See! The Lord shall appear, shall not deceive us.
If the Lord tarries, keep watching.
The Lord shall come quickly. Alleluia!

-Monastic Liturgy-
Advent

[T]he Thanksgiving table may be groaning with God's goodness and bounty, all the folks healthy and happy, but something is missing... What is missing? Where did it go? I won't have it! I won't have it! Why this sadness here? Don't stand for it! Get up! Leave! Let the boat people sit down! Go living in a cave until you've found the thief who is robbing you. But at least protest. Stop, thief! What is missing? God? Find him!

-Walker Percy-

I was 22 years old, freshly graduated from Georgetown University, with degrees in English and Philosophy. I had been accepted, to my surprise, into the graduate school for English at the University of Chicago, to study under Wayne Booth—whose book, *The Rhetoric of Fiction*, had been one of the reasons I decided to go to graduate school and become an English professor. To be accepted into this program confirmed me in my sense of place in the world and offered assurance of the place which I was meant to attain. I was a child of the “greatest generation”—though they had not yet received that name—and I expected that I could do anything and succeed at anything to which I put my mind. After all, my parents had overcome the Great Depression and the Second World War, how could I not succeed and become even happier than them?

And yet, living in Chicago and walking each day from the apartment the university had provided to the main part of campus, I became, step by step, sadder and more lonely. I would sit in class, fascinated for a few minutes by the cleverness of Chaucer or by some deep dive into Shakespeare; or I would grow excited by a new idea, or by the mental gymnastics of literary critics like Ronald Crane or Kenneth Burke. And then the class would end, and I would walk home, often with my one good friend, Terrence, and would sit in my apartment with little motivation, wondering what good all of this was. What purpose did it serve? Though I had not noticed it at the time, I came to realize that at Georgetown my teachers had made our studies about dialogue, about communion with people across generations, and about a purposeful engagement with the future—what I would only later come to see as the Jesuit notion of *magis*. But at that moment, when the only purpose seemed to be me, the whole enterprise seemed empty, and I gradually felt a darkness rise in my soul. Despite all the gifts that I had been given—gifts of intellect and opportunity, of wealth and support—I found myself caught in despair, a despair which led me, for the first time in my life, to lose touch with my family, because I felt that I had nothing to say to them. It led me to fill my evenings with drinking, especially after I got a job as a bartender in a newly opened restaurant. And it led me to leave many of my final papers unfinished, put aside for some mythical “later,” which I think I knew at the time would likely never come. And in the midst of this despair, as my transcript began to fill with “incomplete”-s, and I spent more and more evenings at bars with Terrence, I also, paradoxically, found myself rising early, riding my bike to a nearby church and sneaking alone into the back row for the daily 6:30 am Mass—a drowning man holding onto the last life preserver he could find.
I wonder, today, how many of us feel a despair similar to the one I felt as a graduate student all those years ago? Living in the midst of one of the wealthiest cities, in one of the wealthiest and most powerful nations in the history of the world, how many of us still feel empty and alone—seeking some purpose or meaning that we cannot name, possessed of some sadness that seems wholly irrational? Perhaps we try to hide from this sorrow—filling our lives with things, running out on Thanksgiving Day to get that new toy which might, at least for a minute, make us happy. Yet, even then, we cannot escape this sense of despair, this absence of happiness, though our lives are laden with gifts and graces. And this persistent sorrow leads us on the one hand, to self-contempt, as we accuse ourselves of ingratitude or weakness for feeling sad when we have been given so much. Or it leads us on the other hand, to anger, born of confusion, as we strike out against the world, believing that somehow, someone must be to blame for the existential wound that we experience. Looking around us, we see the effects of this despair in the high rates of suicide among veterans and the rage poured out on the internet; in the murderous rampages of white nationalists and in the drug-induced numbness of so many on our streets. In a land of plenty, we hear the voices of politicians telling us to be afraid, and that our problems—i.e., our sorrow—come from immigrants or from refugees, from the “other” at the door, and not from our own hearts. Even in the Church, we see this despair and this rage, as some seek solace in obedience and ritual, by which they mask the sorrow of their hearts. And in the Church, as in civic life, the answer is often to go backward, to embrace nostalgia and the myth of a golden age, or to believe if we can just overcome the other (the foreigner, the liberal, the traditionalist, etc.) we might, at last, attain some peaceful and final utopia. Yet, all these attempts just seem to make our sorrow more acute and make the meaning, the peace, the hope we desire even more elusive. We are a people walking in darkness: how can we find light?

This Sunday, we begin again the season of Advent. And though the world will tell us that these are the weeks to prepare for Christmas—to buy our presents and put up our lights, to fill ourselves with all the anxiety that comes from too many parties and too many obligations—the Church tells us something different. It tells us to awaken to what we really want, and to prepare ourselves for what we truly desire. In these four weeks—lived in darkness that gradually, ever so gradually, gives way to light—we are invited to remember that all that has been given to us has been given not so that we might find our own safety and security, but so that we might make a place in our hearts for the One who comes to us, weak and needful, in the poverty of the Incarnation. It is not gaining something that will bring us the joy and meaning we seek, but rather, surrendering it all to the child who seeks our love and needs our protection. This is the light that is dawning: not a light to see our own achievements or relish our own power—that way lies despair—but a light to see who needs us, who cries for us, who longs to be held by us and suckled by the milk we choose to offer. Advent is a journey to that stable, and an invitation to recognize that all the gifts we have—big or little, great or small—attain their meaning only through the ways we share them in the light of that small and fragile place. Anxiety or anger, consumption or nostalgia, none of these will heal the sorrow each of us carries in our lonely heart. But, if we open our hearts to let the other in—to let in the child and his mother, the refugee and displaced, those who come from the field and those who come from far away with gifts they long to give away—then we may, at last, find what our lives mean.

Almost 40 years ago, after months of sneaking into that chapel nearly every morning, hanging on to the light I did not yet understand, I remembered a poster I saw when I was in college, and I called to apply to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Ending up in a small village in far western Alaska, I began my Advent. How I long, today, to begin it again.

John O'Keefe

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.
First Sunday of Advent
Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down, all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen; her light is come!
Ah, come thou blessed Lord, O Jesus Son of God. Alleluia!
We follow till the halls we see where thou hast bid us sing with thee.

Entrance Song
Creator Of the Stars Of Night
CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

1. Creator of the stars of night,
   Your people's ever lasting light,
   We pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse
   Should doom to death a universe,
   Your own in glorious liberty.

3. When this old world drew on toward night,
   You came; but not in splendor bright,
   Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
   All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
   Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

(5:30) Prepare the Way Of the Lord

Prepared the way of the Lord. Prepared the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. Prepared the way of the Lord. Prepared the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Kyrie

Cantor:
Kyrie eleison.

All:
Kyrie eleison.

Cantor:
Christe eleison.

All:
Christe eleison.

Cantor:
Kyrie eleison.

All:
Kyrie eleison.
First Reading
This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come,
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest mountain
and raised above the hills.
All nations shall stream toward it;
many peoples shall come and say:
“Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may instruct us in his ways,
and we may walk in his paths.”

For from Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and impose terms on many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again.
O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 122

I rejoiced when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Ref.

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. Ref.

For Israel's witness it is to praise the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Ref.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, “May they prosper, those who love you.”
May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers. Ref.

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, “Peace upon you.”
For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I will seek good things for you. Ref.

Second Reading
Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia

(9) Advent Alleluia

Chant

Joncas
Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

(5:30) Go Now In Peace

Sleeth

Offertory Songs

My Soul In Stillness Waits #415

Haugen

(9) Choral Anthem: E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord the Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come sing Holy, Holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within, rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.
E’en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their All!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

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

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

Great Amen

A-men.

Lamb of God

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: mi-se-re-re no - bis.


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

Wait For the Lord Taize

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Jesus, Hope Of the World #909 Tate

Jesus, hope of the world, Jesus, light in our darkness,
here we await you, O Master Divine. Here we receive you in bread and in wine: Jesus, hope of the world.
1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri-umph breaks. When
crowned with glo-ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
haste the ris-ing of that morn Whose day shall ev-er last.
come, O come, Em-man-u-el,
And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
Who or-der all things might-i-ly;
That mourns in lone-ly ex-i-le here
To us the path of knowl-edge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

2. Not, as of old, a lit-tle child, To suf-fer and to die, But
right shall tri-umph o-ver wrong, And truth shall be ex-tolled.
O com-e, O com-e, Em-man-u-el,
And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
Who or-der all things might-i-ly;
That mourns in lone-ly ex-i-le here
To us the path of knowl-edge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past; O
haste the ris-ing of that morn Whose day shall ev-er last.
come, O come, Em-man-u-el,
And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
Who or-der all things might-i-ly;
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To us the path of knowl-edge show,
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And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
Who or-der all things might-i-ly;
That mourns in lone-ly ex-i-le here
To us the path of knowl-edge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Seniors On The Go

**Friday, December 6th** - 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.

**Thursday December 12th** - Join us for our annual outing to Molbak’s, Flower World and the Maltby Café. We hop on the parish mini-bus which seats up to 14 passengers at 10:30 am and return around 4:00 pm. Reserve your seat by emailing Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or by calling 206-324-2522, Ext 100

**Thursday December 26th** - Senior Matinee Play: THE BISHOP’S WIFE at the Taproot Theatre. Leave from St. Joseph at 11:30am. Then lunch at a restaurant in Greenwood followed by play at 2pm. Cost $15.00 for ticket plus lunch. Seating is limited and tickets must be pre-paid in advance, so reserve your seat now! Deadline is 12/12/2020. For details contact call 206-324-2522 or by emailing Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Ministry

**Soulful Soups**
The St. Joseph young adult Soulful Soups group date are Dec. 9, Jan. 6, 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24. We’re taking a break for Christmas and skipping Dec. 23. You can sign up to bring something by emailing Callie Turgeon at cтурgeon10@gmail.com or by using this Google Doc link: https://tinyurl.com/soulfulsoup.

**Advent Bible Study**
Join the Young Adult Bible Study as we prepare our hearts for Christmas with an Advent Bible Study! We will begin reading on the first day of Advent (December 1st) and will meet on Thursdays (12/5, 12/12, and 12/19) from 6:30-8:30. Please email Sabrina at spopoff@spu.edu for more information and to RSVP! We look forward to walking through this season of joy, hope, and anticipation with you!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**
Please join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Brebeuf Room of the Parish Center at 7pm. We have yarn, needles and patterns. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we can teach you. All are welcome on December 3rd we would love to meet you.

If you would like a Prayer Shawl for yourself or someone you know, email prayershawl@stjosephparish.org

**Men’s Ministry**
Please join us at an Advent Morning of Prayer and Fellowship, “MAKING PREPARATIONS”.

Saturday, December 7th
8:30am-11:30am, St. Joseph Church
Coffee and pastries, prayer, presentations & discussion

For information contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org Animators: Andy Perez, Paul Freiburger, Ian Anderson, Chris Jones, Steve Wodzanowski & Rob Carroll.

Sister Parish Soccer Cleats

Through the tremendous generosity of donors, we collected 110 pairs of soccer cleats, ranging from youth sizes for kids often unable to afford soccer cleats, to adult sizes to encourage exercise and community building.

During the recent trip to Arcatao, El Salvador, these cleats were distributed amongst six different nearby communities: Sicahuites, Carasque, Los Pozos, Las Cuevas, Manaquil and Arcatao. The cleats were received with excitement and gratitude — we had to draw straws to decide who would have the first shot at picking from the collection!

These cleats will be managed by each of the communities as “lending libraries” where individuals can borrow a pair of soccer cleats for the season, and then return them afterwards to later borrow a different pair (when their feet have grown)! Thank you so much for the generous support and we hope you will consider supporting us as we grow and expand these lending libraries!
St. Joseph Parish
Non-Profit Christmas Bazaar
Sunday, December 8th
10 AM - 1 PM
732 18th Ave E - In the Social Hall

This year St. Joseph’s Parish Alternative Bazaar will have beautiful handcrafted items from dozens of countries, and organizations around the world in order to support disadvantaged artisans overseas and in the US. The artisans and vendors are Fair Trade Certified, or a non-profit whose sales 100% support the organization.

Come and support our non-profit outreach partners such as: L’Arche, Fair Trade Winds, Westside Baby, Snow Leopard Trust, Noonday Collection, Sister Parish Ministry, and many more!

More Information: Deacon Steve 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:

Reading Matthew

Thursday’s
December 5 & 12
St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Every Advent begins our new liturgical year, this year’s primary Gospel is the Gospel of Matthew. **Fr. John Whitney, SJ** will facilitate a two-week introduction to the major themes found in the Gospel of Matthew including how for Matthew, Jesus becomes a new Moses and bringer of the New Covenant, and he will take a close look at this gospel’s many parables.

For more information or questions please contact Theresa Lukasik
theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651

www.stjosephparish.org
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For all who have lost someone dear to their hearts, may they be granted the grace to persevere and go on. May our hopes and prayers be held in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and be answered in the way our Lord has planned for each of us. May we enter each day with a generous heart, to serve the call of courage and love.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

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 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.

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, December 5th, 7-8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. All are welcome!

St. Joseph Holiday Schedule

Saturday, December 21
12 Noon-4 pm Parish Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 22
1 pm-4 pm Come help us prepare the church for Christmas.
No 5:30 pm Mass due to church cleaning.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 24
4:00 pm, Children’s Mass (Doors open at 3:00 pm)
6:00 pm, Mass in the Evening
10:00 pm, Lessons & Carols
10:30 pm, Mass in the Night

Wednesday, December 25
10:00 am, Mass in the Morning

New Year’s Eve
Tuesday, December 31
8:00 pm, Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at Midnight

New Year’s Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
10:00 am, Mary, Mother of God
Protecting the Least Among Us

"The social teachings of the Catholic Church place the dignity of the human person at the center of all concerns for justice. Every human being, no matter how small or dependent on others, possesses infinite value."

Join us on Monday, December 16th at 6pm in as we explore our Catholic, Jesuit call to protect the dignity of all human life. Guided by "Protecting the Least Among Us: A Statement by the Society of Jesus in the United States on Abortion", we will discuss why respect for human life is a fundamental building block of all justice and explore ways in which we can protect life in the womb, seek justice in ensuring pregnant women and men have the resources they need to care for their children and live full lives, and build a culture of life that recognizes the dignity of every human person. "Protecting the Least Among Us" can be found at https://jesuits.org/Assets/Publications/File/Protecting_the_Least_ENGLISH-FINAL-1-18-2018.pdf and copies will be available at the meeting. Please contact Jojo Reardon at joannelreardon@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org with any questions or join us on December 16th.

St. Francis House

Our friends at St. Francis House are desperately in need of warm winter coats, especially women’s coats, to pass out to people in need. Please bring your lightly used or new coats to the church vestibule kitchen and label them “Francis House”. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers support a wide range of people in need. In just one recent visit with three people, they helped a grandmother hobbled with a broken leg; a young man almost totally blind; and, a woman appearing twice her age. The grandmother, an immigrant here for two years, lived in a small subsidized one-room apartment, neat as a pin. She was “embarrassed to ask for help.” She needed $50 to complete her rent payment. “I can’t see you,” said the young man, perhaps in his mid-thirties. “So, I’ll give you a hug.” He too needed help with rent, $200. The woman looking older than she probably was, is losing weight. She takes a score of medications and suffers from seizures. She must sleep on a mattress on the floor so she won’t fall out of bed. We helped her with rent and food cards.

Each person was gracious, not complaining, and thankful. We told them it was your donations each month that we merely pass on to folks who need help. It’s the Lord’s work. Our next collection is this weekend to help our neighbors in need!
Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 332 pledges which is 18% of our families, totaling $823,746 toward our goal of $1,700,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish! If you haven’t yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work.

A million thanks to: Jerrold & Cristina Bailet, Joshua Bess & Krista Hodne, Jeffrey & Anne Blackburn, Tipton Blish & Bridget Perry, Shahrzad Bushman, Derek Crick, Joan Dinkelspiel, Thomas Farrelly, Phillip & Erin Friedman, Andy & Courtney Heily, Dr. Henriette Anne Klauser, Robert & Eileen McCaffery-Lent, John McKay Jr, Kyle O’Connor, Cole & Maia Peterson, Tom & Beth Peterson, Jo Plorde, Dr. James Rogers & Dr. Pamela Kulin, Rob & Kate Rosamond, Leanne Sangster, Robert Starin & Bernadette Bulacan, Doug and Maureen Stoll, Bret Taylor & Deborah Taylor-Hill, Aurora Vandewark, Silvia Waltner, Dennis West & Margaret Kineke and Michael & Jennifer Wood.

**Faith Justice**

**Casa Latina**

*Share The Journey Breakfast For Day Laborers*

Thursday December 19th - 7:00 – 9:00am
317 17th Ave S

As part of our parish efforts in support of our sisters and brothers who are refugees and immigrants, we are putting on a breakfast for 100 people at Casa Latina. We need the following items: 12 dozen baked goods, muffins, scones, and sweet bread. (Home-baked preferred) Money to purchase the following items: orange juice Fr-fruit, coffee and cream. We also need: 15-20 gift cards to Safeway, Starbucks, McDonald’s and/or gift items like warm hats and jackets for men and women. We need 6 bi-lingual volunteers to serve and clean-up on Thurs, Dec. 19th from 6:30am – 8:30am.

You can drop items off at the Parish Center by Tues, Dec. 17th or until 1:30 pm on Wed. Dec. 18th (at the latest!).

To help please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stjosephparish.org To learn more about Casa Latina go to their website http://casa-latina.org/

**Kino Border Delegation**

Please join the St. Joseph Border Delegation on Thursday, December 12th [at 7:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Center] for a presentation and discussion about our experience and witness at the Jesuit KINO Border Initiative (KBI) in Nogales, Arizona USA/Nogales Sonora Mexico. We completed our immersion November 9 – 14, 2019. We plan to share:

- the stories and pictures of the immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and deportees we met at KBI – their suffering and courage was transforming,
- our experience crossing the border and walking the migrant trails in the Sonoran desert,
- our conversations with locals and ranchers close to the border in Arivaca, Arizona,
- our observation of the “Operation Streamline” criminal immigration proceedings at the Federal District Court in Tucson, and
- our understanding of the complexity of this issue that is forcing families to leave their homes and attempt migration to the US.

We will also share some of the beginning ideas for how we, as individuals and a parish, can support and advocate for migrants and for the important ministry provided by KBI. For more information about the presentation and discussion please contact Vince Herberholt at 206-491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net.

**Stewardship**
Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Dec. 8th!
Please join us for a Family Mass at 9am with a Pancake Breakfast to follow in the Parish Social Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, egg bake and fruit. Coffee, hot chocolate and juice will be provided.
Cost for the breakfast is $5 per person and kids 4 and under eat free! To purchase tickets in advance go to our website www.stjosephparish.org
This event is cosponsored by the PAB and the Parish Faith Formation office. Our goal is to encourage families from our parish and school to meet and form community together. All are welcome and families with children in our Faith Formation or youth group programs are especially encouraged to attend!

Pathfinders Holiday Service Opportunity
Pathfinders is our middle school youth ministry program. We meet most Wednesdays and we are dedicated to service, conversation, food, and friendship. On Wednesday December 18th we are headed to sing Christmas carols at Fred Lind Manor, which is a local senior living and elder care facility. This will be an open event so if your child has never attended Pathfinders and is interested in attending, please contact Claire Hansen (claireh@stjosephparish.org) for a permission slip and more information.

Children’s Faith Formation Holiday Schedule
12/8 Pancake Breakfast
12/15 Last class of 2019
1/12 First class of 2020

Service Trip
The Agape Service Trip is an annual St. Joseph Community tradition which is open to current 6th-9th graders.
Dates: August 2-7, 2020. We will need a commitment from your student by 1/15.
Price: $300 (This includes a $275 youth participant fee and a portion of the $500 group registration fee). Scholarships are available.
Why: Agape provides your student the opportunity
(1) to get to know our migrant sisters and brothers
(2) to grow in their experience of our Community’s Jesuit Formation Outcomes, especially Open to Growth, Religious, Loving, and Committed to Doing Justice
(3) to practice their Spanish language skills with native speakers
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