2,500 immigrant children, some younger than 5 years of age, who are held not in arms of love, but in federal custody, stolen and separated from their parents, many of whom have already been deported or who languish in private prisons. I think of bloody Syria, where a new round of bombings by the Assad regime, targeting the south of the country and backed by Russian military advisors, has created thousands more refugees, who move, in the summer heat, towards the border of an already struggling Jordan. I look up the street and see my friends, the Saadawi family, unloading groceries from their car, and I recall how the Supreme Court of the United States, in one of the last rulings of its most recent session, declared legal the so-called “travel ban”—finding it just, despite public statements of the President and others that its intent was to keep out Muslim migrants and refugees. Finally, earlier this week, I turn on the television to see the President of the United States—the President who approved the policy of family separation and the travel ban, all in the name of sovereignty and the importance of national borders—failing to stand up to the first European leader since World War II to cross a national border and seize the territory of another sovereign European state. And suddenly, all the grace of this Seattle summer seems a bit less gentle and less joyous, as though we are sitting on a beautiful beach, while above us smokes an ominous and active volcano.

Surrounded by so many expressions of violence and venality, of racism and egoism, of blindness to the poor and of disordered nationalism, I turn, as I often do, to Scripture—and especially to the readings of the day. Though it is not unusual for me to start or end my day with these readings, recently I have approached them with more than my usual desire for understanding and inspiration, more than my ordinary need to find in them the theme for a homily or some idea for an es-

say. Instead, I seem to approach the readings these days with a sense of great urgency and deep need: with a desire to find, in the story of God's fidelity to the people of Israel, some promise for our current age; in the story of Jesus, some teaching by which I can reenforce my hope and strengthen my persevere. Feeling trapped in the sickness of the world, I come to Scripture in these days the way so many people came to Jesus: not with great confidence or theoretical curiosity, but with my heart open and aching, filled with need and a sense of powerlessness. Looking at the great problems of the world, I see that my own powers are too weak to provide the healing that is needed, and, I come close to despairing that none of us has that power. Though I want to believe that we can be better, I find my belief shaken by the great pockets of hypocrisy and selfishness that seem to swallow up the poor and leave the rest of us on unstable ground. Like the father in the gospel, whose son is possessed of a spirit that continually tries to kill him, I find myself worn out with care, turning to the word of God, and praying, *"Lord, I believe, help my unbelief"* (Mk 9:24). And just as he does for that father, Christ comes, through the power of the word, not to replace my meager faith, but to deepen it, to make it enough for me and perhaps even for others.

In the readings of the last couple of weeks, the prophecies of Hosea and Isaiah have seemed to describe not just the world of ancient Israel, but our own world; and their judgments have seemed stunningly appropriate. Hosea, writing nearly 800 years before Christ, speaks to a nation that has become rich, and yet, at the same time, increasingly concerned to maintain its wealth. Threatened by their neighbors, the Israelites of Hosea's day ignore the law and customs of their history—after all, these are desperate times—and make treaties with the unscrupulous, but powerful people around them. Meanwhile the wealthy, unsatisfied by all they have, seek to get more for themselves by cutting corners for their own advantage and by ignoring a God they think they can buy off with sacrifices and feast days. But in the midst of this prosperity, Hosea comes to challenge the rulers and remind them that all that they have is gift, given to them by God so that they might be generous and just to others, and that they ignore such lessons at their peril. Like Isaiah, who follows Hosea less than a century later, Hosea sees ruin in the leadership's self-serving betrayal of Israel's identity, calling out to them: *"Sow for yourselves justice, / reap the fruit of piety; break up for yourselves a new field, / for it is time to seek the LORD, / till he come and rain down justice upon you"* (Hos. 10:12).

Just as it does in the history of Israel, the book of Isaiah follows the book of Hosea in the readings of the day, and seems to come even closer to our own situation. Although Isaiah is most often heard around Advent and Christmas, carrying as it does many of the prophecies of the Messiah, it begins on a far sharper note, when the nation of Israel, led by unscrupulous men, has seen its alliances betrayed

externally and its sense of justice compromised internally. Far from the care of neighbor and trust in God called for in the *Torah*, by the age of Isaiah, it is every man for himself, and religion is just another form of public relations: *"Your princes are rebels / and comrades of thieves; / Each one of them loves a bribe / and looks for gifts. / The fatherless they do not defend, / the widow's plea does not reach them. / Now, therefore, says the Lord, / the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: / Ah! I will take vengeance on my foes / and fully repay my enemies!"* (Is. 1:23-24). To read, or hear proclaimed, such a description and such a promise today, reminds me that the sins which surround us are nothing new, but remain the product of old fears and ancient patterns. We stand, as our ancestors in faith stood, as Jesus was to stand, still threatened by those for whom self-interest means the oppression of the poor, who believe that they can build barriers to protect themselves from the dangerous world—barriers rooted not in justice but in power; not in the faithful humility of God's people, but in the overweening pride of weapons and war. The prophets—Elijah, Hosea, Amos, Isaiah—speak not just for one moment in history, but for the human condition. They tell the truth, and in an age of near universal deceit—whether that time is 3000 years ago, or just last Monday—such truth is an act of rebellion and resistance. Theirs is a message that challenges the conceits of our day, yet that also gives hope: hope that power cannot silence truth, hope that darkness, in the end, must give way to light.

For the Christian, however, the teachings of the Hebrew Scriptures come to their fullest expression in the teaching and example of Christ. Speaking to an age filled with imperial violence and religious hypocrisy, where the widow and the orphan remained exiled within their own community, and women and children were treated as property instead of persons, Jesus proclaims resistance through accompaniment, revolution through solidarity with the poor. In these last weeks, watching children pulled from their parents, I heard in a new way the familiar words of Jesus, *"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, that one will surely not lose his reward"* (Mt. 10:42). And watching the tens of thousands marching in the streets of London, I realized the conflict inherent in Christian resistance, and heard with new ears the gospel proclaimed last Monday: *"Do you think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth? I have come to bring not peace, but the sword"* (Mt. 10:34). As people of faith, we cannot be passive, nor can we despair; rather, we must turn to the Scriptures with new hearts and ready minds. For there the word of God continues to reveal that the struggle in which we engage is a sign of our communion with the prophets, our communion with Christ. In working for justice and mercy, for hope and solidarity, we take the yoke of Jesus upon us, not the yoke of slavery, but the yoke that is the joy of all our lives.

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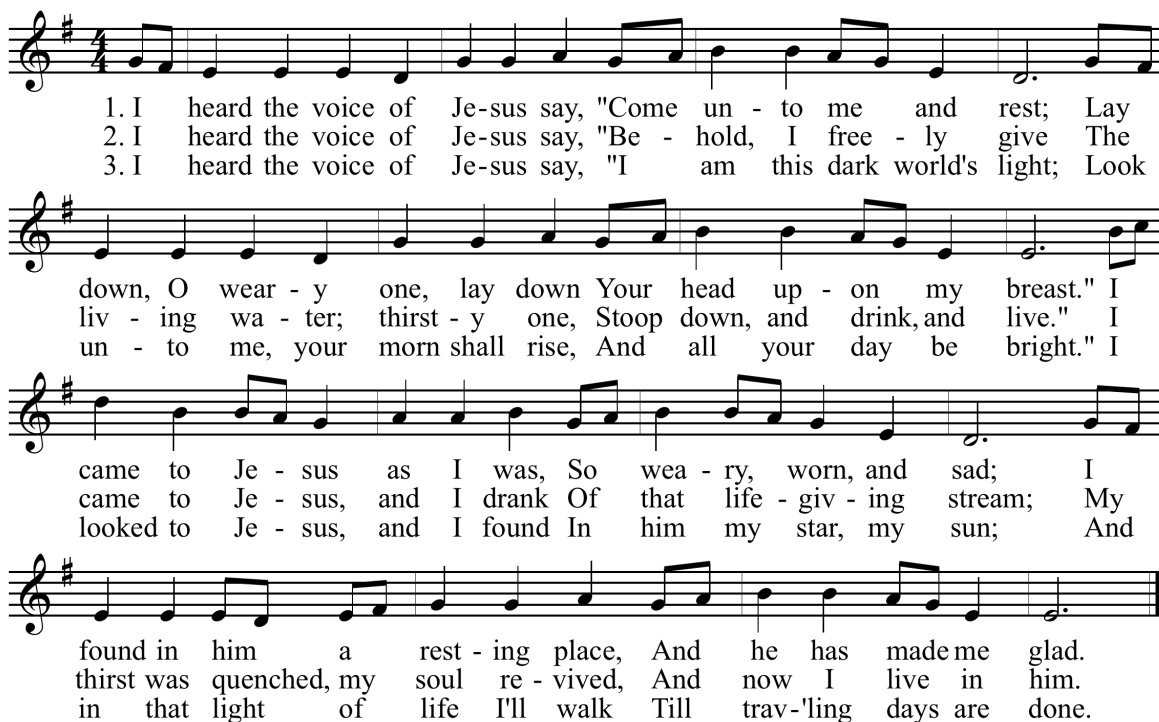
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Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

I Heard the Voice Of Jesus Say

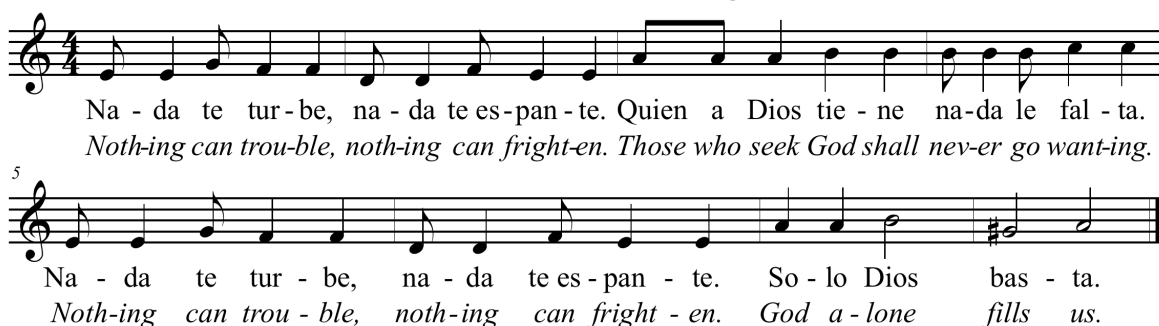
KINGSFOLD/Bonar



1. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; Lay
2. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give The
3. I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look
down, O wear - y one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I
un - to me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I
came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream; My
looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And
found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk Till trav-'ling days are done.

(5:30) Nada Te Turbe/Nothing Can Trouble

Taize



Na - da te tur-be, na - da te es-pan-te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta.
Nothing can trou-ble, noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er go want-ing.
5 Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds

who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,
says the LORD.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:

You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.

You have not cared for them,

but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply.

I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them
so that they need no longer fear and tremble;
and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
This is the name they give him:
"The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Haugen



God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Ref.*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Ref.*

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Ref.*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. *Ref.*

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Ref.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

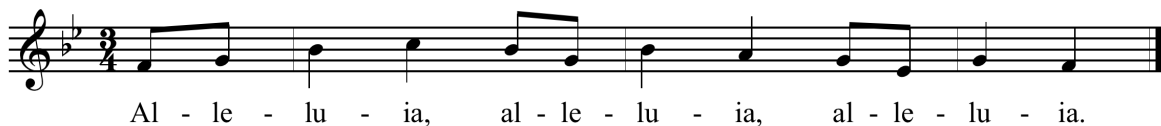
Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Murray



Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Homily

Christopher Hadley, S.J.

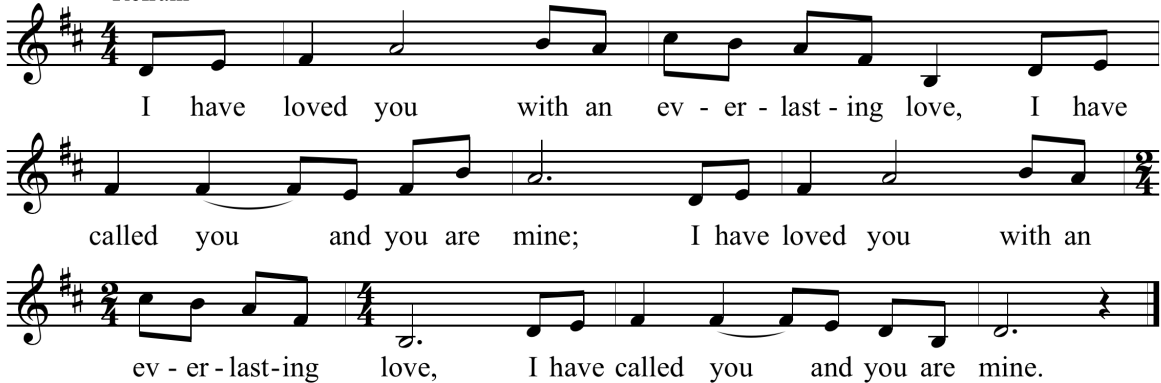


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I Have Loved You

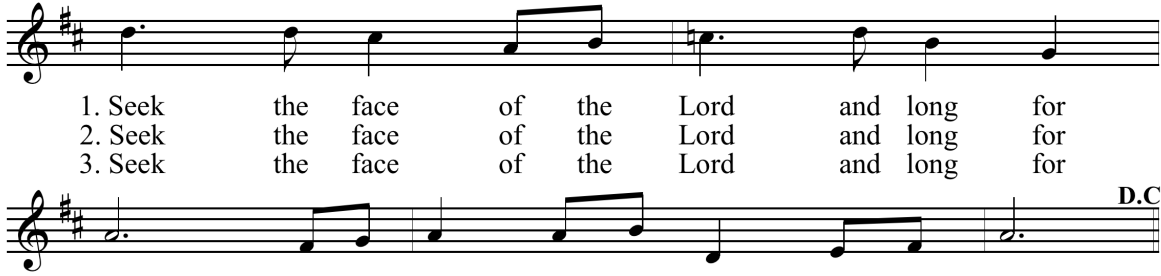
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Refrain



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have
called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an
ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses



1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

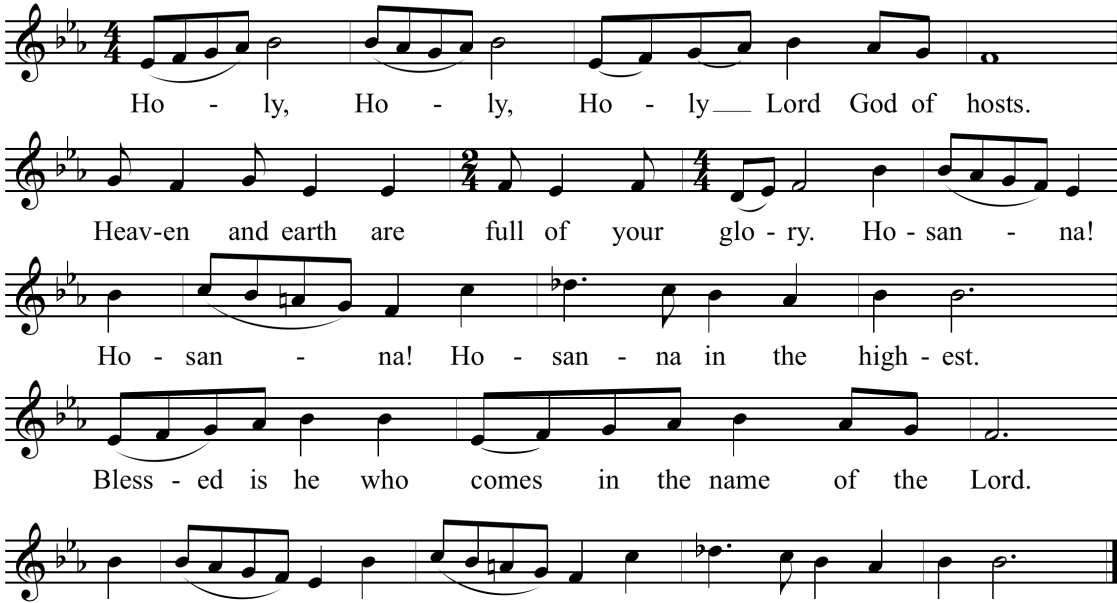
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him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
him: He will bring you his care and his love.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass Of Wisdom

Janco



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

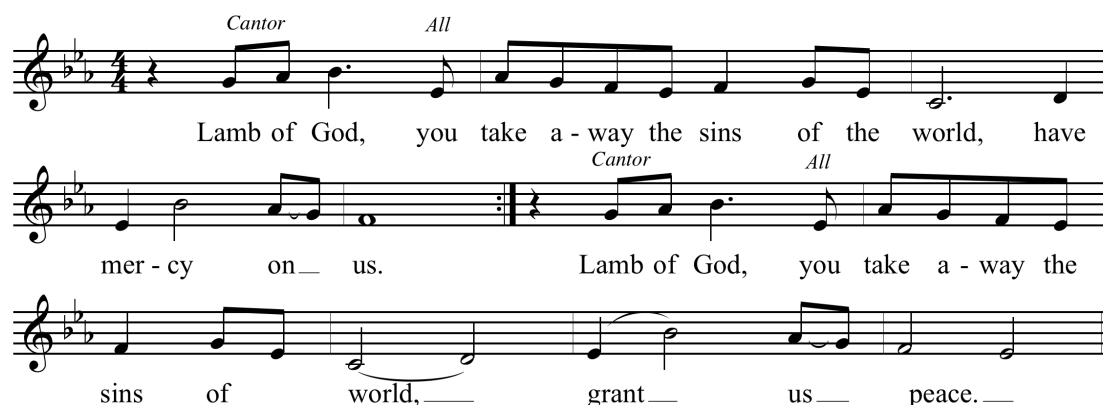


We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

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 Song

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #815

Kreutz



Closing Song

As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

BEACH SPRING/Duck

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a

bright and warm - ing flame, So the church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of

mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our
one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a

preach our creeds or cust - oms, But to build a bridge of care, We join
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would show that Christ is light. In a
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a storm is past and gone, May our

hands a - cross the na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
hum - ble, lis - t'ning Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light
lives re - flect the ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious d

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Annual Catholic Appeal - Only \$17,423 Left To Go!

Please give today if you haven't done so already. 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. **Currently, 383 parishioners have committed \$134,314 of our \$151,738 goal, which is 19% of our registered families.** 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.

A million thanks to Rose Mary Bacina, Kristen Bernard, Joshua Bess & Krista Hodne, Sally Ann Birks, Barney Blough & Maureen Farley, Bill & Leslie Boniface, Kirk & Kim Boys, Jeff & Winnie Brinker, Sherry Bushman, Kathleen Caldwell, Kathleen Calvert, Mike & Kristin Cappetto, Dolores Colobong, Michael & MHB Conant, Melissa Connelly, T. Charles and Hope Cooper, Andrew DeBerry, Jon & Susan Decker, Timothy Dellit & Elizabeth McNamara, Wright & Sandy Dickinson, Michael & Rosemary Dunigan, Gary Fallon & Leona DeRocco, Vivian Fuller, Andrew & Tana Gall, Darren & Leah Gray, Patrick Grimm & Nancy Hurlburt, Victor & Pamela Harned, Kathy Hastings, Catherine Hawes, Richard and Mary Henderson, William Herkes & Mary Guerra, Bob & Sandy Hilton, Peter John and Noreen Huybers, Gary & Valerie Jusela, Fisher & Pamela Key, Betty Kill, John & Sheelagh King, Peter Lam & Ann Wright, John & Judy Lavelle, Mary Laya, Mark & Suzanne Liffing, James MacLean & Alex Cury, Molly Malone, Patricia McCoy, Brandon & Nancy McCraw, Anusha Minnikanti, Michael Moore & Aurora Santiago-Moore, Kathleen Morris, Olga Naftali, James & Patricia Navone, Patrick & Bernadette Noonan, William & Stephanie O'Connell, Julie Olsen, Patrick & Margaret Pressentin, James & Gabrielle Roffey, David & Manya Ross, Michael Sinsky & Mary Cunningham, David Smukowski & Patty Helberg, Barbara Steinhauser, Bret Taylor & Deborah Taylor-Hill, Michael & Barbara Trentalange, Brian & Carol Ulman, Alexander Vallejo, Steve & Lisa Visintainer, Janet Walsh, Dr. Charles & Ruth Watts, Anali Weatherhead, Edward Welch, Christie Wolf & Chuck Harrison, Peter Wurmbauer and Gary Zimmerman & Michele Genthon.

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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

Seniors On The Go

Friday, August 3rd - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am.

Friday, September 7th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am.

Friday, October 5th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Followed by our delicious luncheon. Join us for fellowship and lunch after Mass.

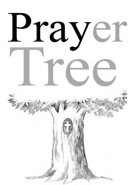
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Come Pray With Us! Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, July 23rd 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 Ruth, Cathleen, Geraldine, Joan, Tom and Mary who are preparing for surgery . . . For Cathy who is recovering from an operation . . . For peace to replace anxiety and fear.

*"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand,
Saying unto thee, fear not;
I will help thee."*

~Isaiah 41:13



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
steve@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 one Saturday per month
(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 steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

We still need help, please consider joining a team!

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.

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

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Commission Help Needed

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 24, Nov. 19, Jan. 28th, March 25th and May 20th. Ministries we currently support include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph's Service Days. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 10, Nov. 5, Jan. 14, March 4, and May 6. Ministries we currently support include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, Parish Picnic, St. Patrick's Day Party and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 4-6 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

Brothers and sisters, you represent the large and varied world of voluntary workers. You are among the most precious things the Church has, you who every day, often silently and unassumingly, give shape and visibility to mercy. You express one of the most noble desires of the human heart, making a suffering person feel loved. Your presence is the hand of Christ held out to all, and reaching all.

~Pope Francis

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 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