A Thanksgiving Blessing

For bread & meat set down before us,
For hands that plant & bring the harvest,
For rainy days that green the hillside,
For breathless nights of winter moonrise
For star & sun & earth & woodland,
For joy & hope & tears of welcome,
For all the people gathered round us,
For all those who have slipped our compass,
For gifts enough that we can share,
For hearts enlarged by love & cheer,
For Mary’s Son who joins our feasting,
For Spirit shared with love unceasing
For all the blessings we are given,
For all the grace from here to heaven,
We give you thanks & praise & glory,
Great Author of our life & story,
Be with us now & bless all living,
That every day may be Thanksgiving!
Amen.
The God Who Says, “Wow!”

And then
once more the quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng’s clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

-Denise Levertov-

I am sitting in a camp chair at a bend on the Metolius River—10 miles from Sisters, Oregon, and a million miles from my ordinary life. Though it is cold, with a smell of frost in the air, I sit in a patch of sunlight and feel warm, occasionally sipping the coffee from the thermos at my side. I can hear the river, like a muffled xylophone, played against the rocks, accompanied by the gurgles and ripples in the little eddies, and the occasional bird, chirping or squawking in the trees. Rising from the side of the river, I catch a whiff of rotting vegetation, under the frost and beside the water. It has a natural, earthy smell, which I know my friend, Tina, would find disgusting, but which here and now I find lovely: it situates me, grounds me in my humanity, reminding me that “human” and “humus” have the same origin. I am facing east, and at this particular bend, the river glistens in the low Autumn light: flashing and falling in unpredictable patterns, broken every now and then by a backsplash, jumping up from one of the rocks. The whole scene feels constantly fresh, remade in every moment; yet, at the same time, it feels as though it has gone on forever, as though this river has been passing this point since time began. And then, perhaps because I am on retreat, I recall a line from Augustine’s Confessions: “Late have I loved Thee, O Beauty, ever ancient, and so new; late have I loved Thee!”

Today, I have been walking through the pine woods, taking photos and thinking of the Trinity, as described in Ignatius’ Contemplation on the Incarnation. One of the oldest parts of the Spiritual Exercises, this first contemplation comes at the beginning of the Second Week of the Exercises, and invites a retreatant to imagine the Trinity, looking out upon the world and choosing to enter into it as one like us. As I walk along this river path, I flip through the various ways of thinking about the Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit; Creator, Creation, and Creating; Lover, Beloved, and Loving; Thinker, Thought, and Thinking—and I realize that, for me, on this cold and beautiful morning, all the theological conceptions feel a bit sterile and meaningless. I think I am tired of the God of the theologians, the “omni” God who has all those characteristics taking from Greek philosophy: e.g., omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence. This God, frozen in the amber of theological perfection, seems nothing like the God of this forest, or of this river, or of the Jesus I have come to know; for this “perfect” God is never surprised or awed. This God never feels the anguish of a loss or the wonder of something beautiful being born. This perfect, unchanging God never, it seems, says “Wow!” Walking here, beneath the trees and beside the river,
watching the water jump up in a flash against a log, I am not sure I can believe in a God who does not say, “Wow!”

Perhaps (as a few people have suspected) I am, at heart, a heretic, but I don’t want, for the sake of my own clear and distinct idea of God, to take from the Divinity what is most precious about being human: surprise and wonder. Could the planning of the universe—or whatever it is God was doing before Creation—ever be as wondrous as the Creation itself? Even when we plan something perfectly, even when we know exactly where the light will fall on a rock or a leaf, doesn’t that moment of experience transcend our knowing? Would we deny that to God? And going further, doesn’t the experience of suffering surprise us, even when we know it is coming, even when we understand it and can think it through with clarity? Anyone who has stood at a bedside of a dying parent, knowing that they must pass, and then experienced the moment they do, understands what I am saying. Do we think God never has that experience? The idea that God was not changed by the death of Jesus, by his suffering and loss, seems untenable to me. And, in the same way, that God does not feel wonder and joy at the experience—which transcends mere knowledge—of the light hitting the leaf, seems to me equally absurd. The God who says, “Wow!” at the moment of Creation which God ordained seems a different God from the one I know, and not the God in whom I wish to believe. No. I believe in a God who says “Wow!” in the wonder of the world, and who weeps at the world’s pain. Not the “omni” God of the theologians, perhaps, but the God of this river, and the God of this time, and the God who draws me deeper and deeper into thanks.

I know that I have been blessed to be in a job where much of my time is to look for the presence of God in the world—to live, as Jerome Nadal once wrote, as a “contemplative in action.” And, indeed, in preparing for homilies or writing the prayers of the faithful, I am often graced to recognize the movement of the Spirit, who encourages me and inspires me to call others and support them in their mission to the world. Yet, honestly, there are times the “action” of my life and of the world can overtake the contemplation, and I find myself filled with anxiety and worry, with a sense of dread and unspiritual resignation. Enflamed but not enlightened, I begin to burn with rage at the lies of politicians and the suffering of refugees. I feel despair at the quietism of Church leaders and oppressed by sins I have committed and by sins I carry, though they were committed by others. And though, even in those moments, a child’s laugh or the kindness of a friend can remind me of the abiding presence of God, it is harder to abide with God in a constant way, harder to trust in the love and mercy in which I believe.

But on this day, away from the internet and outside of cell-phone range, my heart seems to breathe again, and the presence of God, who is filled with wonder and awe at my side, seems obvious: for here is abundance and order, change and permanence, being and becoming, death and resurrection. Here, it seems clear that all those things that worry me as I sit in my office or read social media are as transient as the flashes across the water, and I, like a drop in the river, pass under that flash and amplify or turn it. I am just one a part of a greater whole, moving inexorably in the midst of waters from which I cannot be separated. God is the channel and this river, and in the love of God, we run and flash in ways blessed but free; opened to God, but still full of surprise and wonder. My life is bound up in the whole of this creation, part of what makes up the endless river; and the river moves on, dipping and rising, tripping over stones and slowing down across long patches, all the while making its way to the sea. Along the way, the river gives life, or washes it away, leaving behind something new, yet to grow. In knowing my small but fundamental being (after all, without the particular drops, there is no river), in sensing my true self here, at this bend, all I can feel is grateful. Grateful for the surprise of my life; grateful for the waters which bind me to every other moment and to every other droplet on our way to the sea; grateful for the One who has laid out the path of the river, blessed it with sun and stars with leaves and shadows; the One who enters the flow to share this river—with all its eddies and rapids—with me. Not the “omni” God at all, but the God who weeps and laughs; the God who says, “Wow!”

Deo Gratias!

Reconnect with St. Joseph

We desire to re-engage our current members. Perhaps you are a registered member who has been attending for years and are interested in reconnecting within the Parish. Have you been curious about a ministry? Interested in trying something new? Want to connect with other parishioners? We have 49 ministries with a broad range of activities. Visit us at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Ministries” tile to explore these options.

We look forward to reconnecting with you. Thank you!
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Entrance Songs

The Church’s One Foundation  AURELIA/Stone

1. The Church’s one foundation
2. Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
3. And through toil and tribulation
4. She on earth has union
5. With God, the Three in One,
6. Is his new creation
7. By water and the Word. From
8. Character of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
9. Waits the consummation of peace for evermore
10. Till mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
11. Heav’n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
12. With holy name she blesses, Par-takes one holy food,
13. And with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blessed,
14. And blessed heav’n-ly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace
15. That to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace en-dued.
16. The great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
17. We, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

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

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:

“At that time there shall arise
1. Michael, the great prince,
2. Guardian of your people;
3. It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress
4. Since nations began until that time.
5. At that time your people shall escape,
6. Everyone who is found written in the book.

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;
1. Some shall live forever,
2. Others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

“But the wise shall shine brightly
1. Like the splendor of the firmament,
2. And those who lead the many to justice
3. Shall be like the stars forever.”

Daniel 12:1-3
Signing of the Senses: (5:30) Christ Will Be Your Strength  
Haas

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 16  
Guimont

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. I keep the LORD before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to hell, nor let your holy one see corruption. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss forever.

Second Reading  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Gospel Acclamation  
Syrian Hallelujah  
Traditional

Gospel  
Mark 13:24-32
Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. “And then they will see the ‘Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. “Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
Homily  
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Offertory  
Cantor: A Song of Hope Foley

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.
Plans of fullness, not of harm. To give you a future and a hope.

After a time has gone by, then I will visit you. Fulfill my promise to you and bring you back. Ref.
Then you will call on me and you will pray to me. And I will listen to you and bring you back. Ref.
You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart. I will be found by you. Ref.

(9) Choral: For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
Schubert

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.
For the bread and wine we give you thanks. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Storrington Mass Haugen

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.

Communion Songs

Bread For the World #827

Farrell

Eye Has Not Seen #638

Haas
1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn. So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

(5:30) If You Believe

South African

If you believe and I believe And we together pray, The Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free, And set God's people free, And set God's people free; The Holy Spirit must come down And set God's people free.
**This Week At St. Joseph**

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**Recorded Homilies**

St. Joseph is now recording the homily each weekend. We are sharing those recordings on our website, www.stjo-sephparish.org and also on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle. Please feel free to listen and to share them with others. We hope you enjoy this new feature.

**Jesuit Seattle**

**An Advent Evening of Prayer: The Waiting Room**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 - 7:00 pm  
Seattle First Baptist, Seattle

Allow yourself to let go of the busyness and "shoulds" of the holiday season! This Advent, we join Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth and others in "The Waiting Room," remembering that we are not alone as we wait for what is yet to be. Come to this contemplative ecumenical evening to pray with beautiful music, silence, vivid imagery and rich reflections from presenters Carla Orlando (SEEL Puget Sound) and Rev. Tim Phillips (Seattle First Baptist Church).

Hosted by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.  
For questions call (206) 329-4824 or email Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org, ISC Program Coordinator.
Thank you again and again for your prayerful discernment! For over a century, men and women such as you have prayed over their resources and have placed their trust in the goodness of God. Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished as a place where young people are educated with hope, where seniors gather with joy, where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer & community, & then go forth to share the Eucharist they have received through family work, & service.,

Below are a few examples of the many ways our friends support our parish. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement, at (206) 965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org.

Grow Your Contribution Over Time

• Gift pledges are formal statements of intention to make a gift. Each year, every family in our community affirms their active membership in the St. Joseph Community and pledges what they are able. With a pledge, you may complete your gift by making regular payments over time. Each payment on your pledge is eligible for an income-tax deduction.

• Endowed gifts are safely invested to generate income in perpetuity, providing you an opportunity to make a lasting impact. Gifts can be directed towards an area of service (Building & Grounds, Liturgical Ministry & Art, Faith Formation, Social Ministries & Outreach, Communications & Technology, Jesuit Presence, St. Joseph School), or to greatest need. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965.1654.

• Company Matching Gifts double or sometimes triple the impact of your individual gift. To find out if your employer offers a matching gift program, contact your employer’s personnel office and request a matching gift form. Complete and mail to St. Joseph Parish at 732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112. Retirees may be eligible also.

• Designate your United Way pledge to ensure that your donations go directly to St. Joseph Parish in Seattle, tax identification number EIN# 91-0588423

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 166 pledges which is 9% of our families, totaling $513,108 toward our goal of $1,700,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish! If you haven’t yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work.

Many, many thanks to: Steve & LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Edward & Carolyn Baker, Mike & Kristin Cappetto, L Patrick Carroll & Dee McQuesten, Robert Carroll & Anne Marie Saldaajeno, Mark Castera, Deborah Closs, John & Natalie Coombs, Philip & Barbara Cutler, Michael & Maggie De Laurentis, Jon & Susan Decker, Russell & Carolyn Fairbanks, Gary Fallon & Leona DeRocco, David and Martha Fitzpatrick, Scott Floyd, Margaret Gaffney, Kent Gonzales & Dr. Jackie Gonzales, John & Kate Goodwin, Chris & Julie Thenell Grasseschi, Michael Griffin, Mary Hartrich, Nabil & Layla Jammal, Matt Kostecka & Mary Puttmann, Charles Labuz & Ellen Norby, Catherine Masar, Suzanne Moreau, Mike & Margaret Reese, Louise Robinson, Sigfried & Sondra Santos, John & Jacqueline Scumniotales, Jason & Lisa Snavlin, Sam & Winnie Sperry, Veronika Spies, Michael & Barbara Trentalange, Brian & Carol Ulman, Ellen Villegas and Patricia Whitney.

“Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. … When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

~Pope Francis
## Prayerfully Giving

**Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call**

| Level One  
The Mustard Seed | For those with great hearts but limited resources.  
“*What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and ‘the birds of the sky dwell in its branches.’*” *(Luke 13:18-19)* | A. $150 < $350  
about $2 - $7 a week  
B. $350 < $750  
about $7 - $15 a week |
| Level Two  
Providing for the Mission | For those who sacrifice to build the mission.  
“*Accompanying Jesus were the twelve & some women who had been cured. Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, & many others who provided for them out of their resources.*” *(Luke 8:1-3)* | A. $750 < $1,000  
about $15 - $20 a week  
B. $1,000 < $1,500  
about $20 - $30 a week  
C. $1,500 < $2,500  
about $30 - $50 a week |
| Level Three  
Sowing Bountifully | For those graced & willing to share their bounty.  
“*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*” *(Luke 8:1-3)* | A. $2,500 < $3,500  
about $210 - $300 a month  
B. $3,500 < $5,000  
about $300 - $420 a month  
C. $5,000 < $7,500  
about $420 - $625 a month |
| Level Four  
Faithful & Prudent Stewards | For those blessed with substantial resources & able to share.  
“*Who, then, is the faithful & prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, & still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.*” *(Luke 12:42, 48)* | A. $7,500 < $10,000  
about $625 - $850 a month  
B. $10,000 < $25,000  
about $850 - $2,100 a month  
C. $25,000 < $50,000  
about $2,100 - $4,200 a month  
D. $50,000 < whatever grace moves you to give |
| Level Five  
Spiritual Companions | For those who have only their hearts to give.  
“*When he saw Peter & John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, & said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’*” *(Acts 3:3-6)* | If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayers—the gift that animates all others—are still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph. |
St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:

The Gospel of Luke

Thursday, November 29th
Thursday, December 6th
Monday, December 13th
St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

This is a three-week series, facilitated by Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ who will lead us on an in depth look at the major themes of the Gospel of Luke.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Theresa Lukasik
theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651
Faith Justice

Winter Shelter

Are you are looking for somewhere to volunteer? The Winter Shelter in the St. Joseph gym needs help.

Hosts work in pairs on a particular night of the month. They pick up the men from Martin de Porres. Make the men feel welcomed while serving a snack. The Hosts sleep in a different area than the men. The men are over 50 and generally cold & tired.

We need: 1 Host for the 2nd Tuesday, 1 Host for the 3rd Tuesday, 2 Hosts for the 3rd Thursday, 1 Host for the 4th Thursday.

Life sometimes gets in the way of a host’s night. If you can’t commit to one night a month more ‘back up’ hosts would be lovely.

Odd Jobs: 1. If you are an early riser we need a driver to take the men back downtown and to Martin de Porres on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The men leave St. Joseph’s between 6:20am – 6:30am. You will be back by 7:30am. The St. Joseph bus is not difficult to drive. You don’t need a special license. 2. there is a small group that take a day a week and organizes the shelter kitchen for the night. We need someone for Saturdays. It can be done any time during the day. Takes about 1 hour. Consists of making juice, fixing a meat tray and stocking supplies. If you have any questions or want to sign up please contact: Taffy McCormick at wintershelter@stjosephparish.org

St. Catherine of Siena Mental Health Educational Forum

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 7:00-9:00 PM
St. Catherine of Siena Parish - 814 NE 85th Street
How to Support a Friend with Suicide Loss;
How to Recognize & Refer Someone who is Considering Suicide

Please join us for a presentation by Marny Lombard of Forefront Suicide Prevention at UW. She will share her experience in learning how to live with the grief of a suicide loss, and ways you can support a friend who has suffered a suicide loss. She also will talk about how to recognize warning signs of suicide risk and steps you can take to connect that person with help.

Blood Drive

Every week Bloodworks Northwest collects about 4,500 blood donations. That’s equivalent to enough donors to fill 14 Boeing 747s! This Monday, November 19th, help save a life by giving blood!

Parish Center - 1PM to 7PM - (closed 3 to 4PM)
To make an appointment, please call Renee Leet at 206.324.2522 ext 100

Faith Formation

Pancake Breakfast

Parish Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 2nd.

This breakfast is co-hosted by CFF and PAB following 9am Mass in the Social Hall. All are welcome for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fruit. Coffee, hot cocoa, and juice are provided. The cost is $5 per person; 4 years old and under are free.

You may pay in advance www.stjosephparish.org or pay at the door.

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
Women’s Book Club

Our final book for 2018 is The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín—It is a short and fairly easy read, so you still have time to read it and join in the discussion! We are always happy to have new voices!

We will meet Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00 pm, in the Xavier Room, second floor of the Parish Center. Please feel free to email Katy Huston, Coordinator, at katyh101@gmail.com with questions and/or suggestions of new members.

Turkey Day Ultimate Frisbee

What: 38th Annual Ultimate Frisbee Turkey Bowl
When: Thursday, Nov. 22nd from 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM
Where: Miller Field - 19th and Thomas
Who: Adults plus any junior high school and older sons and daughters

Why: To stretch our legs, to slide on the turf, laugh with and at each other and to give each of us a BIG hug before Thanksgiving Mass and dinner with our loved ones! One other thing – if you have a yellow shirt – bring it along – If you have questions contact Leo Lyons at richard.l.lyons@boeing.com

Seniors On The Go

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 Mollbak’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.
Liturgy & Worship Survey
This weekend begins the St. Joseph online liturgy evaluation sponsored by the parish Liturgy and Worship Commission. This evaluative tool is designed to assist the pastor and parish staff in understanding the aspects of liturgy that support parishioners in active and meaningful participation in the liturgy. We want to know what elements of how we celebrate Mass together help deepen your experience of worship and/or your engagement in the community. We also want to hear from you about elements of our worship together that take away from your experience, that you have questions about and/or that you find distracting.

The survey is currently “live” on the parish website. Simply go to the parish website at https://www.stjosephparish.org and click on the link right there on the front page. **The evaluation will conclude at midnight on Sunday, November 25th.** If you do not have access to a computer or would prefer to fill out a paper evaluation, you can pick one up from the receptionist at the Parish Center. Paper surveys must be dropped off by 7 pm on November 25th. Your feedback is important so thank you for taking the time to fill out an evaluation.

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 22nd, 10:00 am

Please join the community at 10:00 am mass (there will be no early morning mass on Thanksgiving). Please bring two items of food or drink: one from your table to be blessed at the altar during mass, and the second item of food for Francis House, so that others might also be blessed by your generosity. Our collection will be donated to St. Mary’s Food Bank.

Ushers Needed
We are in need of 3 new ushers for the Saturday, 5 pm Mass. If you would like to help, please email ushers@stjosephparish.org

Come Pray With Us!
Monday Night Prayer Groups
Join us in prayer on **Monday, November 19th 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: May Joyce have a good outcome to a health concern. For Ro that she continues to heal and be well. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for all the blessings we have been given. And may God’s love fill us with compassion for all people.

**“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.**

Isaiah 54:10