

St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

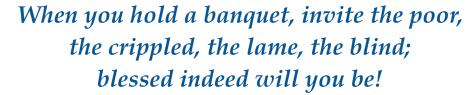




















TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Homily This Week: Glen Butterworth, S.J. Homily Next Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.

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

Readings for September 8, 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center
Reconciliation
Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church
or by appointment
Parish Center
732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

Monday- Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

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Foolish Hope

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

-Matthew 5: 43-48-

We have read this line a million times. We've listen to it proclaimed and recited in Masses and prayer services. We've heard it preached and explained, nuanced and contextualized, softened and shaded with enough scholarship and exegetical energy to make us believe that it does not really say what it seems so clearly to say: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

In a culture where we seem forced to take sides, where success is so-often measured in dollars or in popularity, and where those who stand in the way of our goals are often de-humanized by our words or swept aside as so much "collateral damage," the teaching of Jesus seems naive and idealistic, a metaphor of heaven—we like to think—but not something to be taken seriously. Even among those who profess to follow Christ, this part of the Sermon on the Mount is often minimized, hidden behind the images of "holy warfare" and "righteous rage." In the fiery apologetics of Franklin Graham and the folksy charm of "Focus on the Family," in the Christian nationalism of the far right and the moralistic silencing of the far left, love of enemies is often overshadowed by the call for some type of triumphant Truth—regardless of the cost of such a triumph. To suggest that we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us puts the world upside down and sticks in the throat of all of us who are touched by the virus of fear; all of us who are reasonably (or even unreasonably) afraid of getting the crap kicked out of us by our enemies. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"? What reasonable person would do that? Progressive or traditional, woman or man, gay or straight, white, brown or black: so long as dangers surround us, so long as enemies seek to take our lives or the lives of those we love, the call of Christ remains a lovely ideal, but a dangerous and unreasonable practice.

But for all our attempts to avoid this passage or banish it into the eternal "someday," we can't quite get around its clarity and force. Nor can we spin it to our liking, or make it make sense in a world dominated by exertions of power and position, of action and reaction. When Jesus tells us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," he calls us to a way of being that is absolutely absurd and unreasonable: and by this I don't mean apparently absurd or seemingly unreasonable. It is crazy. And if we don't believe that it's crazy, or if we somehow try to explain away its craziness, then we can never become what we are called to be, because we

will always be trying to make sense of the gospel and figure out the secret code by which we get to have what we want through our own power. So long as we prefer, in the words of St. Ignatius, "honor to dishonor, wealth to poverty, health to sickness, a long life to a short one" (and, tell me the truth, who in her right mind doesn't normally prefer these?), then we have not yet accepted the perfection—i.e., the fullness—of the God whom Jesus has come to reveal, that self-emptying God who, as St. Paul tells us, "became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2Cor. 8: 9). God is not reasonable in the love shown to us, for it is not reasonable to give away your child to save his murderers. Nor, is Jesus practical, by any human standard, in the expression of his love; for instead of overthrowing the Romans and the Jewish leaders with the power he possessed, he submitted to death, the death of a slave, and prayed for his murderers from his cross. Loving your enemies and praying for those who persecute you is not an ideal, nor a naive theory for him at that moment; rather, it is the culmination of his mission.

And so, if we accept the teaching of Jesus and if we allow our sun to rise on the bad and the good and our rain to fall on the just and the unjust alike; if we become like the churches of Macedonia, of whom Paul speaks, who gave not according to their means but according to the need of others, what will happen to us? If we stand, not as an army but as companions, with the people whom the world despises—the undocumented and the refugee, the mentally ill and the emotionally wounded, those in prisons and those left out of our culture and our economy—what will be our fate? If we offer our spiritual tradition to those who need it, whether or not they can pay for it, and if we proclaim a gospel of love and mercy, of inclusion and grace, even when we are too few and when many do not seem to listen, what can we expect?

If we become fools for the sake of Christ, what else can happen to us than what happened to him? Should we expect to succeed if we take on the model of Jesus, when he himself was such a failure in the eyes of the world? Should we expect to escape the cross, if we faithfully follow the one who leads us to it? Rather, is not failure in the eyes of the world far more likely for us whenever we choose love over reason, whenever we choose service over success, whenever we choose accompaniment and solidarity over power and fear, whenever we choose the kingdom of Christ over the kingdoms and parties of this world? The foolishness of Jesus' call to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," is not intended to lead us to success; yet, it is a foolishness to which each of us and all of us are called. As Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach once wrote:

The fools for Christ are not only the martyrs or the stylites, but also—and this is Ignatius' originality—those crucified in daily life, in the tasks and sufferings of every day, who unobtrusively radiate the love of Christ through their words, their actions, their silences, their humdrum yes and no. Their very presence and style of commitment brand them as fools in a society that is overwhelmingly hostile, indifferent, or cynical in regard to those who live for a kingdom that is not of this world (from Fools for Christ's Sake).

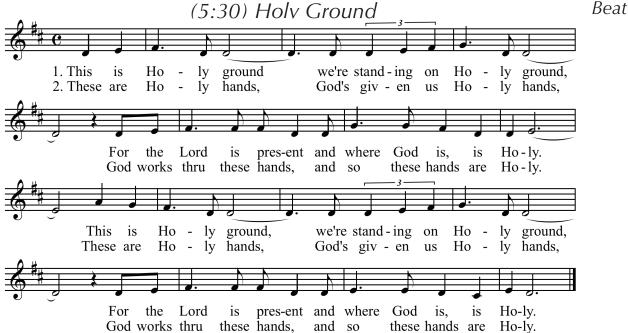
In countless ministries of word and welcome, in miles walked and meals served, in a hundred different programs which educate and inspire, in small acts that raise up the broken and revive the spirits of women and men that the world would sooner see gone, we show ourselves as fools, in the style of Christ. Through St. Martin de Porres and Casa Latina, the Rosary Group and St. Vincent de Paul, through jars of peanut butter put into the Francis House baskets and Eucharist given in the halls of Harborview, through preaching and proclamation, through protest in the streets and a hand held at the bed of one who is dying, we are living as fools for Christ, shining our small light on the good and the bad, allowing the rain of the Spirit we have received to fall on all those who came in need of refreshment. Despite all the lessons of common sense, despite too much work, too few resources, and too little time to get it all done, we still move forward—too foolish to know that it can't possibly succeed, too much in the love with the One who showed us the way.

In the great work of Jewish mysticism, the Talmud, it is said that, "Whoever saves one life, saves the world entire." How many worlds have been saved because of the quiet ministry of those who bring sandwiches each week for Martin de Porres? How many lives have been rescued and hearts raised by a conversation entered into in love, or by an act of mercy, when no mercy was owed? No one can tell but God. If today, throughout our world, we perceive only the grip of death and see only the rationality of power, still we trust that God sees something more; and we choose to hope—our act of rebellion against this world. We pray today for our enemies and our persecutors—all those imprisoned by fear and hatred, whose hearts are caged in violence—and we love them, foolishly, faithfully, constantly. It makes no sense, but it will bring forth the kingdom.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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





First Reading

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews



The just shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God; make music to his name. The LORD is his name. Ref.

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. Ref.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your people languished, you restored their inheritance. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. Ref.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a



Gospel Acclamation Alleluia Haugen le - lu - ia, al le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

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Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14 On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing

him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Homily

Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Offertory Song

We Come to Your Feast

Joncas

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,

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to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed. Ref.



We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine; we come taste the presence of him we claim as Lord, his dying and his living, his leading and his giving, his love in cup outpoured. Ref.



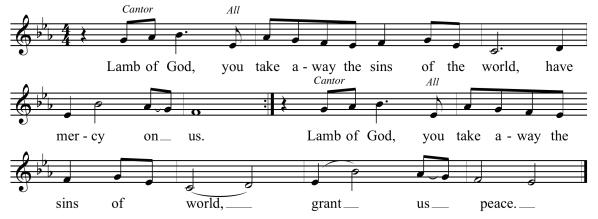
Mystery of Faith



Great Amen



Lamb of God



All Are Invited To Come Forward

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

IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.



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 preschool 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

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.



FAITH FORMATION

Hospitality Team Volunteers Needed!

There's so much more to Hospitality than serving donuts, juice, coffee and fruit after mass! The teams help our community get to KNOW each other better, BUILD connections, and NUTURE friendships. Newcomers are welcomed warmly. Kids get to enjoy a treat and learn to enjoy their time at church. This important ministry is in need of volunteers, especially on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact Elizabeth Rogers (elizabeth@elizabethrogerspt.com) to volunteer!

High School Confirmation Needs Your Help!!!

This is our final year of our High School Confirmation Program as the Archdiocese is lowering the age. We are looking for new members to join our team for this year from late September – January 26 for 12 sessions, a retreat and a service project. Sessions are 3:00-5:00 on Sunday in the Parish Center. Just as we ask the students not to miss more than two sessions, we ask you to show up to as many as you can. No teaching experience is necessary, but a knowledge of the faith or willingness to learn as you go is. We are looking for people who desire to ignite a spark in these HS Youths before they enter the world on their own.

Yearly we have 20-30 High School youth who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We need 3 new team members. We need vibrant faith-filled people to help form these youths and accompany them on this faith journey. We try to cover prayer and discernment, the nature of the sacraments, how do we encounter God, who is Jesus and what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? We also emphasis that Confirmation or being anointed by the Holy Spirit, which means you are chosen to bring this faith to the world through acts of mercy, justice, advocacy and serving others. This is what our faith teaches, this is who we are.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact, Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@ stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.

Volunteers Needed!

Do you desire to help young people feel valued as a part of our St. Joseph community? Do you have a heart to share your faith with young people? Consider being a part of our growing catechetical teams at St. Joseph! We are looking for help in all levels of Children's Faith Formation (especially for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten children) and in Pathfinders Youth Group (for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders). No experience is necessary and all materials and content will be provided. We welcome middle and high school students, as well as adults of all ages. If you would like to be considered as a volunteer, or would like to learn more information, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org

Do you have some spare time during the weekdays on a regular basis and love to organize? Consider becoming an office volunteer for Faith Formation! Administrative help is needed during the weekly parish office hours. For more information, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org

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 differ.

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





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

FAITH FORMATION



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 RCIA 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 stevew@stjosephparish.org All are welcome in this journey of faith.

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ACA Update

Thank you so much to all who have contributed! We have reached \$135,041 of our goal of \$162,011, so we still have a ways to go! A million thanks to Calins Alphonse, Samuel Alworth & Roxanne Yeo, Sally Ann Birks, David Budd & Christine Campbell, Mark Busto & Maureen Lee, Tyler & Maureen Caruso, David & Dorothy Crean, Gary Fallon & Leona DeRocco, Christopher Fiori & Katherine Chamberlain, Margaret Gaffney, Brett Graves & Dinah Manalo, Tom & Jereza Hupf, Teresa Johnson, Christopher Jones & Jeanine Benham, Andrew & Heather Karch, Erin Kittleman, Angela Kleinsasser, Peter Lam & Ann Wright, Don & Carla Lewis, Christopher Martin, Chris Meyers & Enrica Marocco, Anusha Minnikanti, Lan Nguyen, Matthew & Catherine O'Donnell, Julie Olsen, Jane Perry, Douglas & Carla Peterson, Dan Popoff, Patrick & Margaret Pressentin, Michael Rebagliati & Erin Karalus, Christopher & Eliza-

beth Robel, David & Manya Ross, Carol Sauter, George & Monica Stein, Matthew & Jennifer Tilghman-Havens, Lucy Tobin, Scott & Lisa Tomy, Junior Torres & Clint Eddy, Adrienne Udelhoven, Ellen Villegas, Marguerite Walsh, Arnold Willig & Janet Miller and Frank Woodruff & Dr. Jan Agosti.

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





FAITH JUSTICE

Casa Latina

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK OF CASA LATINA

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

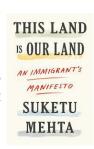
Casa Latina advances the power and well-being of Latino immigrants through employment, education, and community organizing. Two years ago as part of our Faith Justice efforts around Immigration, St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission chose Casa Latina as one of our Outreach Partners. In the past two years we have organized two breakfast gatherings and most recently a Mother's Day Celebration. This gathering will include a 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

Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, September 10 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@stjosepaparish. org with any questions or to RSVP.



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 per night. If you would like to learn more, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, How Can You Respond?

SafeTALK TRAINING Sunday, September 15th 1:15- 5:15 pm at St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center. Attend this 4-hour training that prepares anyone to become alert to those with thoughts of suicide. Most people don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. SafeTALK-trained helpers can recognize expressions of those seeking help and act by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources. Registration fee is \$25. To register: Nancy Granger at ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4269.

Parish Life

Young Adult Ministry

September Hike - Saturday, September 7th

Meet at 8am at St. Joseph parking lot for carpooling. Join the Young Adult Community for a hike in September! Whether you're a hiking pro or have never hiked before in your life, we invite you to join us for fun and fellowship on this easy trail to Talapus and Olallie Lakes! Please bring snacks/a brown bag lunch and water. Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP on Facebook. Questions? Emily (emily.albacarys@gmail.com or 513-504-2336) or Gabe (g.albacarys@gmail.com or 513-532-2002)

Bible Study: The Screwtape Letters

Every Thursday, 9/12 to 10/31, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join the Young Adults as we read *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. We will walk through this book slowly with a guide to help us connect what we are reading to our faith and help us to explore deeper questions of faith, sin, and grace. We meet every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm. Dinner begins at 6:30 and discussion starts at 7:00 pm. Email Sabrina at spopoff@spu.edu with any questions and to RSVP!

Third Sunday Socials: Canterbury Ale House

Sept. 15th - 6:30-8:00 pm - Canterbury Ale House

New to St Joseph? Not new to St. Joseph? Looking to continue your fellowship outside of Mass? Join us for Third Sunday Socials at Canterbury Ale House (534 15th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112) on each third Sunday of the month. This is a casual, no-obligation, social way to connect. Meet at the back of church the 5:30pm Sunday Mass or meet us there. Questions? Reach out to Adam Skarr (ahskarr@gmail.com)

September Social: Game Night!

Saturday, September 21 - 6pm - Parish Center Back by popular demand!

Join us for our monthly social 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! Food will be provided, feel free to bring a drink to share. Suggested fee \$10.



Women's Ministry

Coffee Connect

Join us Saturday, September 14th from 11am to 12 pm at Vios Cafe on 19th Ave E. and Aloha. Come sip and socialize, bring a friend! Any questions, please contact Gayle Sommerfeld at gaylesommerfeld@msn.com

Fall Retreat - Tending Your Garden

Saturday, September 28th, 9 am – 2 pm Parish Center Carla Orlando, Facilitating

Register at www.stjosephparish.org - 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.

Newly Married Couples

Focus Group - For Couples Married 5 Years Or Less Wed., Sept. 11th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 - Parish Center

Join Deacon Steve and Mary Hartrich for a focused conversation on how St. Joseph 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.

St. Joseph Men's Ministry

Mass & Potluck Barbecue - Friday, September 13th

Join us for our annual Fall Mass and Potluck Barbecue on Friday, September 6th, at the Parish Center. We will gather at 6 pm, have Mass around 6:30 pm with Fr. Glen presiding and then dinner. Rob Carroll will be leading us in music. Parish is providing polish sausage, brats and hot dogs. Everyone invited to bring a side dish, salad, dessert and beverage of choice to share! For more info, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjo-sephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

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



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

St. Joseph Parish Choir

WHAT: Auditions for St. Joseph Parish Choir

WHEN: August and early September, at a time to con-

venient 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.

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

URGENT CALL FOR USHERS!

We are in immediate need of two people to come forward and serve as ushers at the 5:30 pm mass on the first weekend of every month. It's a wonderful ministry of welcoming and hospitality. If you are open to this and/or have any questions, please talk to the usher captain Brian Cruess, or any of the parish staff. You can also go to the parish website and sign up there. We would be happy to talk with you!

Brian Cruess - 5:30 Mass Usher Captain Robert McCaffery-Lent - Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Music Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649

Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers Tree and hopes for the following intentions: For a son who has insomnia – may he sleep better and for the anxiety he is feeling in his new environment - may he grow in confidence

as he meets people and adjusts to his surroundings. . . For a friend who is recovering from surgery, may she heal well and begin a new chapter of joy in her life . . . For friends who are thinking about going to Hong Kong, may discernment guide them regarding this possible trip . . . For students and their teachers as they become acquainted when school begins after Labor Day.

> "That's our Lord's will . . . that our prayers and our trust be alike: large." ~Julian of Norwich

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, September 5th, 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. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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.