

Sunday, September 8, 2019 \* Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time\* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



*Whoever does not carry his own cross  
and come after me cannot be my disciple.*



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

**Homily This Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.**

**Homily Next Week: Deacon**

**Steve Wodzanowski**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday - 5 pm**

**Sunday - 9:30 am & 5:30 pm**

**Readings for September 15, 2019**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:7-11, 13-14

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-32

**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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**Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm**

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*This week, from Tuesday to Thursday, Steve Wodzanowski, Theresa Lukasik, and I joined about 200 other delegates at a meeting of the ministries of Jesuits West—the Province of the Society of Jesus of which St. Joseph is a part. In this meeting, we discussed how we might live out the recent call of the Society to all its ministries given in four Universal Apostolic Priorities: 1. Showing the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment; 2. Walking with the poor, the outcasts of the world, in a mission of reconciliation and justice; 3. Accompanying young people in the creation of a hope-filled future; 4. Collaborating in the care of our Common Home.*

*In the coming weeks, I plan to address each of these priorities, as they might apply to our ministry at St. Joseph, but to prepare for that, I am presenting a bit of history on the topic of Jesuit mission and parish life. For, although many of us cannot imagine Jesuits in Seattle without St. Joseph, the notion of Jesuit parishes is—officially, anyway—a fairly recent phenomenon. And though, today, the work of St. Joseph as a vital Jesuit ministry seems self-evident, it took us awhile to get here—and the journey can tell us something about how we might move forward.*

*With this in mind, I am offering an excerpt from a paper originally written in 2008, near the end of my time as Provincial, and revised in 2014, after nearly 5 years at St. Joseph. I hope you find this history interesting.*

**Fr. John, S.J.**

## **A Creative Tension and “the Progress of Souls”**

In the revised Norms of the Society of Jesus, adopted in 1995, those who had worked for many years in Jesuit parishes were at last recognized and affirmed in the “Jesuitness” of their work. And at the same time, they were challenged to bind their inherently valuable service of the diocesan Church to the charism and call of the Society of Jesus. The Norms abandoned the historical prejudice that, “Jesuits are not parish priests,” and—recognizing the 2,000 parishes in which Jesuits labored at that time—offered these moderately hopeful paragraphs:

*§1. Now that the discipline of the Church in regard to parishes entrusted to religious institutes has been changed, the care of souls in a parish is no longer considered contrary to the principles of the Constitutions. In fact, under certain circumstances it can assist our mission of serving the faith and promoting justice, as well as foster interreligious and cultural dialogue. It belongs to the General to judge whether any particular parishes are to be accepted or given back.*

*§2. Parishes accepted by the Society must be in accordance with its proper charism and mission; therefore, committed to the pastoral goals and policies of the local church, they also participate in the apostolic priorities of the Society and in the mission plan of the province, according to our way of proceeding. (General Norms, 274; emphasis added)*

Though the phrase “*under certain circumstances*” makes this less than a full-scale redirection of the Society into parish ministry, these paragraphs—and the document *On Parish Life* from GC34—manifest a significant transformation in the history of the Society of Jesus, a transformation that emerges from the changing nature of the Church and the developing understanding of our Jesuit vocation. Thus, only in 1995, are parishes accepted not as accidental appendages, temporarily attached to the Jesuits until something better comes along, but as potentially vital elements in the living mission and ministry of the Society of Jesus.

## I. A History of Mission in the Society of Jesus

The mission of the Society of Jesus, and of all its works, arises from the *Formula of the Institute*—first written in 1540 and given definitive articulation in 1550. In its earliest form, the founding Companions offer themselves for a type of service different from that found in the Church of their day, a service rooted not in local structures but in the Church’s universal mission, which they identify with the Holy See. For this reason, what becomes known as the Fourth Vow (i.e., a special vow of obedience to the Pope for mission) assumes a crucial role in the entire document. In their articulation of this commitment, the Companions profess their desire to “*go beyond the ordinary obligations and bind ourselves by a special vow, so that whatever the present Roman Pontiff and others to come will wish to command us with regard to the progress of souls and the propagation of the faith, or wherever he may be pleased to send us to any regions whatsoever, we will obey at once, without subterfuge or excuse, as far as in us lies. We pledge to do this whether he sends us among the Turks or to other infidels, even to the land they call India, or to any heretics or schismatics, or to any of the faithful*” (*Formula* 1540, 3).

Though the wording may chafe those committed to interreligious dialogue, the emphasis in this passage on availability for mission and on the implicit search for a more universal good—expressed clearly elsewhere—sets the stage for the entire history of Jesuit ministry. For the Society and its members, everything that is undertaken is done as mission; a mission ultimately rooted in the Vicar of Christ, and only mediated through the Superior General and the Provincial or local Superior.

This mission, for the early Society, was not to be the kind of “ordinary” pastoral ministry that was properly handled by diocesan clergy or those vowed to a stable life in a particular region. Instead, as the Constitutions note, the early Jesuits took this vow, “*in conformity with their intention to travel throughout the world and, when they could not find the desired spiritual fruit in one place, to pass on to another and another, ever seeking the great-*

*er glory of God our Lord and the greater aid of souls*” [605]. By placing themselves under the personal sponsorship of the Pope, the early Jesuits sought to guarantee the kind of spiritual mobility that would empower them to follow the Spirit wherever that Spirit led. Freed from the restrictions—and often the control—of local ecclesiastical authority, the Society could maintain a flexibility, and independence, that allowed for discernment and availability, under the chief discerner; i.e., the Vicar of Christ, or those charged by him with governance of the Society.

Likewise, insofar as the Holy See provided a wider vision of the world, the Pope could mission the members of the Society towards more universal goods. And since, as the Constitutions put it, “*the more universal the good is, the more it is divine*” [622], it was natural to look towards the Papacy and away from ordinary diocesan structures.

In this context, the missions that were undertaken by the early Jesuits did, indeed, tend to have these qualities of universality and/or uniqueness. For example, the schools, though they limited to some extent the initial flexibility sought by the Society, were ministries uniquely suited to the well-educated graduates of the University of Paris; and, further, they offered a kind of “*multiplier effect*” by educating those who, upon graduation, could change the community—and also enrich the numbers within the Society herself. At the same time, the foreign mission to North and South America, as well as to Asia, required resilience and flexibility, while employing the intellectual gifts of the Jesuits—especially in areas of language and linguistics. These were missions unreachable to diocesan structures, for which the availability of the Jesuits was essential. Thus, the early works of the Society were geared either towards the universal Church, as it reached out into the New World; or towards the Church in fractured or unserved regions, as it sought to renew itself in a world where it was often under assault. In neither of these situations were ordinary diocesan structures present, making the work appropriate to the missionary direction of the Society.

How then, given this history and direction of the Society, does parish ministry arise, and how does it fit with the character and mission of the Jesuits?

**Next Week: Why Be In Parishes?**—How Vatican II changed the Church and made the ministry to Parishes a Jesuit mission.

*John SJ*

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

# Prelude

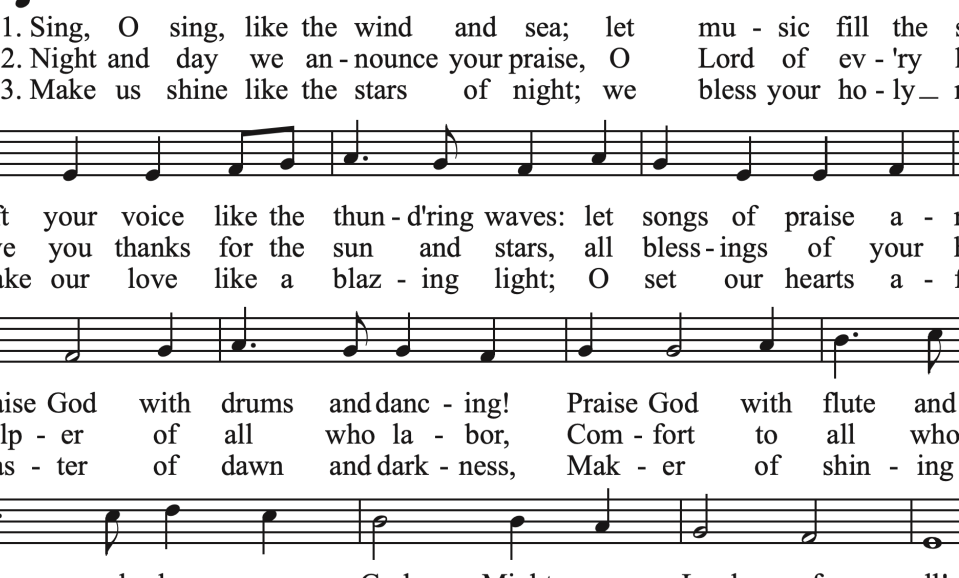
(9) CHORAL ANTHEM: Day By Day

## How

Day by day O Lord of thee three things I pray.  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly day by day.

## Entrance Song

*Sing, O Sing*

*Schutte*

1. Sing, O sing, like the wind and sea; let mu - sic fill the skies!  
2. Night and day we an - nounce your praise, O Lord of ev - 'ry land,  
3. Make us shine like the stars of night; we bless your ho - ly name!

Lift your voice like the thun - d'ring waves: let songs of praise a - rise!  
give you thanks for the sun and stars, all bless - ings of your hand.  
Make our love like a blaz - ing light; O set our hearts a - flame!

Praise God with drums and danc - ing! Praise God with flute and horn!  
Help - er of all who la - bor, Com - fort to all who mourn.  
Mas - ter of dawn and dark - ness, Mak - er of shin - ing star.

Bless - ed be our God, Might - y Lord of all!  
Praise to you, O God, Might - y Lord of all!  
Praise to you, O God, Might - y Lord of all!

*(5:30) Anima Christi*

*Fleming/Toolan*

Je - sus, Je - sus, may all that is you be  
pre - sent in me, flow in - to me.

# Gloria

## See Cards In Pews

## First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel,  
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?  
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,  
and unsure are our plans.  
For the corruptible body burdens the soul  
and the earthen shelter weighs down  
the mind that has many concerns.

And scarce do we guess the things on earth,  
and what is within our grasp  
we find with difficulty;  
but when things are in heaven,  
who can search them out?  
Or who ever knew your counsel,  
except you had given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus were the paths of those  
on earth made straight.

## Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 90

Guimont



You turn man back to dust, and say, "Return, O children of men."

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night. *Ref.*

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning.

In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. *Ref.*

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants. *Ref.*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.

O give success to the work of our hands. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Alleluia

Murray



*Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.*

## Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



## Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.



## Offertory Song

### *Come and Follow Me*

Franzak

If an - y - one would come and fol - low me, — my dis -  
ci - ple you would be. — Leave the past be - hind, seek and you will  
find all you're called to be. If an - y - one would come and fol - low me,  
— know the truth will set — you free. — Give and you re -  
ceive. Trust me and be - lieve. Come and fol - low me.

## 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.

## Mystery of Faith

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

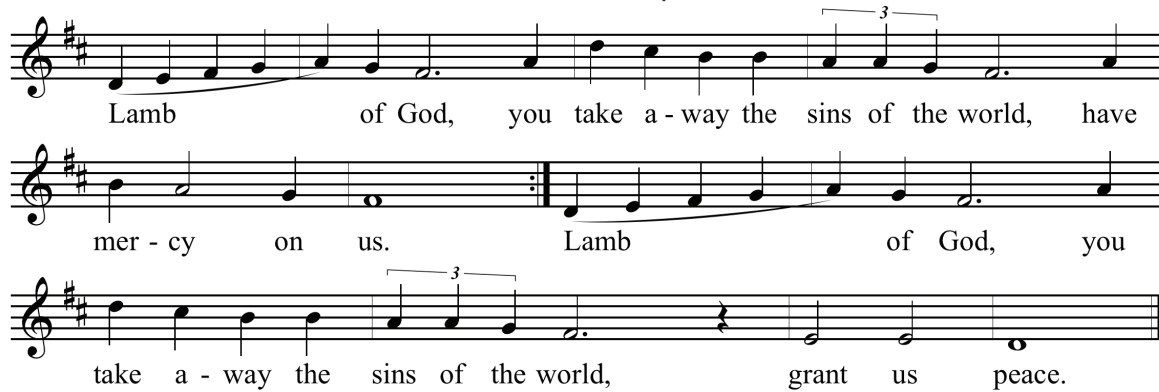
## Great Amen



## Lamb of God

### Mass of the Holy Cross

Isley



### 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.*

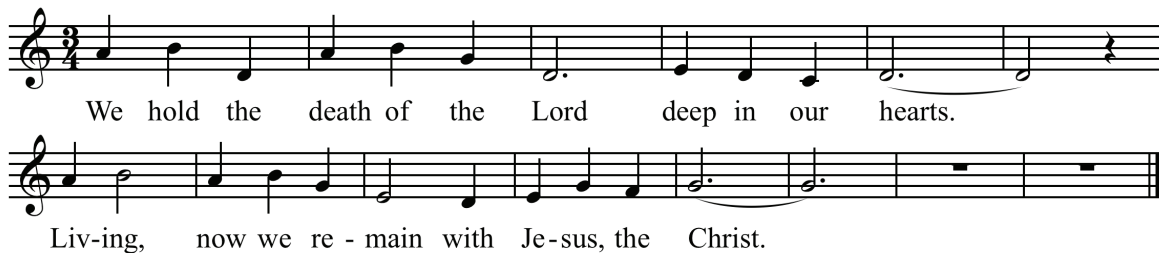
**IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.**

## Communion Songs

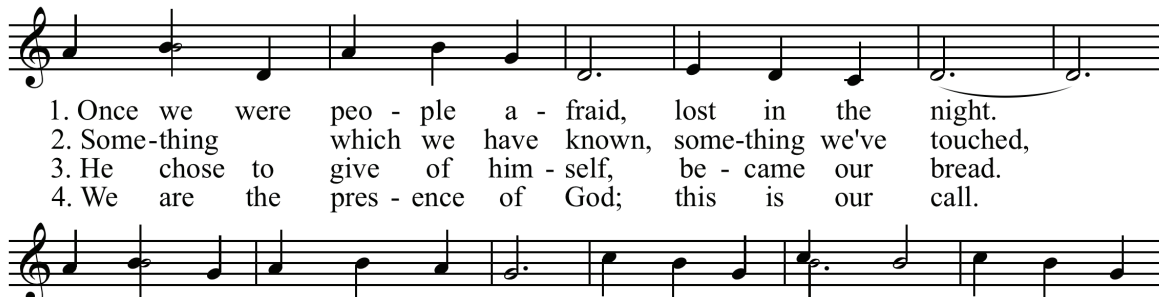
### Now We Remain

Haas

#### Refrain



#### Verses



Then by your cross we were saved; Dead be-came liv - ing, Life from your  
What we have seen with our eyes: This we have heard; Life giv - ing  
Bro - ken, that we might live. Love be-yond love, Pain for our  
Now to be - come bread and wine: Food for the hun - gry, Life for the



## Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? *Ref.*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? *Ref.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send? *Ref.*

## Song Of Praise

## The Summons

Bell

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
2. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but  
3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but  
call your name? Will you go where you don't  
call your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
call my name. Let me turn and fol - low  
know and nev - er be the same? Will you  
side and nev - er be the same? Will you  
you and nev - er be the same. In your  
let my love be shown, will you let my  
use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and  
name be known, will you let my life be  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and  
grown in you and you in me?  
sound in you and you in me?  
grow in you and you in me.





# 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](mailto: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](http://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.



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# FAITH FORMATION

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## Volunteers Needed!

### 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 Claire Hansen [claireh@stjosephparish.org](mailto:claireh@stjosephparish.org) 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 emphasize 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](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1651.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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:  
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# FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

## Come and See

*What the Catholic Faith has to offer*

**Tuesday Nights**

**KICK-OFF SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

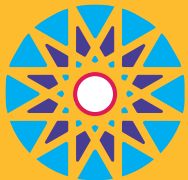
**7:00pm – 8:30pm**

**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.*

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If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) All are welcome in this journey of faith.



*Save the Date*

*St. Joseph Parish/School Picnic  
Sunday, September 22nd, 1-4 pm*

# ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Thank you so much to all who have contributed! We have reached \$136,766 of our goal of \$162,011, leaving us with \$25,245 to go!**

A million thanks to Hugh Bangasser & Lucy Homans, Dr. Travis Brayak, Derek Crick, Terrence Cronin, Kurt & Kelly Keydel, James & Gabrielle Roffey.



*There are envelopes in the pews for your ACA donation or you can donate online at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)*



## Casa Latina

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK  
OF CASA LATINA

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

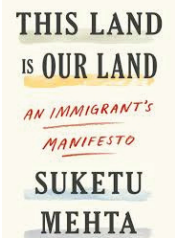
Casa Latina advances the power and well-being of Latino immigrants through employment, education, and community organizing. Two years ago as part of our Faith Justice efforts around Immigration, St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission chose Casa Latina as one of our Outreach Partners. In the past two years 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](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

## FAITH JUSTICE

### 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@stjosephparish.org](mailto:racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.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](mailto: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](mailto:ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-382-4269.

# PARISH LIFE



## Young Adult Ministry

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1646.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org) or call 206.965.1651.

## 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@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

## Seniors On The Go

**Thursday September 19th** - Senior Outing to Washington State Fair. Leave from St. Joseph at 9:30 am. Admission for Seniors is \$12.00. Bring money for lunch. We will leave the fair by 2:30 pm, hopefully back to St. Joseph by 3:30 pm. RSVP to Renee, 206.324.2522 ext 100.

**October 4th** - 1st Friday Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, please join us after for a Seniors Luncheon.





# 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](mailto: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 to 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](http://www.stjosephparish.org), on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle), and on the St. Joseph mobile app. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Rmclent@stjosephparish.org) or 206-965-1649



**St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:** For all those who will be having surgery in the next few weeks, may they recover well and live life with new joy. For families who are having difficulty relating to one another, may they come to a place of peace. For all those who have any form of cancer, may they be given the Lord's strength and healing. For all children in the world, may they be held in our arms of love and compassion.

*"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."*  
**James 4:8**

## 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. For information, contact Jim Hoover at [sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org) or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. We have volunteers ready to help guide those who are just learning.