When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.
A Lesson from Shakespeare

Grant them removed and grant that this your noise
Hath chid down all the majesty of England.
Imagine that you see the wretched strangers,
Their babies at their backs, with their poor luggage
Plodding to th’ ports and coasts for transportation,
And that you sit as kings in your desires,
Authority quite silenc’d by your brawl,
And you in ruff of your opinions clothed,
What had you got? I’ll tell you: you had taught
How insolence and strong hand should prevail,
How order should be quell’d, and by this pattern
Not one o you should live an aged man,
For other ruffians, as their fancies wrought,
With self-same hand, self reasons, and self right,
Would shark on you, and men like ravenous fishes
Would feed on one another.

-William Shakespeare-

For as you judge, so will you be judged,
and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

-Matthew 7:2-

When I was in graduate school, studying English at the University of Chicago, I had a wonderful and somewhat quirky teacher, Mr. Blakely, for my course on Shakespeare. An expert on King Lear, and the differences between the folio version and the quarto version, he brought so much enthusiasm and humanity to the study of Shakespeare that it was easy to be caught up in the beauty and the power of what we were reading. Each week, he would open for us a new play, and help us to find not just the way Shakespeare played with language or meter, created phrases that have become cliche or speeches that have roused nations—all of which are important—but the ways in which this commoner from the English working classes raises up the human experience, gives voice to the longings and the passions of the human heart. Though it was easy (and delightful) for us “literature nerds” to get lost in the rhythms and the poetry of the Bard, our teacher always drew us deeper into the scene, to show the moral person at the center of every one of the plays. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Shakespeare never seems to sacrifice the ethical to the aesthetic, never abandons the humanity of his characters for the sake of his rhyme. Rather—and this above is what stays with me after 37 years—for all his creativity with language, for all his wonderful and soaring speeches, Shakespeare’s greatest gift to us may be the way in which he reveals the noble character of ordinary women and men by giving, even to his comic figures, inner lives that emerge through the beautiful writing of this author.

I have not thought of Mr. Blakely for many years, yet was reminded of him this week when, hunkering down in my chilly office and avoiding the work I should probably have been doing (I am always a layabout on snow days), I chanced upon a video of Ian McKellen, who played Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings movies, reading a passage from
Shakespeare’s unpublished work on St. Thomas More (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjEaeOshUGQ). Though the play itself was never finished, and the speech was long censored because of fears that it would evoke civil unrest, I recalled, when I saw McKellen, that Mr. Blakely had encouraged us to read More as part of Shakespeare’s collected works. And so I leaned back and listened as this great English actor read a speech I had never before heard out loud, a speech that bears all the signs of its author’s genius, but approaches a subject that seems as contemporary today as it was on the day it was written—a speech that evoked in me not images of 16th century England nor even of my school days in Chicago, but of detention centers along the border, of razor wire in the streets of El Paso, and of children pulled from their parents into the abyss of an unyielding bureaucracy.

The setting of More’s speech is the second act of the play. A gang of English citizens, incited by their leaders to blame their own poverty on the influx of workers from abroad, have begun to riot in the streets, determined to drive out the “strangers” among them. Fearful and violent, the crowd encounters the young lawyer, Thomas More, who stands before them, calling them to respect the law; but more than that, calling them to consider their own humanity and the humanity of those they would exile. As he stands on the green, he speaks words which should give pause to every person convinced of their own self-righteous nationalism, every woman or man who would justify the detention of refugees and the separation of their children in the name of national sovereignty. Pressing them on the cost of their victory and on the suffering they would inflict to win it, Shakespeare’s More asks: “Imagine that you see the wretched strangers, / Their babies at their backs with poor luggage / Plopping to th’ ports and coasts for transportation, / And that you sit as kings in your desires . . . / What had you got?” And then, in an exposition that might be well considered not just by Americans, but also by the Western Europeans who bar the door to the suffering masses of Africa and the Middle East, the speech reminds the hearer of the slippery slope of thuggery and nationalism, of self-righteousness and cruel mistreatment of the weak by the powerful. For if self-interest and the power of law can be used to brutalize the immigrant, how long until it might be used on others—the Catholic or the Jew, the working poor or those less vital to the national interest? As Shakespeare warns: “For other ruffians, as their fancies wrought, / With self-same hand, self reasons, and self right, / Would shark on you, and men like ravenous fishes / Would feed on one another.” We cannot treat with cruelty the weakest of human beings, cannot send them packing or rob them of their dignity and rights, without placing ourselves in peril, and risking that—though today we are the lions, we may one day be the prey.

This week, a few weeks after it was reported that thousands of children separated from their parents at the border are lost in the bureaucracy of immigrant detention, some of our leaders have announced that it will cost too much and be too much trouble to reunite those who were kidnapped from their families. In the same week, we are told that we must begin a new nuclear arms race, “outspending and out innovating” our opponents in the development of objects whose only success comes when they are not used, and which can never be used morally. We have heard of the easing of laws regarding abortion, without any simultaneous commitment to assist those who often only fearfully consider this tragic course. And we have been inveighed—over and over again—to act from our fears instead of our virtue: to build walls instead of bridges, to string barbed wire through our neighborhoods and barbed comments in our discourse. We have been told that we must send the “strangers” packing, lest they steal our jobs and kill our children, even though when we look at those who come to the border, they seem less the fiends of our nightmares than the image of our own ancestors, seeking life and fleeing death. Fear, everywhere proclaimed, chills our heart and threatens our nation more than snow or storm or any outside foe.

To hear anew these words of Shakespeare, written more than four centuries ago, reminds us how often self-righteous violence emerges from our fears, and how grave can be its effects. Yet, in these cold winter days, we—like More, like Shakespeare—do not need to grow cold ourselves, but have the warming example of Christ to call upon. For what inspired More, what inspired Shakespeare, should inspire us as well to stand up to the voices of hate and inhumanity, of fear and false indictment. For we who are empowered by the Spirit to love as Christ has loved us, who are given the grace to measure our actions not by the compass of the world but by the heart of Jesus himself, will stand with the broken and the outcast, will welcome the refugee and the migrant, will tear down the walls that keep us from our sisters and brothers and build the reign of God within our world.

And when we stand with all women and men, united as God’s beloved, then we can say, as the crowd responds to More’s speech, “Before God, that’s as true as the gospel.”

Recorded Homilies
St. Joseph is now recording the homily each weekend. We are sharing those recordings on our website, www.stjosephparish.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.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Entrance Songs

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!” At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, “See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm  

Psalm 138

I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.  

Ref.

I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams. On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul.  

Ref.

All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice. And all shall sing of your ways: “how great is the glory of God!”  

Ref.

Second Reading  

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Acclamation  

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Gospel  


While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Homily  

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
Dismissal of Candidates & Catechumens

**(5:30)** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*  
Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Offertory Song

*Come and Follow Me*  
Franzak

If anyone would come and follow me, my disciple you would be. Leave the past behind, seek and you will find all you're called to be. If anyone would come and follow me, know the truth will set you free. Give and you receive. Trust me and believe. Come and follow me.

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Schutte

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.
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.

Great Amen
Lamb of God

Communion Song  Lord, When You Came/Pescador de Hombres  Cabarain

Song of Praise

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Hymn of Joy

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
3. Lord, you bless with words astounding: "I am with you to the end."

Lest the Church neglect its mission, And the Gospel go unheard,
That the world may trust your promise, Life abundant meant for each,
Faith and hope and love restoring, May we serve as you intend,

Help us witness to your purpose With renewed integrity;
Give us all new fervor, draw us Closer in community;
And, amidst the cares that claim us, Hold in mind eternity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

Recessional (5:30)

God Has Chosen Me

Farrell

Verses

1. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.
2. God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.

Refrain

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and break down fear, yes, God's time is near.

1.

2.
**Liturgies and Worship**

**Come Pray With Us!**

**Monday Night Prayer Groups**

Join us in prayer this **Monday 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. We have volunteers ready to help guide those who are just learning.

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**Faith Justice**

**We Are All Immigrants**

A conversation with St. Joseph School alum, parishioner and former US Attorney, John McKay.

**Wed, Feb 27th - 6:45 am – 8:00 am - School Auditorium Breakfast Meeting**

In addition to serving as the chief federal prosecutor, John has led the national legal aid program for the poor and recently spent two years in Palestine running a State Department human rights and rule of law program.

- How many of us feel confused, angry and saddened by the inability of our elected officials to put into place a more humane and workable system for those seeking asylum and legal entry into the United States?
- What about our experience right here and now in our school and church community? What biases do we bring that might impact how welcoming and inclusive others perceive us to be? RSVP lbartlett@stjosephsea.org. Breakfast provided!

For details contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

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**Racial Justice Book Group**

The Racial Justice Book Group had a meaningful discussion of our last book, *White Fragility*. Please join other parishioners at our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7 pm** in the Parish Center to discuss the book *Just Like Us, The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America* by Helen Thorpe. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. Please email Mary de Rosas at mderosas@pnwimmigration.com with any questions or to RSVP.


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Prayer Shawl Ministry - Shawls available after Mass on Feb 9/10

Our ministry was founded Fall 2013 by a group of parishioners wishing to come together in community to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and healing. Our monthly gatherings are a time to share, pray, reflect, rejoice, and learn from one another. When our shawls are finished, with many blessings of healing prayed into every stitch, Father John or Deacon Steve join us to bless the shawls before they are given to someone in need. We are knitters and crocheters of all levels and abilities and we welcome all to join. There are talented teachers in our group who can help beginners, and supplies of yarn are available.

The maker of the shawl begins and ends their craft with prayers and a blessing for the recipient. Some uses for a shawl are for those undergoing medical treatments, to comfort one after a loss, during bereavement, during hospice treatment, commitment or marriage ceremonies, during an illness and recovery, for caretakers ministering to others...the possibilities are endless.

We meet monthly in the Parish Center on the first Tuesday at 7 pm. We meet in the Brebeuf Room, which is located downstairs. Our ministry would greatly appreciate donations of yarn and/or money to purchase yarn. Donations of yarn can be brought to the Parish Center. If you wish to make a monetary donation to our fund to buy yarn for the shawls, we welcome the gift.

If you have donations or questions about our ministry or joining, please contact: Sheila Prusa at prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph’s Prayer Shawl Request
Please submit completed form to the Parish Office. Contact the Prayer Shawl Ministry coordinator, Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com or Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646 if you have any questions or special concerns. Requests will be filled on a first come basis, subject to availability. Volunteers are welcome to join us in creating an outward sign of the love and care our parish has for those who are suffering.

Your name: ________________________________________________________________________

Your phone number: _________________________________________________________________

Who is the shawl or blanket for?:_______________________________________________________

Is the recipient:  Adult Female  Adult Male  Child Female  Child Male

Color or material preferences? ___________________________________________________________________

Type of shawl requested: Shawl  Lap/wheelchair blanket  Baby blanket

Why would you like this person to receive a shawl? _________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Request filled with Shawl # _________________

Young Adult Ministry

Third Sunday Socials: Canterbury Ale House
Sunday, Feb 17th - 6:30-8 pm

New to St Joseph?  Not new to St. Joseph?  Looking to continue your fellowship outside of Mass?  Join us for Third Sunday Socials at Canterbury Ale House (534 15th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112) on each third Sunday of the month.  This is a casual, no-obligation, social way to connect with fellow young adults.  Open to all ages.  Meet at the back of church after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass or meet us there.  Questions?  Reach out to Patrick Mireur pmireur@gmail.com
THE DETENTION LOTTERY
A PLAY
Thursday March 7th, 7-9pm in St. Joseph Social Hall

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN IMMERSIVE COURT ROOM DRAMA SET IN A US IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER

- Devised from first-hand experience of Immigrants' Rights attorneys.
- Written by Margaret O'Donnell – Global Law Advocates PLLC, directed by Melissa Campos, and performed by Seattle area immigration attorneys.
- Detainees will be randomly selected from the audience.

LEARN ABOUT IMMIGRATION:
✓ RIGHTS
✓ ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM
✓ COURT PROCEEDINGS

POST SHOW TALKBACK

Hosted by the St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission
St. Joseph Social Hall – 732 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112 – Enter thru doors off the free parking lot in back of the church off 19th
NO CHARGE – a free-will offering will be taken up for Casa Latina
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St. Joseph
St. Patrick’s Day Party
Saturday, March 9th, 6 pm
Parish Social Hall

Live Irish Music with Whiskey Mary Band
Live Irish Dancers from Tara Academy

Beer, Wine, Coffee and Non-Alcoholic drinks provided
No need to buy a ticket! Just come and bring a finger food item or dessert to share (no dinner provided it is potluck)

We will pass the hat to cover any expenses!

Movie and games for the kids!

To volunteer, please sign up using the link at our website
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St. Joseph Parish
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE
As we face the current moment in the Catholic Church, we are reminded that the Church has faced times of great crisis and reform in the past.

✦ What major reforms in the history of the Church can shine light on our current crisis?

✦ What lessons from the past can help us today?

✦ Most reforms in the past have been led by religious orders; the current reform will require major lay leadership.

Presenter: Pat Howell, SJ
Interim Director Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University
The St. Joseph Exploratory Drama Class Presents
Annie
Thursday, 2/28 & Friday, 3/1
7:00 in the Auditorium
Buy your tickets online or at the door!
General Admission **Ages
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Ages 2-11: $5
Lap children: Free
Doors will open at 6:15

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