

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



"For every tree is known by its own fruit."

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARCH 3, 2019

Homily This Week: John D. Whitney, S.J. Homily Next Week: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

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

Readings for March 10, 2019

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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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Monday- Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

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Entering Lent

Let us fast in such a way that we lavish our lunches upon the poor, so that we may not store in our purses what we intended to eat, but rather in the stomach of the poor.

-Caesarius of Arles-

Lent is almost upon us: that season of abstinence and prayer, of repentance and humility, when Christians are invited to abstain from some little pleasure—from chocolate or Coke, from Facebook or lattes—in the hope that these acts of sacrifice might help us to become more conscious of the sacrifice of Christ, who gave himself up for us. It is the season of alms and of the parish Rice Bowl, when we are asked to collect our change in little paper octagons, for the care of the hungry around the world. It is the season for reconciliation and the Sacrament of Confession, when the Church invites us to find healing in our own hearts and give healing to others (perhaps including the Church herself). It is that season when we are invited to step outside, as best we can, the frenetic pace of our obligations, to step away from the anger and the grief that marks our world, and to recall the slow work of salvation that encircles us, year by year, and through which all the sources of anger and grief—all the sins of our hearts and of our institutions—will be brought to ashes by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the power of love made manifest in his resurrection. Lent is a season begun with the ashes of burned palms smeared onto our foreheads in the shape of a cross, and completed with the waving of new palms and the retelling of that ancient story of betrayal and death.

When I was a young boy, I loved the notion of giving up something for Lent. It seemed heroic to refrain from something that I enjoyed, to prove that I could live without candy or soda or television for a whole forty days—just like Jesus in the desert! I must admit, I rarely thought of the poor in those days, or of how my heroic little sacrifice might do good for others—it was really about me, after all, proving myself worthy to be at the side of Jesus, or (even less admirably) proving that I was strong enough to last for the whole season.

When I grew older, like many of my peers, I began to reject the notion of "giving up" things for Lent, thinking that such penances were signs of an "unenlightened spirituality" that believed suffering could be salvific. How much better it would be, I decided, to do something good for others instead (as though the two practices were mutually exclusive). During this time, I kept a bowl for alms on my dresser, where my change would go at the end of the day, and I would try to speak with greater kindness to those I met, intentionally helping at least one person a day. Though often more difficult than any of the sacrificial gestures of my childhood, these practices of doing some little good act for Lent always seemed unsatisfying, in part because they reminded me what I should be doing all through the year and in part because they were still about me: about my goodness, my heroism.

Yet, for all the romantic self-absorption that can go with giving things up, and for all the lack of satisfaction found in doing small acts of kindness and mercy, Lent has continued to be my favorite season of the Church year—indeed, it has deepened for me, even as those romantic and heroic notions have faded. Today, Lent seems the most human season in the entire calendar, the season that reminds us of who we are in this world, of who we are called to be, and of how resisting this call is the source of misery, while accepting it is life. For as I have grown old and grey, with creaky knees and a heart full of longing for lost friends and family, I have discovered that we are all on the way to Jerusalem—all living in the shadow of death, and loss, and sorrow. No longer are the sacrifices of Lent signs of my heroic abilities and personal strength; rather, I see them now as icons—small symbols of the great losses that come to us inevitably as human beings, and which we must either accept with Christ or resist at our peril. For those whom we love pass away, and the strength on which we have depended fails; institutions we thought would sustain us reveal corruption, and the glow of reputation is easily dulled. All the palms of honor and glory, of riches and pride are burned up in the course of our life, and we are left with ashes. To resist this is to resist the human experience—to try to hide ourselves from suffering and loss—and it leads us to act out in rebellion. We see it in those who hoard their wealth or depend on their power, on those who live in denial and fear.

But there is another way to encounter the losses that come to us as human beings, and that is to embrace them, to make them sacrifices offered to God, the spending of our lives for the blessing of others. And here, again, Lent offers us a model. For just as the *giving up* of some token symbolizes our acceptance of the losses that will come, so the *giving to* of our alms to the poor symbolizes the way in which love makes suffering into sacrifice, and loss into grace, through our communion with Jesus. For the world may make ashes of all our accomplishments—of our power, our glory, our honor, our riches—but when those ashes are shaped into the sign of the cross, they mark us out as what we are to be: women and men chosen by Christ to share in his death and resurrection.

The call of Lent to let go of the things of this world is the call of time itself, and the promise of Lent—that the seed which falls to the ground will bear a rich harvest—is the promise at the center of our faith. We believe, as St. Augustine says, that "we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song," even though, in our day-to-day life, if often feels more like Lent than Easter. We trust in the coming of spring (which is what the word, "lent" means), but we have not yet felt the fullness of its warmth.

Today, I still give up something during Lent, still make

some small sacrifice like foregoing lattes for drip coffee or trade in candy in favor of fruit. This year that sacrifice will be social media, including Facebook, as well as sweets. Further, I will still try to offer some extra gift of alms—putting the money I don't spend on sweets into the Rice Bowl, or making sure I send something at the end of Lent to Jesuit Refugee Service. Yet, I do these things now, not because any of them are so individually important; rather, I do them to nurture the habit of giving with love; do them to exercise the muscles of grace that will enable me to be strong when real sacrifice is demanded, when the real cost of discipleship is called forth. I know God will ask more of me in the future, that new ways of participating in the cross may already be on the horizon, and I want to be ready to embrace it with the One who embraces me and takes me from cross to resurrection.

In the world around us, many are suffering, and many are filled with fear. We are, each of us, like the boy in the gospel, who stands near Christ with a couple of fish and a few small loaves. All that we have is almost nothing compared to the hunger of the crowd—compared to the power of suffering and darkness that comes to humanity. Indeed, even those among us who are blessed with great wealth and power in the world cannot keep that suffering away; so it can be tempting to hold onto our loaves and fish with all our might. Yet, in Lent we face the call to give all that we have into the hands of Christ—to let it go with love and faith. We can try to hold tight and hoard what we have for ourselves, and if we do, though we may be fed for awhile, the world will starve. On the other hand, if we choose to sacrifice all we have and all we are to Christ, if we put our smallness into the hands of the Son of God, if we take Lent seriously and make our simple acts of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving into signs of our deeper response to God, then God will respond to us as God responded to Jesus. And, suddenly, our small gifts of self—the symbols we bring—will, like sacraments, become what they symbolize: the great gift of self which is communion with God and the fullness of resurrection.

Let us form, then, in this Lent, the habit of gift and sacrifice, the habit of faith and hope, the habit of giving to God the small things we can, so that we may be generous and joyful when great things are asked. And when those great things are asked of us, may we give all we have and all we are, with living faith that God will make it enough to raise the world from the dead.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



First Reading

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;

so do one's faults when one speaks.

As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,

so in tribulation is the test of the just.

The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;

so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.

Praise no one before he speaks,

for it is then that people are tested.



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Sirach 27:4-7







Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night. *Ref.*

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. *Ref.*

Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the LORD is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *Ref.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



Alleluia

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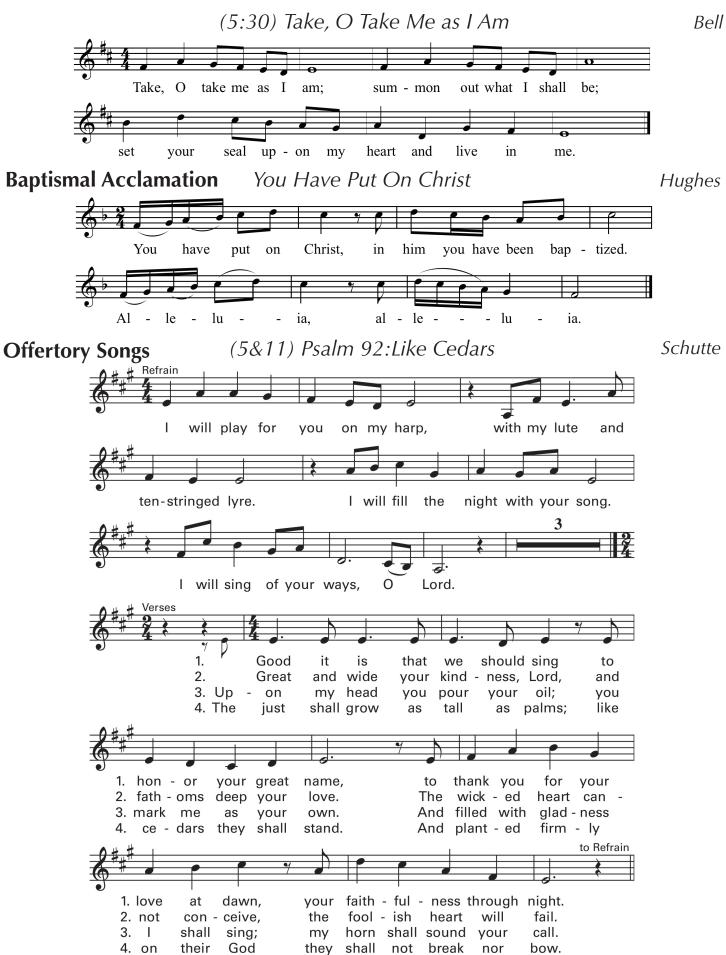
Gospel Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Dismissal of Candidates & Catechumens

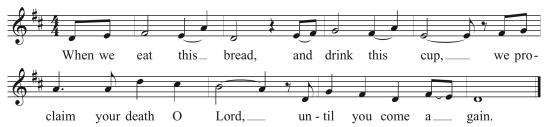


I'll sing my Makers praise from dawn to setting sun, to Him all glory be, to Him our voices raise, With joy we sing, we sing his praise, to him sing praise, all glory be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



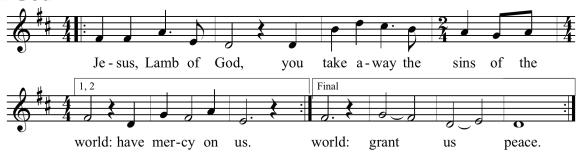
Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



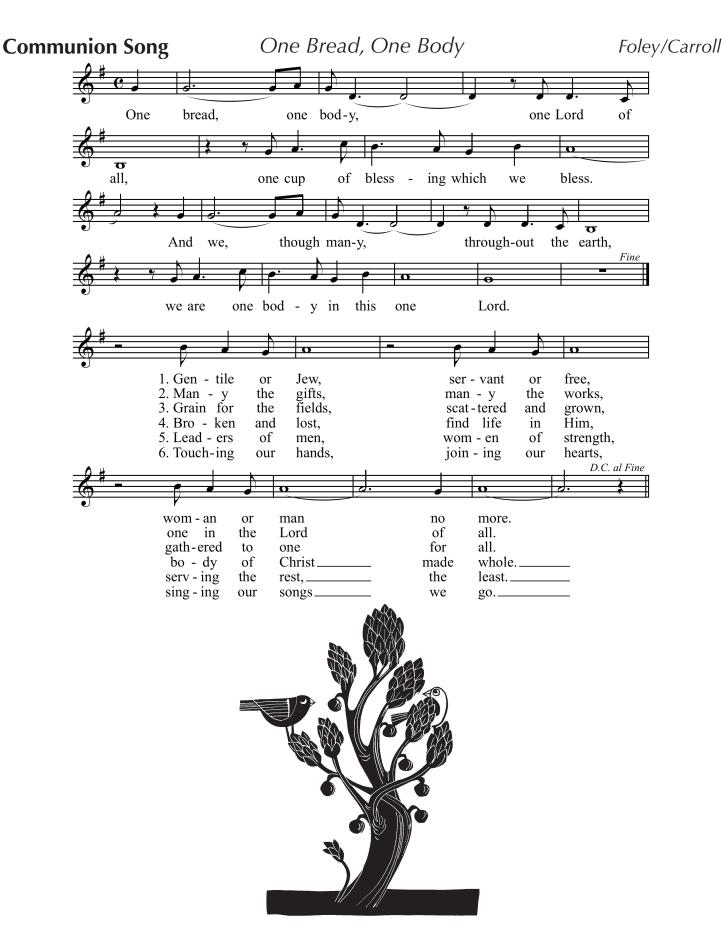
Lamb of God



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.

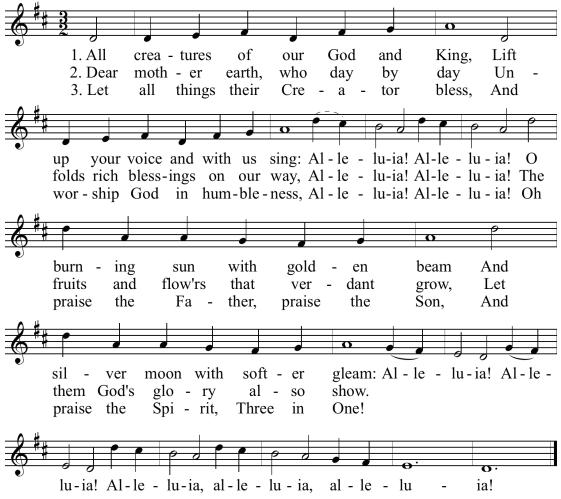


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Recessional

All Creatures Of Our God and King

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(5:30) Alleluia #1

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Ref.*
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Ref.
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Ref.*
- 4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift: Life eternal for all who believe. *Ref.*
- 5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Ref.*

Ash Wednesday

March 6th - St. Joseph will celebrate Mass at 7 am and 7 pm. Our collection will support CCS Prepares program.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

CCS Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program



Pregnancy & Parenting Support

The Pregnancy & Parenting Support (PrePS) program promotes the health and well-being of women, children and families through case management, education and supportive services. We employ a holistic service delivery model to achieve healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes, and ensure a safe and nurturing home environment that facilitates healthy social and emotional development for each child.

Our free services include:

- Case management
- Prenatal and childbirth education
- Parenting and life skills education
- Weekly support group for women and parents
- Financial assistance to help maintain stability
- Resource referral
- Material support (clothing, diapers, wipes and other children's items)



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LITURGY 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.



The Adams/McCarthy Family
The Beste Family
The Doran Family
The Johnston/Amack Family
The Ranf Family



Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers Tree and hopes for the following intentions:

For those who are recovering and healing from injuries because of winter accidents or incidents . . . Gratitude that a Christian family adult home has been found for a senior . . . For a beloved son and the choices he is making.

"A good person out of the store of goodness In his heart produces good, But an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

~Luke 6:45

Notice

On Sunday, March 24th there will be no 11:00 am Mass so that all may join our Sister Parish Celebration.

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 11:00 am. All are in the church.

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph

The devotion known as the "Way of the Cross" or "Stations of the Cross" began around the 4th century, as pilgrims—led by the Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena—began to visit Jerusalem and seek out the places of Jesus' suffering and death. Later, the road through Jerusalem became known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("Way of Sorrow"). But many could not visit Jerusalem, and in the 17th century, the Pope gave the Franciscans the right to establish



miniature stations, in imitation of the Via Dolorosa, in their own churches. Eventually, these stations were narrowed down to the 14 stations we know today, and became part of most churches in Western Christianity—designed to lead pilgrims along the way of Jesus' death, and leave them ready for his resurrection at Easter.

The Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church, created by Lance Wood Hart (who also did the church's mosaics), were part of the original design of the church, and feature a combination of painted glass and oil over gold and silver backgrounds. Walking these stations, up and down the nave of the church, one takes a journey both of the feet and of the heart, from the judgment seat of Pilate to the tomb of Joseph of Arimethea—as Jesus lets go of everything, entering even into death on the cross, all for love of us.

Parish Life



Seniors On The Go

Thursday, March 7th - 55 & Older Lenten Retreat, 10 am to 2 pm, Parish Center, lunch included. Tricia and Steve Trainer will co-facilitate this retreat, focusing on both the gifts of aging and the losses, while using these perspectives to choose our lenten practices for this important season. There will be an offering of themes and scripture, shared activities, eating lunch of course, time for quiet and prayer, and community listening and speaking. We hope that you will come and enjoy this fruitful chance to use Lent as a way to look at the aging issues you face every day. To register call or email Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522.

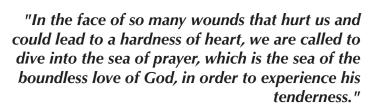
Monday, March 25th - Please join us for a Mass celebrating The Annunciation of the Lord at 11:30 am followed by a light lunch in the Parish Center.

Friday, April 5th - Stations of the Cross at 11 am followed by our Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, then join us for our Lenten Luncheon in the Parish Center. All are welcome, please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up.

Women's Ministry Coffee Connect

Join us Saturday, March 9th 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



~Pope Francis

Young Adult Ministry

Soulful Soups: We have one last Soup Night for the season! Come join us! Take a break from your busy week for fellowship and friends. We'll take turns volunteering to make the soup, and others can bring a drink or side dish to share. Soulful Soups will be in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. on March 4th. Email Callie Turgeon with any questions and to sign up to bring something to share! cturgeon10@gmail.com

YA Planning Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Center, Snacks provided! Newcomers are always welcome. Spread the word!

Our agenda is to evaluate our past events and plan out events for the upcoming months (recapping December through February events, and planning for March through June.) If there is an event you would like to see our Young Adult group do, this is the place to be to make that happen! Should we have more service projects? Go bowling? Help us plan a Spring to remember! Contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at SteveW@stjosephparish. org with questions.

Lent Bible Study: Join the Young Adults as we slow down during the season of Lent to reflect on Jesus' life and death and prepare our hearts for Easter. We meet every Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm. Dinner begins at 6:30 and discussion starts at 7:00pm. Our Lent study will last for 7 weeks: March 7th-April 17th (the last meeting will be on Wednesday). Email Sabrina at spopoff@spu.edu with any questions and to RSVP!

Young Adult March Service Project: March 16th, 10:00-2:00pm. Join your fellow young adults for our Spring service project by supporting St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) to benefit their Georgetown Food Bank. Your volunteer work would consist of bagging items and distributing food to our neighbors who visit the food bank for food and clothing. SVdP heavily relies on a volunteer workforce, so this is a great way for us to help SVdP better provide for those most in need.

** RSVP via the Facebook event.**

We will need to arrive at the food bank at 10:20. Meet in the St. Joseph's parking lot at 10 to carpool. If you are interested in carpooling or have any questions, please contact Dan Popoff dan.popoff@gmail.com

No Third Sunday Socials for March or April (due to St. Patrick's Day & Easter)



SALVADORAN BREAKFAST [OPTIONAL]

- * \$15 FOR RICE AND BEANS, SCRAMBLED EGGS, FRIED PLANTAINS AND TORTILLAS. OJ AND COFFEE INCLUDED.
- * PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE BY MARCH 21
- * WWW.STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG

QUESTIONS? STEVEW@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG OR 206.324.2522

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 www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Deacon Steve 206.965.1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org







FAITH FORMATION

Summer Service Week

Agape – is a 6 day immersive service opportunity for Middle Schoolers (rising 6th-8th graders) that serves the migrant farm workers in Lynden, WA. Youth learn about the human dignity of every person they meet and practice Agape love through service: tabling at grocery stores, running a food/clothing bank, providing school supplies, working on a local farm, building friendships with children at a migrant camp. We also pray together and celebrate mass. Youth leave their mission trip as better people: more grounded in their faith, with a deeper relationship with Christ, as change-makers in society. St. Joseph will be making our annual Agape mission trip Sunday, August 4th – Friday, August 9th. Open to 15 participants. Cost is \$275.00. Register at www.stjosephparish.org

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph's has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by Parishioners? This is the 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 help deepen your prayer life through their reflections. You can also find our online bible study on the top of the weekly e-newsletter that is sent out on Thursday, just click the button that says "Online Bible Study".

https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/

FAITH JUSTICE

Blood Drive

Every week Bloodworks Northwest collects about 4,500 blood donations. That's equivalent to enough donors to fill 14 Boeing 747s! **Monday, March 11th,** 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



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.



St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:



The Old Concealed in the New Revealed: A Scripture Study

Thursdays, March 21- April 4 | 7:00-8:30 PM Arrupe Rm.

Facilitated by Susan M. Sambrook, MA Theology

Join us this Lent and explore how the church interprets scripture both in context and theologically. This is a three-week series that looks at intertextuality and how the gospel authors used the Old Testament Prophets to make their case for Christ.

Week 1: The Scriptures in context- Dei Verbum and Hermeneutics

Week 2: Old Testament Prophets in the Gospels

Week 3: Patristic Fathers and Prefigurment

Materials, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For information or to RSVP for this event please contact: <u>Theresal@stjosephparish.org</u> or 206-965-1651

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Joint Statement on the Presidential Declaration of National Emergency

The Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology, Kino Border Initiative, and the Ignatian Solidarity Network condemn President Trump's unwarranted declaration of a national emergency on the U.S.-Mexico border in order to unilaterally secure increased funding for additions to the border wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. This action is both an immoral response to the challenges posed by immigration realities on our southern border and a threat to our democracy.

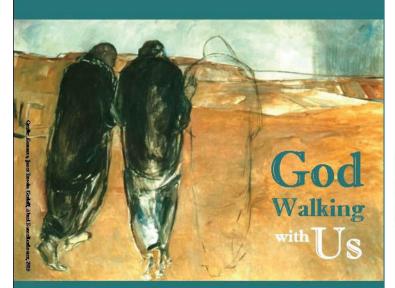
As Catholics, we believe that people have a right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. These are fundamental principles of Catholic social teaching. President Trump's use of emergency powers to circumvent negotiations with another branch of government compromises the ability of citizens and their representatives in the legislative branch to carry out these rights and responsibilities.

Based on firsthand experience accompanying migrants at the border, we can confidently testify that there is no border security crisis. To the contrary, men, women, and children arriving at our border are seeking security from violence in their communities and hoping to provide a better life for their families. Building a longer border wall will not respond to the complex realities of migration, will not respond to the needs of the most vulnerable, and will not make our country safer. Our society is divided and needs more bridges, not more walls. As Pope Francis reminded us during a visit to Latin America in 2016, "A nation which seeks the common good cannot be closed in on itself; societies are strengthened by networks of relationships."

In fabricating an emergency in order to bypass normal constitutional processes, President Trump's declaration erodes the democratic foundations of our country. We call on all members of Congress to use the powers available to them to prevent this declaration from coming into effect. We ask them instead to seek pathways that promote the common good and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and to do so in ways that adhere to the fundamental civic values of representative government.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center invites you to

Novena of Grace 2019



Take one hour a day to attend any or all nine days of this Lenten retreat in everyday life!

Novena of Grace 2019

"God Walking with Us"

March 12-20

A Lenten retreat in the midst of daily life

WEEKDAYS

12:30 pm at SU Chapel of St. Ignatius (Eucharist) OR *6:30 pm at St. Joseph Church (*Contemplative Prayer) SATURDAY: 1 pm at St. Joseph Church (Eucharist) SUNDAY: 1 pm at Chapel of St. Ignatius (Eucharist)

*note new time and format

A place to offer up your deepest desires in prayer and receive God's abundant grace



PRESENTERS
Fr. Matt Holland, S.J.,
JoAnn Lopez and Ross Hays

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MORE INFO (206) 329-4824 ignatiancenter.org Nine days of inspiring music, preaching and community in the context of a daytime Eucharist or evening Contemplative Prayer

Join us for any or all of the days at either location or make the retreat online!

About This Year's Novena

Looking for a practice this Lent to help you grow closer to God? Join this nine-day retreat that can be made amid the busyness of daily life. Join us for the Eucharist during your lunch hour at 12:30 pm at Seattle U's Chapel of St. Ignatius (or 1:00 pm on weekends). Or unwind at the end of your day at 6:30 pm with contemplative prayer (without Eucharist) at St. Joseph Church. Take just one hour a day for any or all of the nine days. Choose any combo of times and locations; or make the retreat online at www.ignatiancenter.org/novenaofgrace.

What happens at the Novena? You'll experience stirring preaching from three Ignatian-inspired presenters, the assembly's powerful prayers of petition, beautiful music and optional prayers for healing at the end. It draws an inspiring community of people of all ages and faith backgrounds. After nine days, many experience a profound sense of community and a palpable sense of the Spirit and of abundant graces that linger for a long time afterward.

What is a Novena? The Novena's origins date to 1633, when tradition says St. Francis Xavier appeared to a priest in a healing vision and promised that all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days would experience profound grace. The Novena survives today as an annual tradition, continually updated and relevant to the daily lives of those who participate.

What will the <u>NEW</u> 6:30 pm contemplative prayer service at St. Joseph's be like? This shorter evening liturgy will retain the familiar and beloved Novena elements of music, daily readings, personal prayers of petition, and blessings with the relics. Instead of Communion, there will be a quiet period of individual reflection with guiding questions, imagery and music. We're hoping this fresh format will draw young adults and people of all ages seeking a more intimate retreat-like experience of contemplative prayer and community!

Whether or not you are familiar with the Novena, we hope you will consider entering with open hearts into a new experience this Lent, responding to God's personal invitation to see God walking with us in daily life. Feel free to invite someone else to join you, too!

—from the staff at the Ignatian Spirituality Center

Retreat Team





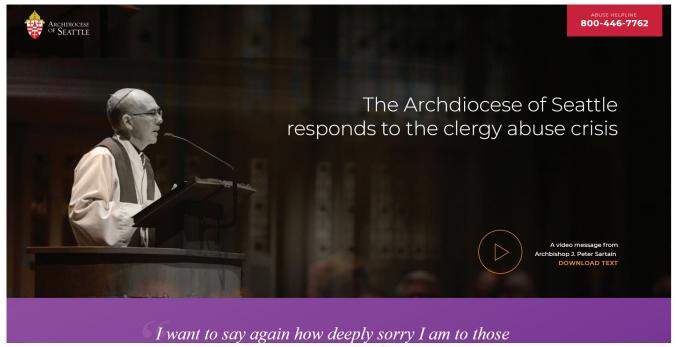


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Dear Priests, Deacons and Parish Leaders,

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

As part of an effort to improve how the Archdiocese communicates on the sexual abuse crisis, we will be launching a special website on Monday addressing the topic. As Archbishop Sartain says in a video message found on it, the new "Protect and Heal" site (protectandheal.seattlearchdiocese.org) is a vehicle to "communicate sincerely and openly" about the crisis.

The site offers facts about the abuse crisis and the Archdiocese of Seattle's response to it, including resources for victims. It gathers into one easily accessible website information that was previously located in various locations.

Key features include the Archdiocese of Seattle's disclosure list of clergy and religious brothers and sisters who have been credibly accused of abusing minors (originally published in January of 2016); a timeline showing when reported abuse occurred; and information about the actions the Archdiocese has taken over the past three decades to respond to the crisis, such as implementing a Safe Environment program of background checks and abuse-prevention trainings for employees. The site also provides information about the U.S. bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted in 2002; and the Archdiocesan Review Board, a group of mostly lay subject-matter experts that advises the archbishop on matters pertaining to clergy sexual abuse.

As essential Church leaders in our Archdiocese, we wanted to share the new Protect and Heal web site with you today before it is shared with a broader audience starting early next week. On Monday, we will share it with all Chancery and parish employees followed by sharing it via our NW Catholic communication channels, including social media.

A link to the site is provided below.

We welcome any feedback that you have. Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the Catholic Church in Western Washington!

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