

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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 March 1, 2020

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:17-9; 3:1-7 SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12, 17-19 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

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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Monday- Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

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To Err on the Side of Compassion

Those who attend the house of God and know his mercy do not automatically know how to love their neighbor. It is not automatic! You may know the whole Bible, you may know all the liturgical rubrics, you may know all theology, but from this knowledge love is not automatic: loving has another path, it requires intelligence, but also something more.

-Pope Francis-

If we cannot now end our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.

-John F. Kennedy-

This last week, I had the opportunity to take my annual retreat amid the woods and rivers of central Oregon. It was a blessed 8 days of solitude and beauty, during which I mostly remained free from phone calls and text messages—checking only periodically if there was something urgent that needed my response. It was during one of those checks that I found a message from one of my staff, informing me about the recent situation at Kennedy Catholic High School, and asking me about any St. Joseph response. At first, I thought that this news—which seemed sadly reminiscent of the events at Eastside Catholic a few years ago—would act as a great disruption to my retreat. But it seems I had forgotten that the same God who creates the beauty of the pine woods also abides in the midst of the city, and so, as I began to pray and reflect on the Kennedy news, I found it woven into the fabric of my retreat in surprising and graced ways.

At first, I was upset and angry by the seemingly self-inflicted wound caused to the Church by the apparently forced resignation of the two faculty members because of their choice to enter into civil marriages with people of the same sex; and then I was saddened by the sometimes formulaic responses of those who seemed only to want to vent their past grievances with the Church or with Kennedy. Eventually, I became a confused, and angry at the foolishness of the whole thing. I do not know the particulars of what happened between the teachers, the administration of Kennedy Catholic, and the Archdiocese—personnel issues, I know, are complex, and I do not desire to judge by rumor and innuendo. But why is there no dialogue about the issues that surround this confrontation? Why must we end again in camps, one side barricaded in its offices and the other marching in the streets?

Carrying all this, I went out for a hike; and as I climbed to the top of a high hill and looked out over the wonders of woods and rivers, I began to recognized my own smallness, and felt humility—so much desired but so hard to hold—begin to penetrate my heart. I realized how much my own desire to be right often meant that I wanted others not just to be wrong, but to be "bad" so that I might see myself as "good" in contrast to them. And yet I also recognized (and was embarrassed by this recognition) that such a good-bad dichotomy, which seems at the core of our culture, does nothing to heal the fractures of this world, but only exacerbates them—deepening the hurt so that all are left in the very isolation Christ Jesus came to overcome. It was then, as I sat on that hill, praying not just about Kennedy, but about all the wounds within our poor Church, that I began to think back to the story of the Good Samaritan, and to wonder if an answer might not be there.

Presented only in the gospel of Luke, the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:29-37) is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' parables; indeed, the very title "Good Samaritan" has become a cultural catch-phrase for anyone who goes out of their way to help. And yet, this very familiarity means that we often miss the fullness of the storyavoiding its complexity because of our own assumption of understanding. When seen it in context, however, and with its various dimensions, this story becomes more than a simplistic call to be nice; it is also a reminder of the need to go beyond mere rules and regulations, a reminder that such rules—even when intended to serve life—can be harmful when slavishly applied. Without discernment, without the inclusion of compassion and humanity, no rule—however good in itself—can give life or protect it. What this parable teaches, what Jesus proclaims repeatedly both in his words and by his deeds, is not that some people are good and some are bad, but that even good and righteous people fail when they set aside human compassion, when they cease acting with loving discernment in the moment, and rely only on the clarity offered by their ideological system.

Consider the context of the parable. A scholar of the Law comes to test Jesus, addressing him respectfully and asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The presumption here is that Jesus will offer some new rule, some special obligation that can be applied in every situation; instead, Jesus turns the question back on the scholar asking, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" Notice, even here, Jesus suggests that it is not just the Law itself, but how the scholar reads it—how he interprets and applies it—that matters. As happens throughout the gospel, the answer one gets never frees one from the need to engage, to discern, to interpret. The commandments are frameworks meant to guide our hearts, not replacements for them. But this is sometimes hard to understand. So, when the scholar answers Jesus correctly by saying, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself," he still wants to justify himself—i.e., wants to find the right answer—and so asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" What the scholar seeks is a final, universally applicable answer; one that will allow him to say in every situation whom he must love and whom he might ignore. But what he gets-what all of us get—is not a clear and precise answer, but a parable that only opens wider the doors of compassion and the call to discernment in love.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, none of the three principal characters—the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan—are truly evil people. The first two are figures linked to Temple worship, persons bound to the institution of the Temple and constrained by the rules of propriety and purity to which that institution holds them. They come upon the man who has been beaten and left for dead, and they

realize that, while he may still be alive, the possibility of his being dead or the inconvenience of helping him may impinge on their institutional obligations. Without true malice, they give way to rules or obligations of the organization, reducing the humanity of the person in the ditch to a level of mere inconvenience. As Pope Francis writes of these two: "The priest, perhaps, looked at his watch and said 'I am late for Mass.... I must say Mass'. The other may have said: 'I don't know if the Law permits me to, because there is blood there and I will be impure...'" This is the grave danger of institutional thinking: to become enslaved to the idea at the expense of the humanity, to substitute generalized rules for human compassion. On the other hand, the Samaritan—whom most Jews of Jesus' day would consider an unrighteous schismatic because of the Samaritans' denial of Temple worship—is "moved with compassion" and acts from that discerned identification with the other, even though the other is not of his community. Thus, though the priest and the Levite may not have been evil in their strict application of the Law, they fail to be neighbor to the injured man, because they show no compassion, no love, which is the Spirit at the heart of the Law. On the other hand, the Samaritan—who errs on the side of compassion, rather than on the rules of family or tribe, ideology or self-interest—fulfills the heart of the Law, without ever being bound to it.

Praying over the story of the Good Samaritan, I recognize so many good women and men who surrender their own discerning hearts in service to an abstract Law. And I also realize how often institutions, which tend to prize stability and universal application above individuals, press upon us to be like the priest or the Levite-implementors of the rules, instead of people of discernment. But such a requirement is almost never in line with the gospel. For example, the current teaching of the Church on the treatment of same-sex couples is not a matter of settled dogma, but a position built on an anthropology that is still very much in flux, requiring active discernment in all people of faith. One need only look at the actions and words of Pope Francis, or at the example of the German bishops—some of whom are advocating blessings for same sex couples, even while affirming that such unions are not sacramental marriages. In such a situation, when we see the People of God wounded at the side of the road, we cannot simply resort—like the priest or the Levite—to the Law or tradition; rather, we should, instead, err on the side of compassion, after the example of the Samaritan. We should become a welcoming Church, trusting in God to help us discern and sort out our mistakes, but also trusting that our compassion— and not mere obedience to tradition—is the deepest call of our loving and living God.

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



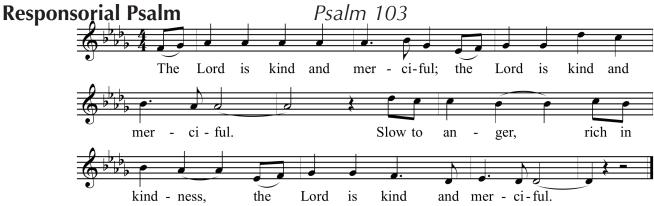
First ReadingLeviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your

God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."





Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings. *Ref.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of kindness. God is good to all creation, full of compassion. *Ref.*

The goodness of God is from age to age, blessing those who choose to love. And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant. *Ref.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

God catches the wise in their own ruses,

and again:

The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.



Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

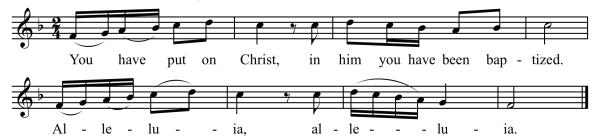
Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Baptismal Acclamation

(5,9&11) You Have Put On Christ

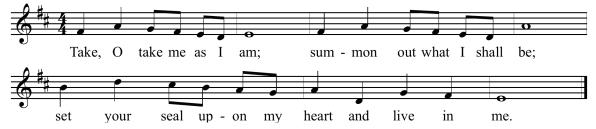
Hughes



Dismissal

(5:30) Take, O Take Me as I Am

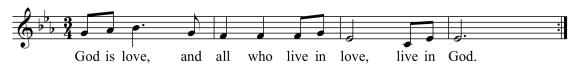
Bell



Offertory Songs

(5,11&5:30) God Is Love

Haas



(9) Choral: Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name, Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

Dermer/Freidell

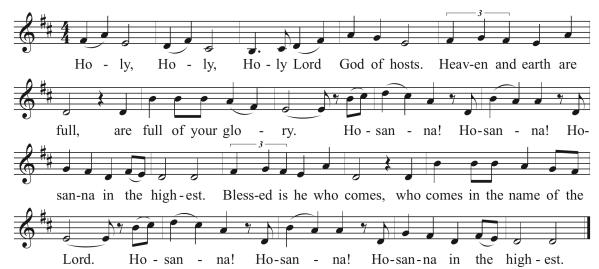
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

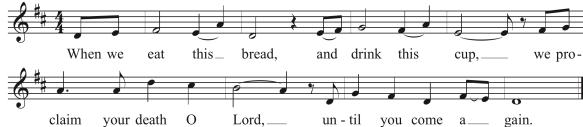
Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass Of Christ the Savior

Schutte



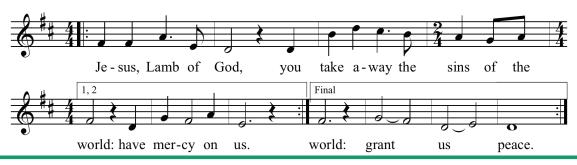




Great Amen



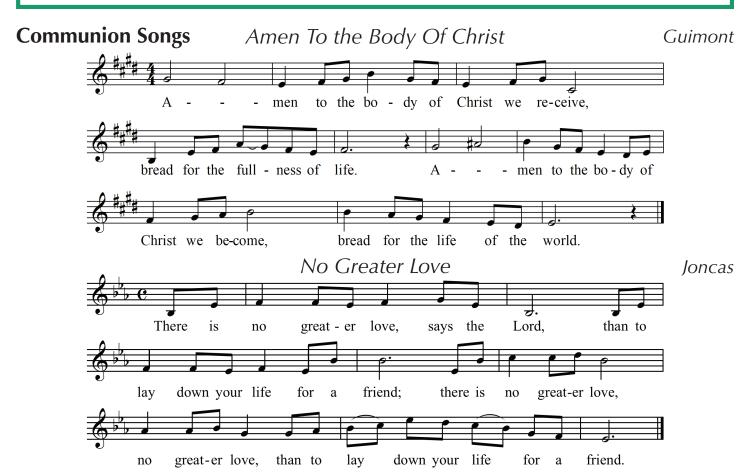
Lamb of God



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.

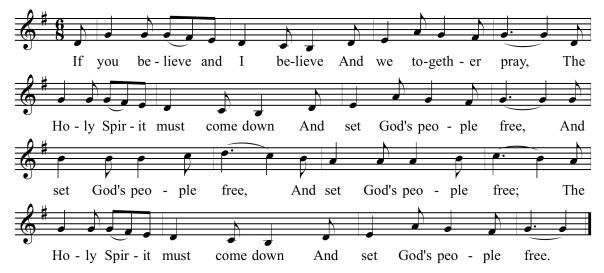


(9) CHOIR: Alleluia Round Alleluia! Alleluia!

Boyce

(5:30) If You Believe and I Believe

South African



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In relation to our recent immersion trip to Nogales, Arizona

St. Joseph is hosting a Special Collection for THE KINO BORDER INITIATIVE

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 At both Masses 7:00 am & 7:00 pm Contributions may also be made on the Parish website

The KINO Border Initiative (KBI – www.kinoborderinitiative.org), a Jesuit Work in Nogales, Arizona & Nogales, Sonora Mexico provides:

- · Direct humanitarian relief services to migrants,
- Legal Services,
- Educational programs, retreats and talks to visiting delegations
- Innovative research and advocacy efforts





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 it's 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



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.

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.

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

Young Adult Ministry

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 releationships 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.

Justice Café

Another session of Justice Café will take place on March 18, 2020 from 7:00pm-8:30PM in Xavier Room. Justice Café, a ministry of Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, is designed to give young adults the space to engage in conversation on issues of global and local concern and make connections between spirituality and justice. This month's café theme is Plastics. We will be discussing the current environmental dilemma that is filling our oceans with 8 million tons of plastic. If you would like to discuss care of creation in the context of faith, come join us! Warm beverages will be provided, bring a snack to share! For more information contact Samantha at syanity@ipic.or or 206-223-1138.

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

FAITH FORMATION



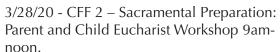
Children's Faith Formation

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

3/8, 3/9 - CFF 2 – Sacramental Preparation: Chalice Making Sessions.





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" 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' 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.



Team Members Needed for Middle School Confirmation

- Volunteers are needed for the Middle School Confirmation Team, which will meet 2- 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).
- When you show up in the life of a young person as a mentor in their 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 contact me (claireh@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like more information or if you'd like to talk about volunteering.
 Thank you for considering!

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.

Baptism Families

Please join us in prayer for the families having children baptized this weekend.

> The Bayless da Costa Family The Carey Family The Henn Family The Kern Family The Koppy Family The MacIntyre Family The Reidinger Family The Requa Family



Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For complete healing after surgery this week . . . For those who have been diagnosed with a serious illness, we pray for their comfort and recovery

. . . For those who are experiencing abuse there is hope, please protect yourselves by calling -- Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1 800 799-SAFE.

"But understand this, that in the last days will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, proud, arrogant, abusive . . . heartless, without selfcontrol, brutal, not loving good . . . having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people ... "

~ 2 Timothy 3:1-8

FAITH JUSTICE

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers visit people in their homes for two very important reasons. Each is of equal importance. A man we saw recently answered the question of how he is doing by saying: "Loneliness. I get lonely." He needed help with food, this fellow who is disabled. His immaculately clean studio apartment had room for a tiny kitchen, his double bed, a chair and a small table for a tv set. We helped with food cards at Safeway. But the value of our visit was taking 20 minutes just to chat with him. Soon, the solemn face we encountered upon arriving turned into smiles and laughter. So, it's more than money or food cards that your donations underwrite. It's the visit itself. Acknowledging that this lonely man is important, respected and ap-

preciated is just as valuable as a bag of groceries.

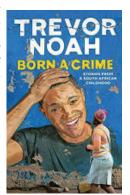
Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection is February 29th - March 1st.



Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm in the Parish Center to discuss the book Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gos-

pel, and for discerning action steps in response. Please email racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org with any questions, to RSVP or if the cost of purchasing the book is an obstacle.





St. Joseph Faith Justice Ministry Presents



When: March 4, 2020, 7-9pm

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Center - 732 18th Ave E.

Contact: If you have questions, please contact Steve Wodzanowski at

206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

The St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission invites you to participate in a conversation with the founder of the Non-Profit *Facing Homelessness*; Rex Hohlbein, which invites all of us to come closer, and to contribute our unique passions and skills toward the effort of ending homelessness AND to see the beauty of each person living on our streets, www. facinghomelessness.org. Our hope is mobilize ourselves as individuals and within our communities to support our neighbors living unsheltered.



Rex Hohlbein is the Founder and Creative Director for the non-profit Facing Homelessness. He is also a licensed architect, acting as Principal of Rex Hohlbein Architects since 1987. He is currently a Principal at BLOCK Architects, an architecture firm he founded with his daughter Jennifer LaFreniere. Born and raised in Seattle, he studied at Washington State University, receiving his Bachelor of Architecture in 1982. In late 2010 he began the Facebook Community page 'Facing Homelessness' as a photo-journal project to build community awareness for those living without shelter and other basic needs. Through the sharing of photos and personal stories he highlights the unique beauty of each person, asking the viewer to break through the negative stereotype against those living on our streets.

Facing Homelessness 206.632.7299 | info@facinghomelessness.org 4001 9th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105





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



