“One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.”
Dear Friends: I am away from St. Joseph this week, visiting my family and presiding at a Mass in California, so I offer this column, originally written in 2017. Given all that has been recently said about the need to de-clericalize the Church, I hope this invitation to embrace our devotional tradition will strike a chord. Know that you are in my prayers, John, SJ.

Domestic Grace

Genuine forms of popular religiosity are incarnate, since they are born of the incarnation of Christian faith in popular culture. For this reason they entail a personal relationship, not with vague spiritual energies or powers, but with God, with Christ, with Mary, with the saints. These devotions are fleshy, they have a face. They are capable of fostering relationships and not just enabling escapism.

-Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Grounded in the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, Catholicism celebrates the holiness of ordinary things—bread, wine, oil, breath, water, light, gesture—and makes use of them in its great sacramental rituals. We are, as Catholic Christians, unified by these simple objects and actions, which become transformed for us into moments of grace through the rituals of memory and desire—i.e., by becoming Sacraments of the Church. Whether it is feasting on the body and blood of Christ, given to us in the form of bread and wine, or receiving the descent of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil, we use common things to make powerful human symbols that shave away our particularities and our oddities and make us one People of God, one Church, united by a common language of symbol and rite. In the Sacraments, the Church professes its identity and becomes itself: a living manifestation of Christ, whose saving presence continues to be present to us in this world through the actions of the worshipping Church.

Yet, if the Church communicates the foundational grace of Christ, which is its source, primarily through the Sacraments, there are also other symbols and rites by which the fullness of the Church’s identity is realized. Some of these, such as the fractioning of the bread or the mixing of the water and wine, exist within the rites of the seven Sacraments themselves—as constitutive elements of the overall celebration. But others exist apart from the great rituals, as popular devotions that lead us to the Sacraments or bring the meaning and graces of the Sacrament into the everyday life of believers. Often connected to the particular history of a culture, these popular devotions allow the Catholic faith to transcend clerical authority or the limitations inherent in official rituals. Throughout history, popular devotions have been the means by which an often distant faith has moved into the heart and daily workings of a people; and consequently, such devotions have often prevented the faith from becoming merely formal—a museum piece taken out only for Sundays and holidays.

In the wake of Vatican II, however, many reform-minded Catholics began to question the appropriateness of popular piety, worrying that such long-held devotions as Benediction or the May crowning distract believers from the centrality of the Eucharist, and mired the Church in superstition and medievalism. At St. Joseph, for example, the many statues that had once been given places of honor around the sanctuary were suddenly removed; and throughout the United States, those dedicated to the workings of Vatican II often discouraged rituals and devotional practices that had once been synonymous with the identity of American Catholics. Though unintended, the effect of this decon-
struction of popular piety was two-fold: first to clericalize the Church more deeply, since the principal rites remaining were those dependent on priests; and second to increase the division of the Church, since many continue to practice the popular rites in which they had been raised.

Even before the election of Pope Francis, popular piety in the United States was beginning to grow again. Although once associated with opponents of Vatican II, the beauty of many of the old rituals—e.g., the crowning of Mary, the lighting of candles in front of a statue, even pilgrimages—began to attract younger Catholics, who did not carry the baggage of older culture wars, but found a connection between their own spiritual journey and the traditions of popular religiosity. Even those who described themselves as “spiritual but not religious”—i.e., those who seek to avoid the structures and regulations of organized religion—were often attracted by the aesthetic of Catholic devotion, though lacking, perhaps, some of the tools to go deeper.

With the coming of Francis—who spent many years in regions of Argentina where the official Church had been absent and the faith of the people had survived through popular piety—the return to devotional spirituality has found even greater support, inviting us to look to our traditions and devotional practices. Though these may be as different as the cultures and communities from which we come, recapturing old traditions—or even reimagining them for our current situation—will help take our faith into our homes and our everyday lives. Here are three such traditions that I recall:

Making a Visit

When I was a young boy, attending St. Gregory Elementary School, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary used to encourage us to stop into the church on our way home—to make what was simply called, in those days, “a visit.” I remember my first grade teacher, Sister Patrice, explaining that a visit did not have to be long or formal, but was just a way of being connected to Jesus, a way of remembering that he was our friend. To illustrate, she told us a story that I have never forgotten, the story of little Jimmy. Each day, on his way home from school, Jimmy went into the church, knelt for a moment, and, looking up at the tabernacle, said simply, “Hi, Jesus, it’s me, Jimmy!” and then went on his way. This went on for many years until one day, Jimmy got very sick, and soon died. But in the moment after his death, he saw a kind face, smiling at him, and heard the voice saying to him, “Hi, Jimmy, it’s me, Jesus!” It is, admittedly, a very sentimental story; but, still, every time I go into church, and look up at the tabernacle, I cannot help thinking of Jimmy, and all the other people who come in, for a moment, just to say hi to Jesus.

A Nod and a Word

One of the first lessons I learned from my mother was to bow my head—just slightly—whenever the name of Jesus was mentioned or whenever we passed the church, and then to say, “Jesus, I love you.” Not a long prayer, but a quick reminder to carry with me through the day. I still try to do it every time I say the name of Jesus, even during Mass, but I have begun to adapt it a bit, thanks to the words of Pope Francis. Recently, speaking to a crowd gathered for a papal audience, Francis noted: “It is easy to say: God loves us. We all say it. But think about it: can each one of us say: I am sure God loves me? It is not so easy to say. But it is true. This is a good exercise, to say to ourselves: God loves me.” Given the Pope’s words, although I still give a quick bow of my head when the name of Jesus is mentioned, now, more often, I say, “God loves me.” And when I say it, especially with the little gesture of a head bow, it moves a little more deeply into my heart. What would it mean for each of us if we began to say this every day? What would it mean for our hearts? What would it mean for our families? What would it mean for our world? Small devotions often have great effect—like a pebble starting an avalanche.

Our Domestic Church

One of the oldest devotions in Christianity—indeed, a devotion that precedes Christian practice—is the domestic altar, i.e., a place where some sacred image or object is kept, perhaps with a candle or a flower in front of it. In my parents’ home, it was as simple as a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother, kept on the shelf just inside our front door. Though my mother was not one for candles, she would often cut a rose, or some other flower and place it in a small vase in front of the statue of Mary that my father had given to her—a small visible prayer of thanks and hope. It greeted everyone who came through the door, and reminded us all of the Holy Family, and of our blessings that dwelt within our own walls. We didn’t have to go to church to pray or to be blessed—it was always right at our front door. Today that statue is in my office, and even as I look at it now, I recall my parents and the faith they passed down to me.

But it doesn’t have to be a statue of Mary: it could be a crucifix on a wall or an image of St. Francis or St. Oscar Romero. It could include a photo of a beloved one who has died, or a card that reminds whoever looks at it of the love of God and of the blessedness that is offered to us all. In all these ways, the domestic altar takes the love of God out of the confines of the church and reminds us that we are “a holy race, a royal priesthood,” in every part of our life.

Over my whole life, I recall very few homilies that I have ever heard (or even given). And while I have many memories of beautiful and important liturgies, there are far more that I cannot remember at all. Yet, through these small acts of devotion, and so many more (from grace before meals to prayers before bed, the crèche at Christmas to the family rosary), the Catholic faith took root in my heart and lives still. How grateful I am for that. How much I hope that each of us will find the devotions that feed us, and take the Church into every moment of our lives.
Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

**Processional Song**

Tree Of Life

Haugen

1. Tree of life and awe-some myst-’ry, In your
dearth we are re-born, Though you die in all of
hist-’ry, still you rise with ev-’ry morn, Still you
rise with ev-’ry morn.
gos-pel shin-ing bright.
die to rise a - new.
bear the cross with you.
ri-ver, you the sea.

2. Give us eyes to see you clear-ly, Make us
see our-selves in you, If we learn to live your
near-ly As your gos-pel shin-ing bright,
story We may die to rise a - new.
her-it If we bear the cross with you,
sorrow, We the ri-ver, you the sea, We the

3. Seed that dies to rise in glo-ry, May we
flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
hist-’ry, still you rise with ev-’ry morn, Still you
near-ly As your gos-pel shin-ing bright,
story We may die to rise a - new.
her-it If we bear the cross with you,
sorrow, We the ri-ver, you the sea, We the

4. Gen-tle Je-sus, might-y Spi-rit, Come in -
though our steps may be, One with you in joy and
hist-’ry, still you rise with ev-’ry morn, Still you
near-ly As your gos-pel shin-ing bright,
story We may die to rise a - new.
her-it If we bear the cross with you,
sorrow, We the ri-ver, you the sea, We the

5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol-low, Stumb-ling
death we are re-born, Though you die in all of
see our-selves in you, If we learn to live your
flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
though our steps may be, One with you in joy and

**Confiteor**

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.
First Reading

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love.
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul. You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
My spirit shall sing the music of Your Name

Though I should wander the valley of death. I fear no evil for You are at my side
Your rod and Your staff my comfort and my hope.
You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred.
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life.
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”
Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory!

Gospel

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.”
Second Scrutiny (5:30)  

We Search for Light In Darkness  

We search for light in darkness, deliver us, O Lord.

Amazing Grace  

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.

Dismissal of the Elect  

(5:30) There Is One Lord  

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

There is one God, who is Father of all.

Offertory Song  

(9) Choral: The Lord Is My Shepherd  

Open My Eyes  

Manibusan

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Holy, Holy, Holy  

Mass XVIII  

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

A-men.

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 Song

Lead Me, Guide Me #656

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
We Have Been Told #784
We have been told, we've seen his face, and heard his voice alive in our hearts; "Live in my love with all your heart, as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you."

Song of Praise
Amazing Grace
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Amazing Grace
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1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That grace my fears relieved;
   I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
2. Grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace appeared; The hour I first believed!  
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; How precious did that grace have brought me now.  

Recessional
Tolling Bell

This Week At St. Joseph

**Sunday**
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
- 11:00 AM Mass
- 5:30 PM Mass

**Monday**
- 7:00 AM Mass - Parish Center
- 7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer Group
- 7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

**Tuesday**
- 7:00 AM Mass - Parish Center

**Wednesday**
- 7:00 AM Mass - Parish Center
- 6:00 PM Soup & Stations

**Thursday**
- 7:00 AM Mass - Parish Center

**Friday**
- 7:00 AM Mass - Parish Center
- 11:00 AM Stations Of the Cross

**Saturday**
- 3:30 PM Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Mass
We are all called by our Baptism to be Priest, Prophet and King. While these titles are most often interpreted as masculine, we will be led in contemplation, discussion and prayer to come to a deeper understanding of these roles in our lives as women in today’s Catholic Church.

Saturday, April 6, 2019,
Arrupe Room, Parish Center
Gathering at 8:30 am: light buffet breakfast followed by presentation, reflection and sharing; lunch at noon

- No charge for the Day of Reflection
- Contributions will be accepted to help cover costs
- Respond by email to Katy Huston, katy-h101@gmail.com
- Reservations appreciated by April 1, 2019
Liturgy and Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
May we be present to all the beauty that life holds and to what ultimately really matters. Let us learn to release more and more things into the care of God's hands and to be grateful for all we have been given. For Amy to be relieved from her back pain and to not have to undergo surgery.

*God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*
~James 1:12

Pray the Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent at 11:00 am.
All are in the church.

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.

Journey to Jerusalem
A Parish Day of Reflection & Reconciliation
13 April 2019, Noon - 4:00 PM
Individual Sacramental Reconciliation
Available Throughout This Time

Parish Holy Hour
Thursday, April 4th, 7-8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Soup & Stations
Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 6 pm. Then join us for a soup supper in the Parish Center.

Two more Wednesdays during Lent, April 3rd & 10th, 6:00 pm in the church.
Racial Justice Book Group

Please join other parishioners in our next meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7PM in the parish center to discuss the book *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Mary DeRosas will be our facilitator. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. If you cannot join us please read along on your own. Everyone is welcome—men and high schoolers are especially invited to join us. Please email Mary de Rosas at mderosas@pnwimmigration.com with any questions or to RSVP.

KINO Border Initiative:
Education & Immersion Opportunity

St. Joseph is forming a ministry relationship with the Jesuit KINO Border Initiative (KBI) in Nogales, Arizona, USA and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. KINO provides humanitarian aid, education and advocacy for immigrants and refugees on both sides of the Border. We hope to have an educational program at St. Joseph in late April with Joanna Williams, KBI’s Director of Education and Advocacy. We are also hoping to put together an Immersion in Nogales for parishioners so we can experience the border first hand and serve the immigrants coming to their program. For more information on KBI, please check out their website - https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org

We would like to start collecting the names and contact information of parishioners who are interested in participating in an immersion experience at the border offered by KINO. For more information and to indicate your interest in an immersion, please contact Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Sister Parish Ministry

St. Joseph’s Sister Parish Ministry with San Bartolome in Arcatao El Salvador is seeking parishioners to help with planning events to celebrate our 30th Anniversary! Our next meeting is Sunday April 7th 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information contact Andrew DeBerry adeberry@outlook.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Rice Bowl

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Pilgrimage Walking & Witnessing for Immigrant Families

Join people from parishes across Western Washington in a prayerful walk showing solidarity with immigrant families. St. Joseph plans to participate by organizing a group of walkers that will join pilgrims from St. Mary’s and St. James Cathedral on Tuesday, May 7th walking to Our Lady of Guadalupe in West Seattle where there will be a dinner. The walk is approximately 7 miles and will begin at approximately 10:30 am at St. Mary’s after morning Mass. St. Joseph will provide return transportation after dinner. More details will be forthcoming.

We are also planning to provide transportation to the Northwest Immigrant Detention Center in Tacoma on Saturday, May 11th for the concluding Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Elizondo at 11:00 am. The Mass will be celebrated on the road in front of the Detention Center.

We need you to register with us ASAP if you are interested in walking to Our Lady of Guadalupe and/or bussing to the Detention Center for the concluding Mass. Please contact Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486 or Julia Fitzpatrick – Julia.fitz@gmail.com. For more information about the overall pilgrimage please consult the following website - https://wacatholics.org/prayerwalk2019
Yound Adult Ministry

Monthly Social

Join us for our monthly social on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 pm where you'll be anything but bored. We'll have some classics like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, and card games as well as some newer games to knock your socks off! Competition not your thing? Come try out the cooperative game Pandemic. Did you stock up on any new games recently? Feel free to bring it along! This will be a Friday during Lent, so please bring a meatless side dish, snack or favorite beverage to share. We'll provide a vegetarian friendly main dish. Please contact Robin Federico (robin.federico@gmail.com) for any questions.

Lenten Books and Brunch:

We are reading “I’ll Push You” by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck. The book is about two lifelong friends who do the Camino de Santiago together, one of them in a wheelchair. The book shares their experience on the Camino in all its many physical, emotional, and spiritual ups and downs. Please join us for a potluck brunch and discussion on Saturday April 13th from 11-1. Questions? Contact Jenny at spinkj91@gmail.com

Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program

ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR LIFE Fundraiser!
April 13th, 2019
St. Edward school cafeteria 4200 S Mead Street,
at 8:30 -10am

We invite you to join us at our “Breakfast for Life” fundraiser! Your unconditional support helps PrePS continue to provide services to families that are pregnant and have children under the age of 5. Some of these families find themselves experiencing, homelessness, language barriers, and often times are unable to provide some of the basic baby items to their newborns and toddlers. Come join us and learn how your support has an impact on the families that seek help from PrePS.

Deacon Steve is hosting a table, please contact him if you would like to join stevew@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

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.

Thursday, April 11th - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Seniors ministry planning meeting in the Parish Center. Brown bag lunch optional. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. For details contact Deacon Steve at 206 965 1646. Newcomers welcome!

Men’s Ministry Mass

Please join us for our Lenten Mass & Potluck Supper
Friday April 12th, 6pm – 8:30 pm – Parish Center
Fr. Julian Climaco, SJ presiding
Bob McCaffery-Lent leading us in song

Back by popular demand: Vegetarian Lasagna provided! Bring a salad, bread or side dish and beverage of choice to share. RSVP to Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers regularly meet people who live on the edge. Some are the working poor. They earn money. But too often they get part-time hours that are irregular, or may not get any at all in some weeks. Some are well trained, say in nursing; others may work in retail stores at minimum wage; still others may carry a disability that limits what they can do or how often. Your donations the first of the month enables us to help these folks when they are short for the rent, for food, for the heat bill, or even some money to replenish their Orca card for the bus or light rail. Without fail these people, young and old alike are grateful for this help.

For us, it is a privilege to be able to represent you. Next collection is April 6th & 7th.
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/

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.

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- A **complete burial/placement package** - including burial or cremation placement, opening/closing, urns or vaults, vault placement fees, and care fund.

- A **complete memorialization package** - that includes your choice of a marker, monument, or crypt/niche front, along with an inscription, setting fees, and memorial care fund.

- A “**Certificate of Ownership”** - that lets you and your loved ones know exactly which burial or placement options you own at which cemetery.

- A **complimentary copy of our exclusive booklet “A Catholic Personal Legacy Guide”** - an invaluable resource for you and your family to plan together to ensure that your final wishes are carried out.

- A **special St. Joseph Parishioner 10% discount** off the memorial plan of your choice. *This is the same discount that employees of the Archdiocese of Seattle receive.*

- **This Unique Discount Opportunity** is only available until June 30, 2019.

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