If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you...
Flowers of Love

I have no other means of proving my love for You than to throw flowers, that is, not to pass up any little sacrifice, any look, any word, to take advantage of all the little things and do them out of love.

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux-

His name was Dane. He was Mexican by birth, but had lived in northern California for much of his life, until his work as an engineer at Chevron led him to Puget Sound. Here he lived and worked for a number of years, settling in south Seattle. He had no family in the area, but was known in his neighborhood as a “good guy.” Several years ago, he had contracted cancer in his colon, and though he had gone through various treatments, it had spread throughout his body, leaving him with that sallow, wasted look of one near death. Gone was the strength and joy that must once have been there—the strong arms that had helped his neighbor with projects around the house and had cared for his own home with such skill. By the time I met Dane, he was past responding: his breath labored and slowing, his eyes opened, looking at nothing or perhaps at something I could not see.

The call had come to me on my way home from the movies, made by the nurse caring for Dane, at the request of his friend and health care delegate—his neighbor, Roc. Though Dane belonged to no parish, and Roc was not Catholic himself, he wanted the blessing of the Church for his friend, knowing that it mattered to Dane and was something he could do for him. As he stood beside the dying man, bent over by a bad back and trying to follow the rite as best he could, Roc gripped Dane’s shoulder with tenderness, the tears in his eyes visible even in the darkened room. Then, when I invited him to bless his dying neighbor, I was touched by how gently his large calloused hands moved across Dane’s forehead in a simple gesture of sorrow and love. And as I left, he returned to his chair, ready to wait it out with his friend, until death, at last, brought him home.

As I got in my car to go home, I sat for a moment, overcome with thoughts of Roc in his chair and of Dane, slowly dying beside him. I kept trying to figure out what more I could do, thinking how small the few minutes of prayer and anointing felt; and then a line from a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins came into my mind: “Honor is flashed off exploit, so we say.” This line was written about an obscure Jesuit brother, Alphonsus Rodriquez, who spent his whole life doing little more than answering the door at the Jesuit school of philosophy on Majorca. Alphonsus was a kind man, who loved to speak to young Jesuits about faith and prayer; but he never wrote a book, had no training in philosophy or theology, never held an important office nor earned any award. He was never even ordained a priest. He had no exploits to give flash to his life and make people think he was important. He just watched the door. And became a saint.
There have been times in my life when I have aspired to be important, to change the course of history and do something magnificent! I have read longingly about the exploits of adventurers, about the great suffering of martyrs, about the triumph of heroes, both real and literary. I have imagined myself in politics, following in the footsteps of Bobby Kennedy, standing up for the underdog and vanquishing the foolish and the wicked. I have even, at times, fallen prey to the technological myth that greatness will come from the number of hits on my website or the number of people following me on Facebook. And, then, when faced with the reality of my life, I have been ashamed of my own smallness, wondering if I have let God down by not living up to my potential—by not doing something great, suffering something great, sacrificing in some great and lasting way.

“Honor is flashed off exploit, so we say.” As I sat in my car in the hospital parking lot, I realized that what we say and what God knows may be two very different things. For the honor and glory of God was more present in that small, dark room, where Roc sat, alone in his tears, keeping vigil for a friend, then in all dusty volumes of heroism and conquest ever written. In that brief act of kindness and constancy, and in the shriveled body of a dying man who loved and was loved—if only by one friend—the majesty of Christ shone out with all the brilliance and grace of the resurrection. It was all so small—the room, the men, the anointing, the prayer—and yet, offered to God, it became something greater than all the world: something eternal, transcendent, blessed.

Our lives are all so very small. Even the greatest of us will be, in the end, forgotten: our exploits and triumphs (as well as our failures and humiliations) buried beneath the waters of time. Yet, through the Incarnation, through the grace of a God who enters time and becomes subject to its passage and its pain, our smallness is transformed. In every act of love, we become one with Jesus—who united our love to the One Love through his life, death, and resurrection—and all the smallness of our sacrifices, all the unimportance of our acts becomes united with the majesty of God.

His name was Dane. He was a child of God, who loved as God loves us. At his side was his friend, Roc, whose tears were flowers at the altar. We gave to Dane the blessing of the Church, and in the simple gifts of word and oil, touch and prayer, God was present. May all our acts be so small, and with love, become so great.

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**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.

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**Ash Wednesday**  
February 26th - St. Joseph will celebrate Mass at 7 am & 7 pm. Both will be in the church, please join us! Our collection will be in support of the KINO Border Initiative.
Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Song

(5&11) Lord Of All Hopefulness

1. Lord of all hope-full-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, e-ver
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con-

child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be there at our wak-ing, and
skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be there at our la-bors, and
wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be there at our hom-ing, and
tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be there at our sleep-ing, and
give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

(9) Morning Has Broken

Morn-ing has bro-ken like the first morn-ing. Black-bird has
Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav-en like the first
Mine is the sun-light! Mine is the morn-ing. Born of the
spo-ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing-ing! Praise for the
dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light Ed-en saw play! Praise with e-la-tion! Praise ev-ery
morn-ing! Praise for them spring-ing fresh from the word.
gar-den. Spring in com-plete-ness where his feet pass.
morn-ing, God's re-cre-a-tion of the new day!
Gloria  
See Cards In Pews

First Reading  
Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;  
If you trust in God, you too shall live;  
He has set before you fire and water;  
To whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. The eyes of God are on those who fear him;  
Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
whichever he chooses shall be given him.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 119  
Cothern

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his decrees! With all their hearts they seek him.  
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.  
May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.  
Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.  
Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.  
LORD, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.  
Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe it wholeheartedly.

Second Reading  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; or, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,

this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia 7  Berthier

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Gospel

Matthew 5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37

So it was said to your ancestors; but now I say this to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: “I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the evil one.”

Homily

Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Offertory Songs

(5&11) Your Words Are Spirit and Life #692  Farrell

(9) Choral: Keep Me Faithfully In Thy Paths  Handel

Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and cleanse me from my sin.

In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful and cleanse me from my sin.
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

Amen To the Body Of Christ

Dufner/Guimont

Gift Of Finest Wheat

Kreutz

Recessional

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Lowry
Join in celebrating the opening of their new facility! Their new outreach center will provide shelter for up to 130 men, women and children and will include a modern kitchen and expanded Comedor (dining hall) that can serve 360 meals at a time. The new space has dedicated, private spaces to provide first aid, legal assistance and documentation of violence. As well as chapel and private room for spiritual renewal and pastoral counseling.

Your donations will be sent to the Kino Border Initiative to help with their work!

As of the end of 2019, the Kino Border Initiative (KBI) has:
- Served 131,715 meals.
- Sheltered 129 women and 167 children at their shelter.
- Provided first aid to 4,059 people.
- Hosted its 113th immersion group including a delegation from St. Joseph.

Over the last 10 years KBI has addressed the immediate material, psychological and spiritual needs of over 75,000 migrant men, women & children.

For more information, Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
**Parish Life**

**Latino/a/x Gathering**
Monday, February 24th at 7:00-8:30 pm - Parish Center

All parishioners and school parents who identify as Latino/a/x, are invited to help plan the 2020 We Are St. Joseph Celebration, taking place May 16th. This year we are celebrating Latino/a/x cultures and traditions from all over the Americas, from Seattle to Santiago. Bring your ideas, resources, and connections to help us share the spirituality, food, and traditions of Latino/a/x cultures with the parish community. For information contact Sara Alvarado at salvarado@stjosephsea.org, Lando Alvarado at landoalvarado@gmail.com, or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org / 206-965-1646.

**Sister Parish Ministry**

Update on DHP House Purchase - It’s been an eventful few months for the DHP students in their quest for permanent housing! In mid-December the students received unexpectedly bad news: due to deferred maintenance by the landlord they had to vacate their rental house by early January. They scrambled and located a short-term rental house a few weeks ago, near the National University, just before the start of the school year. Unfortunately, the home that we identified sold before we could complete a transaction. However, we are confident we can secure a similar replacement home for the students prior to the end of their short-term lease.

We take the responsibility of overseeing parishioners’ funds very seriously. We will release funds only when all the logistics have been worked out, because purchasing a house for the purpose of a scholarship program is very different than buying a house in Seattle. There are a number of questions that need to be addressed ahead of time: who will take title to the house? Who will oversee the maintenance, pay the bills, decide the fate of the house, etc. Padre Miguel reached out to the Jesuits of San Salvador who have experience facilitating similar arrangements. They enthusiastically agreed to assist, starting with the drafting of a covenant that spells out the terms of their role, how the house is to be managed, etc. We anticipate having that signed agreement in February which will allow us to proceed with a solid framework for the long-term. We will keep our community apprised as we continue ironing out the details to turn your generosity into reality!

Questions, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or sisterparishministry@stjosephparish.org

**Young Adult Ministry**

**Young Adult Game Night!**

Join us for our monthly social on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm where you’ll be anything but bored. We will order pizza and you can bring a snack or drink to share! There is a suggested $10 donation. Please contact Corbin Johnson (Corbin.s.johnson@gmail) with any questions.

**Newly Married Couples Night**

Are you interested in learning more about drawing closer to your spouse and living out your Sacrament? You are invited to learn and grow with other couples married 1-5 years at our upcoming event, DEEPER CONNECTIONS: attachment and relationships on Tuesday, February 25th, 6:30 pm – 9:00. Cost: $20 per couple. Wine & Cheese and Chocolate Included!

Format will include presentation, individual couple time and small group faith-sharing.

**Seniors On The Go**

**Thursday February 27th** - 10:30 am – 4:00 pm - Lunch at Emerald Queen Buffet ($10.95) in Fife, followed by a tour of the Port of Tacoma. Contact Renee at 206-965-1640 or rleet@stjosephparish.org for a seat on the bus.

**Friday, March 6th** - Stations of the Cross at 11 am, Anointing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a delicious Lenten luncheon after Mass. Please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up to the church.

**Tuesday March 24th** - Senior Matinee Play - BABETTE’S FEAST at the Taproot Theatre. Leave from St. Joseph at 11:30 am then lunch at a Greenwood restaurant followed by the play at 2 pm. (Cost $15.00 for ticket plus lunch). Seating is limited. Tickets must be pre-paid. Deadline to purchase ticket is 3/10/2021. For details contact Renee at the Parish Center 206-965-1640 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

**Men’s Ministry**

An invitation to enter into Lent - *Teach Us To Pray* - A morning of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Saturday February 29th - 8:30 am to11:30
Coffee, Bagels, Fruit and Juice Provided

For information contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
**Children’s Faith Formation**

We love your kids! We also know it can be a challenge to entertain them while at Mass. Would you like to attend the 9 am Mass without entertaining your toddler? St. Joseph has a plan for that! Enroll your child in our St. Joseph Faith Formation classes. We have creative and age-appropriate classes for children of all ages. We offer classes for PreK and Kindergarteners during the 9 am mass and classes for 1st through 8th grade between the 9 am mass and the 11 am mass. Check out the “Faith Formation” tab on our website for more information.

**Children’s Faith Formation Schedule**


**Parent Notice**

Parents of children in Faith Formation/Sacramental Prep classes: On Sunday, March 1st, our Catechists will present a sexual abuse prevention program, called Teaching Safety. This will be presented to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade (not in Pre-K or Childcare) during their regularly scheduled classes. This program is provided to us by the Archdiocese of Seattle and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. We are required to teach this session once per year. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. I encourage you to read my email (from me: Claire Hansen) which contains an “overview” and “lesson plan” (LINK) so you’ll be aware of what your child will learn. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact me via email or at 206-965-1652. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form (attached to Claire’s email) and return it to me or your child’s teacher no later than Sunday, February 23rd. And, please know you are very welcome to attend this class, and our catechists would love to have your support.

**Middle School Confirmation**

Are you looking to make a difference in the faith life of a teenager at St. Joseph Parish? We need volunteers to be on the Middle School Confirmation Team, which will meet about 3 times a month from September through January. The program will be open to students from 7-9th grade and will meet on Sundays from 12:15pm-1:45pm. It will also include a retreat (1 full day) and some service experiences (1/2 day). Why? When you show up in the life of a young person as a mentor in the faith, they feel valued and welcomed in the parish but also in the Catholic Church as a whole. Middle schoolers are navigating issues of self-esteem, social and emotional upheaval in their friendship groups and activities, physical changes, rising expectations in school, as well as the challenge to begin forming a mature faith. It is VITAL that these youth have role models in the faith during these critical times. Please consider volunteering as a part of the Middle School Confirmation Team. Please contact me (claireh@stjosephparish.org) if you’d like more information or if you’d like to talk about volunteering. Thank you!
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: Blessings and joy and congratulations to Tom and Toi Borthwick on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. You are loved by your family, friends and the community of St. Joseph.

“Love is patient, love is kind . . . .”
~1 Corinthians 4
Faith Justice

Immigration & Refugee Support Meeting

Thurs., February 20th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 - Parish Center

If you are interested in learning about or being involved in our parish efforts on the issue of immigration reform and supporting our refugee brothers and sisters, please join us! We are currently discerning how to partner with KINO Border Initiative, Casa Latina and organizing another parish delegation to the border.

For more information, contact, Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Hospital Ministry

Catholic Hospital Ministry at Harborview Medical Center

Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion and provide a presence to patients and their families at Harborview Hospital. Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork, background checks, personal interviews and Orientation/Training sessions. Time expectation is once a week - 3-4 hour shift, plus bimonthly check-in gatherings. There is lots of flexibility in regards to specific day/time. If you would like to participate, please call 206-965-1646 or email Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Jesuit Seattle

CRS Rice Bowl: Your Impact on Climate Change in Vietnam with Truong Tung, Country Manager of CRS Vietnam

Saturday, February 22, 2020, 9:30am—11:30am, St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center, 907 Columbia Street, Seattle (limited parking at O’Dea High School) Frequent and severe storms are impacting vulnerable farmers in Vietnam. As Lent and a new CRS Rice Bowl campaign begin, come hear Truong Tung share how the CRS Disaster Risk Reduction Program is working with vulnerable families in the face of climate change.

Clothing Drive

The Holy Names Academy Alumnae Board will hold its 9th annual Clothing Drive to benefit Jubilee Women’s Center on Saturday, February 22nd, and Sunday, February 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. Clean out your closet, and bring your clean, consignment-quality, gently-used women’s clothing, shoes, and accessories. Jubilee Women’s Center also needs velvet coat hangers, plastic tube or “store” hangers (not wire), shopping bags from nice stores, and full-size deodorant. In addition, we will collect umbrellas, toilet paper, warm socks (that fit in shoes, not fluffy lounge socks), and twin-sized blankets or comforters. Everyone is encouraged to contribute. Collect additional clothing from your family, friends, and co-workers!

Please enter St. Joseph via the driveway on 19th Ave. E. and E. Aloha St., and park temporarily near the entrance. We will provide assistance with unloading if you need.

Renewing your Spirit for Parenting: A mini-retreat for parents

Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 1:00-4:00 pm - Parish Center - Jennifer Kelly & Jen Tilghman-Havens, presenters

The life of a parent can be exhausting and life-giving, messy and wonderful. In the midst of parenting, it can be challenging to discern where God is in it all. This mini-retreat will give you the time and space to pause, be nourished, and reflect on God’s desires for you as a parent, and your desires for your children. Through Ignatian-inspired prayer, presentations, and personal and communal reflection with other parents, facilitators Jennifer Kelly and Jen Tilghman-Havens will help you deepen your sense of yourself as a parent, reflect on the spiritual foundations of parenting, and develop prayer practices that can be integrated into your daily parenting and family life.

COST: $35/parent; $55/couple. REGISTER BY WEDS FEB 19 at www.ignatiancenter.org QUESTIONS: call (206) 329-4824 or email andrea@ignatiancenter.org
Adult Faith Formation: Lenten Bible Study

The Gospel of John

Thursday, February 27th
Thursday, March 5th
Thursday, March 19th
Thursday, March 26th

We will break for the Novena of Grace.

Please join us March 12th in the church.

St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

This is a four-week series, facilitated by Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ who will lead us on an in depth look at the major themes of the Gospel of John. Join us in breaking open the gospel we read throughout Lent.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Theresa Lukasik theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651
St. Joseph
St. Patrick’s Day Party
Saturday, March 7th, 6 pm - 9 pm
Parish Social Hall
Beer, Wine, Coffee and Non-Alcoholic drinks provided

**POTLUCK DINNER**

Bring a food item or dessert to share
We will pass the hat to cover any expenses!
Family Friendly – Open Gym and Photo Booth

To volunteer, please sign up using the link at our website
www.stjosephparish.org

Questions? Deacon Steve
206.965.1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org