A church that doesn’t provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn’t unsettle, a word of God that doesn’t get under anyone’s skin, a word of God that doesn’t touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed — what gospel is that?

-St. Oscar Romero-
Martyr of Justice
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018

Homily This Week: Deacon
Steve Wodzanowski

Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

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

Readings for October 14, 2018
First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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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Pray for Us

No one may appropriate surplus goods solely for his own private use when others lack the bare necessities of life. In short, “as the Fathers of the Church and other eminent theologians tell us, the right of private property may never be exercised to the detriment of the common good.”

-Pope St. Paul VI, Populorum Progressio-

It was midnight when Monseñor Romero arrived to see his body. He approached the little table where we had him, wrapped in a white sheet, and there he paused, looking at him in a way that made me see that he loved him too. That night we heard his voice for the first time, preaching. When we heard him, it was a great surprise. “Ay! Even his voice is just like Father Grande’s.” That’s what we all said. Because it seemed to us that right there, the words of Father Rutilio had been passed to Monseñor. “Is it possible that God has worked this miracle so that we will not be left as orphans?” my compadre whispered to me.

-Ernestina Rivera-

This Sunday, 14 October 2018, in a liturgy celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica, Pope Francis will canonize two men whose histories and fortunes were quite different, but who, together, helped transform the Church. One of them, often lost in the shadows of his more beloved predecessor and dynamic successor, is remembered by many only for a single controversial letter, and seems, at first, an odd choice for this honor. The other, however, comes to this declaration of sainthood by popular acclamation, a martyr proclaimed by the voice of the poor and suffering within his own nation. Kept from canonization by those aligned with the forces of repression, this bishop’s cause was finally liberated from its bureaucratic prison by Pope Francis; but, before that, his words and his brutal death were already seen as iconic of the suffering of the “church of the poor” and reminiscent of the murder of another bishop martyred by government forces during Mass: St. Thomas Becket. In some ways, it is hard to imagine two more different characters than Pope Paul VI and Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero; yet, on Sunday they will be enrolled together in the Church’s litany of saints—a testimony, perhaps, to the wideness of heaven, but also, I think, a reminder that grace may be deeper than is first perceived and that those saints we praise easily often depend upon the work of saints we may hardly know.

Giovanni Battista Montini was the second of three sons born to Giorgio Montini and Giuditta Alghisi. He was baptized on the day Thérèse of Lisieux died, and was raised in a faith-filled home, surrounded by upper-middle-class comforts. Though somewhat frail as a child, he excelled in school, studying with the Jesuits as a young boy, and later attending a state school. He entered the seminary in 1916, and in 1920, celebrated his first Mass, wearing vestments woven from his mother’s wedding dress. Soon his superiors recognized his intelligence and sent him to Rome—first to the Gregorian University, where he studied Philosophy and Canon Law, and
Oscar Arnulfo Romero was 3 years old the year that Montini was ordained to the priesthood. One of ten children born to a postman and a homemaker, his family from attending his ordination, so he stayed on in Rome to earn a doctorate in Theology, focusing on ascetic theology and Christian perfection. He returned to El Salvador only in 1944, where he began work as a parish priest, ending up in San Miguel for over 20 years. There he established various good works including Alcoholics Anonymous groups and groups devoted to Our Lady of Peace. He was known as a modest, conservative priest—though, at times, prone to obsessive compulsive behavior and scrupulosity—and was later given roles in the national seminary and at the archdiocesan newspaper, where he defended the traditional teachings of the Church. It was, in part, because of his traditional ways that in 1970 he was appointed auxiliary bishop of San Salvador, and seven years later—with the help of the government and to the dismay of many progressives—named Archbishop of San Salvador. Though he knew of Marxist-influenced critiques, then circulating in Latin America, he believed the Church should have little role in political matters, advocating instead that the rich should be generous and the poor be patient—they would get their reward in heaven.

About a month after Romero’s appointment as Archbishop, a Jesuit priest, Rutillo Grande, and two catechists were ambushed and murdered by paramilitary forces tied to the government. Though Romero mistrusted the activism of many Jesuits, and had helped remove them from the seminary years before, Grande was a personal friend and had been Master of Ceremonies at Romero’s episcopal Ordination. In seeing his shattered body, laid out in the middle of a kitchen table, something changed in the bookish and conservative Romero. And when the government refused to investigate the killings, he began to speak out and to act on behalf of those suffering under government oppression. In the next years, though opposed by both the government and many in the Church—including Pope John Paul II, who saw him as too close to the Marxists—Romero became an advocate for the rights of the poor and a powerful voice against the growing repression. On 23 March 1980, Romero delivered his strongest sermon agains the tactics of the government, calling on all Salvadoran soldiers to refuse the orders of their superiors, if those orders violated God’s law. The next day, as he finished his homily and moved to the altar in the chapel of the Hospital de la Divina Providencia, a gunmen entered and fired towards the altar, penetrating Romero’s heart and killing him.

For many of us today, the assassination of Oscar Romero seems an obvious martyrdom, falling upon him because of his testimony to the gospel values of justice for the poor and defense of the marginalized. Indeed, the story of his life appears, in many respects, a classic redemption tale, complete with a moment of conversion which leads him to follow Christ to the cross. So different, it seems, from the life of Montini: the conscientious Vatican diplomat and consummate “insider” who rises through the ranks of the Church to succeed the visionary Pope John and then precede the bold and charming John Paul II. In Pope Paul, one sees none of the fire nor heroism of Romero. He faces no assassin’s bullet, and inspires no national uprising, but dies in a small room at Castel Gandolfo, his final legacy the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, whose affirmation of the...
Church’s ban on all forms of artificial birth control disappointed many Catholics, and (many would say) marks the beginning of a decline in the ability of the papacy to galvanize the faithful’s obedience.

Yet, the truth is that without Pope Paul VI, there would be no Romero—and, very likely, no Rutillo Grande and no Pope Francis. For it is Paul, in humility and patience, who brings to completion the Council which John XXIII had called, but under whom not a single document was authored. It is Paul who brings forth the reform of the liturgy, with its call for “full, conscious, and active” participation of the faithful; Paul who shepherds the first-ever Pastoral Constitution of the Church, in which “the priesthood of all believers” and the “People of God” become by-words of our faith. Under Paul, the ecumenical and interfaith movements become real: e.g. in his unprecedented journey to Jerusalem for a first-ever meeting between the Pope and the Patriarch of Constantinople, or in his welcome of the Archbishop of Canterbury, when he gave him the ring he wore as Archbishop of Milan—a gift that brought tears, and a ring the Anglican wore to the end of his days. Paul is the first pope to address the UN, calling for disarmament, and under his leadership, faith becomes inseparable with justice and with advocacy for peace. His epic encyclical, Populorum Progressio becomes the bulwark for all those who believe that the Church is called not merely to promise heaven, but to work for justice here on earth. Even Humanae Vitae, for whatever weaknesses may exist within it, seeks to proclaim the dignity of all persons, a dignity for which Romero died, a dignity based not simply on what we consume or possess, but grounded in the grace all people share with God. Thus, while he may have lacked the charisma of John XXIII or the personal force of John Paul II, and while his destiny may not have brought him the martyr’s crown given to Romero, still Paul VI offers a lesson in holiness that we might yet admire, one built in the humility of constant and often unheralded work, done with love and discernment, for the glory of God and the service of God’s people. St. Paul VI and St. Oscar, pray for us.

WELCOME!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link.
Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

**Lead Me Lord**

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,

**Wisdom 7:7-11**

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.

Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands.
Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy for the days of our affliction, for the years when we looked upon evil.

Let your deed be seen by your servants, and your glorious power by their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.

O give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel Acclamation

Syrian Hallelujah

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.” He replied and said to him, “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Peter began to say to him, “We have given up everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.”

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
Vencera el amor, aunque acechen tempestades; Y aunque hay dolor, pasaran las maldades.
Vencera el amor, aunque tristes extranemos a quienes hoy no estan, mas sin embargo viven.
Vencera el bien sobre tantas vejaciones. Venceran tambien nuestras oraciones.
Y estas lagrimas que juntos derramamos ungiran con paz nuestros corazones.
Vencera el amor, vencera. Vencera el amor.

Love shall overcome even when the storm is raging.
Though the night is long, still God's pow'r is unchanging.
Love shall overcome: after nights of bitter weeping, there comes a brighter dawn for saints of God's own keeping.
Love shall overcome: from these chains our God will free us.
When we pray as one Jesus will redeem us.
And the tears we cried will be a precious offering. And the peace of Christ shall reign forever.
Love shall reign. Peace shall reign. Christ shall reign. Love shall overcome.

Written to commemorate the martyrdom of six Jesuit priests and two women on the campus of the University of Central America in El Salvador in 1989.
**Lamb of God**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
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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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**Communion Song**

**Food For the Journey**

Zaragoza

*Words taken from the final homily given by Archbishop Oscar Romero*

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Food for the journey flows from a love divine;
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Jesus, broken living bread, Jesus, out-poured wine.
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**Song of Praise**

**What Wondrous Love**

**WONDROUS LOVE/Means**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

This that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my

God and to the Lamb I will sing.

When from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

Lamb, who is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will

Joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul; To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!

I'll sing, I'll sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.
Dear Sister Parish of Saint Joseph in Seattle;

This first week of October, we celebrate in our Sister Parishes the traditional week of solidarity. Year after year we are called to reafﬁrm this commitment of mutual solidarity.

The Church, our Church, invites us today (October 7) to remember in the homily that the family is a blessing from God and a community of love—it is seed and sign of the presence of the Kingdom of God among us, where man and woman know each other, love each other, and unite with each other in a deep spirit of respect and dignity. All this sounds very nice, but we must also dream and work to build the foundation for that great human family, i.e., the great family that Our God wants us to build among all people. As the Old Testament reminds us: “You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

So it is that we, in this community, in unity with the great family of God around the world—all of us who live in this common home and profess our faith in God—celebrate because six members of our great family, the Catholic Church, will be canonized on October 14, in Rome, in the very place where St. Peter offered his life in martyrdom, killed for his fidelity to God until the end.

And one of those who will be canonized is the Bishop and Martyr, Oscar Arnulfo Romero “heroic witness of the Kingdom”—as he is called in the bull of beatification—or “Man of God, Man of the Church, servant of the poor,” as Monsignor Ricardo Urioste, his Parochial Vicar describes him.

God called St. Joseph Parish to begin a Sister Parish relationship with the Parroquia San Bartolomé in Arcatao Chaltenango, El Salvador, during tremendously difﬁcult years; to begin a relationship with those for whom Archbishop Romero offered his life. God has blessed us in this effort, and has made all our efforts at solidarity, across the years, a valuable part of the process by which the war was ended, and a solid foundation for the construction of peace was laid. SHALEM said the People of Israel in the Old Testament, to express their thirst for justice and for peace; the desire we share, to be architects of that blessing that once seemed impossible: that we might live and live together as Companions in this common home.

Archbishop Romero reminded us of this desire when he declared: “The eternal word of God must be like the ray of the sun, that comes from the heights and illuminates all. What fault does the sun ﬁnd in its pure light: puddles, manure, garbage on the earth? Still, it has to illuminate it all. If it did not, it would not be sun; it would not be light. The light must shine even on the ugly, the horrible thing that exists in the earth... just as it must shine on the beauty of the flowers and illuminate the charms of nature. In the same way, brothers and sisters, the word of God bring light into the horrible and the ugly, the injustices of the earth, and encourages the good hearts—those hearts that, thanks to God, abound” (homily of Oscar Romero, December 4, 1977).
The canonization of Archbishop Romero is the triumph of truth over lies, the triumph of life over death; it tells us that it is possible to create global solidarity, global justice and global peace as seeds of the Kingdom. As Father Jon Sobrino S.J. has said: "he lived, he spoke, he worked, he fought like Jesus of Nazareth, and since he ended as a martyr, like Jesus, Monseñor Romero lives".

Archbishop Romero reminded us all that God loves us, that He wants us to give up our sinful life and become that new man and that new woman created for the outpouring of love in a new creation. We are all called to a true conversion.

Peace in the world, based on justice; the end of wars, and of the suffering of refugees and migrants; the rights of all people to build a welcoming world, where we are reconciled with God, with our neighbor, and with ourselves: this was and will continue to be the call of St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, who now takes his place in the light, as an example of a true follower of Jesus for our time. May he not be for us some “Holy One” in heaven, but a model and example of the way forward.

From our beloved and historic San Bartolomé Parish we give thanks for the living solidarity of all of you at St. Joseph’s, who have accompanied us and helped us to promote and defend human rights and human labor, helped us to end the war, and now help us as we work to guarantee pure water in our communities, so that we might grow alternative, organic agricultural products, and provide our young people with opportunities for work and a decent life in our own land. We give thanks for the support of entrepreneurial initiatives, but above all for that spiritual experience that draws us together and allows us to feel as brothers and sisters in this our common house.

You are always welcome in Arcatao: this is your home; we are your family.

St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop and Martyr: Pray for Us All.

Amen.
Celebrate the Canonization of Oscar Romero

October 14th  |  6:30-8:30 PM
after the 5:30 Mass
in the Parish Center, Arrupe Room

Watch a Movie Staring Raul Julia
who portrays the last years of
St. Oscar Romero’s Life

Salvadorian Food and Refreshments
will be provided! (Suggested Donation $5-$10)

For more information please Contact
Theresal@stjosephparish.org
Faith Justice

Francis House
St. Francis House has serious "pantry" needs for non-perishable food; canned soups with pull-tabs, chili, baked beans, tuna fish, canned chicken, spam, canned sausage, peanut butter, canned fruits, mac & cheese, etc. we have as many as 15 new clients adding to our normal, 60-75 daily, and emergency food items are essential! We thank you.

Soccer Without Borders
Soccer Without Borders Seattle runs year-round soccer and educational programs for 120 newcomer immigrant, refugee and aslyee youth who attend the Seattle World School. The Seattle World School is a unique public middle and high school of the Seattle Public Schools, serving newcomer youth who are new to the community and learning English alongside the school system.

Soccer Without Borders Seattle launched it's program at the school in March 2018, and now runs after school teams for high school boys, high school girls and middle coed. The program leverages participants' passion for soccer and love of their team and teammates to create a positive culture that motivates school engagement, English language learning and healthy choices.

SWB Seattle is led by Lindsey Whitford, a 2001 graduate of St. Joe's and daughter of long-time parishioners, Donna and Joe Whitford. She has worked for Soccer Without Borders since 2010, first in Granada, Nicaragua and then Boston, MA before moving back to Seattle last fall to launch a program here.

The organization is actively seeking community members to get involved as volunteers, supporters, and ambassadors of the program. There are a variety of engagement opportunities for all ages, interest areas and schedules. Please reach out to Lindsey and the program for more information! lindsey@soccerwithoutborders.org

St. Joseph Alternative Bazaar
Looking for Non-Profit Vendors
Each year St. Joseph’s Church hosts an Alternative Christmas Bazaar to support local and global non-profits. The date is Sunday November 18th 10am – 1pm in the Parish Social Hall. If you know of an organization that might benefit by participating, please have them contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stjosephparish.org

IPJC
Building the Beloved Community: Racism & Beyond
Saturday, November 10, 8:45 am-3 pm
St. Joseph Parish, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle
Presented by Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN & Anne Louise Nadeau, SNDdeN

Many people of faith are concerned about racism in America today.

Where do we start? What can we do? What is "white privilege" and its role in society today? How can we respond to the systemic nature of racism in our politics, economy, public education and criminal justice system? Join us to learn what you can do!

Register online by Nov. 2 at www.ipjc.org/belovedcommunity or call 206.223.1138. Donation $25 includes lunch. Sponsored by Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center ipjc@ipjc.org

Bloodworks Northwest
Parish Blood Drive
Put it on your calendar and consider saving a life!

Save The Date
Monday, November 19th
Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, October 17th - *Aging Gracefully Together* at 11:00 am in parish center Arrupe Room. Come and meet with other seniors as we share experiences and make connections with each other. Bring a snack to share. For more info. Contact Frances Chikahisa at franceschikahisa@icloud.com

Friday, November 2nd - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish Center. *Please feel free to park in the lot behind the church and take the elevator.*

Wednesday, November 7th - 10:00am – 4:00pm. Trip to Snoqualmie Casino and Outlet Mall in North Bend. We’ll have lunch at the Casino ($10.95) all you can eat buffet and you can either stay and play at the casino or ride over to the Outlet Mall to do some shopping! Contact Renee at 206-324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org for a seat on the bus.

Friday, December 7th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish Center. *Please feel free to park in the lot behind the church and take the elevator.*

Tuesday, December 11th - Join us for our annual Seniors Christmas Potluck Party from 5-8 pm in the Arrupe Room.

Thursday, December 13th - Join us for our annual outing to Molbak’s, Flower World and the Maltby Café. We will hop on the parish mini-bus (which seats up 14) around 10:00 am and return around 3:30 pm. Reserve your seat by emailing Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or by calling 206-324-2522, Ext 100.

St. Joseph Annual Men’s Retreat

Please join us for the Annual Men’s Retreat, Friday Oct. 19th 8:00 pm – Sunday Oct. 21st around 11:00 am. The retreat will be held at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. The theme for this year’s retreat is “*How My Family of Origin Influences Me.*” The registration fee is $150 and includes Saturday meals and Sunday Breakfast. There will be a special dinner on Saturday, prepared and served by a team led by Gary Keister. The animators for the retreat include Brian DesRoches, Vince Herberholt, Bill Herkes, Dan Quinn-Shea and Bob Rogowski. This is the only Men’s Retreat offered this year so be sure to register at www.stjosephparish.org For more information contact Dn. Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Women’s Ministry

Coffee Connect

Join us Saturday, October 20th from 11am to 12 pm at Vios Cafe on 19th Ave E. and Aloha. Come sip and socialize, bring a friend! Any questions please contact Sheila Marie 206 251 7035 or smarie49@comcast.net

Young Adult Ministry

It’s Pumpkin Time! Join us on Sunday, October 28th in the Parish Center after the 5:30 p.m. Mass for fall inspired fellowship!

Carve a pumpkin, decorate Halloween cookies, or just enjoy the company with seasonal beers & treats. Carving Masters: feel free to bring your own pumpkin if you have a favorite shape or size; we will have some pumpkins on hand for people to team up on if desired as well as basic carving tools. $20.00 suggested donation for Pizza, Salad and Beverages. RSVP’s appreciated youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph School Employment Opportunity

St. Joseph school is looking for a new Business Manager. Job details and instructions to apply can be found on their website www.stjosephsea.org under the “employment” tab.
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: May both Spencer and Danny receive God’s healing grace. For a young woman to obtain help with paying her rent. And as this Autumn season begins, let us be content with all we have chosen and all we have been given. May our hearts be full of hope in the Lord’s light to lead us to what is honest and true.

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

~ Psalm 37:4

Come Pray With Us!

Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on Monday, October 15th 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.

Autumn Liturgical Minister Signups

Autumn is a great time to consider how you wish to contribute your time and talent to St. Joseph Parish. One of the primary ways you can do this is to serve as a liturgical minister at our community prayer on weekends. In fact the meaning of the word “Liturgy” is, in the original Greek, something akin to “Work of the People.” This is indeed something we do together and it takes many hands and the contributions of many community members to make the liturgy “work” and to help all of us celebrate with a vibrant voice and a lively faith.

School age children can serve as Altar Servers or sing in Joyful Voices, the St. Joseph children’s choir. Youth of junior high age or older can serve as lectors alongside adults. Youth who have been confirmed can join the adults and serve as Eucharistic Ministers. There is a particular need for more ushers and this is open to adults and youth of high school age or older. And the choir is open to all who love to sing and who can carry a tune, high school age or older. And we are currently particularly in need of male singers.

You can sign up for all of these ministries at www.stjosephparish.org and a ministry leader will be in contact with you to talk with you about the particulars of each ministry.

Trick Or Treat For Jesuits

Each year thousands, yes thousands of witches, wizards and some saints visit the Jesuit house on Halloween night. Help us feed these hungry souls by dropping off a bag or two of candy at the Parish Center on weekdays. Thank you!

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by parishioners? If you don’t already follow us, sign up. This is a perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to deepen your prayer life through their reflections. https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com

If you are interested in being one of our writers, please email theresaL@stjosephparish.org
Faith Formation

Pathfinders
Pathfinders, St. Joseph’s Middle School Youth Group will be starting **Wednesday, November 7th** from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Come join us for food, fun, friendship and faith sharing. Please register online. For more information contact our new DRE, Marie Pitman at mariep@stjosephparish.org

The VOICE
The VOICE, St. Joseph’s High School Youth Ministry will be starting **Wednesday, November 7th** from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Come join us for fun, friendship, faith sharing and welcome our new High School Youth Minister, Emily Hayes.

The VOICE engages participants through weekly activities, ranging from discussions, games, and field trips. The VOICE seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their faith and spirituality and hopes to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow.

In addition, the VOICE also provides community service and social justice opportunities—both through local volunteering and more global solidarity with the youth in our sister parish in Arcatao, El Salvador. The VOICE also has developed a partnership with Shirts Across America, to help rebuild homes for displaced families in New Orleans.

For more information please contact theresar@stjospehparish.org

Help Needed
Pathfinders is our Jr. High Youth Group. We need a vibrant team of young adults or adults who seek to mentor our youth. We currently have 2 team members and we would like at least 3 more members. Our youth group meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM. Our mission is to help our youth grow in their faith through community. Pathfinders starts November 7th. Contact Mariep@stjosephparish.org for more information.

Sponsors Needed For RCIA
We are in need of 5-7 adults who can be a faith companion to someone going through the RCIA process to join the Catholic Faith. The St. Joseph Community promises prayerful support for, and to walk with, each prospective new member of the Catholic Church. The role of RCIA sponsor is the fulfillment of that promise. As a sponsor you are assigned a Confirmandi (Baptized Catholic adult), Candidate (Baptized adult), or Catechumen (Unbaptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share. Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey. You offer counsel and support as you are able and to the extent that it is needed or desired. You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Joseph community. You listen and you pray. Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with a Candidate or Catechumen through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Church. Many prospective Sponsors ask themselves whether they are worthy or qualified. The role of Sponsor is not that of Catechist. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church’s teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Come and See What the Catholic Faith has to offer
Join us - Tuesdays - 7:00 – 8:30 pm - 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.

Questions? Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 965-1646.

All are welcome in this journey of faith.