



Sunday, December 15, 2019 * Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete *
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

ADVENT WEEK THREE



The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.
Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.
The Lord will come and rule forever. Alleluia.

-Monastic Liturgy-

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019**

**Homily This Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.
Homily Next Week: Deacon Steve
Wodzanowski**

Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm**

Readings for December 22, 2019

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-14
SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

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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**Monday- Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm
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Rejoice

We all come with different personal feelings to the Christmas festival. One comes with pure joy as he looks forward to this day of rejoicing, of friendships renewed, and of love. . . Others approach Christ with great apprehension. It will be no festival of joy to them. Personal sorrow is painful, especially on this day, for those whose loneliness is deepened at Christmastime. . . And despite it all, Christmas comes. Whether we wish it or not, whether we are sure or not, we must hear the words once again: Christ the Savior is here! The world that Christ comes to save is our fallen and lost world. None other.

-Diedrich Bonhoeffer-

On the third Sunday of Advent, in the midst of our waiting and our preparation, at the time of year when the darkness grows longer with each passing day, we are given a command: “*Gaudete!*” “*Rejoice!*” The violet vestments give way to rose, and the dire warnings about the “*unquenchable fire,*” proclaimed by John the Baptist, are replaced by the promise of Isaiah that “*those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.*” For, though there are still preparations to make and candles to light, though the lengthening darkness has not yet given way to the dawn, the Church seeks to remind us that joy abides—indeed, that joy flourishes—even in the darkest hours of the night, even when it seems that the dawn might never come. Joy, we are told, abides even before the fulfillment comes: even before the crèche is filled or the presents are placed beneath the Christmas tree. “*Rejoice!*” we are told, for the journey itself is a gift and revelation; it is the movement of God, given to us even before we recognize the fullness that is to come. And if this is not yet the time of angels and heavenly choruses, of shepherds and magi gathered in adoration, it is still a time for joy, and the hopeful love which joy entails.

Yet, if joy is the command of the Church, it is not always an easy command to obey for those of us who walk the roads of this wintered world. We hear the stories of thousands of children, locked in cages by our own government, and separated from their parents. Or see on our streets the unkempt pain of addiction, and those sallow eyes of young men and women who have run away from abusive homes. We feel the effects of despair after 18 years of war as we note the death of so many veterans, struggling to escape their memories, and watch our fellow citizens clinging to the lies of a demagogue and the false courage of the bully. We listen to the hollow promises of prosperity, as the markets boom and our children cannot afford to live in the neighborhood where they grew up. And we sense our own deep weariness as the institutions we had looked to for hope—the Church, the schools, the media, the courts—reveal abiding corruption and division in their ranks. And then there are the private sorrows: the cancer diagnosis of a friend or the chronic pain of a dear parent, the sorrow of a divorce or the withering of a relationship, the long loneliness of Alzheimer's or the often covert anguish of seasonal depression or anxiety. All around us, even to the depths of our hearts, the darkness strikes and threatens. Joy, like

the sound of reindeer on the roof, seems just a child's dream, a lovely wish, impossible to hold onto for very long.

This contrast between the call of the Church and the sorrow of the world has been much on my mind these days. Fed in part, of course, by the long national sorrow of the current Administration's policies towards the poor and the marginalized—by the fight to fast-walk the death penalty on the one hand and to deprive more of the poor of food stamps on the other, by the incarceration of tens of thousands of migrant children in inhuman conditions and by our inability, it seems, to exit the wars we have begun without leaving vast human wreckage and death in our wake—I find myself, like many others, feeling powerless against the evil of the world. And turning towards my own backyard, I also feel my joy challenged, replaced at times by mere determination and the duty of my ministry. For though I find amazing grace and peace in the prayers I share with those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, I am not immune to the sorrow of the wives who have lost husbands or of the children who have lost parents; and I wish, always, there were something more that I could do. How little is the light I bring into the darkness, it seems, and even that light, I know, is not my own.

Thus, as we enter the third week of Advent, and ignite the rose candle of Gaudete Sunday, I wonder: will the command to rejoice be heard not just in our ears, but in our hearts? Will we find the joy we are meant to know, even in Advent, even before the great joy of Christmas comes?

For it seems easy to find joy in Christmas—at least what the world calls joy. When we see a child with a toy, or the laughter of our family or friends; when we sing carols at church or look in the crèche and see the beautiful painted images of the Holy Family, surrounded by our stand-ins, the ox and ass, we can easily feel that joy of memory and that moment of forgetful consolation. But true joy, the joy of Christ himself—which lasts even to the cross—is not the joy of forgetfulness or sentimentality. It is something deeper and richer, and more difficult to explain: a joy which does not remove us from this darkened world, but overcomes it. And if we wait until Christmas, thinking that we will find it then, we may already be too late: for the joy of Christ, celebrated in the manger, is already at work in the world, growing among us like a child in the womb. And like a child coming, this joy kicks at us from the darkness and reminds us of a life we bear within; it tells us: *"Be awake! Not in fear but in hope, not with joys to come but with joys even now unfolding within you."* This Christian joy, so unlike the joy the world offers, does not remove our suffering, but reveals that, even in the midst of all we suffer, we

are not alone.

St. Teresa of Avila, the 16th century mystic and religious reformer, knew, better than most, the transience and cruelty of the world, and knew, as well, the joy of Advent, the joy that resides more deeply in us than all the darkness and loss that the world can create. In her prayer book, discovered after her death, was a small poem, often called her "bookmark": *"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."* Here is the essence of Christian joy: not sentimental happiness nor blissful ignorance, but the deep and abiding realization that God is already with us, in the midst of the Creation and in the path towards redemption. Even before the Son of God takes on our life as his own, he has already made us for himself and loved us in a quite unfathomable and eternal way. Like Mary or Joseph, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer or Maura Clarke, like Theresa of Lisieux or Oscar Romero, like all the women and men across history who have found joy not in a denial of all the darkness of the world, but in the midst of that darkness, we are summoned to rejoice not because the night has passed, but because we walk through that night together. There is much for which we might be sorrowful—much in the world and much in our own lives—and yet our joy persists, giving us strength in the midst of sorrow, hope in the midst of fear. For we can trust that here, in our *"fallen and lost world,"* Christ comes to us, the beloved One among the beloved ones, the Light among the million tiny lights, the weak little child whom sorrow and even death cannot overcome. Rejoice!



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Introit

The Desert and The Parched Land Will Exult

Brubeck

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with a joyful song.
They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak.
Say to those whose hearts are frightened, "Fear Not! Be strong! Here is your God!"

Entrance Song

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.

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

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146

Janco



It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever, who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. *Ref.*

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. *Ref.*

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign forever, the God of Sion from age to age. *Ref.*

Second Reading

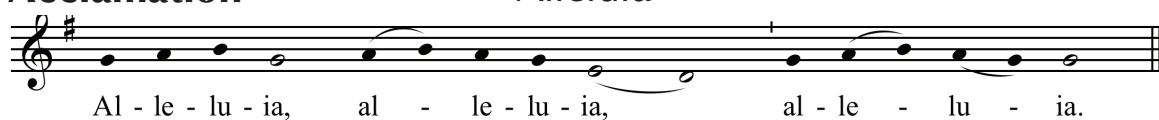
James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

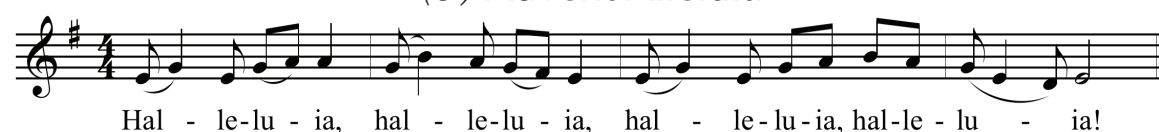
Alleluia

Chant



(9) Advent Alleluia

Joncas



Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

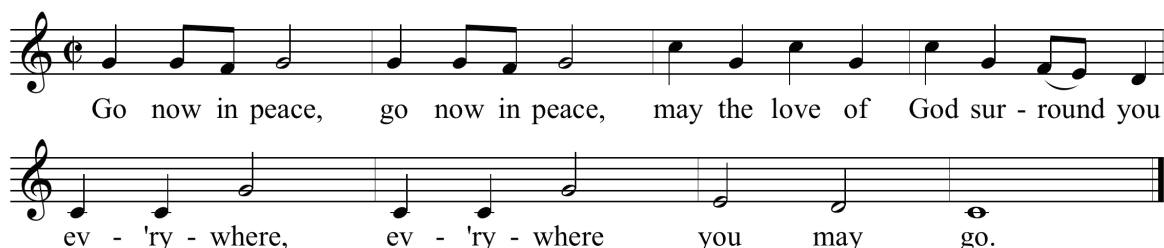
Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Dismissal

(5:30) Go Now In Peace

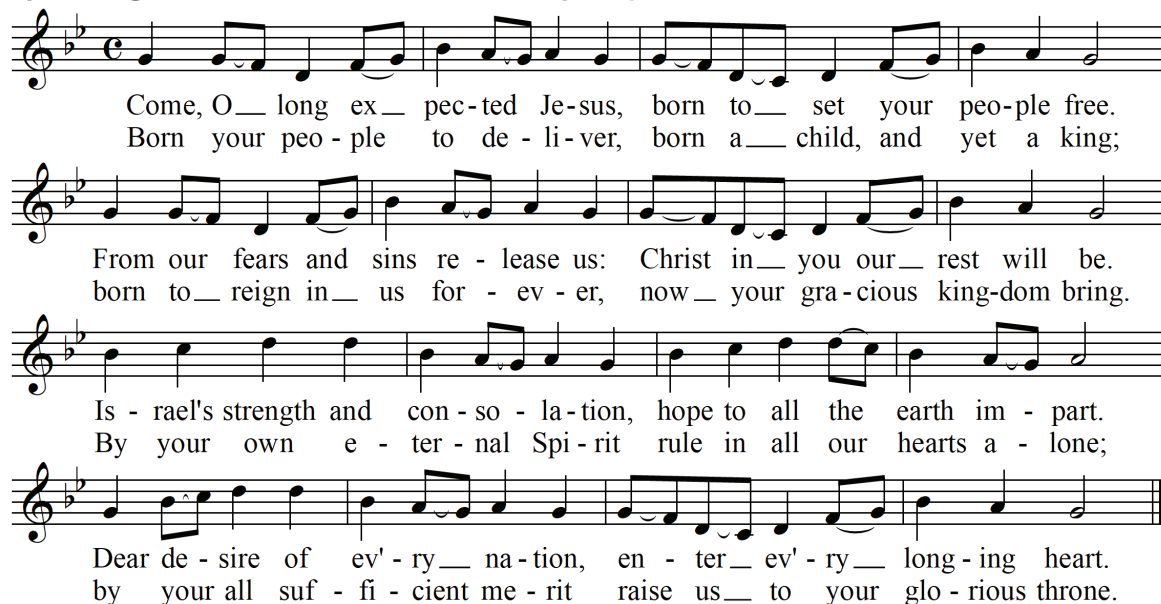
Sleeth



Offertory Songs

Come O Long Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON/Wesley



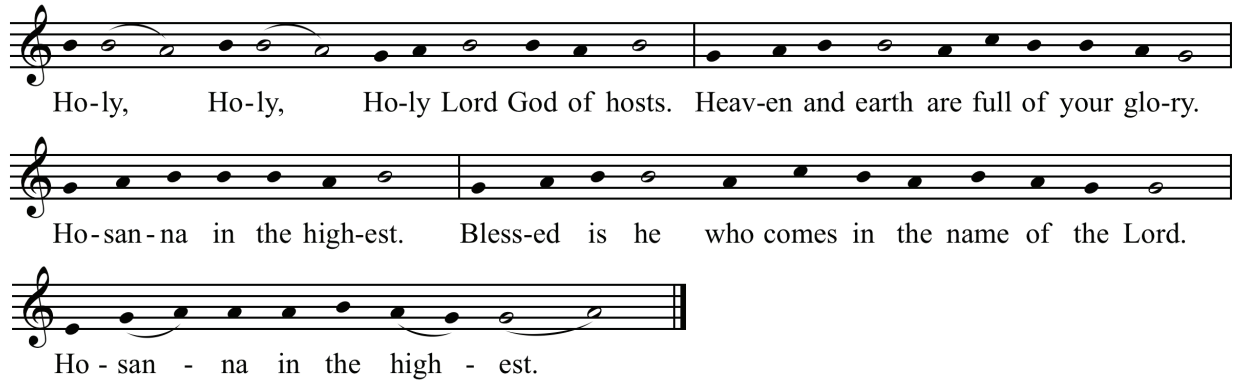
(9) Choral Anthem: Come O Long Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON/Wesley



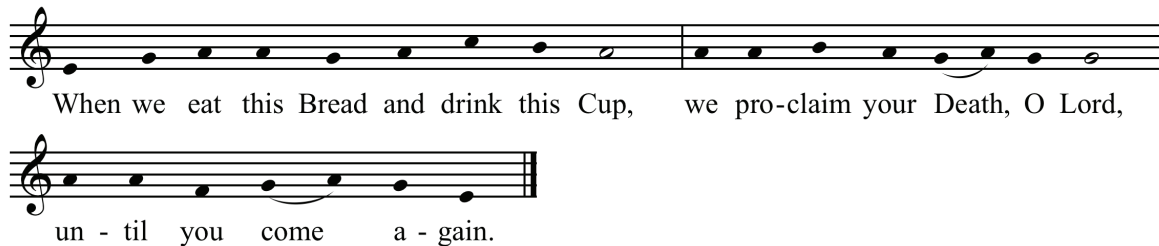
Holy, Holy, Holy

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



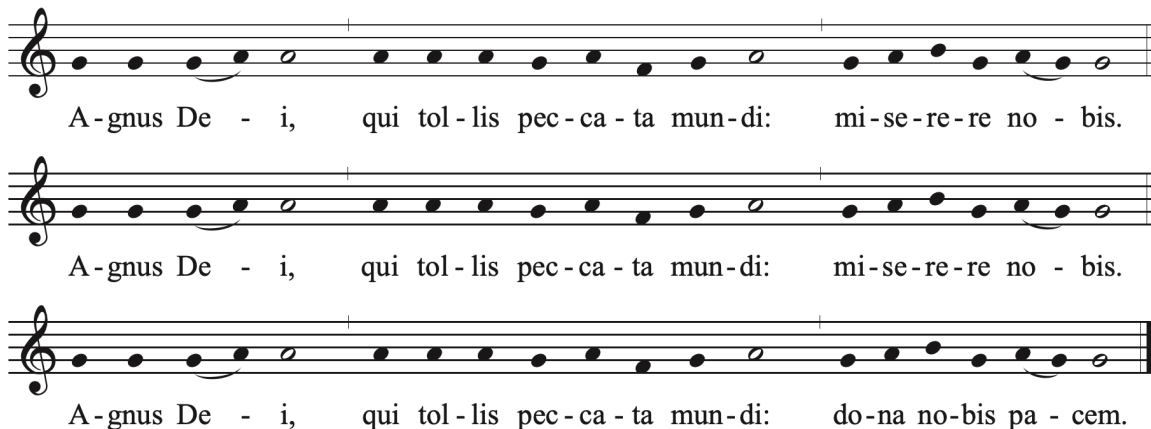
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
un - til you come a - gain.

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

Christ Be Our Light

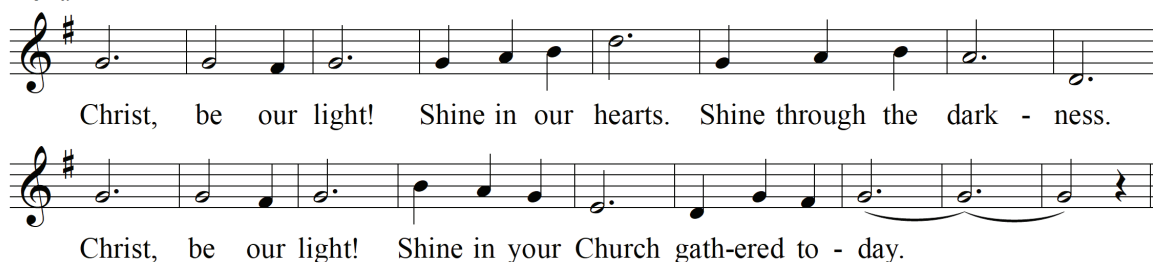
Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled.
 3. Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple,
 Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
 Long-ing for hope, man-y de-spairs.
 Man-y the hearts that yearn to be-long.
 Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple,
 Your word a-lone has pow'r to save us.
 Let us be ser-vants to one an-oth-er,
 Light for the world to see.
 Make us your liv-ing voice.
 Mak-ing your king-dom come.

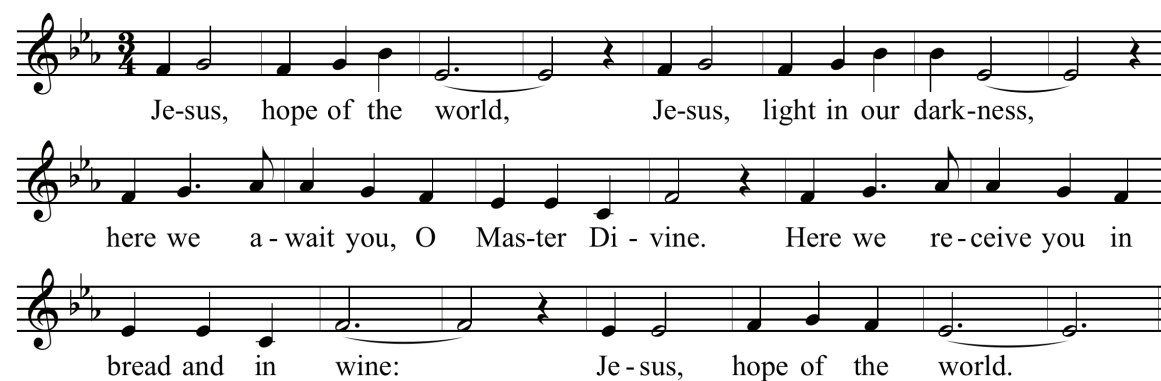
Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath-ered to-day.

Jesus, Hope Of the World #909

Tate



Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our dark-ness,
 here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine. Here we re-ceive you in
 bread and in wine: Je-sus, hope of the world.

Song Of Praise

O Come Divine Messiah

ENEZ DIVIN MESSIE/Pellegrin

1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For

world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive
low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man

tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
weak - ness We shall your God - head see.

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O

Come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.



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

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

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: May our hearts to be at peace and filled with joy, as we go through this Advent Season and be filled with hope as we follow the Christmas Star.

"The Light of God surrounds me :

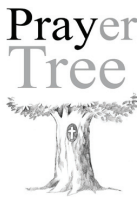
The love of God enfolds me:

The power of God protects m:

The presence of God watches over me.

Wherever I am God is."

James Dillet Freeman



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.

Seniors On The Go

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.

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.

SEEL/SU Pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of Ignatius"

Join Fr. Natch Ohno SJ, Fr. Eric Watson SJ and Lisa Dennison for a spiritual adventure of a lifetime to pray with and savor the life of St. Ignatius! Starting with his birthplace and the beginning of his conversion, we will visit the many sites that were critical moments for Ignatius, including Loyola, Montserrat, Manresa and Barcelona. This is a powerful, prayerful and enriching journey with fellow pilgrims who desire a deeper understanding of how God transformed St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits. Travel dates are June 17-28, 2020 and deadline for registration is January 15, 2020. Contact Lisa Dennison with SEEL at 206-721-3518 or at lisa@seelpugetsound.org for more information!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

January 31 - February 2, 2020
La Conner, WA

Please join with married couples of all ages and walks of life as we gather for a weekend of spiritual reflection and fellowship.

Brand New Day

*Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day*



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Partial Scholarships Available

For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Steve at (206) 965-1646 or stevev@stjosephparish.org.

* Price includes two nights lodging, Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and the Saturday evening group dinner.

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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"*, copies will be available at the meeting. Please contact Jojo Reardon at joannelreardon@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steview@st-josephparish.org with any questions or join us on December 16th.

Annual Epiphany Dinner

Sunday, January 5th - Noon – 3:00 pm - Social Hall

St. Joseph Epiphany Dinner on Sunday, January 5, 2020, from Noon – 3:00pm pm in the Social Hall, we'll open our doors to anyone in the community for a shared meal and fellowship. We extend a personal invitation to all of our "Outreach Partners," such as Recovery Café, St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Chief Seattle Club, Noel House, and Jubilee Women's Center, to name a few.

New this year, we are taking the meal out to Lazarus Center and Jubilee Women's Center

We usually serve around 200 people. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is greatly appreciated! As is our tradition, we invite members of our community to provide cooked turkeys, hams, vegetables, potatoes, beverages, desserts and appetizers. Volunteers are needed for food prep, cooking, decorating, table hosting, delivering and serving meals and clean-up. Sign-ups are super-easy! Visit PerfectPotluck.com and locate the meal by coordinator last name (Wodzanowski) and password (Epiphany) Sign-up by entering your name, email & phone number for the item you would like to bring. You can also sign-up after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Please contact Deacon Steve at steview@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

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.** If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at steview@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



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





LITURGY AND WORSHIP

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 NW Website)
- Senior/Military \$24 advance / \$28 at the door
- Students – complimentary with ID



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 469 pledges which is 28% of our families, totaling \$933,025 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: Anthony Allevan & Katharine Dobbs, Peter Alspach & Maureen O'Leary, Bill & Lauren Appleyard, Christopher & Bridget Backschie, Hugh Bangasser & Lucy Homans, Ken & Chris Bauer, Cindy Ann Belanger, Curtis & Karen Bryan, David Christensen & Glen Felias-Christensen, Tessa Chu, Paul Constantine & Ann Ferguson, Steven Cramer, David & Dorothy Crean, Caroline Daly, Carlos & Sarah de la Torre, Steve Deitz & Mary Beth Hribar, Jeffrey Donnelly, Sigrid Endresen, Keith Flatley & Marie Chervanick, Sonia Gilman, Edgar Haimmerl & Annette Rembold, Chris & Mike Heath-Canlas, Frank & Diana Heffernan, Christina Hemmen, Jacob Hiatt & Claire Craft, Jack Hilovsky, Sharon Heglund, Claire Jesse, Rick & Dawn Kajimura, Andrew & Heather Karch, Erin Kittleman, Duane & Laura Laun, David & Vittore Lawton, Don & Carla Lewis, Brett & Meghan MacIntyre, Terrence Menage, Michael Meotti, Kathleen Morris, Conor Morrison & Lovina McMurchy, Mark & Joanna Mullally, Mark & Elizabeth Murdoch, James & Patricia Navone, Joseph & Barbara Nickerson, Jeanine O'Connell, Richard & Laurie Padden, Dr. Heidi Pauwels, Aaron Perrine & Paige Pratter, Nick & Marianne Pettijohn, Rodney & Cathy Prentice, Michael Quillin & Lil Zadra, Devin & Kathleen Ross, Gary & Megan Schmidt, Robert & Sandra Schwab, Jay Schwartz & Renee Willette, Thad & Tricia Scott, Douglas & Irene Smart, Albert Smith & Kristine Brynildsen-Smith, Mark & Jeanine Snowden, Evelyn Sybor, Patricia Thenell, Scott & Lisa Tomy, Chuck & Jean Woletz and David & Laura Young.

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



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.



The Voice High School Youth Group

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm Great job to everyone who helped raise over \$150 for the Women's Jubilee Center this past Sunday at the Bazaar! This week will be our Christmas party. We will be doing a white elephant gift exchange, watching a Christmas movie, and centering ourselves around the true reason for this advent and Christmas season. We would love to see some new faces, even if its your first time! We meet in the Brebeuf Room in the Parish Center. For more information, email Emily Hayes at thevoice@stjosephparish.org



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 at claireh@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1652.



Children's Faith Formation Holiday Schedule

1/12 First class of 2020