



Sunday, March 1, 2020 * First Sunday of Lent * www.stjosephparish.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*



*At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

Homily This Week: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Homily Next Week: Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9 & 11 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for March 8, 2020

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4A

SECOND READING: TIMOTHY 1:8B-10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

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Small Gifts and Great Responses

"This reading has helped me to understand that the boy who carried the boy who carried the five loaves and two fishes. . . really obligated Christ to perform his miracle."

When Monseñor heard the word "obligated," he interrupted. "Young man, why do you think anyone could obligate Christ to do anything? Christ was free!"

"I say that he was obligated because five loaves and two fish were nothing to feed that whole crowd, but at the same time, they were all the boy had. So they were both nothing and everything at the same time. That's the thing! So what happened? When the boy offered everything he had, Jesus could do no less. He had to do everything he could, too. And he could do miracles. So he did!"

-from Monseñor Romero: Memories in Mosaic-

Lent is upon us: that season of abstinence and prayer, of preparation and abnegation, when Christians are invited to abstain from some little pleasure—from chocolate or Coke, Facebook or beer—in the hope that we might both become more conscious of the sacrifices of Christ who gave himself up for us, and recognize that we have the ability to bless the world by our actions. It is the season of alms and of the parish Rice Bowl, when we are asked to collect our change in little paper octagons, for the care of the poor around the world. It is the season for prayer and reconciliation, when, through the Sacrament of Confession, the Church invites us to find healing in our own hearts and give healing to others (perhaps including the Church herself). It is that season—begun with the ashes of burned palms smeared onto our foreheads in the shape of a cross, and completed with the waving of new palms and the retelling of that ancient story of betrayal and death—when we are invited to step outside the frenetic pace of our obligations and the angry dialogue of our world, and remember the slow work of salvation that encircles us, year by year, in the eternal cycle of death and resurrection.

When I was a young boy, I loved the notion of giving up something for Lent. It seemed somehow heroic to offer up a good thing that I enjoyed, to prove that I could live without candy or soda or television for a whole forty days—just like Jesus in the desert! I must admit, I rarely thought of the poor in those days, or of how my noble sacrifice might do good for others—it was really about me, proving myself worthy to be at the side of Jesus.

When I grew older, like many of my peers, I began to reject the notion of "giving up" things for Lent, and began to think how much better it would be to do something good for others (as though the two practices were mutually exclusive). During this time, I would have a bowl for alms on my dresser, where my change would go at the end of the day; I would try to speak with greater kindness to those I met, and intentionally help at least one person a day. Though often more difficult than any of the sacrificial gestures of my childhood, the practice of merely doing some little good act for Lent always seemed unsatisfying—I think, in part, because it was still about me and my own sense of righteousness, and further,

because it tended to remind me what I should be doing all through the year.

Yet, for all the romantic self-absorption that can go with giving things up, and for all the feelings of insufficiency found in doing small acts of charity, Lent has continued to grow and deepen for me across the years. It is, in some ways, my favorite season of the Church year, because it seems increasingly reflective of my life and of the life of those I see around me. We are all, I have discovered, on the way to Jerusalem—living in the shadow of death, and loss, and sorrow—while also living in the hope of resurrection, and communion, and life in its fullness. No longer a romantic fantasy, the paschal mystery is truer to me now than it was when I was 10 years old, and so too, the call of Lent has deepened. For the loss of our greatest pleasures and joys—imitated in the small sacrifices of Lent—come to us inevitably as human beings: those whom we love pass away, and the strength on which we have depended fades with each passing year. The call of Lent to let go of the things of this world is the call of time itself, and the promise of Lent—that the seed which falls to the ground will bear a rich harvest—is the promise at the center of our faith. In my experience, we live not so much as the Easter people of whom St. Augustine writes, but as a Lenten people, who have staked our trust in the coming Spring, but who have not yet felt the fullness of its warmth.

Today, I still give up some little pleasure during Lent, still make some small sacrifice like foregoing lattes for drip coffee, or giving up candy in favor of fruit. Likewise, I still try to offer some extra gift of alms—putting the money I don't spend on lattes into the Rice Bowl, or making sure I always give a little more to the guy who sells *Real Change* in front of the QFC. Yet, I do these things today, not because any of them are so individually important, nor to satisfy my own sense of heroism or personal merit; rather, I do them to form the habit of giving with love, to exercise the muscles of grace that will enable me to be strong when real sacrifices are demanded, and to be generous when the real cost of discipleship is called forth. For me, today, all the practices of Lent are just that, practices, so that my heart might be ready for the days yet to come.

We are, each of us, like the boy with the fish and the loaves in the story of the feeding of the 5000. All that we have is almost nothing compared to the hunger of the crowd—compared to the power of suffering and darkness that comes to all humanity. Even those among us who are blessed with great wealth and power in the world know that all they have cannot keep suffering away. Yet, though we know that intellectually, we still face the choice of giving all that we have into the hands of Christ—of letting it go with love and faith—or

of trying to hold onto it and hoard it for ourselves. If we do the latter (as many in our world today seem to support), we may be fed for awhile, but the world will starve. But if we do the former, if we give to Christ all that we have and all that we are, if we put our smallness into the hands of the Son of God, we *oblige* God to respond with equivalent generosity. For God will never be outdone in generosity, and for every small act we do, God will respond with nothing less than Christ Jesus himself. And, suddenly, the small gift of self that we give becomes the great gift of self, given by God. In this way, the world may be fed, even by our smallness, drawing on the greatness of God's grace.

Let us form, this Lent, the habit of gift and sacrifice, the habit of faith and hope, the habit of giving to God in small things, so that we may be generous and joyful when great things are asked. And when great things are asked of us, may we give all we have, trusting that God will make it enough, even to change our nation, even to heal our Church, even to raise the world from the dead.



WELCOME!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the "Sign up for our eNewsletter" link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven't officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We'd love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" link.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Choral Introit

Even Now, Says the Lord

Proulx

Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.
For I am gracious and merciful. Return to me, even now.

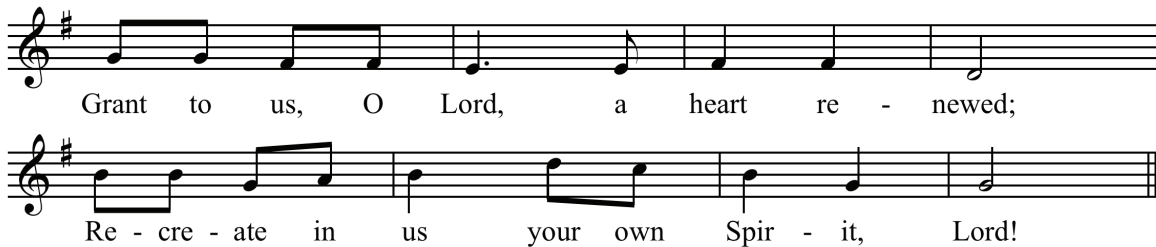
Call To Worship - Please Stand

Tolling of the Bells

Entrance Song

Grant To Us

Deiss



Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord our God,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. *Ref.*

Deep within their being I will implant my law; I will write it in their hearts. *Ref.*

I will be their God, and they shall be my people. *Ref.*

And for all their faults I will grant forgiveness: nevermore will I remember their sins. *Ref.*

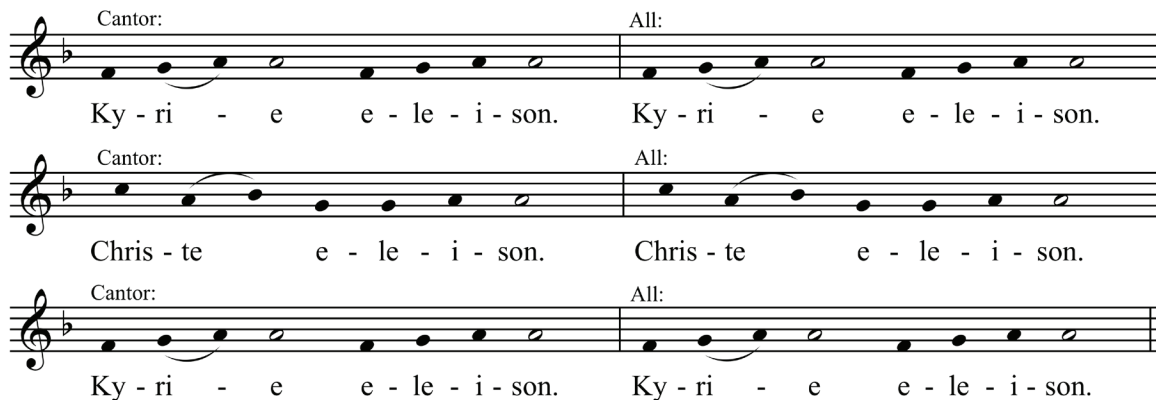
Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(Strike breast during next line)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie



First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

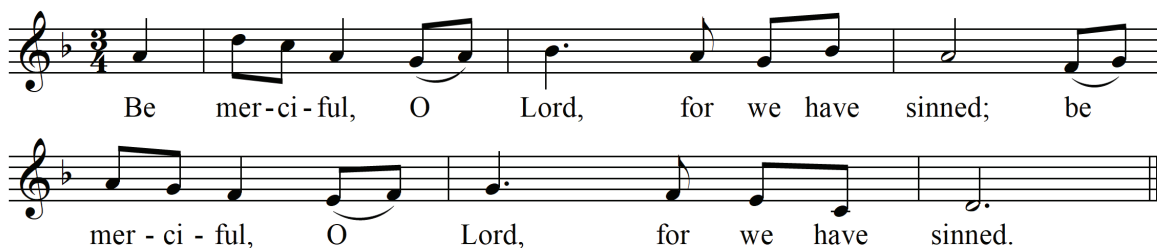
Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51

Haugen



Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness, in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all of my sin. *Ref.*

My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done. *Ref.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me. *Ref.*

Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side. *Ref.*

Second Reading

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Vermulst



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you
and with their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

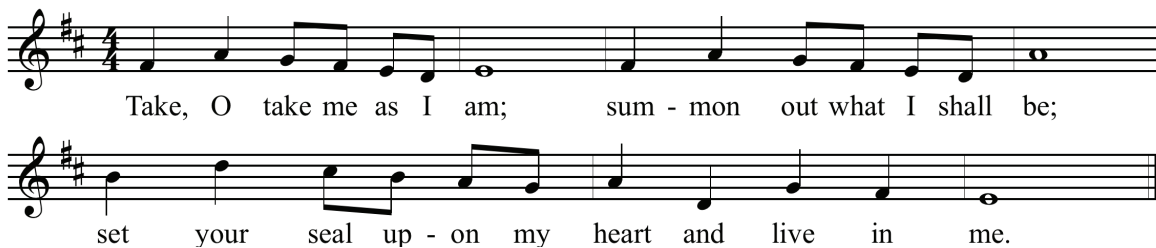
Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

Dismissal

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

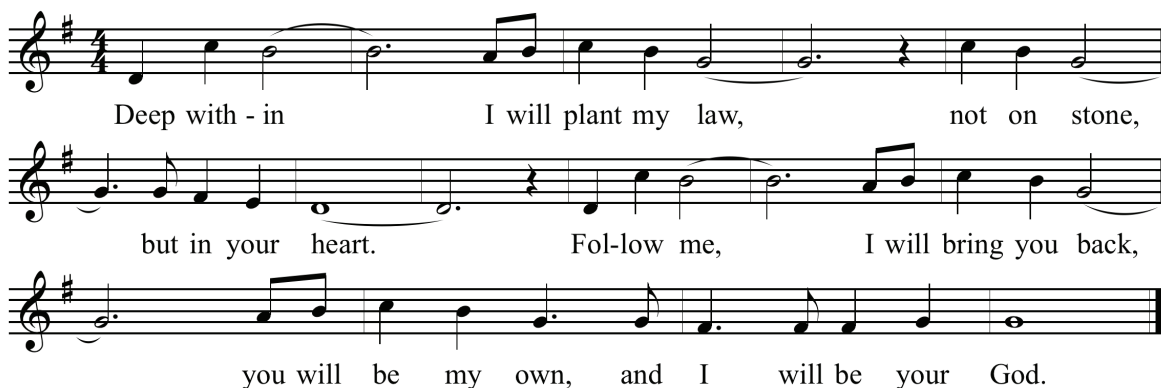
Bell



Offertory Songs

Deep Within

Haas



I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength. *Ref.*
Seek my face, and see your God, for I will be your hope. *Ref.*
Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back. *Ref.*

(9) Choral: Attende Domine

arr. Osterhagen

Ref: Attende Domine, et miserere, Quia peccavimus tibi.

*Ad te Rex summe, Omnium Redemptor,
Oculos nostros Sublevamus flentes:
Exaudi, Christe, Supplicantum preces. Ref.*

*Dextera Patris, Lapis angularis, Via salutis, Janua caelestis,
Ablue nostril Maculas delicti. Ref.*

*Rogamus, Deus, Tuam majestatem: Auribus sacris
Gemitus exaudi: Crimina nostra Placidus indulge. Ref.*

*Tibi fatemur Crimina admissa: Contrito corde
Pandimus occulta: Tua, Redemptor, Pietas ignoscat. Ref.*

*Innocens captus, Nec repugnans ductus; Testibus falsis
Pro impiis damnatus: Quos redemisti,
Tu conserva, Christe. Ref.*

Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy,
because we have sinned against you.

To Thee, highest King, Redeemer of all,
We lift up our eyes In weeping:
Hear, O Christ, the prayers of your servants. *Ref.*

Right hand of the Father, Cornerstone, Way of salvation,
Gate of heaven, Wash away our stains of sin. *Ref.*

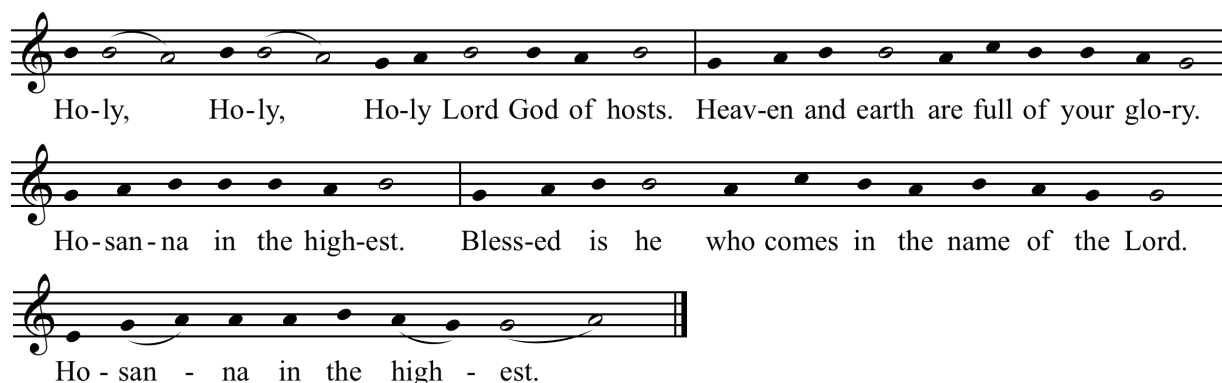
We beseech Thee, God, In Thy great majesty:
Hear our groans with your holy ears: calmly forgive
our crimes. *Ref.*

To Thee we confess our sins admitted with a contrite heart.
We reveal the things hidden: by your kindness,
O Redeemer, overlook them. *Ref.*

The Innocent, seized, not refusing to be led; condemned by
false witnesses on account of impious men
Those whom Thou hast redeemed, keep safe, O Christ. *Ref.*

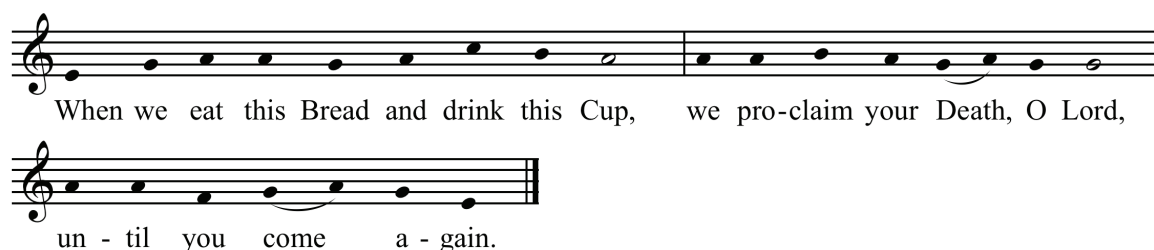
Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

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.

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.

Communion Songs

We Do Not Live On Bread Alone

Holland

One does not live on bread a-lone, but by ev - 'ry word, ev - 'ry word

that comes forth, that comes forth from the mouth of God.

All Who Hunger

1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek - er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who

days of full-ness, All a - round us is our food.
lost and scat-tered In com-mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.


Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Song Of Praise

Hosea


Norbet

Verses




1. Come back to me with all your heart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice, With
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;

1. To Refrain



Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)
to your heart where I will speak.
ten - der - ness, you shall know. (To refrain)
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing home to me and
liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

Recessional

Tolling Bell

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Adult Faith Formation: Lenten Bible Study

St. Joseph Parish Center
Arrupe Room

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

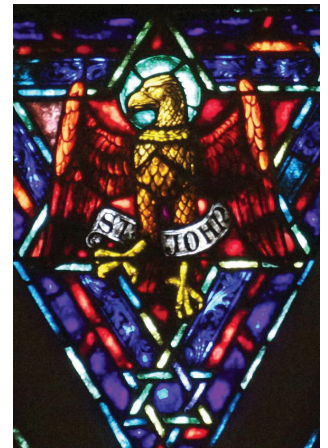
The Gospel of John

Thursday, February 27th

Thursday, March 5th

Thursday, March 19th

Thursday, March 26th



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



FAITH JUSTICE

Habitat For Humanity Parish Build

When: Saturday March 21st from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (although you can always leave early if necessary)

Where: Pacific, WA (more details to follow if you sign up for the build)

How: You can either drive to the job site and meet the parish team in Pacific or you can meet up at St. Joseph's parking lot around 8 AM to carpool to Pacific for the day.

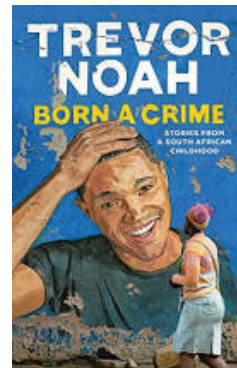
Who: Please reach out to Charlie Stiens if you are interested in attending by emailing him at cstiens326@gmail.com. We are limited to only 10-12 spots so please sign up sooner, rather than later.

Additional Information: You must be over the age of 18 to volunteer or accompanied by a parent/guardian if you are 16-17 years old. Work will relate to construction of a home and will involve some form of manual labor so come prepared to have fun and get sweaty. Lunch will be provided!



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 Gospel, 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.



Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for our parish/school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our Gospel call to seek those in distress and help those in need. During the next 40 days, we will encounter the stories of people in Kenya, Vietnam, and Honduras where CRS is at work. We'll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals from these countries. And, through the stories, we'll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will reflect on how we are called to recognize the needs of our global human family. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition.

Hunger in Our World

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

Pick up your Rice Bowl in the Vestibule this weekend!

FAITH FORMATION



Camp Give Back!

A week-long service-learning camp for rising 3rd-8th graders.

Students participate in community service, reflections, develop empathy for those who are disadvantaged, and finish the week feeling empowered to make change in their community.

Open to students entering 3rd-8th grade in the fall of 2020

Offered in two sessions – register for either or both!

Session One: June 15-19, 2020. Camp Hours: 9 am to 3 pm.

Session Two: June 22-26. Camp Hours: 9 am to 3 pm

Register at: www.stjosephparish.org



Children's Faith Formation Schedule

**Have you signed up for a mass on First Communion Weekend? Contact Claire Hansen to sign up for which mass your child will participate in.

** Chalice making is NEXT WEEKEND. It is required for all parish and school families.

- Sunday March 8th from 1-3PM
- Monday March 9th from 2:45-5PM
- Tuesday, March 10th from 2-4PM



Confirmation

- Volunteers are needed to lead next fall's Middle School Confirmation Program, which will meet 2 - 4 times a month from September through January.
- The program will meet on Sundays from 12:30pm-2:00pm.
- It will include a retreat (1 full day) and some service experiences (1/2 day).
- Contact (claireh@stjosephparish.org) if you'd like more information or if you'd like to talk about volunteering.





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.

Parish Holy Hour

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

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Elijah Bayless da Costa
Cooper Carey
Nora Henn
Bernice Kern
Theodore Koppy
Kyren MacIntyre
Ambrose Reidinger
Augustus Requa



Prayer Tree



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Lord, guide us to walk the path to growing closer to you and one another as we begin our Lenten journey . . . For a friend who is recovering from knee surgery . . . Help in finding a job.

*"Every saint has a past,
and every sinner has a future."*

~Oscar Wilde

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 11:00 am.
All are in the church.



PARISH LIFE

Seniors On The Go

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

Young Adult Ministry

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@ipjc.or or 206-223-1138.



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 steve@stjosephparish.org**

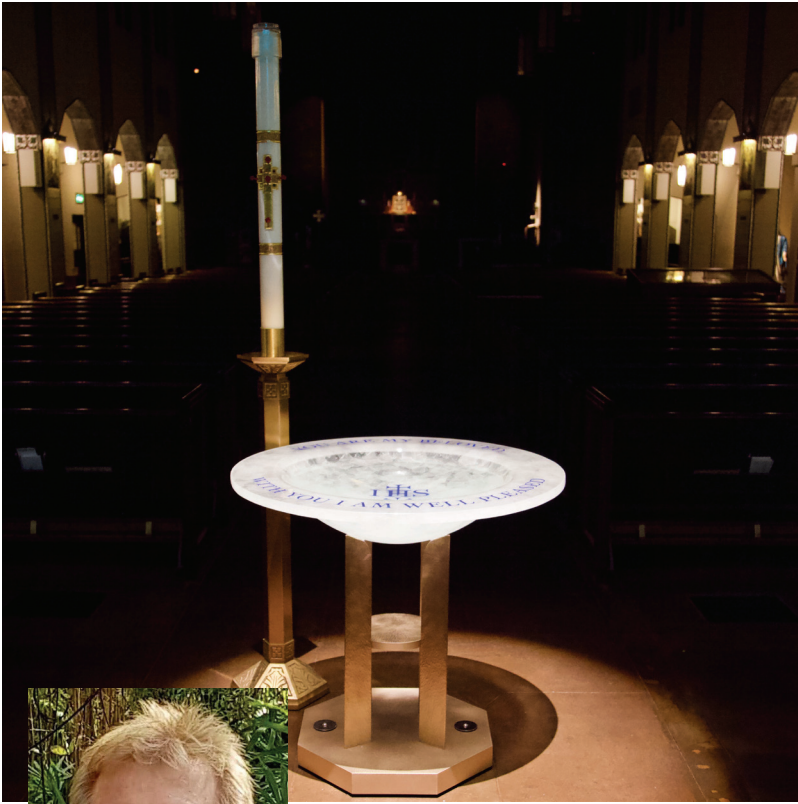
The St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission invites you to participate in a conversation with the founder of the Non-Profit *Facing Homelessness*; Rex Hohlbein, which invites all of us to come closer, and to contribute our unique passions and skills toward the effort of ending homelessness AND to see the 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
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DEDICATION OF THE ST. JOSEPH BAPTISMAL FONT

Last week we consecrated the new font created for St. Joseph Church, with the baptism of 8 children.

We are grateful for the creator of the font, Seattle sculptor, Stephen Hirt, who is known for the site-specific works that he creates.

Stephen received his Masters degree in fine arts in 1989 from Illinois State University, with a concentration in glass and metal work.

Stephen has traveled in and worked throughout the United States, Europe, and Thailand, creating works in glass blowing, kiln casting, lost wax metal casting, hollow-ware forming, and various forms of metal fabrication.

In 1997 he received a grant from the United Nations Trust Fund as well as a grant from the International Rescue Committee and the George Soros Foundation for micro-enterprise/art therapy projects he designed and implemented in Bosnia Herzegovina.

This new font, funded through the generosity of several donors, and designed in collaboration with the St. Joseph staff, is made of cast glass on legs of hammered bronze. But for all the artistry of the font, what is most important is the gospel message it proclaims in the words that surround the basin of the font.

Taken from the the baptism of Jesus, in the gospel of Mark, where the Father proclaims: ***“You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased”*** (Mk 1:11), the words on the font suggest how this message is meant for all of us—man or woman, rich or poor, gay or straight, immigrant or native born.

For everyone who passes into this space is beloved of God, and pleasing to God, not by virtue of what any of us has done, but simply because God chooses to love us.

Thanks be to God, for the waters and the beauty, and the love given to all.

St. Joseph St. Patrick's Day Party Saturday, March 7th, 6 pm - 9 pm Parish Social Hall

Live Irish Music & Tara Academy Irish Dancers

Beer, Wine, Coffee and Non-Alcoholic drinks provided

POTLUCK DINNER

Bring a food item or dessert to share

Family Friendly – Open Gym and Photo Booth

To volunteer, please sign up using the link at our website

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Questions? Deacon Steve

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH
THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us.

A heartfelt thank you to our Stewards here at St. Joseph who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 910 pledges which represents 49% of our families, totaling \$1,243,927 toward our goal of \$1,700,000. Truthfully, St Joseph Parish could not do this without you. We, and those we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity.

A million thanks to: Sally Abut, John Adams & Mary Laya, Gabriel Albacarys & Emily Reynolds, Edmund & Jill Allen, Anthony Allevan & Katharine Dobbs, Calins Alphonse, Monica Alquist, Peter Alspach & Maureen O'Leary, Megan Altendorf, Riley & Elizabeth Althausen, Aaron & Dorothy Ambuske, Liz Anderson, Ian & Ana Anderson, Lillian Anderson, Joe Anderton & Diane Lostrangio, Ryan Anderton, Fred & Sheri Andrews, Thomas Antkowiak & Alejandra Gonza, Bill & Lauren Appleyard, Justin Arbogast, Brian Arnold & Jennifer Schultz, Michael and Madeleine Arvold, Joe & Brenda Augustavo, Dave & Jennifer Aydelott, Rose Mary Bacina, Christopher & Bridget Backschies, Jerrold & Cristina Bailet, Edward & Carolyn Baker, Susan Balich, Ryan & Maria Ball, Hugh Bangasser & Lucy Homans, Susan Bannon, Thomas Barr & Maria Renz, Matthew Bartoloni, Will & Emily Bassett, David Batchelder & Colleen McShane, Michael & Heather Battaglia, Paul Battaglia, Ken & Chris Bauer, Marc & Heidi Baxter, Jacob & Sara Bayless da Costa, Michelle Beauclair, David & Karen Beaudry, Cindy Ann Belanger, Eric & Cameron Bellm, Rodney & Mary Jo Bench, Carmen Bendixen, James Berry, Richard & Madeline Bersamina, Joshua Bess & Krista Hodne, Sally Ann Birks, Jeffrey & Anne Blackburn, Tipton Blish & Bridget Perry, Thomas & Karen Boehling, Brian & Sandra Bonet, Robert Branson & Judith Raab, Martin & Kelsey Brantner, Dr. Travis Brayak, Sean & Gretchen Brennan, Jeff & Winnie Brinker, Rebecca Brown & Christine Galloway, Curtis & Karen Bryan, Mike Buckley, Brian & Laurel Buckner, Daniel Buffington, Frank & DeAnne Buono, Michael & Joanne Burgess, Anthony Buri, Mark & Jane Burns, Sean & Julie Burrow, Shahrzad Bushman, Mark Busto & Maureen Lee, John & Caitlin Cable, Kathleen Calvert, Philip & Deanne Calvert, Jason & Jennifer Cambridge, Clayton & Judith Canfield, Joseph & Teresa Cannon, Jon & Jeanne Cantalini, Mike & Kristin Cappetto, James & Joyce Carey, Bridget Carr, Arthur Carre & Kristine Chan, L Patrick Carroll & Dee McQuesten, Robert Carroll & Anne Marie Saldajeno, Zach Carstensen & James Urton, Oscar & Jennifer Cea, Christopher & Yasmin Chambers, Arthur Chapman, Philip Chen & Grace Cinciripini, James Chesko & Amy Schaefer, Frances Chikahisa, Allison Chodl, David Christensen & Glen Felias-Christensen, Tessa Chu, Hunter Chua & Joyce Lim-Chua, Carrie Clapp, Trevor Cobb & Cecilia Cayetano, Gordon Coffey, Joyce Colella, Chuck & Nancy Collins, Sean Conley, Paul Constantine & Ann Ferguson, Carolyn Conway, John & Natalie Coombs, Alex & Elisa Cooper, Thomas & Hope Cooper, Reed & Shaun Corry, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. 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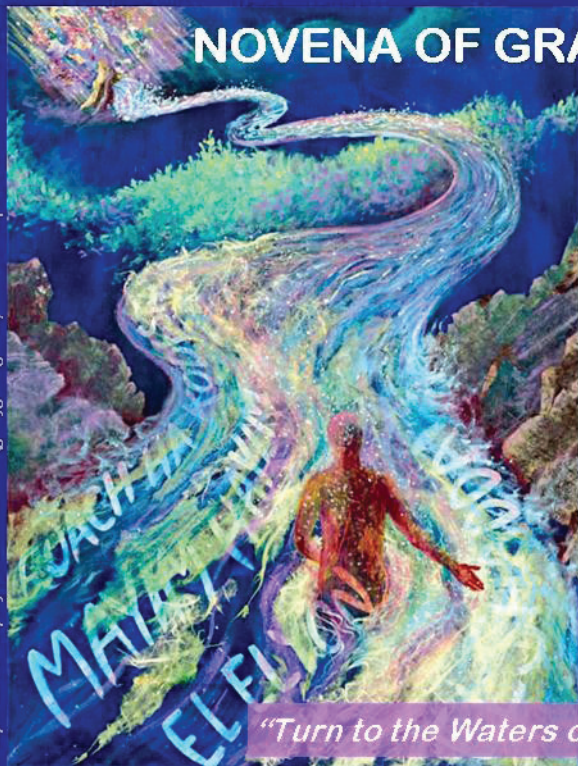
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The Ignatian Spirituality Center invites you to a

NOVENA OF GRACE

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"Turn to the Waters of Life"

Take one hour a day
to attend any or all of the nine days
of this Lenten retreat in everyday life!

Novena of Grace 2020

"Turn to the Waters of Life"

March 10-18

A Lenten retreat in the
midst of daily life

WEEKDAYS

12:30 pm at SU Chapel of St. Ignatius (Eucharist) OR
6:30 pm at St. Joseph Church (Contemplative Prayer)

SATURDAY: 1 pm at St. Joseph Church (Eucharist)

SUNDAY: 1 pm at Chapel of St. Ignatius (Eucharist)

A place to offer up your
deepest desires in prayer
and receive God's
abundant grace



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Gerry Scully, Mike Bayard, S.J.,
and Mary Pauline Diaz-Frasene



MORE INFO

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Nine days of inspiring music,
preaching and community
in the context
of a daytime Eucharist
or evening Contemplative Prayer

Join us for any or all of the nine days
at either location or make the retreat online!

What is the Novena of Grace?

If you're seeking a Lenten practice to help deepen your relationship with God, consider the Novena of Grace, a retreat offered amid the busyness of daily life. Rather than going away for nine days to a retreat center, the retreat is presented within the context of a one-hour liturgy each day. Join us during your lunch hour for the Eucharist at 12:30 pm at SU's Chapel of St. Ignatius (1:00 pm on weekends). Or unwind with contemplative evening prayer (without Eucharist) at the end of your day at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Church. Join us for one, some or all of the nine days. Choose any combination of times and locations and/or make the retreat online at www.ignatiancenter.org/novenaofgrace.

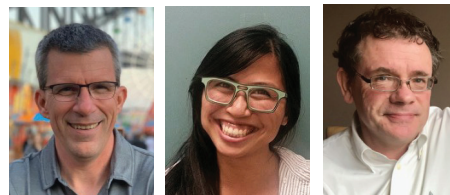
You'll experience excellent preaching from three Ignatian-inspired presenters, powerful prayers of petition, beautiful music and optional prayers for healing at the end. Open to persons of any age and spiritual background, it offers you time to open yourself to the Spirit and experience healing and transforming grace.

The Novena's origins date to 1633, when tradition says St. Francis Xavier appeared to a priest in a healing vision and promised that all who would earnestly ask his intercession with God for nine days would experience profound grace. The Novena survives today as an annual tradition which is continually updated to remain relevant to the daily lives of retreat-goers.

The 6:30 pm contemplative prayer service at St. Joseph's, now in its second year, is a shorter evening worship experience that retains the familiar and beloved Novena elements of music, daily readings, personal prayers of petition, and blessings with the relics. Instead of Communion, there will be a quiet period of individual reflection with guiding questions, imagery and music. We offer this fresh format for those who seek a more intimate retreat-like experience of contemplative prayer and community!

Whether or not you are familiar with the Novena, we hope you will consider joining us, and that this year's theme of "Turn to the Waters of Life" will help you stay close to your sources of nourishment, renewal and hope. **All are welcome!** Feel free to invite someone else to join you! —from the staff at Ignatian Spirituality Center

Retreat Team



Mike Bayard SJ (Provincial Assistant, Jesuits West)

Mary Pauline Diaz-Frasene (Pastoral Mission Coordinator, Catholic Community Services)

Gerry Scully (Executive Director, L'Arche Seattle)

see more biographical info at www.ignatiancenter.org/novenaofgrace



+February 25, 2020

To the Kennedy Catholic High School family,

It is with a pastor's heart that I am writing to you. I have heard your voices and read your letters – from teachers, parents, alumni, and even an open video letter from a student representative. Voicing your care and concerns is not only a testament to how much you support your school community, but is also an important step. Pope Francis says:

*"Do not be afraid of dialogue. ... It is about agreeing on proposals for
forging ahead together."*

(May 30, 2016 address to Scholas Occurrentes)

Last Friday, I visited Kennedy Catholic High School, along with the Kristin Dixon, the superintendent of Catholic Schools and Father Bryan Dolejsi, former chaplain of Kennedy Catholic High School. We listened to the concerns of the teachers and staff. Hearing first-hand the hurt, frustration and confusion was both helpful and challenging. I sincerely appreciate everyone's honesty and feedback. In times like this, respectful dialogue is required so we can navigate our way forward.

It is abundantly clear to me that our Catholic schools are serving a much broader community than in the past. We as church need to understand that people in our culture are coming to our Catholic schools with various expectations. However, we must remind everyone *why* Catholic schools exist. Our primary mission is to form people with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

With a focus on our mission, I am creating a special task force to look at how we apply universal church teaching locally. Specifically, under the leadership of the Office for Catholic Schools, this task force will examine how we remain faithful to our mission in a dramatically changing world. We will review input from our school communities and create clarity and guidance moving forward. This will require time, and I ask for your patience as we prayerfully discern future steps. We will update you on the timeline and the process along the way.

In addition, I have appointed Father Bryan Dolejsi, as the Archbishop's special liaison and interim president to provide daily pastoral leadership and foster healing for the community. He will meet personally with various members and representatives of the community. At the same time, he will work closely with the Office for Catholic Schools and me.

As a former pastor with a Catholic school, I fully understand the day-to-day challenges inherent in running a school. For all the teachers and staff at Kennedy Catholic, I am grateful for the professional, courageous, and respectful way in which you have continued to fulfill your roles. Thank you for your efforts to focus on the daily tasks at hand during this challenging time, ministering to one another and taking care of students for the sake of your community.

Please know of my continued prayers for you. We unite the suffering of this present moment to those of Jesus Christ, with the sure and certain hope that is ours in his Resurrection. May this challenging time bring forth new life for us personally and for the Kennedy Catholic community.

In the heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle