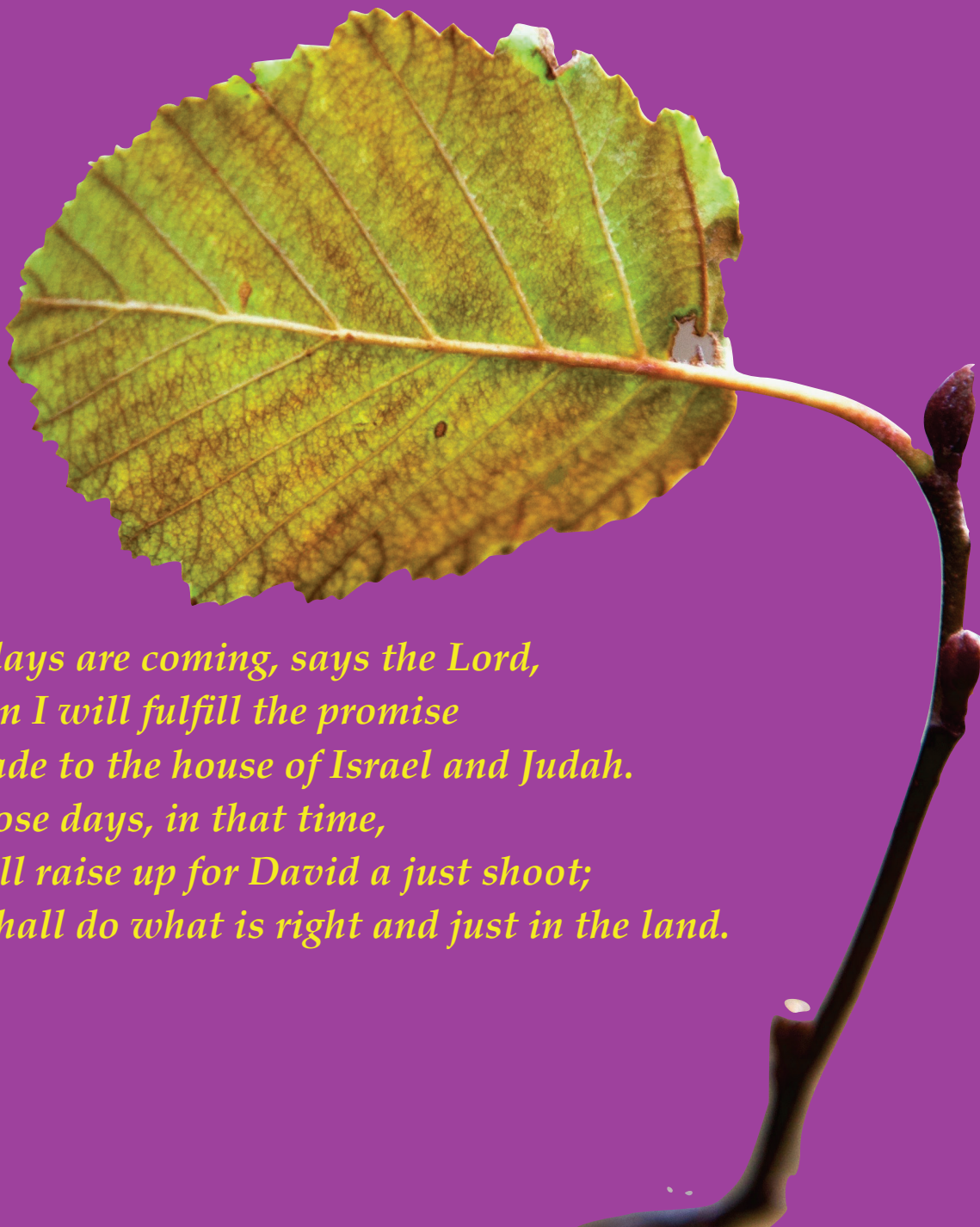




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DECEMBER 2, 2018

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 December 9, 2018

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

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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Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Waiting for the Light

*"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.
Come now, let us set things right," says the LORD.*

-Isaiah 1:15-18a-

Because of His visitation, we may no longer desire God as if He were lacking: our redemption is no longer a question of pursuit but of surrender to Him who is always and everywhere present. Therefore at every moment we pray that, following Him, we may depart from our anxiety into His peace.

-W.H. Auden-

I have long considered the movies, *Godfather I and II*, taken together, to be one of the greatest tragedies ever produced. Like an American *King Lear*, this two part play reveals more than the story of one organized crime family; it reveals something about human nature, and about the nature of sin. Late in the second film, Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) has vanquished all those who threaten his power—some have been killed, others suborned, still others out maneuvered—and he sits with his bodyguard in his Lake Tahoe compound. His father is dead and his mother has just died; his eldest brother, Sonny, was gunned down years before and his brother, Fredo, who had once betrayed him, now impotently spends time fishing with Michael's son. Meanwhile, his sister, though aware that Michael killed her husband, has returned to play the role of homemaker and nanny for him, since his own wife has been banished for aborting the child she would not bring into his world. Alone, surrounded by his near absolute power and wealth, Michael is visited by his adoptive brother, Tom (Robert Duvall) who acts as attorney for the family "*business.*" In this scene, Michael begins by telling Tom he wants his defeated enemies killed; to which Tom replies, "*Michael, you've won. Do you want to wipe everyone out?*" "*I don't feel I have to wipe everyone out, Tom,*" says Michael, "*just my enemies*"—a description grimly clarified by the following scenes, as one old friend is convinced to commit suicide, a former partner is gunned down in an airport, and poor, weak Fredo is shot and dumped into the lake, as his brother looks out at the sunset. "*Just my enemies.*" In this small phrase is encapsulated the tragedy at the center of this film; for once one begins to look for enemies, they seem to arise everywhere.

This scene has been much on my mind in the last weeks, as troops are massed at our southern border, and women with children in diapers run from the tear gas fired by our border patrol agents. Seeing the photos of these poor people—who have not come to sneak across the border but to ask for a legal process (guaranteed in both American and international law) by which they might be recognized as refugees—I have been profoundly saddened, wondering who we have become and how we could have arrived at this point in history. That we would see tormented and impoverished people not as the "*wretched refuse,*" for which the lamp of the Lady in the harbor has long been lifted, but as enemies and invaders says much about where we are as a people, and about the long tragic drift that has led us here. For the events at

the border this last week did not arise out of the ether, nor are they the result of a single disordered moral voice. On the contrary, like the long descent of Michael Corleone, the gassing of women and children, the ability of our government to convince so many of our own sisters and brothers that these migrants pose an existential threat, despite all evidence to the contrary, is the result of choices made, one after another, each one seemingly small—a logical reaction to our fear and anxiety—but which, taken together, have tended to deaden our sense of moral outrage and threaten our national soul with callousness and fear.

Though it has reared its head at other times in the history of the world and the history of our nation, today's particular outbreak of that sin which drives us to destroy all others might well be traced to the horrors of September 11, 2001, when we saw our symbols of national strength—economic, military, political—as unexpectedly vulnerable. In that moment, struck in a way we had never been struck before, on our own soil, in our own home, we faced a choice of vengeance or self-examination, to demonize our enemies or to seek to understand what could drive such hatred. And, like most nations in the history of the world, we chose to seek out our enemy for destruction. But this enemy, because it was not a nation-state was not so easily contained in a single bottle, a single locale: it was everywhere. It was Al Qaeda, then Afghanistan, then Iraq, then ISIS, then Syria, then Islam, then refugees, then foreigners, then immigrants, then those who seem different, then the other political party, then the media, then, then, then. . . *"I don't feel I have to wipe everyone out, Tom, just my enemies."*

Nor can we say that this drift towards a war of all against all did not have its markers along the way. There was Abu Ghraib, where we saw young Americans turned into torturers, and then the Torture Memo, which sought to justify acts for which we had executed people after World War II—acts we hid, now, under euphemisms like *"enhanced interrogation."* And though we were shocked at first, the feeling of outrage soon passed, and the author of the Torture Memo was given a professorship at the UC Berkeley School of Law. Then came Iraq, where lies and deceptions heightened the fear of *"Islamic extremism"* and deepened the divide both within our country and between our country and others. And all the while there were those signs of the sin caused by division that we chose, in our fear, to ignore: drone attacks in civilian areas, the increasing gap between the rich and poor, the hidden incursions into countries most Americans could not find on a map, and a growing unwillingness to listen to each other in the public square. We see Nazis defending free speech with torches and violence, and progressives boasting of *"no Republican friends"* as groups intimidate families of opponents in their homes. And everywhere, it seems, the fear of the *"other"* grows, as anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim prejudice becomes a common part of political discourse, as shouting down your opponents rather than debating them becomes

the norm, as media becomes either propaganda or an *"enemy of the people."* All these are markers of deepening sin, part of the slow slide to make *"other"* synonymous with *"enemy"*—and it has happened among progressives and conservatives, within political parties and even within the Church. Though occasionally shocked—for a three day news cycle—we too often ignore the markers of our descent, ignore them because of anxiety or fear, or because we have chosen our camp and feel we cannot violate its rules simply for the sake of truth. Like Michael Corleone, we sit in isolation and fear, even amid all our prosperity, believing we must increase our power, so as to destroy not just those who have attacked us, but all who will not submit themselves to our unquenchable anxiety: *"I don't feel I have to wipe everyone out, Tom, just my enemies."*

I believe that this is why, even in the face of evidence, we, as a nation, cannot seem to muster a sense of common truth, a unified sense of decency sufficient to say: *"We are not at war with refugees and migrants, and we must not use weapons of war against them. We are called by God to welcome them."* Instead, each side holds to its own truth, even though it costs them happiness, and even while men and women, children and infants continue to suffer and to die.

Left to our own devices, this descent into hatred and division would seem to have no end but death. But we have not been left to our own devices, have not been left to wallow in the darkness of our own fear and anxiety. On the contrary, we have been loved in a quite absolute and irreversible way: loved by One who knit us together in our mother's womb and placed us in the center of this bountiful and beautiful creation; loved by One who chose to enter all the darkness and anxiety that keeps us from knowing the truth of that first gift. We have been loved—we are loved today—by One who, as St. Paul says, *"made himself to be sin . . . so that we might become the righteousness of God"* (2Cor. 5:21). In the darkest days of winter, and in a time of such great fear and division, this love seems just a small light, but it is a light that has never gone out and cannot be overcome. It is a light that kindles other lights, a flame that grows brighter every time we refuse to hate, refuse to fear, refuse to make of any other person an enemy. This love, this light, we recall in the weekly lighting of the Advent wreath. But more than that, we recall it in every little act of inclusion and resistance, of mercy and courage. We recall it every time we love our enemies and pray, with true compassion, for those who persecute us; every time we welcome the refugee and the guy wearing the MAGA hat; every time we preach the truth not by shouting someone else down but by opening ourselves up to true dialogue; every time we stand at the side of the tear-gassed mother and invite into our circle those who guard the border. For in Christ there is no enemy, only beloved ones, waiting for the light.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



Prelude

(5&11) Ad Te Levavi

*Ad te [Domine] levavi animam meam, Deus meus, in te confido:
non erubescam neque irrideant me inimici mei. Etenim universi qui te expectant non confundentur.
Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.*

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

(9) Advent Introit

Proulx

Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Rejoice, the Lord is at hand. Prepare.

Call To Worship

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Entrance Song

Christ, Circle Round Us

Schutte



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav-en's throne.



Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.
Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see.
Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.
Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home.



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.



Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks-giv - ing.

Blessing The Advent Wreath

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Strike breast during next line.

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor: Chris - te e - le - i - son. All: Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Haugen

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths and keep me in the ways of your truth. For you are God, my savior. *Ref.*

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander Gently leading the poor and the humble. *Ref.*

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy. *Ref.*

Second Reading

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Murray

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(9) Advent Alleluia

Joncas

Hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu - ia, hal-le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Homily

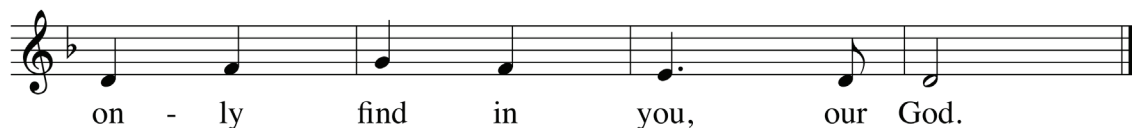
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Offertory

There Is A Longing

Quigley

Refrain



Verses



1. For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2. For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3. For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4. Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
dark - ness.	We call you,	we wait:

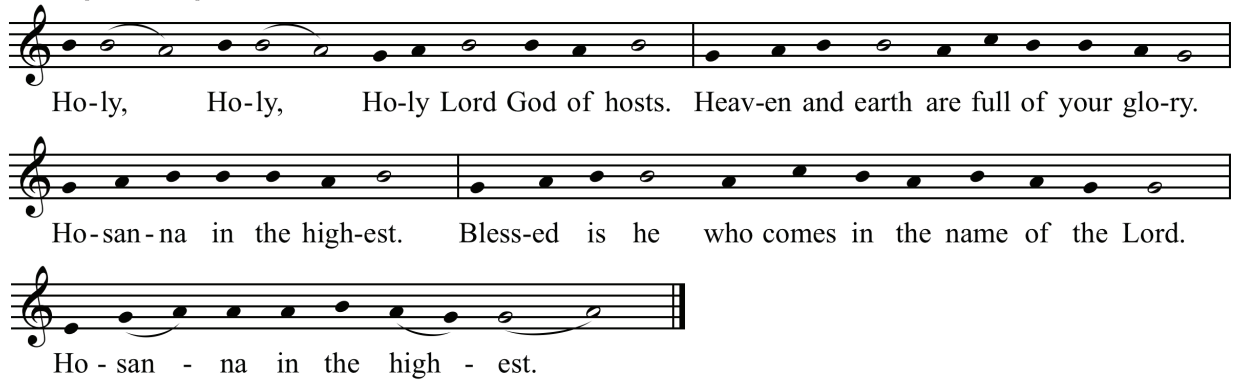


be near, hear our prayer, O God.

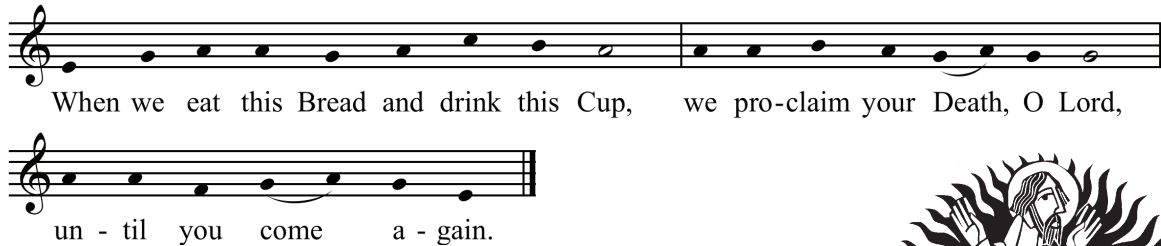
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Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant



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 PRESIDERS & INDICATE THIS.**

Communion Songs

Let Justice Roll Like A River #716

Haugen

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, _____ and
wash all op - pres-sion a - way; Come, O God, and take us,
move and shake us, come now and make us a - new, _____
_____ that we might live just - ly like you. _____

(5:30) Jesus, Hope Of the World

Tate

Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our dark-ness,
here we a - wait you, O Mas-ter Di - vine. Here we re-ceive you in
bread and in wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.

Song Of Praise

O Day Of Peace

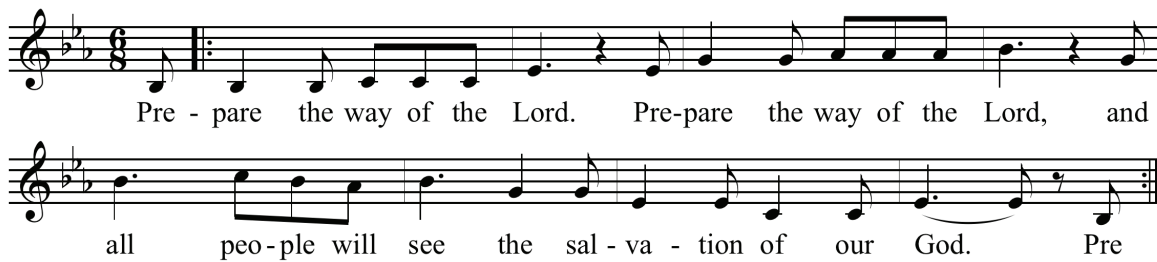
JERUSALEM/Daw

O day of peace that dim - ly _____ shines through all our
Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb nor shall the
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly _____
love; de - liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -
hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, till by God's
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of
grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's pro - mised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Recessional

(5:30) *Prepare the Way*

Taize



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Immaculate Conception Mass

Because the Immaculate Conception occurs on a Saturday, December 8th, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will be a 7 am Mass to celebrate the Solemnity in the Parish Center on that day. The Parish celebration of the Blessed Mother will occur on Wednesday, December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us at 7 am in the Parish Center Arrupe Room or 7 pm in the church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



Sunday

9:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast - Join us!
11:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer Group
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM RCIA

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

7:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass

STEWARDSHIP

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 318 pledges which is 17% of our families, totaling \$677,820 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: Samuel Alworth & Roxanne Yeo, Fred & Sheri Andrews, Michelle Beauclair, Ryan Belmont & Elizabeth Pierce, Richard & Madeline Bersamina, Dr. Travis Brayak, Vanessa Briley, Kathleen Calvert, Jeffrey & Kristine Campbell, Chris Carney & Silvia Casadei, Frances Chikahisa, Noel & Stephanie Cross, Craig Crutcher, Caroline Daly, Del & Amy Davis, James & Mary Helen Dean, Timothy Dellit & Elizabeth McNamara, Robert Dennis & Anita Frankovic, Elizabeth Devine, Ron & Maureen DiGiacomo, Frisco & Lauren Divina, Joan Duroe, Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM, Curt & Olga Dyckman, Terrence & Joan Earls, Richard & Linda Ellis, Jason & Carly Elrod, Sigrid Endresen, Helena Eng, Ms. Elaine Ethier, Aaron & Kymberly Evanson, Vincent Fan & Sarah Rafton, John & Ann Felton, Mark Firmani & Joy Portella, Domingo & Dawn Gomez, Ryan & Lauren Grammer, Edgar Haimerl & Annette Rembold, James & Kim Hanneman, Peter & Claire Hansen, Kathy Hastings, Caroline Hauge, Sharon Hoglund, Sue Horther, Matthew & Ashley Hylton, Matthew Kearney, Maida Kennedy Xiao, William & Beth Ketcham, John Kew, II & Sarah O'Neill, Betty Kill, Angela Kleinsasser, Brian & Lisa Leitzelar, Theresa Lukasik, Doug May & Chabella McCarthy-May, Robert & Eileen McCaffery-Lent, Brandon & Nancy McCraw, Roger & Gayle McNulty, Chris Meyers & Enrica Marocco, Anthony Michetti, Sheldon & Ayudia Midgett, Bruce & Catherine Mirkin, George Moore, Matt & Anne Moran, Anna Morzinski, Vincent & Catherine Mullally, James & Patricia Navone, Darragh & Lila O'Mahony, Nancy Olson, Todd Paulson & Shawn Needham, Brian & Giselle Pavlovec, Jane Perry, Rasa Raisys, David & Annette Raubvogel, Helen Robel, Joan Robertson, James & Gabrielle Roffey, Glen & Elizabeth Rogers, Michael & Jennifer Rothmeyer, Wolf & Leilani Saar, Paul & Debra Sauvage, Rohan Sebastian, Bob Sepulveda & Mary Linden Sepulveda, Phil & Kerri Shigo, Douglas & Irene Smart, Gregory & Meghan Squires, Paul & Tracey Stone, Matthew Thompson & Lisa Babinec, Matthew & Jennifer Tilghman-Havens, Brian & Lena Waite, Sean Walsh & Julie Tilghman, Matthew West & Elizabeth Hanley, Paige Wilson and Lucian & Shannah Wischik.



POPE-POURRI

*You tell us that to love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete:
it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely.
And you are, dear brothers and sisters, are the face of Jesus.*

~Pope Francis

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.

FAITH JUSTICE



St. Joseph Giving Tree

Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners!
Instructions: GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th at 9am.



1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
3. Please attach the ornament tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the Giving Tree or the Parish Center. Note: The last day of our collection is Monday, December 17th.
5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Ornaments Color Codes: Gold Westside Baby; Red Francis House; Blue St. Martin de Porres; Purple Jubilee Women's Center; Yellow Chief Seattle Club; Brown Winter Shelter; Light Green L'Arche; Orange Recovery Café; Light Blue Noel House; Black Peace on the Streets for Kids on the Streets; Dark Green Pregnancy Support; White St. Vincent de Paul; Pink and Blue –Wintonia residents.



**Share the
Journey** ☼
[#sharejourney](https://www.sharejourney.org)

Casa Latina Breakfast

Share The Journey Breakfast for Day Laborers at Casa Latina
Thursday, December 20th - 7:00 to 9:00 am - 317 17th Ave S

As part of our parish efforts in support of our sisters and brothers who are refugees and immigrants, we are putting on a breakfast for 100 people at Casa Latina. We need money to buy food items and volunteers to help cook, serve and clean-up. We need items they can include in their raffle: \$10-\$25 dollar gift cards to Starbucks and McDonald's; \$25-\$50 gift cards to Safeway or QFC; winter gloves, jackets and hats. To help please contact Kaitlyn O'Leary at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org To learn more about Casa Latina go to their website <http://casa-latina.org/>



PARISH LIFE

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 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.

Volunteer Needed

TRANSPORTATION TO SUNDAY 9AM MASS

A long-time parishioner who lives on Queen Anne Hill and is now unable to drive is in need of an occasional ride to and from the Sunday 9am Mass. If you are able to help, please contact Deacon Steve for details at steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

St. Joseph School Scrip Program – Now Online!

Shop with SCRIP cards now through an app on your phone! What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a program that gives a percentage back to the school when you shop – simply purchase gift cards at face value and the business donates a portion of that card back to the school.

How to sign-up: 1 - Register as a new user at <http://shop.shopwithscrip.com> using the St. Joseph enrollment code: F43152BC2147 2 - Register with PrestoPay. <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Family/Order/PrestoPay> once confirmed you can start shopping! 3 – Download the MyScripWallet to your mobile device. www.myscripwallet.com - On an iPhone, select the upward arrow icon at the bottom of the screen. Choose 'Add to Home Screen', then 'Add'. On Android phones, access the Chrome menu button and select 'Add to home screen', then 'Add'. Click on the icon to access the site just as you would to open an app.

This is for ONLINE SCRIP ONLY! Please do not purchase physical cards online. Physical cards are available in the school lobby in the mornings, Monday – Friday or in the Advancement Office.

Gathering of Filipino Parishioners

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is hosting a gathering of parishioners who are native to, or identified with the country of the Philippines.

Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
St. Joseph's Parish Center - Mother Teresa Room
Why are we meeting?

To see how we might bring the richness of Filipino culture to the larger St. Joseph's community; building on what we did last year at the We are St. Joseph's Cultural Celebration. One thought was celebrating a Filipino Feast day or tradition such as Simbang Gabi. This is part of a larger effort to celebrate who we are as a parish in our diversity of culture. For more information contact Fr. Julian Climaco, SJ at JClimaco@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Ministry

December Social: Ugly Sweater Party

Sunday, December 16th, after the 5:30 pm Mass
St. Joseph Parish Center - Arrupe Room

Join the St. Joseph Young Adult Community as we meet for festive fellowship in the Parish Center. Wear your finest, "ugliest" holiday sweater to kick the season off right! We'll be playing a game of Dirty Santa/ White Elephant gift exchange, so bring a present you'd like to swap or trade to participate! Food and drink will be provided for a cost of \$10.00 per person. For details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Advent Bible Study

Join the Young Adult Bible Study as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus during Advent! We will be reading and discussing Richard Rohr's book: Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent. Plan to meet 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 for dinner at 6:30 and discussion at 7:00pm. Please email Sabrina at spopoff@spu.edu to RSVP and with any questions! We are looking forward to growing in our faith with you!



St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:



The Gospel of Luke

Come Join us even if you missed the first part.

Thursday, December 6th

Thursday, 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. Join us in breaking open the gospel for the new liturgical year.

For more information and to **RSVP** please contact Theresa Lukasik

theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

February 1-3, 2019
La Conner, WA

On the Path of Friendship Inspiring Care for One Another

Please join with married couples of all ages and walks of life as we gather for a weekend of spiritual reflection and fellowship.

"Marriage is an inevitable mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures, but always on the path of friendship, which inspires married couples to care for one another."

— Pope Francis, *Amoris Lætitia*



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For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org.

* Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP



Come Pray With Us!

Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, December 3rd 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us as we celebrate the Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm. This Feast Day commemorates the apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1531 to the humble St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. Mary appeared to an indigenous man at a time when many felt the devastation of indigenous culture after the Spanish conquest. The miraculous appearance of Mary's image on Juan Diego's coarse cloak was a sign that God's love is for all people. Her image remains on the cloak which hangs in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The fourth grade students will help bring this story to life for our parish community. All are welcome to join us for Mass and to enjoy Mexican bread and warm drinks afterward. We hope you will join us!

Our Beloved Dead

Thank you for sharing pictures of your loved ones that were placed on the altar during November. They can be picked up in the Parish Center hallway below the large bulletin board.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Notes from a child found in our church pew -- "*Don't be afraid to go to the ege to be uncomferbel . . . shair faith . . . be jenaris*" -- homily in a nutshell! . . . For a woman to regain her speech after a mysterious ailment . . . For a young man to have courage to begin AA . . . A place for those who need to be safe and looked after in their golden years.



"Do not be afraid for I am with you."
~Isaiah 41:10

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

St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 22, 12 noon to 4 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 22, 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 23, 9:00 am & 11 am Mass

(no 5:30 pm Mass)

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm, Children's Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)

6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening

10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

New Year's

Tuesday, January 1, 2018

10:00 am Mass, Mary Mother of God