“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”
The Last Full Measure of Devotion

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

-Abraham Lincoln-

Several years ago, when I was still Provincial of the Jesuits of the Northwest, my friend, Fr. Jack McLain, called and asked me to dinner while I was visiting Seattle. Fr. Jack had only recently returned to the United States from Afghanistan, where he had served as chaplain to one of the first Special Forces units to enter that country during the war. Since I had not seen Jack since his return from deployment, I, of course, agreed to meet him and we scheduled a dinner at Café Lago, on 24th Avenue. A few months before, while at a conference in Idaho, I had received a call from Jack—from Afghanistan—telling me that I might be getting a call from the chief of chaplains, since he had been involved in an “incident” the previous day. It seems that one of the men in Jack’s unit wanted to go into the nearby town, and needed someone to go with him. Since Jack was the only one free, he agreed to accompany him—an unusual job for a chaplain, but one keeping with Jack’s desire to accompany the men as one of them. Shortly after the two left camp, however, a bomb, previously placed in the wheel-well of their truck, detonated, destroying the front of the truck, temporarily blinding the driver, and bursting Jack’s eardrum. (Later, Jack told me that if the bomb had been “rightly” placed, against the wall of the cab, both men would have died.) Emerging from the wreckage, Jack was helping his blinded comrade, when he saw a group of local men coming towards them, carrying weapons. Taking the weapon of his companion—a violation for a chaplain, and why he had called to warn me about a possible message from the chief of chaplains—Jack warned-off the men and guided the blinded soldier to the nearby American embassy, his own ears still ringing in what would become a permanent condition. Since I knew little more of the story, I was anxious to see Jack and to find out how he was and what the fallout of the encounter had been.

Arriving at Café Lago, I was taken by how unchanged Jack looked—his easy smile seemed the same as I remembered, and though he was more fit than ever (when I slapped him on the shoulder it was like hitting a door), he looked none the worse for wear. Yet, as we sat down, I noticed that he would not sit with his back to the door, and his manner was more serious than I had known. After we ordered, he looked at me and said, “There are a lot of things you get in the military—a lot of awards and ribbons—but none of them have really meant much to me. But this one does, because it says what I really feel: that I would do anything for the men I am sent to serve.” And then, looking hard into my eyes, he said, “But more than that, I would do anything for you, in your role, or for the Society. So, I want you to have this.” Lifting up a bag he had with him, he drew out a large frame, and handed it to me. In it was the original Purple Heart...
he had been awarded for injuries in combat, and the ribbon that went with it. It took me a minute to realize what I was receiving, and even longer to find words to speak. For I knew what his words meant, and the gravity of this gift. Though he was still alive—thank God—Jack had laid down his life for the men I had sent him to serve, when I missioned him to the Special Forces, and had laid down his life for me—his religious brother and superior in the Society. It was not about abstractions like “the country” or “the Jesuit Order,” in that moment in Afghanistan, and in this moment in Seattle, it was about brothers, about us. Though I will, eventually, send this award on to the Jesuit archives, I have kept it hanging in my room ever since—a daily reminder to me that we lay our lives down for each other, and not for ideologies or concepts, and that such self-emptying love costs something important, something irreplaceable. For Jack, as for so many, it was more than some of his hearing that he lost in Afghanistan, it was a part of his life; and though he remains a great priest, serving as a Jesuit in Australia, he is also—like all who have been called to war—a casualty, recovered but still marked by what he endured.

This weekend, our nation celebrates Memorial Day—a day of remembrance for all those who have died in service to our nation. Unlike Veterans Day, which celebrates all who have served in the military, or the Fourth of July, which celebrates the principles on which our nation was founded, Memorial Day offers a time to recall the cost of war and the women and men who have borne that cost, and continue to bear that cost in ways both recognized and hidden. Begun, in the 19th century, as Decoration Day—a time when the graves of the Civil War dead would be cleaned and decorated by the members of their community—Memorial Day has always had a more somber quality than the other national holidays, a celebration calling us to recognize that the great conflicts of our national lifetime are not simply political enterprises, done with wondrous technology and whiz-bang effects. Rather, war has a human cost, which cannot be calculated by statistics nor reduced to a cost benefit analysis. In every war it happens that an actual father does not come home to his children, a mother loses her real daughter, lovers are separated by death, and friends watch their friend die at their side. At the same time, countless women and men, undone by the violence they have received and inflicted come home as casualties—their past selves gone—who are only waiting for actual death to come. (The current rate of veteran suicide is 22 per day.) These are not abstractions or statistics, but actual lives, and their end marks the end of families and generations. The cost of war, we are reminded by Memorial Day, is human, and thus irreducible to political interests or principles of power.

Looking at the Purple Heart in my room, I know that my friend, Jack, did not go to war for medals or honors, for partisan politics or self-interest: he went to serve those who would be facing incredible horrors alone, were he not with them. I think of my father, who went to World War II for the sake of his family and all those families endangered by the conquests of the Japanese Empire and the rise of Nazism in Europe. I think of my grandfather, who sacrificed his burgeoning medical career to serve as a medic in World War I, because he could not imagine others doing what he would not do. And I think of one of my best friends from grade school, Bob Wandro, whose brother enlisted to go to Vietnam because he believed it would serve others—and whose name is now inscribed, with so many others, on the large black wall in Washington, DC. Perhaps some of these wars were just, perhaps some were not—the product of foolishness and greed, of hubris and malice—yet, for each of these men, and for countless other women and men alike, the service they undertook and the price they paid, was paid for those they loved and for the protection of their sisters and brothers, wives and husbands, children and friends. Thus, we remember them, and thus we must honor them not just by the placing of wreaths on their graves, but by holding to account all those who would takes us to war.

If we are to keep Memorial Day as something sacred, something more than a day for picnics and barbecues—a holiday to begin summer, with a vaguely understood moment of silence thrown in—then we must take seriously the sacrifice of those who have died, and those who are suffering from the aftermath of war. We must do all we can to seek peace and to build a nation and a world in which war becomes virtually unimaginable. To honor with integrity those real people who have died, we must cease selling weapons of war to places across the world—cease the trade that makes some wealthy, while killing others. We must foster conversations and stand with all women and men of goodwill. We must believe, as Christ Jesus teaches us to believe, in the power of grace and courage, love and compassion. We must live—as Jesus lived—in solidarity with others, seeing in each woman and man the face of our sister or brother, living—as Jesus lived—in solidarity with others, seeing in each woman and man the face of our sister or brother, for those they loved and for the protection of their sisters and brothers, wives and husbands, children and friends. Thus we remember them, and thus we must honor them not just by the placing of wreaths on their graves, but by holding to account all those who would takes us to war.

John 08
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Prelude

(9) CHORAL: This Is the Day
Morley
This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
You are my God and I will thank you, Alleluia!

Entrance Songs

Sing To the Mountains
Dufford

Refrain
Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts.

Verse 1
I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea.

Verse 2
Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Verse 3
This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.

(5:30) Nada Te Turbe
Taize
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Gloria/Sprinkling Rite
See Cards In Pews
First Reading
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:

“The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: ‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’”

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67

Psallite

God, let all the peoples praise you, all the nations of the earth. 
O God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. 
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. Ref.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. 
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. Ref.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. 
Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. Ref.

Second Reading
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

Gospel Acclamation
Festive Alleluia
Mozart

(5:30) Easter Alleluia
Plainchant
Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

Reflection

Katy Huston

Offertory Song

Dwelling Place

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. I fall on my knees to the Father of Jesus,
   2. May Christ in his love give us strength for our living,

1st time: to Verse 2

Refrain

1, 2, 4. God. May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts. May our lives be rooted in love,

Verse 3

3. May grace and peace be yours in God our Father, and in the Son.

To Refrain
Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Mystery of Faith

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

If you have a gluten allergy, & need a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.
Communion Songs

(9) CHORAL: If Ye Love Me
Tallis

If ye love me keep my commandments.
And I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter.
That he may abide with you forever. E’en the spirit of truth.

Unless A Grain Of Wheat #783
Farrell

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.

I Receive the Living God #916
Kreutz

I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I receive the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Song of Praise/Recessional
America the Beautiful
MATERNA

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For
2. O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine

purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! A-
al a bas ter cit ies gleam, Un- dimmed by human tears! A-

merica! America! God shed his grace on thee, And
merica! America! God shed his grace on thee, and

crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
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Parish Life

Men’s Ministry
Planning Meeting - Tuesday May 28th
7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Parish Center
Newcomers Welcome! Questions or details, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevw@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go
Friday, June 7th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, then join us for our celebratory BBQ in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up.

SEEL Invites You to a Transformational Retreat in Everyday Life
The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a retreat community meeting here at St. Joseph. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying daily, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2019. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call 206-721-3518. Come draw nearer to a God who desires to draw nearer to you!

There will be a brief information session to give more details and answer questions about this transformative retreat on Sunday, June 2 after 9:00 mass and also after 5:30 mass. If you would like to join us, an RSVP is encouraged by emailing/calling Deacon Steve, stjosephparish.org or Lisa Dennison, lisa2karl@aol.com (SEEL Executive Director).

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/

Adult Faith Formation
St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents: A Historical Perspective On Reform In The Church: As a Lens For Reform Today
Thursday, June 13 | 7:00-8:30 PM Arrupe Room
We appear to be at a crisis in the Catholic Church with scandals, clericalism, questions of the role of women and laity in the church, but when we look to our church history we are reminded that reforms in the Church have been a constant. Especially after the Second Vatican Council, the Church realizes it is always in need of reform in order to respond more fully and generously to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

• What are the major reform periods in church history? Can these reforms shed light on our current crisis?
• What is required to bring about reform today?

Pat Howell, SJ, presenter Interim Director, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture
For Information and to RSVP for this event, please contact Theresa at: Theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.
Peace of Christ!

Though I have said it before, it bears repeating: this has not been the easiest year to be Catholic. The continuing revelations of historical failure and the cover-up of horrible abuses can make us skeptical and even lead us to toss the whole thing aside. And then along comes the Easter Vigil—where 11 women and men entered the Church in the font at St. Joseph—and the 2nd Sunday of Easter—when two siblings followed the same path—and finally this last week, when a group of young boys and girls gathered around the altar to receive, for the first time, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord. While none of these moments eliminates the great pain felt in the institutional failures of the Church, each of them reminds me that the Church is more than the sins of its ministers, and all of them together call us to build a better Church, with God’s grace. Every year, in the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are invited to support the works of the Archdiocese beyond the borders of our Parish, works that help to build a better, holier, and healthier Church. Through the ACA, we sustain inclusion ministries, by which our brothers and sisters with hearing or other disabilities are empowered for “full, active, and conscious participation” in the life of the Church. We build up youth programs, including summer camps and the annual Catholic Youth Convention, where the young voices in our Church find their power and make their claim upon the future. We broaden our multicultural ministries to serve the many immigrant communities of our region. We support the work of the Bishops, who comfort and consecrate, who ordain and confirm, who inspire and oversee the growth and life of the wider Church. And we train lay and ordained ministers to build a future Church in which both compassion and competence are prized. All this is at the heart of the ACA.

Today, as throughout the history of this Archdiocese, St. Joseph parishioners are key supports in many of the ministries served by the ACA; indeed, there are few ministries in Seattle where St. Joseph is not represented. Yet, as a Parish, we have not always raised the amount assessed us by the Archdiocese for this important collection—though this year we met our assessment with $12.70 to spare (whew!). I know that the challenge to meet our assessment does not indicate a lack of generosity on the part of St. Joseph parishioners, but it does suggest that we all need to do our part, small or large, to get it done. The ACA is the cost of being part of a larger Church, and not simply one limited and insular congregation. Even in hard times, we are called to hold this wider scope and live with this broader vision.

Our assessment this year for the ACA is $162,011. Any amount over this (like the $12.70) will be returned to St. Joseph and will be designated to support ministries of outreach to immigrants and refugees. May God help us in this good work, and so help us to make the Church what it can be, a place of healing and hope, especially for those most in danger of being forgotten.

Yours Gratefully in the Lord,

John D. Whitney, S.J.
Pastor

There are envelopes in the pews for your ACA donation or you can donate online at our website, www.stjosephparish.org
Liturgy and Worship

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: “Memorial Day allows us to remember our fallen heroes, our loved ones, who have served and to pay our respects to the many who paid the ultimate price. God bless each and every one of them.”

Prayer Tree

Rest in Peace
Paul and Sheila Guichon, beloved parents of Siobain Eschweiler

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, June 6th, 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!

Faith Justice

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

A month to pray for those who are suffering from a mental illness and their family and friends. With a deeper understanding of mental health we can help reduce the stigma of mental illness.

- 1 in 5 adults (46.6 million) in the United States experience a mental health condition in a given year.
- 1 in 25 adults (11.2 million) in the United States experience a serious mental illness in a given year.
- Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 76% by age 24. Early intervention can help.
- Up to 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness as revealed by psychological autopsy. 46% of those who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental illness.
- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. With effective care, suicidal thoughts are treatable, and suicide is preventable.
- Individuals with mental health conditions face an average 11-year delay between experiencing symptoms and starting treatment.
- Common barriers to treatment include cost of mental health care & insurance, prejudice and discrimination.
  (From NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)

ARCHDIOCESAN MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY BROCHURES ARE IN THE VESTIBULE WITH RESOURCES.

St. Francis House

Besides the generous donations of non-perishable food items, St. Francis House has a serious shortage of blankets, towels, kitchen utensils, pot and pans and silverware. Either take directly to St. Francis House at 169 12th Ave, or leave at the St. Joseph Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis House.

Mass of Reception for Archbishop Etienne

Friday, June 7, 2:00 pm - St. James Cathedral
Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites the people of the Archdiocese to join in this special celebration to receive Archbishop Paul D. Etienne as Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle.

A public reception will follow at O’Dea High School, located on the east side of the Cathedral.
All are welcome!