Sunday, October 20, 2019 \* Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year \* www.stjosephparish.org

# St. Joseph Parish

the jesuit parish in seattle















BIENVENIDO, PADRE MIGUEL! WELCOME, PADRE MIGUEL!

"Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching."

While in his theology studies, Padre Miguel served as a pall bearer for Oscar Romero.



### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **OCTOBER 20, 2019**

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

### **Weekend Mass Schedule** Saturday - 5 pm **Sunday** - 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm

### Readings for October 27, 2019

FIRST READING: SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-18 SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18 GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center Reconciliation Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

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### Finding the Exact Course and Seeing the Wide Horizon

### Part One - Jesuit Mission and the Universal **Apostolic Preferences**

Already by this time, they had all determined what they would do, namely, go to Venice and Jerusalem, and spend their lives for the good of souls; and if they were not given permission to remain in Jerusalem, then return to Rome and present themselves to the Vicar of Christ, so that he could make use of them wherever he thought it would be more for the glory of God and the good of souls. They also planned to wait a year in Venice for passage; but if there was no passage for the East that year, they would be free of their vow about Jerusalem and approach the pope, and so forth.

-The Autobiography of St. Ignatius, 85-

The more universal the good is, the more it is divine.

-Constitutions of the Society of Jesus [622]-

While the majority of religious orders and communities were founded to meet a particular need or to exercise a particular ministry e.g., the education of youth, the training of priests, etc.—the foundational charism for the Society of Jesus involved a kind-of radical indeterminacy. In a spirit of generous indifference, cultivated by the Spiritual Exercises, the first Companions had vowed in Paris to go to Jerusalem and work among the "infidels," noting that, only if they were unable to accomplish this first goal, would they go to Rome to offer themselves to whatever service the Pope might ask of them. Because they believed that the Roman Pontiff would have a greater sense of the universal needs of the Church, these men provided no limit nor particular focus to their offer: whatever the Pope wanted, they would undertake to do. This notion of radical availability—still manifest today in the Jesuit's characteristic 4th vow of obedience to the Pope for mission—explains the historic breadth of Jesuit ministries, which have included everything from spiritual direction to astronomy, the education of the young to the practice of psychiatry, the accompaniment of refugees to the counseling of monarchs. Seeking to carry out a variety of Papal initiatives throughout their history, Jesuits have gone to the halls of Versailles and the camps of the Hurons, to the pulpits of Reformation Germany and the fishing villages of coastal India—all because the mission of the Society is to adapt to the needs of the Church in the varying places and moments of her history.

However, while the grace of availability has enabled Jesuit ministry to expand into an ever changing world, the challenge of adaptability and availability means one's sense of common cause and purpose can be easily dissipated. An individual, or an Order, can get pulled this way or that, chasing immediate needs, but losing sight of a greater good. An often general mission from the Pope to the Society does not necessarily filter down clearly to the individual minister, or even to the Province or Society; thus there can be a sense of confusion and a loss of an animating spirit of mission. Open to so

much possibility, Jesuits run the risk, on the one hand, of inertia—i.e., being excessively committed to one historic work, regardless of changing conditions—and on the other hand of dissipation—i.e., chasing after whatever is new and immediate. Precisely because the Jesuit mission can be manifest is almost any work, it can be difficult to know how well a particular work aligns with that Jesuit mission. As one 17th century Jesuit articulated the challenge, "To be open to the widest horizons, but to keep oneself on the exact course, this is something divine." So it is that, perhaps more than any other religious tradition, Jesuits have needed to ground themselves consistently in spiritual discernment, in the search for criteria that are rooted in the call of the Holy See, in the originating charism of the Society, and in the needs of the universal Church at a particular moment. Such criteria, present since the beginning of the Society, provide a means by which the particular Jesuit work or community can recognize what makes their work "Jesuit" and can discern more effectively what else might be needed for greater communion with the call of Christ—or as Jesuits call it, magis.

In composing the Jesuit Constitutions, St. Ignatius—assisted by his secretary, Juan Polanco—became the first to offer principles of discernment, universally applicable to all Jesuit works. In Part VII, Chapter 2, while allowing for the freedom and pastoral judgment of particular circumstances, he identifies certain preferences that both individuals and communities should consider in pursuing their works. The first of these is universality, itself: i.e., the notion that one should ordinarily prefer a work which affects many over a work that affects only a few. In language that, to some extent, explains why the early Jesuits put such great effort into the founding of schools, Ignatius emphasizes the good of such universal ministries by noting their multiplier effect, i.e., the influence they may have on others to do good. At the same time, Ignatius notes, one should look to serve "in places where the enemy of Christ our Lord has. . .spread bad opinion about the Society or stirred up ill will against it." This second criterion, which may seem counter-intuitive (after all, why go where you are not wanted?) is understandable in the historical context of the newly founded Order, which was still fragile and in danger of destruction. By preferring ministries that serve where the Society was held in disrepute, Ignatius hopes to transform these negative opinions and so enable the Society to better serve everywhere. It is a uniquely insightful desire, and one which—given the effects of the sex-abuse scandal—might well be considered even today.

Going further, Ignatius notes how, whenever possible, we should prefer works that offer both spiritual and corporal mercies, as well as works that may be more ur-

gent or works for which there are not others available. In other words, though a work that serves many is to be generally preferred, that preference should be balanced against the need and urgency of other works. This is what Ignatius' contemporary, Jerome Nadal, meant when he said, "The Society cares for those persons who are either totally neglected or inadequately attended to." Similarly, Jesuits should give preference to those good works that touch on the unique spiritual gifts given to the Society, particularly the Spiritual Exercises, and to those works which—when equally beneficial—might be more safely and expeditiously achieved. Finally, notes Ignatius, a discernment of mission should consider if the good done will endure, and one should lean towards those "pious works that continue longer and are permanently profitable." These criteria of ministerial preference, set out by Ignatius—and used by him in his own choices of where to mission his men and establish the works of the early Society—were intended, primarily for the Superiors of the Society; but they also offer us the first example of how preferences and priorities shaped the ministry and guided the choices of the early Jesuits. And although later generations would, in time, lose much of the vitality and creativity implicit in these criteria—becoming, to a great extent, trapped in a pattern of what had long been done—the original inspiration, implicit in these early principles of discernment would become clear with the coming of the Second Vatican Council and the transformation of the modern Church.

Next Week: The Council, the Intervention, and the Priorities of Fr. Kolvenbach

### **WELCOME!**

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the "Sign up for our eNewsletter" link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

**Register!** Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven't officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" link.

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

### **Prelude**

### (9) I Lift Up My Eyes To the Hills

Gouin

Up to the hills I lift my eyes, from where shall come my strength, my help? My hope rests in the Lord, my God, the maker of the earth and skies.

God guides or steps and guards our way. Never slumbers, never sleeps. His love and grace fill all our days, the guard and hope of Israel.

No sun shall cause you harm by day, nor moonbeam in the dark of night. The Lord will ever keep you safe till you ascend to heaven's height.

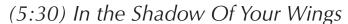
The Lord will guard your soul from death; from ev'ry foe he sets you free. The Lord will guide your ev'ry step from now until eternity.

### **Entrance Song**

### Vamos Todos Al Banquete

Cuellar





O'Connor



First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

### Psalm 121

**Psallite** 



I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. *Ref.* 

May God never allow you to stumble! Let your guard not sleep. Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering, Israel's guard. *Ref.* 

The Lord is your guard and your shade; and stands at your right. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. *Ref.* 

The Lord will guard your from evil, and will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and forever. *Ref.* 

### **Second Reading**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.



Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

### **Homily**

John D. Whitney, S.J.



### **Offertory Song**

### (5) De Colores

**Traditional** 

De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.

De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera.

De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir.

Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

Sing rejoicing! Every creature that breathes, raise a song to the God of creation.

Sing rejoicing! Sing to God who so earnestly cares who has offered salvation.

Sing the Good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.

Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

Jubilosos, jubilosos vivamos en gracia puesto que se puede.

Saciaremos, saciaremos la sed ardorosa del Rey que no muere.

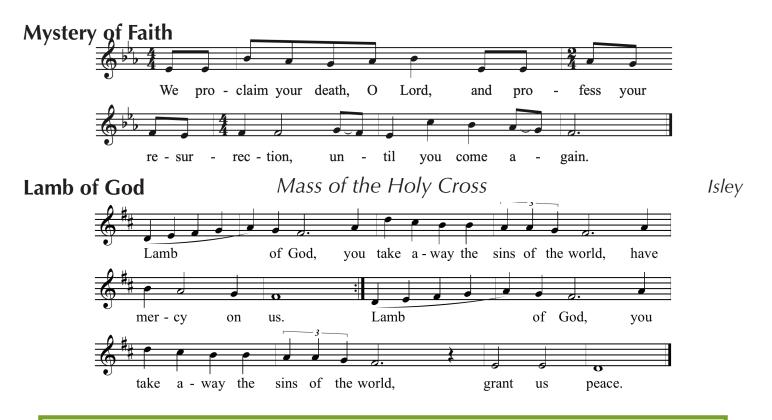
Jubilosos, jubilosos llevemos a un Cristo alma y mil más.

Difundiendo la luz que ilumina la gracia divina del gran ideal.

### Pescador de Hombres/Lord, When You Came to the Seashore

Gabarain





### All Are Invited To Come Forward

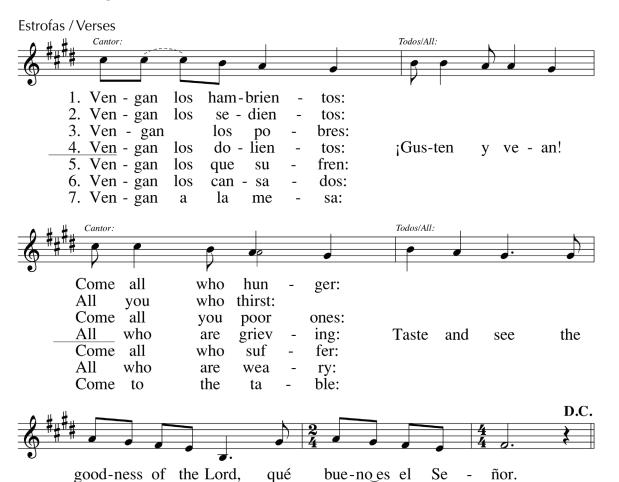
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

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

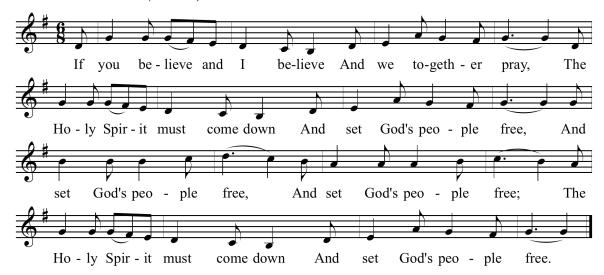


### Gusten Y Vean

Alonso









### LITURGY AND WORSHIP

### **Lectors Needed for 11 am Mass**

Proclaiming the Word of God for all to hear is a wonderful service to our parish. If you are interested in being a lector at the 11 am mass, please contact lector coordinator Jessica Smits to sign up: lectors@stjosephparish.org We'd particularly like to invite interested high schoolers to join us! Training/Audition will be held Sunday, November 17 after the 11 am mass. We will go over the role of the lector and give you a chance to practice.

## Remembering Our Beloved Dead

Please join us on Friday, November 1st as we celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us.

Masses are at 7 am and 7 pm in the church.

Ritual Of Remembering: At the 7:00 evening mass on Friday, November 1, we remember those who have died this past year. We gather in candlelight, speak their names aloud, and pray for them and for each other as we sing the Litany of the Saints.

As in previous years, you are invited to bring photos of your loved ones to help create a shrine or "Saints Corner" to be located on the Mary altar. This will be maintained as a sacred space for contemplation and prayer throughout the month of November. Additionally, you are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the "Book of the Names of the Dead" located at the entrance to the church.

(Please write contact information on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you after November.)

# FAITH FORMATION

# Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!

Do you desire to help the youth 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 leader for our Pathfinders Youth Group (for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders). Pathfinders takes place on Wednesday evenings. 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.

### Office Volunteers Needed!

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

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:30pm All high school students are encouraged to drop in, when possible. We take part in regular service projects that are eligible for school service hours. The remaining weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions of current events, self care exercises to help de-stress from the many pressures of high school, exploring individual spirituality without expectations or judgments, and we end each night playing group games.

This week we will be examining current news topics and what they mean to us as young people, as Americans, as Catholics, and as global citizens. For more information, email Emily Hayes at thevoice@stjosephparish.org

### **Online Bible Study**

Did you know that St. Joseph's has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by Parishioners? This is the perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to help deepen your prayer life through their reflections. You can also find our online bible study on the top of the weekly e-newsletter that is sent out on Thursday, just click the button that says "Online Bible Study".

https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL Kindergarten Information Night October 29th 7PM

Schedule a tour today! Shana Abner, Director of Admissions 206.329.3260 ext. 243

Learn more at: www.stjosephsea.org



### Parish Life



### **Seniors On The Go**

**Friday, November 8th** - (*Please note date change!*) Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, then join us for a delicious luncheon in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up.

### Soccer Cleats for our Sister Parish!

Have soccer cleats around your house that are no longer in use? The Sister Parish committee is collecting Soccer Cleats that are clean and in good condition for our brothers and sisters in Arcatao, El Salvador.

We will be collecting donations until Wednesday, November 6th — and will transport all of the shoes with us a few days later on the upcoming Delegation! There will be a box to drop off cleats at the Parish Center. For any questions, please contact Sam Kennedy (skennedy@ stjosephschool.org) or Steve W (stevew@stjosephparish.org)

### Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship Job Posting

We are hiring a new Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship. The Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship manages all aspects of institutional advancement including annual fundraising (Stewardship), endowment development, planned giving, donor cultivation, fundraising volunteer management, messaging, and certain special events. This position entails being a member of the Parish core administrative team, and requires one to be an active and practicing member of St. Joseph Parish. This position is a .75 FTE. A full job description is available at www.stjosephparish.org Send resume and cover letter to Marti McGaughey, Pastoral Assistant for Administration at jobs@stjosephparish.org to apply.

### **Young Adult Ministry**

**Soulful Soups** 

Soulful Soups is Back!

Tis' the season for soup and friends! Join the St. Joseph Young Adult community for family style dinners every other week (late October through February). The October/November Soulful Soups will take place in the Social Hall at 7 pm on 10/28, 11/11, and 11/25 (Friendsgiving!). You are welcome to bring a drink, side, or salad to share. We take turns providing the soup, and you can sign up to bring soup at https://tinyurl.com/soulfulsoup. Email Callie Turgeon with any questions (cturgeon10@gmail.com). We're excited to see you there!

# Trick Or Treat For Jesuits

Each year thousands, yes thousands of witches, wizards and some saints visit the Jesuit house on Halloween night.

Help us feed these hungry souls by dropping off a bag or two of candy at the Parish Center on weekdays.

Thank you!

### FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that St. Joseph has a Facebook page? Check out our posted pics and inspirational shares on our Jesuit identity. Additionally, information about events at the parish are updated regularly. And while you're at it, please "like" us.

Check us out at: www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle



### Help us buy a home for our Sister Parish Scholarship Students!



As we reflect on our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being in relationship with San Bartolome, how can we meaningfully honor this tremendous milestone? How can we give a gift for the next 30 years? The Sister Parish Committee discussed this question at length and made a bold proposition: **St. Joseph can honor this relationship milestone by endowing the DHP scholarship program with their own house, near the university in El Salvador.** 

Donors have generously given \$75,000 in matching funds! Your gift today will be doubled! Now is the time to support this wonderful ministry!

#### What is DHP?

DHP (desarollo humano popular, or *popular human development*) is the scholarship program formed by San Bartolomé parish in the 1990's to allow students to attend college and vocational schools. Through generous benefactors (including the St. Joseph community), the program has funded nearly 250 students since its inception. With a budget of roughly \$40k per year, funds provide housing, tuition, books, and room & board for 37 DHP students studying in San Salvador.

### Where do the students live?

Students currently live in a 6-bedroom, 5-bathroom house that is not fancy. With bunk beds and efficient space planning, they are able to house 24 students. They currently pay rent that can increase every year with no assurance the house will be available beyond the next school year. The house is farther from campus, in a less secure area. They cannot make improvements to the house or make much needed repairs, including upgrading unreliable water pipes.

#### How can we afford a house?

Housing is very inexpensive in San Salvador, especially compared to Seattle! A 6-bedroom, 5-bath house can be purchased for approximately \$150,000. We've identified one house in particular, located less than 10 minutes' walk from the university, within a gated community. All funds raised will go toward the purchase of this house.



#### How would this help?

In addition to not worrying about renewing a lease and increasing rent, DHP students would be in a more secure neighborhood. The program will also save \$10,000+ in rent and other expenses, effectively becoming an annuity for the program that supports an additional 10+ students each year!

### Do we know how to buy a house in El Salvador?

Last winter, a sister parish delegation met with a reputable real estate attorney in San Salvador who has agreed to help with the negotiation, acquisition, closing of the property. The process Is very similar to the United States.



### Who would own the house?

With Padre Miguel's blessing, the Jesuits of San Salvador are aware of our goal and have agreed in concept to take title with a restricted covenant requiring the use to be exclusively for the DHP program.

This weekend October 19/20 is our collection to support the purchase of a house for DHP students! Use the blue special collection envelopes, located in the pews.

Thank you for your support of our Sister Parish!

# One Humanity-Two Countries:

# The Impact of Migration/Immigration on

# El Salvador and the United States A Dialogue for Our Times

When: October 23, 2019

7-9 PM

Where: St. Joseph Parish

732 18th Ave. E

Seattle, WA 98112

For more information please email: mderosas729@gmail.com

### **Presenters & Panelists:**

- Father Miguel Vasquez, SJ, Pastor San Bartolome, Arcatao, El Salvador
- Ms. Marina Ortiz
   Salvadoran Human Rights Leader
- Meghan Kelly-Stallings
   Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee
   Affairs, Coordinator, New Citizens Prog.
- Josh Utter, Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator, Jesuit Refugee Service/USA
- Michael Ramos, Executive Director,
   Church Council of Seattle (Facilitator)

Please join us for an evening of dialogue about immigration and migration from both sides of the border.

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating 30 years of a sister parish relationship with San Bartolomé in Arcatao, El Salvador. Fr. Miguel Vasquez, SJ, pastor of San Bartolomé, will share his perspective of witnessing the impact of 30 years of migration on communities in El Salvador. He will be joined in dialogue and later in a Q&A panel of advocates and experts.

Come learn about the humanity behind the headlines, and the ways communities in El Salvador are creating hope with bold initiatives for social change.





## FAITH JUSTICE

### **Winter Shelter Program**

St. Joseph's Parish in partnership with St. Martin de Porres Shelter operates an Overflow Winter Shelter Program for up to 14 men, 5 nights a week (Tues-Sat) in the Old Gym underneath the Church. The Shelter will open on Friday, November 1st with a closing date of April 30th.

We are in need of volunteers to help:

- Serve as an overnight host once a month (two per night, 18 or older)
- Provide 14 lunch bags once a month (Great family activity)
- Set-up one day a week (takes about an hour) Great way to involve the kids!

We need two hosts each for the 3rd Saturday and the 4th Tuesday. We need one host each for the 2nd Thursday, the 2nd Friday, the 4th Thursday and the 4th Saturday. The host needed for the 4th Saturday must be a driver as our current host does not drive.

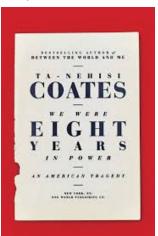
If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or wintershelter@stjoseohparish.org We are also in need of financial contributions to operate the shelter. Our projected monthly budget is \$900-\$1200 a month. If your company offers matching funds. This is a great way to give.



### **Racial Justice Book Group**

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 8 at 7pm in the Parish Center** to discuss the book *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. For a list of the titles we will read each month through May 2020, see the Ra-

cial Justice Book Group page under the Faith Justice section on the St Joseph Parish website. Please email racialjusticebookgroup@stjosepaparish.org with any questions, to RSVP or if the cost of purchasing the book is an obstacle.



# Pope-Pourri



Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, we have seen how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit led the early Church to realize that God's offer of salvation in Christ is intended for people of every nation. A critical moment in this process takes place when, in a dream, Saint Peter is told that henceforth no food is unclean in God's eyes. Almost immediately, a Gentile, the Roman centurion Cornelius, comes to Peter and, while hearing him preach the Gospel, receives, together with his household, the gift of the Holy Spirit and is baptized (cf. Acts 10). These events led Peter to open his mind and heart to the "creativity" with which God was extending to all people the blessings promised to Israel. Peter's discernment of God's universal saving will was the mark of a true evangelizer, who desires to share the joy of the Gospel with everyone. Peter's example also challenges us to examine our own openness to the surprising creativity with which the Holy Spirit is even now drawing all people to salvation in the Risen Lord.

Membership At St. Joseph

Your annual affirmation and commitment is a visible statement of your active participation in the mission of our Parish. Together, we stand with whatever we can offer, as a faith community committed to be *Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve*.



1. ACTIVATE: If you have never done so, please register officially as a member of St. Joseph, either online

or by dropping a written form into the collection basket or by the office. This need only be

done once.

2. AFFIRM: Each year, please send in a pledge envelope, telling us that you choose to be a part of this

community, giving whatever you can—especially prayer, and financial support, if you are able. Please send in an annual affirmation even if you have a recurring gift set up. Your

annual pledge ensures that we budget appropriately and live within our means.

3. PARTICIPATE: Everything at St. Joseph depends on those who share its life, in whatever way you can: come

to Mass, serve in a ministry, sustain the poor, learn the faith—proclaim the Gospel in

companionship with all of us. We are on a good road, but you will make it better.

### **Know Where Your Money Goes**

\$250 for flowers for our All Saints Day Mass
\$500 for a Bagpiper for the Palm Sunday procession
\$850 for Communion Wine
\$1,050 for Communion Hosts
\$2,500 for additional musicians for our Christmas Mass celebrations
\$5,000 for Parish website hosting and updates
\$6,200 for Sunday Hospitality (donuts, coffee, juice, etc.)
\$10,000 for candles in church
\$15,000 for landscape & grounds maintenance of church
\$30,000 for heat and lights in the church
\$52,000 for the formation of 83 First Communicants

### Thank you for your prayerful discernment...

For over a century, women and men such as you have prayed over their resources and have placed their trust in the goodness of God.

Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished as a place where young people are educated with hope, where seniors gather with joy, where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer and community. Through family, work, and service, all share the Eucharist they have received.

As a part of this history, we ask you to open your heart fearlessly, and to commit, not out of guilt, but out of the love of God that has been poured into your heart.



Thank you for becoming a part of St. Joseph.

Thank you for your annual affirmation of membership
and active participation in our community.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship
commitment this year. Thank you for the grace you have, and the grace
you share with all of us.