Oscar Romero: Martyr of the Faith

When we struggle for human rights, for freedom, for dignity, when we feel that it is a ministry of the church to concern itself for those who are hungry, for those who have no schools, for those who are deprived, we are not departing from God’s promise. He comes to free us from sin, and the church knows that sin’s consequences are all such injustices and abuses. The church knows it is saving the world when it undertakes to speak also of such things.

-Oscar Romero-

He was a bookish and bureaucratic auxiliary bishop, named Archbishop because the powerful officials who held such sway in the Church believed him accommodating to their wishes and conservative in his leadership. After all, as editor of the diocesan newspaper, he had written against the sociological methods of the Jesuits and others, calling them “almost Marxist” and condemning their disrespect for the traditions of the Church. Indeed, as he became Archbishop, he continued his friendship with the wealthy and powerful, acting in a manner wholly acceptable to the conservative interests of the rich: never rocking the boat, never disrupting the status quo. Yet, all that began to change when a young priest was murdered—a progressive Jesuit who had befriended him before he had been named a bishop, and who had been Master of Ceremonies at his episcopal ordination. When Fr. Rutillo Grande was killed, along with two catechists, as they went from village to village performing baptisms, a shock went through the Archbishop from which he never recovered.

Grande’s assassination was hardly extraordinary in a country already known for death squads and violence. Yet, its boldness shocked the Archbishop, and the willingness of the military leaders to lie so flagrantly about it, opened the eyes of Oscar Romero in a way that nothing else could. For perhaps the first time in his priestly life, he began to understand the depth of the repression, to recognize that the piety he loved so much was being used as an excuse for violence against the very people he was called to serve. He began to see—with his heart as well as his eyes—that the suffering of his people was not so much the will of God as it was the sin of those who led the nation. Like Isaiah, Romero was summoned from the obscurity he so desired; a burning coal was put to his lips, for him to proclaim words of hope for the poor and of challenge to those in power.

In response, the people rallied to the gospel he proclaimed, even as the oligarchs turned from him. On 24 March 1980, while presiding at Mass in the hospital chapel where he lived, Romero was shot down, on the orders of military officials. Yet, even as they hoped to stop the power of his spirit, the murderers only set it free, to be born in the Salvadoran people, and to strengthen them for the years of transformation yet to come.

This week, in Rome, Pope Francis officially declared Romero a martyr of the Catholic faith, and declared that he had been killed in odium fidei (i.e., in hatred of the faith). After years in which
the cause of Romero had been intentionally frozen by those who claimed he was too political a figure to be considered a martyr, Francis cleared away the obstacles and moved Romero closer to the beatification already bestowed upon him by the Salvadoran people. For Francis, Romero’s declarations against the inordinate accumulation of wealth by a few; his calls for an end of political repression; and his stand against the violence turned upon the poor, express the incarnate gospel of Jesus Christ: a gospel that infuses every dimension of human endeavor—even politics, even governmental policies. Opposing the false spiritualism that would have the Church promise heaven in the world to come, while accepting hell in the world we inhabit, Francis affirms Romero’s passion and points to his death, at the command of political leaders, as a religious act: one by which the Archbishop proclaimed the gospel not only in words but in blood.

The Incarnation of Christ destroys the false dichotomy of sacred and secular, and commands all Christians to infuse the whole order of Creation—to infuse every human institution—with the grace and mercy of God. The gospel is not meant for Sunday, alone; nor is it meant to comfort those who hold power at the expense of the suffering. Rather, the Incarnation of Christ and his gospel are profoundly political, filled with a message of hope and challenge, meant not for some future heaven, but for this world and this community of believers, this new earth that God is creating through the living body of Christ. The justice of God—filled with compassion and healing, marked by the overthrow of the powerful and the elevation of the poor—may come to its full realization only at the return of Christ, but must be begun by us today. If we, who profess to be the Church of Christ, fail to participate in his ongoing redemption of Creation, we fail to live with him, fail to be his Incarnation in the world, fail to proclaim meaningfully the salvation we say we desire.

What Oscar Romero came to realize is that our God is the God of heaven and earth, the God of the dead and the living, the God who cannot be contained within the walls of any building, or even in some distant heaven, but who lives and moves and has being in the suffering of the poor and the works of justice by which that poverty is overcome. Though not the property of any political party, the God of Jesus Christ is radically political, calling us to change the structures of society in a manner that “throws down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly,” that “fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty.” To do less than this, to use religion as a pacifier of the poor or as a justification for disparity, to seek to contain the message of the gospel behind the stone walls and bronze doors of the church is to distort the deep power of the Incarnation, to lessen the mystery of the One who does not cling to divinity, but enters the fullness of our humanity as Savior of the world.

With Oscar Romero, with Pope Francis, with the millions of women and men who struggle each day against injustice, we are called to become advocates for the poor and marginalized. May we do so in our legislature and in our schools, in our homes and in our hearts, in the aisles of our church and in the streets of our nation—all for the glory of God.

To my sisters and brothers at St. Joseph:

As many of you know, on 2 February, my sister, Elizabeth Rose Whitney Walsh, died suddenly of a heart attack. She was at home with her husband, Dennis, in Cotati, California, and her passing was very fast. She had suffered for 55 years—since she was 4 years old—with severe diabetes, and so had been close to death many times. Yet, her death remains a shock, and the pain of her loss is real and great.

I want to thank all of you who have sent notes of condolence and support during this time for me and my family. I know how many of you have faced such suffering and loss yourselves, and I appreciate your support of me. I have no doubt that, in the fullness of God, we shall all meet again with those who have gone before us—it could not be heaven if we were not with them. But I am also grateful that I have this community as a preview of that coming time of grace. Know of my prayers for you all.

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form. Should you have any question whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at stewardship@stjosephparish.org, or 206.965.1654.

Are you interested in finding out more about St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Church? Whether you are baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, or are a former Catholic pondering a return to the Church, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the many possibilities. Find out more—with no strings attached—by calling Fr. Glen at 206-965-1643, or email gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org.
All stand and sing.

Entrance Song

Lift Up Your Hearts

Roc O’Connor, S.J.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
3. God’s right hand made a path through the night,
4. Listen now, all you servants of God,

Praise the name above all names!
Praise the glory of your name!
Split the waters of the sea.
As I tell of these great works.

Wonderous your works,
How glorious your name!”
God has revealed,
Bless God’s holy name!
Lift up your voice:
Our God set us free.
Lord of my life,
Whose love shall endure!

D.C.

Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and on earth peace to peoples of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
We glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Són of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
**Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Job spoke, saying:  
Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?  
Are not his days those of hirelings?  
He is a slave who longs for the shade,  
a hireling who waits for his wages.  
So I have been assigned months of misery,  
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.  
If in bed I say, “When shall I arise?”  
then the night drags on;  
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.  
My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle;  
they come to an end without hope.  
Remember that my life is like the wind;  
I shall not see happiness again.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 147  
Marty Haugen  
Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the broken heart-ed.
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**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.  
Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Taize  
Taize
Gospel
On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Please be seated.

Homily
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Dismissal Song (9)  

Take, O Take Me As I Am  
John Bell

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’; all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.
Please be seated.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song  St. Theresa’s Prayer

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours is the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Please stand.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schutte

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
**Mystery of Faith**

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

**Great Amen**


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**COMMUNION RITE**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*During the Lord’s prayer, the assembly either holds hands or lifts their hands up.*

**Sign of Peace**

Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

**Lamb of God**

_Agnus Dei,_ qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis. _A gnus De i,_ qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis. _A gnus De i,_ qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
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

Your Hands O Lord

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;
They triumphed over disease and death and death, O’er darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,
The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.
And then your touch brought life and health gave hearing, speech and sight;
And those you healed, their strength restored, acclaimed you Lord and light.

And so, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty now as then,
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.
Oh, be our mighty healer still Great Lord of life and death;
Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless, with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour.
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

Blest Are They

Re - joice and be glad!
Bless-ed are you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!
Yours is the king - dom of God!

After you receive Communion, you may kneel or sit if desired until the ciborium is returned to the tabernacle.

Song of Praise

Open My Eyes

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. O - pen my hands, Lord. Help me to heal your world.
5. Your love and grace, Lord. These are e - nough for me.

O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
O - pen my hands, Lord. Help me to heal.
Your love and grace, Lord. These are e - nough.
**The Concluding Rites**

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

**Recessional**

**Instrumental**


**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

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**Sunday**

- 9:00 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Childcare during Mass
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
- 11:00 AM Mass
- 5:30 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Young Adult Social

**Monday**

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 7:00 AM Yoga - Body in prayer
- 1:00 PM Parish Blood Drive
- 7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer
- 7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

**Tuesday**

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 7:00 PM RCIA

**Wednesday**

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 7:00 AM Yoga - Body in prayer
- 6:00 PM Pathfinders Youth Group
- 7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

**Thursday**

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass

**Friday**

- 7:00 AM Daily Mass
- 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Group

**Saturday**

- 3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass - Baptisms

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For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.

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**Car Prowls On The Rise**

As you may have heard, there has been a spate of car/home/business burglaries in our neighborhood in recent weeks. Please be extra careful not to leave valuables in your car when you park around the parish and school.

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**We Are St. Joseph Events**

**Save The Dates!**

- Ceili - March 14th
- Catholic Advocacy Day - March 26th
- We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner April 24 & 25
- Sounders Game - August 30th
Liturgy and Worship

Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Cindy as she makes changes in her life . . . For John as he discerns a decision about his future.

“In the day when I called, You answered me; and You strengthened me with strength in my inner self.”

Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Whitney Walsh, beloved sister of Fr. John Whitney and Pat Whitney.

Mary Jane Grant, mother of Marykay Kreszenzia.

Mary Ann Sauvage, wife of Dr. Lester Sauvage, whose funeral will be Mon, February 9 at 10 am.

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 18th
All Masses will be held in the Church

7:00 AM Parish Mass
Collection for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

9:00 AM School Mass

7:00 PM Parish Mass
Collection for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

St. Joseph Parish has a long history of linking parishioners to acts of mercy in the community and across the world. Our parishioners are encouraged through our liturgies, school, faith formation classes and focused programs to take their faith to those on the margins of society. Not to convert but to follow the example of Christ.

In this spirit, we plan to direct our Ash Wednesday collection to benefit our St. Martin de Porres Shelter, a long-time outreach partner of St. Joseph Parish and essential social ministry in our archdiocese. For decades, our parishioners have faithfully prepared and served Saturday meals to the men in the shelter—we can’t begin to count the number of sandwiches or volunteers! Our parish winter shelter is an outgrowth of our St. Martin de Porres ministry. Recently, a volunteer shared “the food we make for the men at St. Martins is the single most important thing we do in any month.” As with all of our social ministries, we receive much more than what we give...

Get involved: St. Martin de Porres Shelter is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides safe and dignified night shelter for 212 homeless men each night. For more information about how you can join a St. Martin de Porres food team or volunteer for the winter shelter, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646.

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.

~Pope Francis

Stations Of The Cross

Fridays during Lent at 11:00 am in the Church.
Women’s Ministry

Spiritual Reading

The Spiritual Reading section of books for Women’s Ministry is all set up and ready for use in the Jogues Room on the second floor of the Parish Center. You may have access to this room to select and check-out books during normal office hours. Please check with the receptionist to make sure the room is not in use.

Lent begins Feb. 18th, you might want to consider selecting a spiritual reading book and devote an amount of time reading each day for your Lenten practice. If you would like some advice on a selection and introduction to the process for borrowing, Sue Grady would be glad to help you. Contact her via 503-329-5919 (cell phone) or sue.e.grady@gmail.com

The Second Fifty Years
Lessons for Life’s 4th Trimester

A six week Lenten small group that meets on Monday evenings from 7 - 9 pm beginning February 23rd. For women who want to meet and create life’s next challenges! Let’s get together to grow, to laugh, and to occasionally mourn - all in the spirit of the Lenten journey.

To register, please contact Deacon Steve at stevw@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Planning Committee

The St. Joseph Women’s Ministry warmly invites you to join our Planning Committee. We are a diversified group of women of all ages, cultural, educational and social backgrounds. We ask for a one year commitment by attending monthly meetings, the first Monday of each month, where together we create a variety of events that will strengthen our spirituality, fellowship, knowledge and service to God and one another. Please contact us through women@stjosephparish.org or Deacon Steve at stevw@stjosephparish.org

Grand Catholic Italy Tour

Join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., on this spiritual, cultural and historical exploration of Italy including an audience with Pope Francis (if available), and private masses at several important Italian basilicas.

Travel Dates: 12 -23 October, 2015

Tour Overview - Explore Italy with a focus on the Holy Places important in Catholic history. Begin in Rome with guided sightseeing of the city, ancient Roman sites, visits to the four patriarchal basilicas, the Vatican museums and an audience with Pope Francis (if available). Spend a special day with Fr. Glen visiting some of his favorite cultural, spiritual and historical sites and then celebrate private Mass with him in the Church of the Gesù, the Jesuit “mother” church. Travel north to Cascia to explore the life of St. Rita and on to beautiful Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare, visit sites important in the lives of these two saints. Continue into Tuscany to Siena to visit the basilica and sanctuary of St. Dominic and spend time in the beautiful Piazza del Campo. Travel to Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance.” Take a walking tour of the historical center with a local guide and visit Signoria Square, the basilicas and more. Travel to the monastery at Pavia and then onto Italy’s commercial and fashion capital, Milan, for a walking tour of this fascinating city. In Padua visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony and then onto Venice for a tour of St. Mark’s Square and Basilica, the Doges Palace and Venetian glassblowing.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY!! For further information contact Hilda or Walt Kicinski at Viking Cruise & Travel, 206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com

Young Adult February Social

Interested in meeting new people but don't have much time? Wondering who all those other young adults are at Mass? Why not attend Speed “Friending” at St. Joseph after the 5:30 pm Mass on February 8th. It will be a night full of new friends, great conversation, and delicious snacks. For more details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

Friday, March 13th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a Lenten lunch in the Parish Center. Join us early at 11:00 am for Stations of the Cross! (Please note date change)

Tuesday, March 17th - Senior’s Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.
Agape Middle School Summer Service Week

Are you a middle school student or a parent of a middle schooler? Have you heard of the Agape Service project and always wanted to go? Agape Service project is a one week long immersion service trip for current 5th-8th graders. It is held in Whatcom County and run through Western Washington University’s Newman Center. This year’s trip will begin Sunday, August 2nd thru Friday afternoon, August 7th. We are always looking for adult chaperones! For more information, please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org

In the Steps of Ignatius II
Ignatian Spirituality For Men

simply connecting: DISCERNING TECHNOLOGY
Wed, February 11th - 6:30-9:00 pm -
St. Anne House of Prayer

Randy Novak and Paul Peterhans, presenters; Vince Herberholt, facilitator

Smartphones... iPhones... Tablets... iPads... Facebook... Twitter... Instagram... Internet... Etc... Etc...

How has the information revolution affected your spiritual life? When can technology isolate, distract, invite or open you up to connecting meaningfully with God, yourself, others and the world? With the help of prayer, presentations, reflection & shared conversation with other men, come discern the place of technology in your life.

Free will offering. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org and click on “Ignatian Spirituality for Men”. An RSVP by Monday, February 9 would be helpful for planning. To RSVP, please contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206.329.4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org).

Middle School Dance

Calling all 7th and 8th graders in Catholic schools and Parishes across the Seattle Archdiocese! The VOICE, St. Joseph high school youth group, is hosting a junior high Blacklight dance on Friday, February 13th. All proceeds will go towards scholarships for a youth delegation to El Salvador this summer.

Come see friends from schools and parishes across the city! Even if you don't attend a Catholic school, if you are a member of any of the parishes listed below, you are invited! Dress up, bring friends and support a good cause!

Who? 7th and 8th graders from the following schools and parishes: St. Joseph, ASB, Christ the King, Forest Ridge, Holy Family, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Lake, Seattle Nativity School, St. Alphonsus, St. Anne, St. Benedict, St. Bernadette, St. Catherine, St. Edwards, St. George, St. John, St. Luke’s, St. Mark, St. Matthew, St. Paul, St. Therese, and Villa.

When? Friday, February 13th

Time? 7 pm – 10 pm

Where? Wyckoff Gym, St. Joseph School

Price? $10 all attendees will receive a free water bottle (AND first 100 people receive free LED foam stick)!

For more information, visit the St. Joseph Parish Calendar and click on the "Voice Blacklight Dance".

Parish Lost & Found

We may have it if you are looking for a much loved knitted woman’s hat in earth tones... or other colorful knitted ones... maybe a rust toned paisley shawl... possibly men’s caps for the cold weather... a yellow 6 inch teddy bear with flowers... a missing black glove or a pair of black gloves... a child’s single black slipper with hearts. Call (206-324-2522 ext 100) or visit Renee at the Parish Center to inquire about our winter collection of Lost and Found in the church.
Parish Blood Drive

Most people don’t know how important it is to donate blood and only realize it in an emergency situation. Blood has to be donated EVERY DAY to ensure that it is on the shelves for those unfortunate times.

Every units counts and we need 25 people to step up and be a hero. Can we count on you?

Monday February 9th 2014
Parish Center - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm (closed 3-4)

To make an appointment, please contact Renee Leet in the Parish Office at 206-324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

***Please drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring Photo ID or donor card***

Seattle in Black and White

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Fight for Equal Opportunity: Three members of CORE will tell the story of the Civil Rights Movement in Seattle from 1961 to 1968, including the role of local churches and St. James Cathedral. The presentation will include an introduction of the Black American Initiative, and its work with local Black Catholics, Black churches and the Black community to seek and sustain racial justice. Registration recommended but not required. For information, or to register, Patty Bowman, 206-382-4515, pbowman@stjames-cathedral.org. Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Pastoral Outreach Center, St. James Cathedral, 9th and Columbia.

L’Arche

Join L’Arche Noah Sealth and Ten Thousand Villages for an Evening of Community and Friendship!

When: Thursday, February 12th, 6-8pm

Where: Ten Thousand Villages Seattle - A Fair Trade Retailer, 6417 Roosevelt Way NE, Suite #101, Seattle, WA 98115, 206-524-9223

What: Shop for beautiful fair trade items; a portion of the evening’s Ten Thousand Villages store sales will be donated to L’Arche Noah Sealth!

- Candles made by L’Arche Noah Sealth core members for sale!
- Handmade paper crafts, plants and honey from the L’Arche Farm and Gardens in Tacoma!
- Enjoy snacks, spin the wheel to win prizes!

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Dialogue For Justice

2015 Legislative Forums

Sunday February 8th at Immaculate Conception Parish
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Saturday, February 28th at Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Opening presentation by Fr. Paul Magnano and Fr. Jack Walmesley on “How does the Gospel and Church social teaching call us to be Advocates.” Followed by legislative updates and advocacy training.

For more information and to register contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.
Pope Francis has offered a compelling model of church as “field hospital,” calling Catholics to engage those who suffer wherever they may be found. Kristen Heyer, Ph.D. will examine this model, one which calls Catholics to engage not only with personal issues but with social issues as well, particularly the exploitation, violence and family separation faced by migrants in America.

Panelists will explore how local faith-based and community organizations—specifically the Kino Border Initiative and ministry to Latino communities on the eastside of Seattle—serve as “field hospitals” for migrants in Washington and California.