



Sunday, December 8, 2019 * Second Sunday of Advent * www.stjosephparish.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

ADVENT WEEK TWO



*Rain down your dew, you heavens,
and you clouds, rain down the just one.*

*Earth, be opened,
and give birth to the Savior.*

-Monastic Liturgy-

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

Homily This Week: Glen Butterworth, 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 December 15, 2019

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:1-6A, 10
SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

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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The Voice in the Wilderness

God saw the world falling to ruin because of fear and immediately acted to call it back with love. God invited it by grace, preserved it by love, and embraced it with compassion.

-John Chrysologus-

If I were to choose a means by which to save the world, and call humanity back to a moral way of life, I think that John the Baptist would very likely have been my first choice for a messiah. The ascetic, living in the desert, clad in camels' hair and a leather belt, with nothing on his table but locust and wild honey—this prophet of the old style appeals to me, in part because he so clearly articulates my own self-judgment and self-appraisal. In my heart, as I reflect on my faults of vanity and pride, of selfishness and smallness of mind, I can imagine his voice, speaking to me in the same way he spoke to the crowds at the Jordan. I hear him, bellowing out in that powerful voice, filled with the tones of the Old Testament God—a voice that attracts by its certainty, even as it offers the most profound judgment and inescapable condemnation: *"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. . . . Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."* Now that is good stuff! Drill-sergeant Christianity! It stings and it summons; it kicks a listener in the backside and reminds us just how miserable and despicable we are. This is just what I think I really need to become better; just what I think the world needs! Just the kind of messiah who can topple our own intractable sinfulness and all our enemies—both internal and external. A messiah who will punish the world in its depravity and darkness. Yes, I think John the Baptist would be my kind of messiah: ax and fire, wrath and the destruction of all those bad folks.

Nor do I think I am alone in my predilection for a Church of John the Baptist. Every day, I meet people whose hearts and minds are filled with self-judgment and self-condemnation, who are constantly seeking repentance, yet believe they deserve nothing but the fire. They hear the words of the prophet at the Jordan, and they are certain those words apply to them: a brood of vipers, unable to provide proof of their righteousness. At the same time, I meet others who sense that they have taken up the mantle of John, and are filled with the righteous rage of the morally pure. These people cannot wait for the judgment to fall upon whatever brood of vipers they happen to oppose. And in this desire, it matters little if one is liberal or conservative, traditional or progressive, religious or secular, Alt-right or far left: we all seem, at times, to want a messiah after the model of the Baptist, who will condemn the Pharisees among us and shout God's warnings in the street (or at least post them in the comments section of various publications). Perhaps not surprisingly, these groups—the self-loathing and the self-righteous—often involve the same people, whose pain at feeling condemned leads them to condemn others. Yet for both, the message of the Baptist seems the true redemption and the most profound expression of a just and righteous God.

Given this attraction to John's message, I admit that I am happy

that none of us chooses how the world is redeemed. For while the message of repentance and self-recognition, of justice and transformation, preached by John the Baptist, is an important moment in every life and in every community, that message is not, itself, salvation. It is not enlightenment, but only the first glimmer of light, which, with grace, might help us turn towards the dawn.

In the first week (i.e., first movement) of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, the retreatant is invited to examine her life in much the way that John calls the people of Israel to examine theirs. Meditating on the sin of the angels, on the sin Adam and Eve, on the sin of the world, and then on his own history of sin—of all the ways in which he has lived “as a source of corruption and contagion from which has issued countless sins and evils and the most offensive poison” (*Sp.Ex. 58*)—the retreatant is moved to reflect “How it is that the earth did not open to swallow me up, and create new hells in which I should be tormented forever!” (*Sp.Ex. 60*). Yet, this realization that she is a sinner, that she is one who lives among, as John notes, a “brood of vipers,” is only a means by which the retreatant can come to recognize how much more than justice God offers us—i.e., how much greater is the promise of “the one who comes after me.” No, the flame, ignited in the second turn of the Advent wreath, in the second week of the *Spiritual Exercises*, is not the flame of some new hell, awaiting us because of God’s righteous judgment; it is not the fire of retribution, into which we are to be thrown like chaff. Rather, it is the flame on the roadside, that causes us to turn away from the darkness, and move towards the east, where the new light has begun to grow along the roadway to Bethlehem.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit a single candle, a call to us to awaken to the work that God is still doing in the world. In a time of great brutality and cold, when children are stolen from their parents and locked in cages in the name of security; when refugees are imprisoned in cold and crowded cells, so that the smell of their sweat will not contaminate the clothing of their guards; when trillions are spent on weapons of death, while agents of life call out, unheard, for the barest scraps, we can easily seek to avoid the call to awaken. Yet, God, who each day remakes the world anew, will not let us slumber, and so the light is lit, and we are called out of the warmth of our beds and the comfort of our own dark thoughts, that we might believe in the light and in the small acts of goodness and love that are never extinguished.

In this second Sunday, we light another candle, which calls us not just to awaken, but to repent, to turn our path towards the light that is to come. With the words of the

Baptist echoing in our ears, we are called to acknowledge who we are: loved sinners, whom the darkness has not yet overcome. Women and men, prone to judgment of ourselves and others, but desirous of the judgment—that is to say, the mercy—of God. We have awakened, and we see the sin that surrounds us and invests itself, even in our hearts; but, we also see the light that calls us back, that invites us forward, that illumines not just what is broken in us—though that, of course—but also that part which longs to be healed, and preserved, and loved, and embraced. The voice in the wilderness, the summons of the herald, the call of him who comes before: this makes us face our brokenness, but it does not make us whole. For that we seek, step by step, light by single light, the one at the horizon, the one who alone brings the dawn.



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Introit

Advent Introit

Proulx

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Rejoice! The Lord is at hand.

Entrance Song

Creator Of the Stars Of Night

CREATOR ALME SIDERUM

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3. When this old world drew on toward night,
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,

Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,

O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
Not as a mon - arch, but the child
All things on earth with one ac - cord,
De - fend us while we dwell be - low
Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be

We pray you hear us when we call.
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
From all as - saults of our dread foe.
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Kyrie

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Cantor: Chris - te e - le - i - son. All: Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

First Reading

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
but he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide aright for the land's afflicted.
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

Isaiah 11:1-10

the calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,
together their young shall rest;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.
The baby shall play by the cobra's den,
and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of
the LORD,
as water covers the sea.
On that day, the root of Jesse,
set up as a signal for the nations,
the Gentiles shall seek out,
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72

Guimont



Jus - tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full - ness of peace for ev - er.
O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment. *Ref.*

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. *Ref.*

For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. *Ref.*

May his name endure forever, his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him, all nations shall call him blessed. *Ref.*

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises of the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Chant



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(9) *Advent Alleluia*

loncas



Hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu - ia, hal - le-lu - ia, hal-le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.'*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

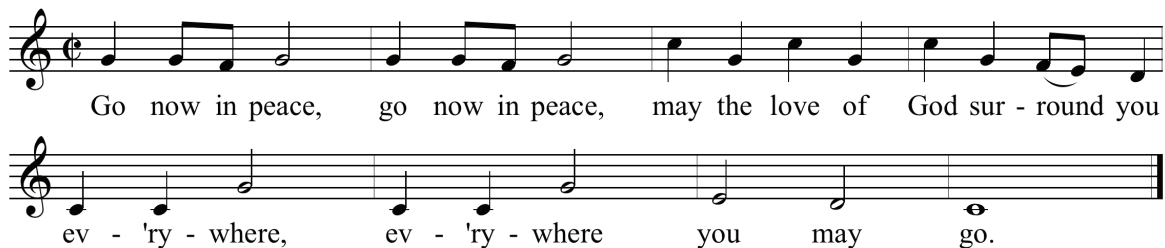
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Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Dismissal

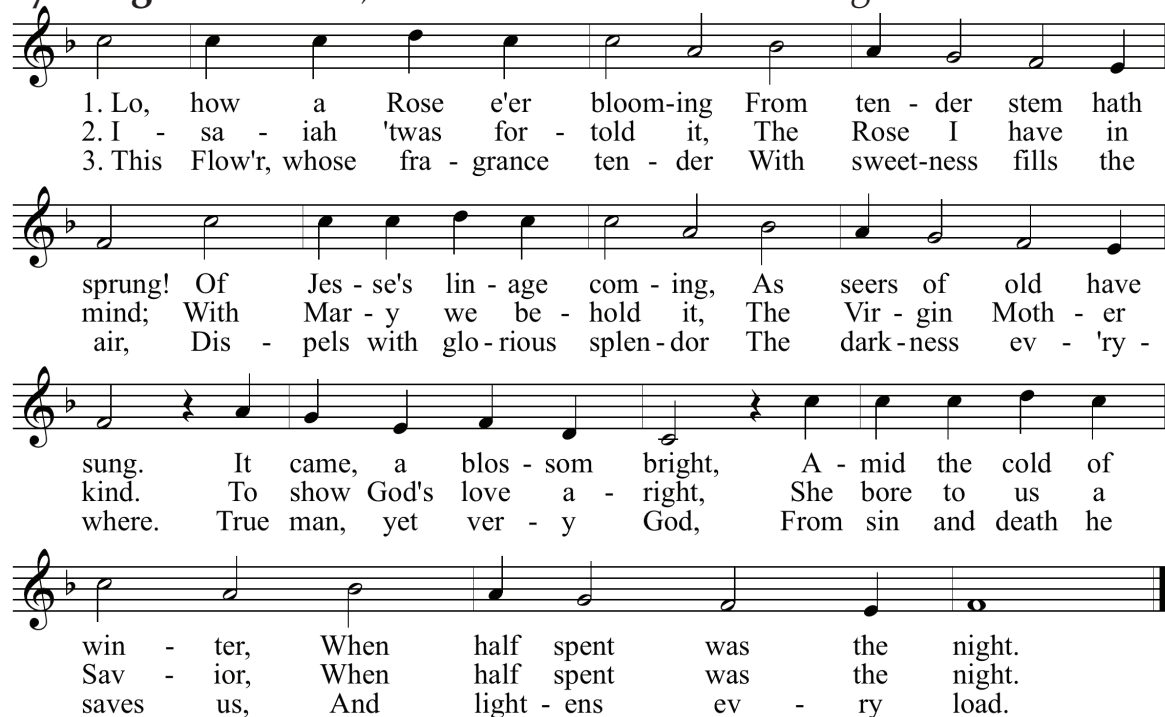
(5:30) Go Now In Peace

Sleeth



Offertory Songs

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

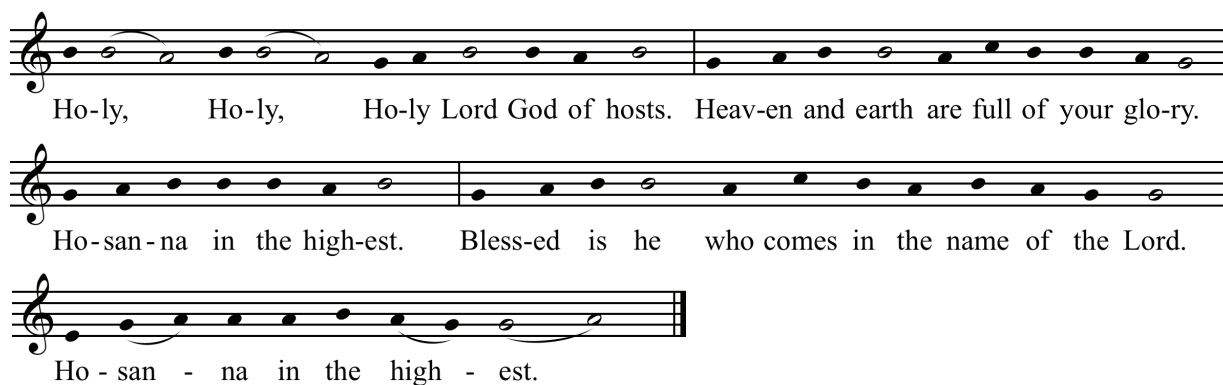


(9) Choral Anthem: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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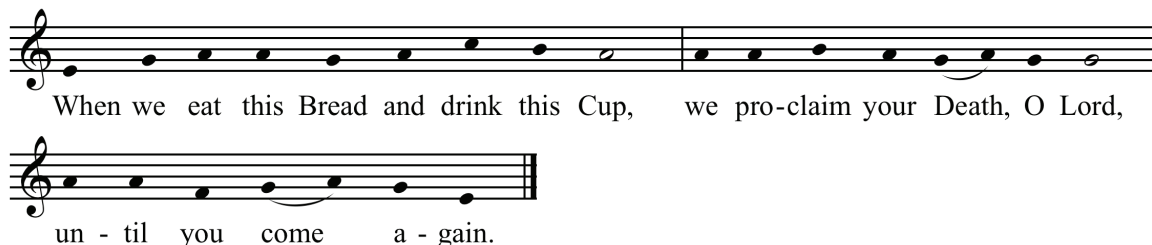
Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant



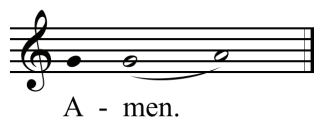
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith



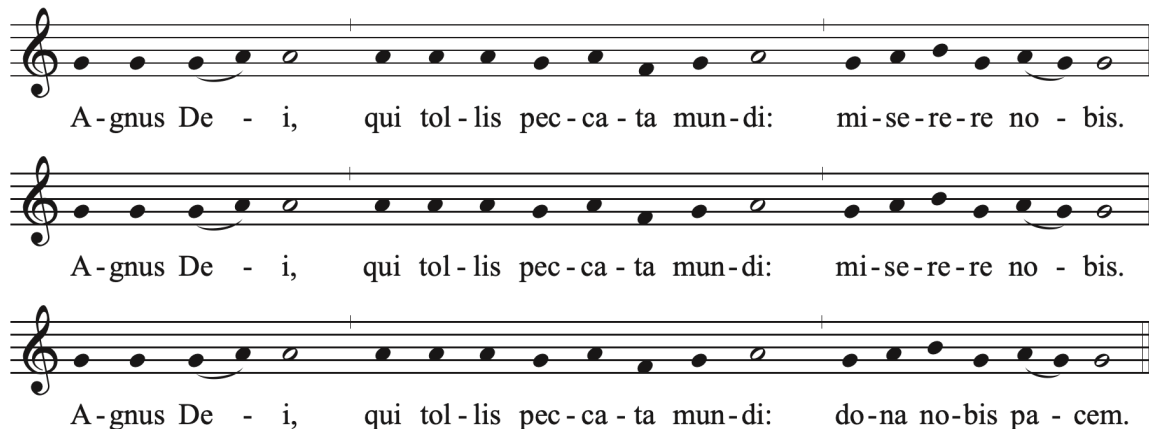
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
un - til you come a - gain.

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.
A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

All Are Invited To Come Forward

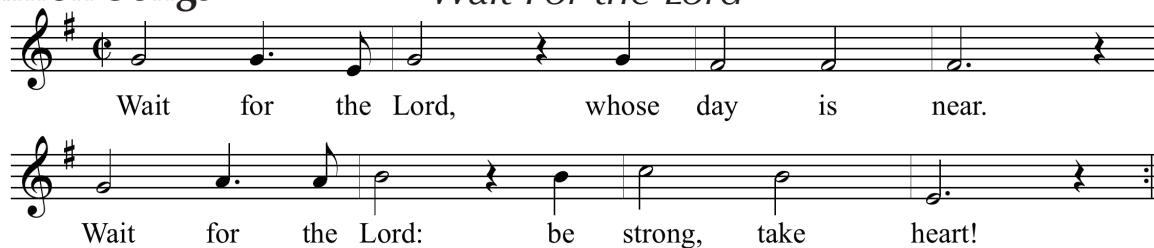
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

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

Communion Songs

Wait For the Lord

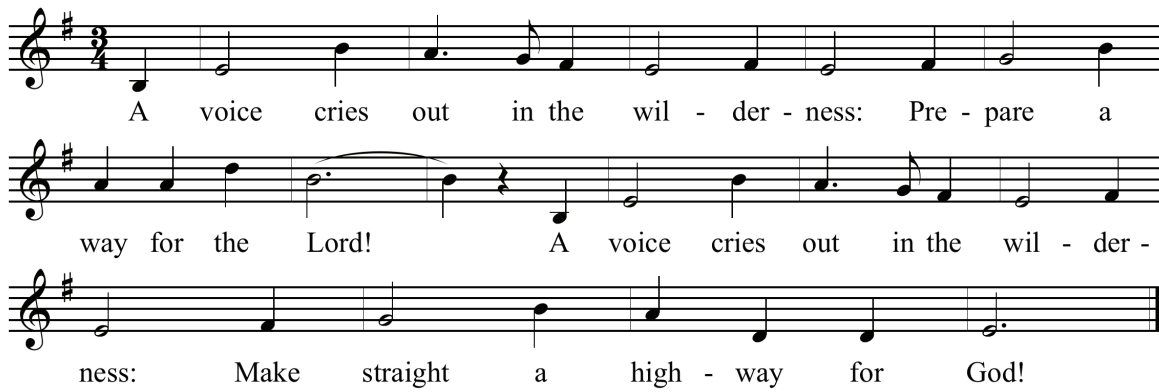
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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

A Voice Cries Out In the Wilderness #416

Joncas



1. Console my people, the ones dear to me: speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
the time of your morning is ended now. The Lord of life will come. *Ref.*
2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled
the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise. *Ref.*
3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like grass and its flowers:
the grass may wither, the flower may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever. *Ref.*
4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice O Jerusalem,
and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God!" *Ref.*
5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd, holding his lambs in his arms,
keeping his flock so close to his heart leading them all, old and young. *Ref.*

Recessional

On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW/Coffin

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - noun - ces that the
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make straight the way of
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our ref - uge, and our
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And bid the fall - en
5. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose ad - vent sets his
Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en, for he brings Glad
God with - in, And let each heart pre - pare a home Where
great re - ward; With - out your grace we waste a - way Like
sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your light re - store Earth's
peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore And
tid - ings of the King of kings.
such a might - y guest may come.
flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
own true love - li - ness once more.
Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

(5:30) O Come O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - der all things might i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the Law
That trust your might - y power to save,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



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



PARISH LIFE

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 cturgeon10@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!

Ugly Sweater Party

Join the St. Joseph's Young Adult Community on Sunday, December 15th following the 5:30pm Mass as we meet for festive fellowship in the Parish Center Arrupe Room. Wear your finest, "ugliest" holiday sweater to kick the season off right! We'll be playing a game of White Elephant gift exchange, so bring a funny present to participate! Food and drink will be provided for a cost of \$10.00 per person. For details email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Save the Date: Young Adult Retreat

January 11-12 | Cost: \$115
Camp Huston in Goldbar, WA

Unplug for the weekend, through reflection, fellowship and an optional hike to Wallace falls. Themes we will explore, we are broken to be shared, you are a beloved child of God, and discover your gifts and talents so that you can become God's love in the world. See St. Joseph Website for retreat registration, or for further questions contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik @ theresal@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

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 steve@stjosephparish.org

Friday, January 10th - (note the 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.

Women's Ministry Coffee Connect



Saturday, 12/14/2019 at 11:00 am
VIOS Cafe

(note: NOT Macrina Bakery - too noisy)

All welcome. Questions:

Gayle at gaylesommerfeld@msn.com

College Age Young Adults

Young Adults age 19-22: would you be interested in a young adult group that would meet monthly in the evening or maybe twice a month for socializing in a safe space? This could be a new opportunity at St. Joseph for you to have social opportunities at the parish, meet people, share food, fun games, faith, and maybe occasionally doing service together. This would be an evolving group that would be new. Please contact Deacon Steve at steve@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Save the Date

January 31 - February 2, 2020

La Conner, WA

**JOIN US & LEARN ABOUT
THE BORDER**



**KBI BORDER IMMERSION
PRESENTATION
DEC. 12 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM
PARISH CENTER ARRUEPE ROOM**

WE PLAN TO SHARE:

- the stories and pictures of the migrants we met at KBI
- our experience crossing the border and walking the migrant trails
- our conversations with locals close to the border in Arivaca, AZ
- our observation of expedited criminal immigration prosecutions
- our understanding of the complexity of this issue that is forcing families to leave their homes and attempt migration to the US
- beginning ideas for how we 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.



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: for all who are in need of homes, food and clothing. Especially the young struggling to overcome addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For all those burdened by stress and anxiety, we pray for the gift of peace in their minds, bodies and souls. May we be filled with the Advent spirit of love, joy and peace.

*The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
John 14:27*

Immaculate Conception Mass

Join us Monday night, December 9th at 7 pm for Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary.



Recorded Homilies

St. Joseph is now recording the homily each weekend. We are sharing those recordings on our website, www.stjosephparish.org and also on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle. Please feel free to listen and to share them with others. We hope you enjoy this new feature.

St. Joseph "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" Concert Series:

CHORAL ARTS NORTHWEST – Sunday December 15 at 3 pm

Celebrate the true holiday spirit of joy and peace with Choral Arts NW's annual offering of traditional carols paired with intimate interludes by Seattle guitarist Robert McCaffery-Lent. Highlights this year include charming Appalachian carols by CANW Composer in Residence Kevin Siegfried, Silly Shepherds by NW composer Bern Herbolzheimer, and enchanting choral gems by Purcell, Howells, and Susan LaBarr. You won't want to miss this treasured opportunity to step away from the bustle and into the realm of rarified beauty that is CANW's *Not One Sparrow is Forgotten*.

Robert Bode, Artistic Director and Conductor
Guest artist: Robert McCaffery-Lent, guitar

- Regular \$28 advance / \$32 at the door (Advance tickets can be purchased at the Choral Arts Northwest Website)
- Senior/Military \$24 advance / \$28 at the door
- Students – complimentary with ID

FAITH JUSTICE



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 6 pm 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 joanel-reardon@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevev@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 clothes, especially women's coats and men's clothing 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!

An Invitation:

Is it Time to leave the Church for Good?

No, we're not suggesting you abandon the church. But we are suggesting that all people of faith are called to leave church property, work together, and become an agent of good in the world. Jack Jezreel, the founder of JustFaith Ministries, is in town and will be speaking at the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center on Sunday, December 8 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Jack will explain the invitation, outline exciting changes at JustFaith and cast a vision for people and churches committed to a more just and loving world. If you have ever participated in JustFaith or thought you would please join us. Bring a snack of your choice and we will gather for prayer, presentation and conversation. For more information contact Vince Herberholt at 206-491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net

St. Joseph Giving Tree

NOV 30-DEC 16 CHURCH VESTIBULE

Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners! Instructions: **GIFTS MUST BE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th at 9am.** 1. Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item. 2. If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED. 3. Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/ unwrapped gift. 4. Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph Giving Tree or the Parish Center. Note: The last day of our collection is Monday, December 16th. 5. If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at stevev@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. Ornaments Color Codes: Gold Westside Baby; Red Francis House ;Blue St. Martin de Porres; Purple Jubilee Women's Center; Yellow Chief Seattle Club; Brown Winter Shelter; Light Green L'Arche; Orange Recovery Café; Light Blue Noel House ; Dark Green Pregnancy Support; White St. Vincent de Paul; Pink and Hot Pink-Wintonia residents.



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 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 stevev@stjosephparish.org To learn more about Casa Latina go to their website <http://casa-latina.org/>



ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL UPDATE

In November we completed the first part of our annual stewardship drive. Thank you to everyone who has pledged and reaffirmed your membership for the year! So far, we have done amazingly well, 369 households have pledged a total of \$878,526. Those 369 families represent 21% of our 1,750 households. This is a 5% increase over the last year after the first month. The other great news for November is that we came in above our budgeted income and were able to put \$9,000 toward our summer deficit. I'm cautiously optimistic for the next phase of our stewardship drive. We are following up with an email request to affirm your membership, if you have not already done so. The stewardship envelopes will remain in the pews through December. I am hopeful we will meet our December budget, and also that we can get another 20% of our parishioners to make a stewardship pledge and reaffirm their membership. I have a personal goal to get 60% of registered parishioners to pledge for the year 2020. To reach my goal I need to hear from 681 more of you. If there is anything stopping you from pledging or reaffirming please reach out. I'm happy to talk to you! My contact information is marti@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1648. I am constantly impressed by the incredible generosity of the St. Joseph Community. Please know how grateful the entire staff is to our wonderful community. Have a blessed holiday season!

Marti

By Marti McGuaghey, Pastoral Assistant for Administration

	Current Fiscal Year to 11/19	Budget	Difference
Ordinary Income	\$619,711.01	\$658,000.00	(\$38,288.99)
Donations and Fundraisers	\$22,676.00	\$20,304.00	\$2,372.00
Business Income	\$301.00	\$0.00	\$301.00
Proceeds from Endowment	\$16,381.96	\$16,000.00	\$381.96
Total	\$659,069.97	\$694,304.00	(\$35,234.03)

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. **To date, we have received 369 pledges which is 21% of our families, totaling \$878,526 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: Liz Anderson, Fred & Sheri Andrews, Rose Mary Bacina, Thomas & Karen Boehling, Ron & Maureen DiGiacomo, Ben & Sarah Duenwald, Terrence & Joan Earls, Russell & Carolyn Fairbanks, James & Catherine Gannon, Patrick & Mollie Gemma, Kelly Gremban, Suzanne Griffin, Teresa Johnson, Joseph Kinzel, Angela Kleinsasser, Michael & Nancy Kuester, Ryan & Cynthia Lysne, Roger & Gayle McNulty, Chris Meyers & Enrica Marocco, Mary Lou Newman, Knut Nordness & Patricia Shanahan, Daniel Perez Alvarez & Blanca Mendizabal Perello, Dave Posthumus & Audrey Kelly, Fred & Susan Raney, Joseph & Tiffany Rodriguez, Jessica Roy, Susan Safioles, Brian Smith & Peggy McShane, Kyle & Jessica Smits, Larry and Elise Sweet, Matthew Thompson & Lisa Babinec, Judd Todd, Jane Urner, Ellen Villegas and Joseph & Donna Whitford.

FAITH FORMATION



Altar Servers Needed!

Altar Servers are needed for the 11am Sunday and 5pm Saturday masses. St. Joseph currently asks that altar servers be in the range of 5th-8th grade, and can be enrolled in St. Joseph School, another school, or schooled at home. If your child is already trained and able to serve, please contact Claire Hansen to be added to the schedule!

And, if your child is interested in being trained, please mark your calendars for a training on Sunday, February 23rd from 11am to 1:30pm. For more information and a set of registration forms contact Claire Hansen: claireh@stjosephparish.org



Fr. John's Advent Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

Thursday, Dec. 12 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Arrupe Room

Even if you couldn't make it to the first session, please join us this Thursday, as John Whitney, SJ will facilitate a 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.

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

12/15 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

Registration & further information: Contact Claire Hansen claireh@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1652.

