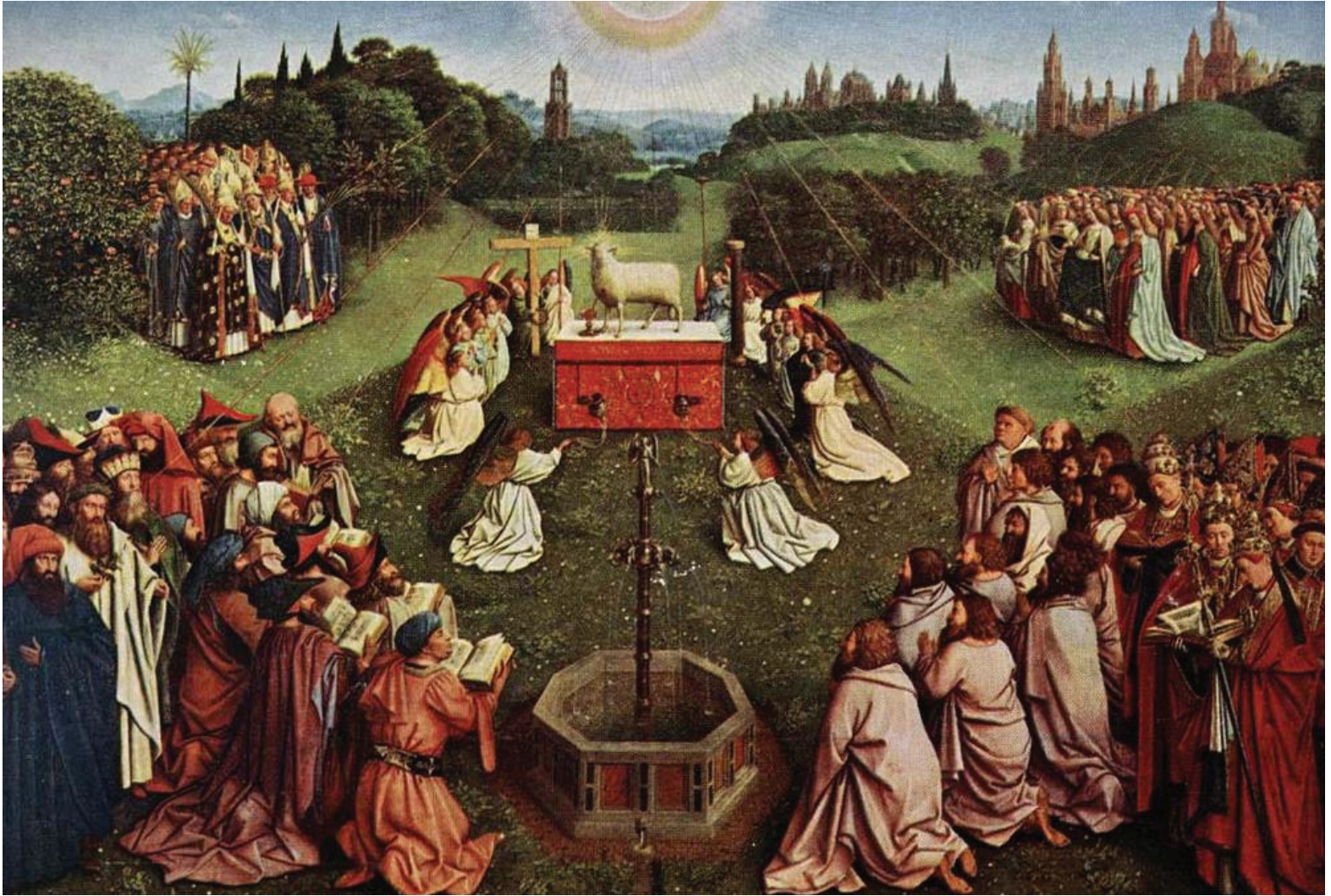


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THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 25, 2019

Homily This Week: Deacon
Steve Wodzanowski

Homily Next Week: Glen Butterworth, S.J.

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

Readings for September 1, 2019

FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A
GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

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- Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8 am - Noon

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Holding the Dead

*For years the dead
were the terrible weight of their absence,
the weight of what one had not put in their hands.
Rarely a visitation—dream or vision—
lifted that load for a moment, like someone
standing behind one and briefly taking
the heft of a frameless pack.
But the straps remained, and the ache—
though you can learn not to feel it
except when malicious memory
pulls downward with sudden force.
Slowly there comes a sense
that for some time the burden
has been what you need anyway.
How flimsy to be without it, ungrounded, blown
hither and thither, colliding with stern solids.
And then they begin to return, the dead:
but not as visions. They're not
separate now, not to be seen, no,
it's they who see: they displace,
for seconds, for minutes, maybe longer,
the mourner's gaze with their own. Just now,
that shaft of light, arpeggio
on ocean's harp—
not the accustomed bearer
of heavy absence saw it, it was perceived
by the long-dead, long absent, looking
out from within one's wide-open eyes.*

-Denise Levertov-

Returning late the other night to my room in the Jesuit community, I opened my e-mail to see if there were any messages I needed to answer before going to bed. By accident, I opened an old message, sent to me in August of 2012, from my friend, Maggie, in Portland. It was an electronic ticket, and a reminder that we were going to see *Jersey Boys*—the musical about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons—and that I had promised to come down to go with her. Reading the string of e-mails and replies, the whole event came back to me, though I had not thought of it in years. We had been unsure whether she would be able to make the show, since her health was already in sharp decline, so I remember feeling glad for the chance, and saw my reply telling her that I was looking forward to it. I would leave St. Joseph around noon on Friday and should be in Portland by about 4:00. We grabbed a light meal before the show and then headed to the theater, taking our seats on the floor—row AA, according to the tickets—and preparing for our evening together. I remember how tricky it was to get Maggie into her seat, since the cancer—which had spread to her brain—made her a bit unsteady. But somehow, we got our places and enjoyed the first act. It was only at intermission that things became more noticeable. Coming out of the restroom, Maggie lost her footing and, though I caught her before she fell, I could tell she was in some distress. Her breathing, never easy since her first surgery, was labored now, but she insisted in go-

ing into the second act, and since I knew how much it meant to her to be out on the town, I did not argue. And so we went back to our seats and enjoyed what would be our last evening out together as friends.

It was just a couple of days later that I received the call that Maggie was in the hospital with respiratory problems, and, leaving Seattle, I went to meet her and her sister in Portland. By the time I arrived, she was quieter, and able to connect in short moments. Her breath—assisted by oxygen—seemed more rhythmic. Yet, you could hear the rasp of the lungs, as the fluid surrounded them. She slept a great deal but every now and then would awaken and smile, or roll her eyes, as if to say, *“How the heck did we get here?”* Her mind, usually so clear, even in her sickness, was often confused with the disease. Talking with her sister, Susie, it was clear she could not go home again. We managed to get her a room at the hospice begun by two of her friends from church, and, though she longed to go home, it was there she finally agreed to go. Knowing that I would be back in a few days, I left her there and headed back to Seattle, only to get a call to come quickly a few days later. She died, her son and sister-in-law beside her, as I passed Tacoma, and when I arrived her son was still kneeling by her bed. It was a full moon—a blue moon on that last Thursday of August—and the clouds, like wings, framed it in the sky, something I noticed as the driver from the funeral home raised her body into the back of the van parked beside my car. I can see it all now, clear as that August evening, thanks to that old e-mailed ticket.

We are creatures of memory and matter, and it is small wonder that all the thoughts and feelings of 7 years ago can come to me in a single string of e-mails, a few black marks on a screen drawing out everything—love, loss, laughter, tears, friendship—all hidden in me, behind the clutter and the clamor of today.

One of the graces of my job as minister to the St. Joseph community is celebrating funerals, and even more, preparing the Order of Worship that we use. Gathering photos and listening to the stories of loved ones, I find myself entering the life of the one who has died through the eyes of those most dear to them. I look at the old photographs, the black and white images of grandparents, who hold on their knees the very one whose death we are to celebrate, and I can weave the day in my mind. Like cognates of different but related languages, I know the meaning in these photos and I can comprehend the context—the love of a grandparent and the hope of a mother or father. I can imagine the life that unfolds, memorialized in small objects of light and color. I see the favorite dog and the day the family went camping. I can hear the music playing in the wedding photos, or recall where I was when those were the pants we wore or the

cars we drove. I watch the tenderness of the beloved, growing older or paler from time or sickness—and yet still managing to smile for the one holding the camera, or to laugh in the presence of a little granddaughter or grandson. And when I come to the service and watch the faces of family and friends gazing into these little booklets, as I see their eyes open to tears or laughter, to a memory that their heart fills in with images and feelings, as I watch them recognize and enter a time they shared with the deceased, I am always moved. And when I see others, looking at images of the deceased as they had never known her, at an age or among friends they had never met, I feel the presence of the Spirit, who brings us all into that *“great cloud of witnesses,”*—that unfolding kingdom where we are recognized and recognize all others who share the common things of this life, and the common memories born of love and joy, of loss and weariness.

The Lutheran theologian and martyr of the last century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, once wrote: *“Nothing can make up for the absence of someone whom we love, and it would be wrong to try to find a substitute; we must simply hold out and see it through. That sounds very hard at first, but at the same time it is a great consolation, for the gap, as long as it remains unfilled, preserves the bonds between us. It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap; God doesn’t fill it, but on the contrary, keeps it empty and so helps us to keep alive our former communion with each other, even at the cost of pain.”* If we live a human life, if we accept and embrace the beauty and fullness of our humanity, there is no way to avoid the pain of loss, and yet, in memory—and the many icons that draw us deeper into that place of memory—we find that the one who has died is never fully dead. Their mark is on us, and we are theirs; indeed, to some extent, we are them. For all the love they had for us, all that we recall in photographs or bits of jewelry, in knick-knacks that sit on our desk or old notes that we somehow never disposed of, all these are the way we hold them in this universe, as we gazed across the gap of time where we stand looking, wishing we could see them but knowing, to some extent, they are within us now.

Perhaps this is the real reason we have been given the Eucharist, to draw us to the gap in our own hearts, that longs for the presence of Jesus—even though he is right here. Each time we raise the bread or sip the cup, we are there again, remembering the tables we have shared and experiencing our beloved ones—our beloved One—are alive still in the compassion and power of our heart.

John

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Entrance Song

Gather Us In

Haugen

1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young our lives are a mys - tery,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,

now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way
we are the old who yearn for your face,
here we will take the bread of new birth,

see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry
here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.

Gath - er us in the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in the
Gath - er us in the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the

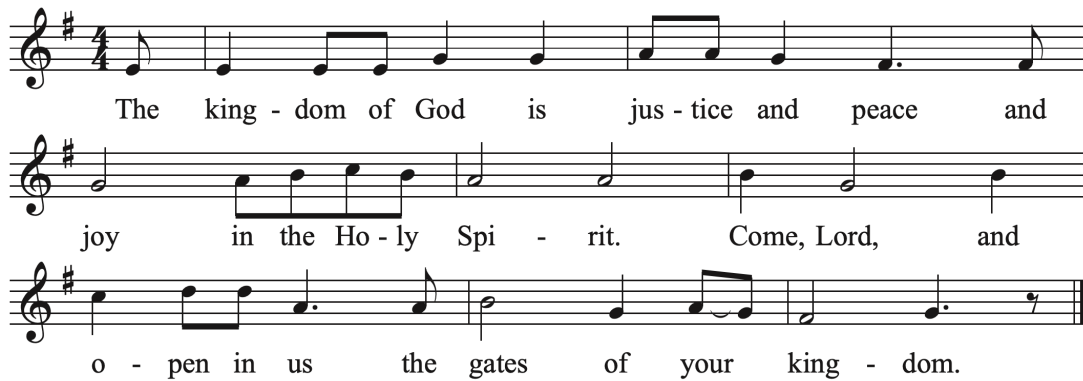
blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.



(5:30) The Kingdom Of God

Taize



First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

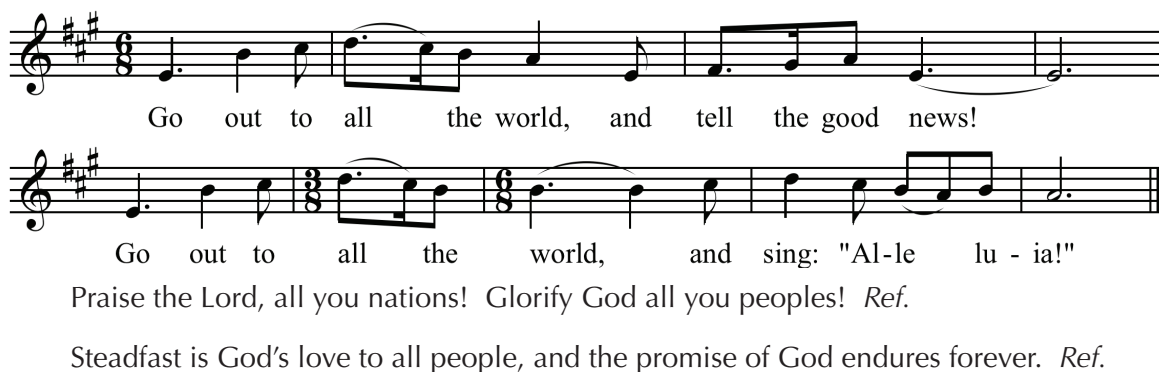
Gloria

See Cards In Pews

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117

Haas



Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:

"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord
or lose heart when reproved by him;
for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;
he scourges every son he acknowledges."

Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of

righteousness to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may
not be disjointed but healed.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Haugen



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



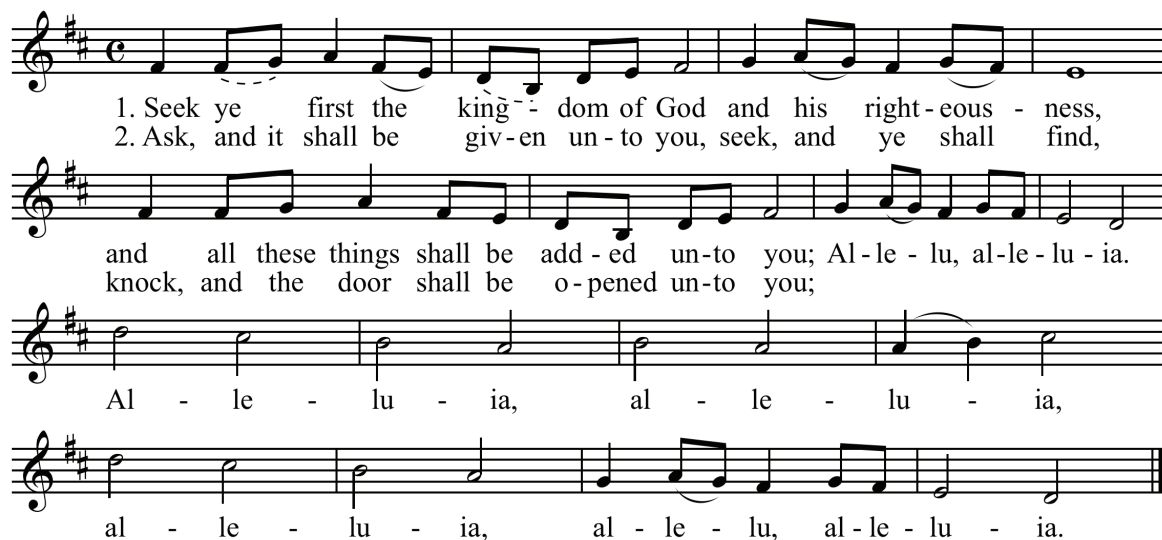
Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Offertory Song

Seek Ye First

Lafferty



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures.

Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God

Cantor *All*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
Cantor *All*
mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of world, — grant — us — peace. —

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes parts for a Cantor and the All. The melody features quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Communion Songs

Lead Me, Guide Me

Akers

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with quarter and eighth notes, including triplets. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Love of the Lord

Joncas

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his
life? What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf-f'ring and
death? What more could be our fi - nal wish than to
live in the love of the Lord?

Recessional

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Lowry

1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
3. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A
bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since
far-off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing? -
I am his; How can I keep from sing - ing? -
No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm cling-ing. Since
love is Lord of heav-en and earth, How can I keep from sing-ing? -

(5:30) Jubilate Servite

Taize

1. Ju-bi-la-te De-o, om-nis ter ra. ser-vi-te, do-mi-no in lae-ti-ti - a.
2. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia in lae-ti-ti - a. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia in lae-ti-ti - a.

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Thank you to those who have already given to the ACA. We still have \$27,170 left to go to meet our goal. If you haven't given yet, please consider a gift today!

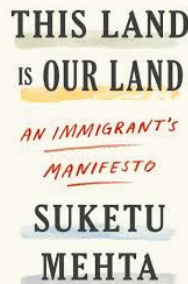
There are envelopes in the pews for your ACA donation or you can donate online at www.stjosephparish.org



FAITH JUSTICE

Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 7pm in the Parish Center to discuss the book *This Land is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto* by Suketu Mehta. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. See the Racial Justice Book Group page under the Faith Justice section on the St Joseph Parish website. Please email racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org with any questions or to RSVP.



St. Vincent de Paul

Rent, rent, rent. If there is a constant problem St. Vincent de Paul volunteers help the poor with--even people with jobs--it's rent. It's likely this has been a problem down the ages but here in Seattle's hot real estate market, paying the rent seems a big hurdle for too many people.

On recent visits, we encountered a young man who'd been ill and missed work and so missed a paycheck; a middle-aged woman also sick and had paid for an expensive medication; and, an elderly gentleman out of food, out of money and on the outs with the landlord over missed rent payments.

In each case, our volunteers were able to help these folks get paid-up on their rent. Your donations made this possible--and brought the Gospel message to life.

The next St. Vincent de Paul Collection is August 31/September 1st.



Casa Latina

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK OF CASA LATINA

Thursday, Sept. 12TH 7:00 pm - 9:00 - Parish Center

Casa Latina advances the power and well-being of Latino immigrants through employment, education, and community organizing. Two years ago as part of our Faith Justice efforts around Immigration, St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission chose Casa Latina as one of our Outreach Partners. In the past two years we have organized two breakfast gatherings and most recently a Mother's Day Celebration. This gathering will include a presentation by Veronique Facchinelli Community Programs Director at Casa Latina followed by a panel of Casa Latina members sharing their Personal stories of coming to the United States, why they left and the challenges of being a refugee or immigrant to our country...Especially in our current political context. This is an opportunity to educate ourselves, be inspired and to get involved, volunteer and speak out.

Another way we can speak out is by coming to the Casa Latina Benefit Gala on Saturday September 28th at the Westin Hotel. If you would like to sit at one of the St. Joseph Parish tables, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Volunteers Needed!

St. Joseph's Parish provides a meal to the men at St. Martin de Porres Shelter every Saturday night. We have four teams, one for each Saturday of the month. We are looking for 1-2 parishioners who are willing to alternate in Coordinating the 2nd Saturday meal team.

This means emailing folks, making sure the food is picked up, delivered and served. We usually serve between 150 and 220 Men a night. If you would like to learn more contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646



St. Joseph Women's Ministry Presents

Fall Retreat

Tending Your Garden



Morning Reflection, Leisurely Lunch, Afternoon Exhale

Saturday, September 28th

9 am – 2 pm in the Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Carla Orlando, Facilitating

Limited Space. Please register at www.stjosephparish.org

Program fee is \$35

(cost should not be a barrier, please reach out if you need assistance).

Questions? Email Theresa at women@stjosephparish.org

or call 206.965.1651.

www.stjosephparish.org



FALL MASS TIME CHANGE

STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

**MASS TIMES CHANGE BACK TO:
SATURDAY AT 5PM**

SUNDAY AT 9:00 & 11:00 AM AND 5:30 PM



The VOICE

High School Youth Group

Sunday, September 15th – Interest meeting scheduled after the 11:00 am mass with free pizza in the Arrupe Room! Stop by to meet the leaders and current members of the Voice.

The VOICE, is open to all high school age students, interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! This group meets once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Parish Center, beginning September 18th. Students are encouraged to drop by meetings when possible.

The weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions to games to field trips. What remains the same though is the emphasis on building community, discovering your gifts, talents, and values, while engaging in service projects (eligible for school credit). The Voice seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their spirituality, and hopes only to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow. For more details, email theresal@stjosephparish.org



PARISH LIFE

Seniors On The Go

Thursday, August 29th - Outing to La Conner, Premium Outlet Malls and Tulalip Casino! Depart St. Joseph at 10:00 am. 1st stop in La Conner for lunch, shopping or visiting the Quilt Museum. 2nd stop is Marysville where you can shop at the Premium Outlet Mall or gamble at the Tulalip Casino followed by dinner at the Casino. Return to St. Joseph by 8:00 pm. Reserve your seat by calling Renee at 206-324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Friday, September 6th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Please join us for Mass. (*NO luncheon after*).

Young Adult Ministry

Join our YA volleyball team! We will play one game a week for 7 weeks starting 9/9 and finish the season with a tournament on 10/26. Games will be in Seattle, Kirkland, Bellevue, or Renton. Cost will be \$40 per person. Deadline to sign up is August 30th. Questions? Contact Jenny Spink at spinkj91@gmail.com or go to the St. Joseph Parish website to sign up www.stjosephparish.org

Newly Married Couples

Focus Group Conversation For Couples Married 5 Years Or Less

Wednesday September 11th - 7:00 pm – 9:00
St. Joseph Parish Center

Join Deacon Steve and Mary Hartrich for a focused conversation on how St. Joseph's can support newly married couples. We will begin with a meet and greet social, followed by a time of prayer, reflection and sharing with the goal of ending with some future actions steps we can take. For more information or to RSVP contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



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Come and See

What the Catholic Faith has to offer

Tuesday Nights
KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 24th
7:00pm – 8:30pm
St. Joseph's Parish Center

- *Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?*
- *Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion or Confirmation with the Catholic Church?*
- *If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCLA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.*

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org All are welcome in this journey of faith.



FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation 2019-2020

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. To volunteer, please contact cff@stjosephparish.org

Course Offerings

Scholarships available for all our course offerings!

Children's Faith Formation Childcare: During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin experiencing church through playtime. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. Open year-round, register at any time. The annual fee is \$110.

Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K): During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. **Your child should be out of diapers and able to follow simple directions, such as those given in a pre-school setting.* The annual fee is \$50.

Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K): During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten (private, public, home, or parish school) beginning in the fall. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and gym playtime. Pickup is in the old gym across from the Social Hall. The annual fee is \$50.

Children's Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1): The first of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Participation and completion of CFF 1 (or equivalent) is required before the second year, during which your child would receive these sacraments. This includes children in our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. The annual fee is \$85.

Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2): ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this upcoming school year must have completed the CFF 1 class (or equivalent) last year whether you attend our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. Additional retreat and home materials provided for immediate preparation. There is a \$135 annual fee.

To sign up, visit our
Faith Formation Page:
www.stjosephparish.org
Questions?
Email, cff@stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. The annual fee is \$50.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. The annual fee is \$50.

Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High: This class is a 3-year Bible study for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is \$50 for each of the classes PLUS \$25 for materials (Bible & workbook).

High School Confirmation: Youth must have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and are participating members in their parish and personal faith life. Classes begin the end of September and end in January. The annual fee is \$150.

Confirmation - Help Needed

St. Joseph's High School Confirmation Team is seeking new members to join our team. Yearly, 20-30 High School Youth receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We need vibrant faith-filled people to help form them in the faith. This is a 13-week preparation program with an offsite retreat. No teaching experience is necessary, but knowledge of the faith with a desire to ignite a spark of faith in others is. All volunteers are required to take the Archdiocese Safe Environment Class. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.



High School Confirmation 2019-2020

Registration
Begins Early August

**This is the Last Year for
High School Students!!!**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered annually for our High School youth. To receive the sacrament, our High School Youth must attend Confirmation sacramental prep sessions beginning in late September followed by the Confirmation Mass in winter. There are 12 preparation sessions, 2 required service projects, and a retreat date TBA, but likely on the first Saturday in November. These preparation sessions are not meant to be viewed as classes but a formational experience through which the youth are encouraged to enter into a deeper relationship with God to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that they may become Christ in the world for others.

The upcoming year 2019 - 2020 is the last year for high school students, as the Archdiocese is lowering the age at Confirmation to 13 years old. After this year, youth over 15 will go through RCIA. ***If you have a high school student seeking Confirmation this is the year!*** High school students must be 14 years of age, baptized, received Eucharist, and are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these changes in mind as you make plans for next year.

For our 2020-2021 Confirmation prep sessions will be open to youth 12-14 years of age .

Why did the Archbishop lower the age of Confirmation to 13?

- The focus of the sacrament is on the reception of the Holy Spirit which will strengthen the recipient so they may become true witnesses of Christ.
- The Archbishop was also concerned that with the pressures of High School, people were unable to commit to the formation process for the reception of this sacrament.
- Less than half of the children baptized in the Archdiocese of Seattle receive the sacrament of confirmation. As a sacramental Church, these statistics represent a serious concern. The Sacrament of Confirmation has real and profound effects on those who receive it and the Church. The most important effects of Confirmation comes, not by our action, but by the work of the Holy Spirit. If Catholics are not receiving this sacrament, a very important opportunity is being missed to deepen ones relationship with God and one another.

Any questions, please contact:
Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at
theresal@stjosephparish.org



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

St. Joseph Parish Choir

WHAT: Auditions for St. Joseph Parish Choir

WHEN: August and early September, at a time to convenient to you and the music director

WHERE: Parish Music Office

HOW: Contact Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent at 206-965-1649 or Rmclent@stjosephparish.org

PREPARATION: I will hear you sing some scales and short phrases to assess your range and sight reading ability and ask you to sing a verse of a familiar hymn. You don't need to prepare anything in particular.

SCHEDULE: The St. Joseph Adult Choir sings the 9:00 am Sunday mass from Mid- September through Mid-June and rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. We also sing several special liturgies throughout the year, especially 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass In the Night and the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There is an occasional holy day to sing and a rare rehearsal on a day other than Thursday. The director is happy talk with you about the unique commitment that is CHOIR.

For hundreds upon hundreds of years the Catholic liturgy has counted upon the choir to help people pray through song. Catholic Parish Communities all over the world, large and small, rich and poor, do their best, every year, to invite and gather the finest musicians in their midst so that they might hone the craft of liturgical music and help the spirits of those present to soar in the liturgy. St. Joseph is no exception, having had an active parish choir here for many years and we are currently seeking singers in the community to be part of the music ministry during the coming year.

Make this the year that you listen to that little voice in your head that encourages you to get involved and to use the voice God gave you to sing! Remember:

"Those who sing pray twice." St. Augustine

Recorded Homilies - Help needed

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.

Faith Formation is looking for a team of people to help us record the homilies. We record at the 5:30 pm Mass or at the 11:00 am. If you would be interested in learning how to do this, please contact Theresal@stjosephparish.org

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Lionel Bersamina
Leo Kulhman
Arianna Lutes
Elizabeth Mulcahy
Youna Troung
Theo Van Nostrand



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For a dear father's wellbeing – spiritually, emotionally and physically . . . For my wife's adult children who are facing challenges . . . Discernment if it is time to sell . . . For our college bound children, may they settle in comfortably to new surroundings and in making friends and completing their studies . . . For friends who are experiencing health issues related to the spine, heart, digestion and pain

*"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart.
Do not seek the answers that cannot be given to you,
Because if you knew them, you would not be able to live
them. And the point is to live everything."
~Rainer Maria Rilke*

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.