

# St. Joseph Parish

## THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 29, 2020

Sunday Mass 9 am Facebook & YouTube

#### Readings for April 5, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday, 7 am, Facebook Live

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## **Comes the Morning**

This morning the redbirds' eggs have hatched and already the chicks are chirping for food. They don't know where it's coming from, they they just keep shouting, "More! More!"

As to anything else, they haven't had a single thought. Their eyes haven't yet opened, they know nothing about the sky that's waiting. Or the thousands, the millions of trees. They don't even know they have wings.

And just like that, like a simple neighborhood event, a miracle is taking place.

#### -Mary Oliver-

It was just about 6:00 AM, as I was hustling along on my way to the Parish Center, happy that it was not raining and slowly waking up, thanks to the chill that came with the clear skies. As I do most mornings, I was stretching my mouth and speaking a few words out loud, trying to drive away my morning voice and lubricate the vocal cords before I began Mass. Looking up over the roofline of the Jubilee Women's Center, I saw the sliver moon rising in the eastern sky, like a cradle above the mountains, and one of the planets—I am not sure which one—floating above her. With dawn rising, I knew both would disappear from view before they had time to set, the sun drowning their reflected glory in her own splendor. Already, the tide of the dawn could be seen, making silhouettes of the Cascades, though still too far beneath the horizon to illuminate the streets. I generally love this time of day—even before the cautions of the coronavirus made the streets as quiet as they are now—but on this day, there was not a soul to be seen, except the early dog walkers, almost a block away. No one was rushing for the free parking spaces on 18th nor hiking up the hill on their way from the bus. It was just me and the moon, and a few chirps and whistles from those birds, missioned to greet the sun with their call. As I turned from Roy onto 18th, I slowed down just a bit—letting go of the thoughts of that morning's homily, and conscious of the cold and the quiet, of spring arising around me, when my heart had gotten so used to winter.

It was then I saw them, on the sidewalk in front of the empty bike racks next to the school, and spread out across the grass in front of the Parish Center—at first almost hidden in the shadows, but then quite bold in their movements, as though they were sure that this was their place, more than it was mine—a colony of rabbits, small and grey in the morning light. Some were larger, their ears and head rising up as I neared, as though on patrol for the others. But behind them were some slightly smaller ones, surrounded by two or three young, who had not learned the fear that would pause their eating and make them attend to me. That was the work of their parents, but when those parents moved off, the young bunnies did the same—a few hops and a pause, a few hops and another, and then a little

dash into the bushes beneath the windows of the Parish Center, not terribly frightened, it seemed, but cautious and prudent for the sake of their young.

In these last weeks, since coronavirus has enveloped our consciousness like ice fog on a mountain road, it has been a challenge to see where we are going or where our hope might lie. Concerned for those we love, or for our own fragile health, sequestered in our homes and furloughed from work, we may be drawn deeper and deeper into anxiety and loneliness-or, if you are like me, into the chatter of our brains, working out worstcase scenarios and imagining all that we should be doing. The very behaviors of protection—the washing or gelling of hands, the disinfecting of surfaces, the standing apart from those with whom we speak—though we know that they are prudent, only increase our sense of anxiety and our fear that we are missing something, that we have left a chink open in our armor and that we will become the source of contagion for our family or our community, our parishioners or those most in need of our care. It can be exhausting. Add to this free-floating anxiety the concern of parents, struggling to work at home while overseeing their children's education; of teachers, learning on-the-fly a whole new kind of instruction, while also encountering their own isolation; of health care worker, uncertain which of their patients might also have Covid19 and whether or not the protections that they have are sufficient; of grocery and food workers, laboring to provide resources to customers while wondering who, passing them in the narrow aisles, might be infected with the disease; and of all those separated from older relatives and friends, out of concern for them, who feel each day the ache of worry and the sorrow of not having a parent or grandparent nearby. It is no wonder that this time of social distancing has less the quality of a retreat, and more that of a foxhole between battles.

Even the Church, so often a refuge in times of personal and societal upheaval, can seem remote in this time of pandemic. And though we appreciate the video Masses and the opportunities to pray on-line, yet they can never make up for the touch of healing oil on skin, the taste of bread and wine, the assembly singing in more keys than the music might suggest. We miss each other, and we miss the fullness of the Sacraments. And though we need not fear that Christ will keep us from communion with him or withhold his mercy simply because the ministers of the Church are unable to attend (for it is, after all, always Christ who is the priest, and his mercy and communion transcend all limitations), still we can ache at the absence of the Church-incarnate and seek to burrow into the bunker of our despair. Wearied by anxiety and longing for sacramental satisfaction, we can feel bereft and forgotten, snapping at the world from our own deep hurt.

And yet, if the sacraments of the Church can seem remote these days, the sacraments of Christ are not-for his breath, breathed upon the disciples in the upper room, where they huddled in fear, breathes on us still. This Spirit of God, given to the Church in the redemptive love of Christ, was also given to the whole world in the moment of its creation. It is there, as it has always been, waiting for us as the first sacrament of God, a visible sign of the great invisible love, in which all of us are held. As Pope Francis reminded us in Laudato Sí, the created world is not the antithesis of our spiritual communion, but is a manifestation of that same Holy Spirit by which Jesus entered the womb of Mary, and was raised in the flesh after the torment of the cross. Creation is a living symbol, given to us that we might remember who we are, and recognize the One from whence we came. Today, even as we fear the work of the virus, the days are growing longer and the sun (somewhere behind the clouds) is lengthening its path across our skies, as it has done since before the Cascades first rose from the earth or the tectonic plates pushed up the rugged Olympics. The birds and the bunnies, the flowers and the trees are beginning to burst forth, signs and promises that life is stronger than death, and that the Author of life-along with the Word passed down to us—is still at work, redeeming, renewing, revealing what is most precious, what will not be overcome. In the midst of our sorrow and fear, our profound awareness of our own mortality, the eternal is speaking to us, with signs and wonders as common and miraculous as the vagabond rabbi of Galilee.

So, let us remember that we are a sacred people, placed by love in the middle of a sacred world. And though we know that much may harm us—that we will, at times, consecrate this earth with our tears—let us not, because of that, lose sight of all that is being revealed. This week, as we practice social distancing and continue the regimes of cleanliness and care called for by prudence, let us also take a look around us: let us take time to breathe, and hear the heart that beats within our chests; let us listen for the birds or the children at play; let us welcome the dawn and the lingering light of evening. Let us remember that none of it is necessary; that all of it is gift. Let us trust that we will be alright.

John of

Thanks be to God.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Below are the readings to follow along with the Mass

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the LORD God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

# St. Joseph Financial Update

Hope everyone is enjoying their family time and our new virtual content. We are all working behind the scenes to keep the church open and to meet your spiritual needs. From our daily masses, stations of the cross, nightly examens on video to zoom prayer group meetings and parishioner buddy matching. We are committed to keeping the parish together and coming out of this crisis a stronger St. Joseph family.

We have incurred some extra costs with new video equipment and a lot of cleaning products to keep the church open, along with an increase in our IT expense to enable everyone to access the network from home. The Archdiocese has committed to paying all current part-time and full-time employees their full salary during this shutdown. Most employees are doing everything they can to work from home. We have also instituted a very strict regimen of cleaning the church so we can keep it open for personal prayer.

Financially I do feel we are very fortunate, as we have some savings to meet payroll. With the word this week from the Archbishop that we will need to move the Triduum online, I do ask that everyone who is able to please keep meeting your stewardship pledges with checks to St. Joseph or now is great time to move your weekly gifts to online at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1713 you can make a one time gift or set up a monthly or weekly reccurring gift. If you need any assistance setting up your OSV account, please email Mary Wiseman at maryw@stjoesphparish.org and she would love to help you. I know this pandemic has hit many of you hard, if you are unable to financialy support us at this time please keep our church and your fellow parishioners in your prayers, as you are all in ours. As always, please reach out and let me know if you have any questions marti@stjosephparish.org

## FAITH FORMATION

## **Hey Middle School Families!**

Looking for ways to connect your kids with faith during this time of upheaval?

St. Joseph has TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU.

\*\*We have joined a weekly online live Youth Night from Project YM! On Sundays from 5-6pm PST thousands of youth from around the country log on and watch a live youth night with games, music, a message from a top Catholic youth speaker, and a time of prayer. I (Claire Hansen) attended last week and I found

it fun, meaningful, and prayerful. ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES are warmly welcomed. Head to PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH at 5pm on Sunday!

\*\*We are hosting a weekly Wednesday afternoon Pathfinders Zoom Meeting: Ryan, Emily, Kerrie, Mairead and Claire will host a meeting each Wednesday from 5pm -6pm through Zoom. We will play some games and have a chance to unpack what we heard on Sunday and share how we're all doing. Again, ALL are welcome! Please contact Claire Hansen for the Zoom meeting invite.



\*\*Any questions? Contact ClaireH@stjosephparish.org.

#### **Letter Writing Lenten Service: Pre-K and Up!**

May of our seniors in nursing homes are feeling isolated because of the health and safety measures which have closed off visitors. This presents an opportunity for your children and youth to donate their time to writing letters or creating art work for those who are in a local nursing homes.

Fred Lind Manor and Aegis Senior Living are both near the parish and many older parishioners live there. If you are interested in serving in this way, letters could be mailed. Of course, you can also write to senior facilities which are in your neighborhood.

- Fred Lind Manor Address: 1802 17th Ave., Seattle, WA 9812.
- Aegis Senior Living on Madison: 2200 E MADISON ST., SEATTLE, WA, 98112

## Parish Life

## **Pray The Rosary Together**

TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2:00 pm Hosted by Deacon Steve and our Seniors Ministry!

In the words of Pope Francis: "As humanity trembles from pandemic, let us unite in prayer." We will be gathering to pray the rosary using the ZOOM online meeting platform. To participate, please contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org You will receive an email invitation with instructions on how to join. There is also a call in option if you do not have access to a computer with a webcam.

## **Young Adult Ministry**

**Virtual Connections** 

Want to continue to connect with other young adults during this challenging time? Would you like a space for both quiet reflection and connection? On Wednesdays, the St. Joseph Young Adult Community will offer a virtual meeting for young adults to reflect on scripture, pray together and support one another. Join us, Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm. Please send your email address to youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org to receive an email invite to the meeting. The meeting will be limited to 10 people to allow time and space for all to participate. Additional meetings may be made available based on interest. Questions... Contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

### Online Parish Resources E-Parish

Parish Website: www.stjosephparish.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle YouTube: St. Joseph, Seattle

What you can regularly expect:

- · Video Daily Mass
- · Video Sunday Mass
- · Weekly video Children's Liturgy of the Word
- · Video Weekday Evening Examen

#### **New Parishioner Buddy System**

A huge Thank You to those who have already volunteered. If you would like to help we are currently looking to pair up neighbors, if you are young, healthy and able to help please let us know by emailing virtual@stjosephparish.org We are thinking of the following type of assistance, phone calls to check in and pray with homebound seniors, perhaps run an errand to pick up some groceries (left at their door). What we do not want is in-person visits, we want all our parishioners to follow social distancing guidelines.

If you would like to be partnered with a buddy either to give or receive assistance, please email virtual@ stjosephparish.org or call Mary Wiseman at (206) 351-0765.

#### **ZOOM Prayer Groups**

In these challenging days, we know that the Spirit continues to move among us, offering us support and binding us together into a community of faith, hope, and love. To help foster this spiritual communion, St. Joseph is offering prayer opportunities through the interactive network, Zoom. If you have a computer or a smart phone and would like to find support and prayer with your neighbors, join us in one (or more) of these prayer opportunities. Just contact the host, and give them your e-mail, you will then receive an invitation by e-mail, with a link which will allow to join the meeting.

Please note, some of the groups are for a general audience, and others are geared towards particular communities. If you have ideas about other prayer groups, let us know. We may not be able to do everything, but we are hope to do all we can—with the grace of God.

Mondays, 6:30 pm - LGBTQ+ - email Theresa at theresal@stjosephparish.org for invite.

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - Open to everyone - email Theresa at theresal@stjosephparish.org for invite.

Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Open to everyone - email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org for invite.

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm - Middle Schoolers - email Claire at claireh@stjosephparish.org for invite.

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - Young Adults - email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org for invite.

Thursdays, 1 pm - Parents - email Claire at claireh@stjosephparish.org for invite.

# FAITH JUSTICE HELPING OUT WHILE STAYING IN

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Although the threat of coronavirus spread is challenging at many levels, the current situation is causing an increase in demand for assistance and requiring innovation from St Vincent de Paul to find new ways fund and deliver services.

Each of us can help by either (1) continuing your monthly support by mailing a check to the par-ish payable to St. Vincent de Paul, or (2) look next week in the St Joseph Bulletin for new on-line giving instructions to the St Joseph Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support especially in this time of need! If you have questions, please email svdp@stjosephparish.org



## **Facing Homelessness**

Back in early March, St. Joseph's hosted a presentation with a new organization we are partnering with: FACING HOMELESSNESS. To learn more go to www. facinghomelessness.org/ Below are a few things that would really help people get supplies since many support programs, particularly meal programs, have closed temporarily or reduced hours around the city.

WINDOW OF KINDNESS STILL OPEN - DONATIONS STILL NEEDED: Our Facing Homelessness staff members are continuing to provide essential items to our neighbors living outside while keeping them and our staff safe. Items we need the most right now include white socks, non-perishable food items (snacks, canned meals/soups), hygiene items in travel size (soap, shampoo, body wash, moist towelettes), and tents, tarps, sleeping bags. OR if you feel like sending a grocery gift card (Safeway) we can hand those out and our visitors can purchase what they need. You can order for delivery (4001 9th Ave, NE, Seattle 98105) or if you want to drop off please email us first: info@facinghomelessness. org since our hours in the office are variable and we are following social distancing guidelines.

SET UP A MONTHLY DONATION: If you don't yet donate \$5 per month and can spare it, this is a critical time. Your support will allow us to continue to serve our community. If you have questions, please email volunteercoordinator@facinghomelessness.org or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Now that many of the men we serve at St Martin de Porres have been moved to either the KC International Airport or motel rooms, food service is a new challenge. They are specifically seeking balanced meals for their residents who they've successfully transitioned to new "residences". The airport and motel rooms apparently have minimal cooking facilities but all hotel rooms DO have microwaves. Here are some options if we want to have immediate positive impact:

- 1. Homemade frozen dinners: Preparing and freezing balanced dinners (e.g. lasagna, broccoli, cookie) on sturdy plates, wrapping in foil & freezing.
- 2. Individual lunch bags (hearty sandwiches, fruit, beverage, cookies or chips etc..
- 3. Purchased microwave dinners: This is a good alternative if preparing food is not an option.

#### Other info:

- Delivery timing: Ideal timing of delivery is any weekday between 10AM & 12PM
- Safety: SMdP has a safe-delivery protocol: "If you would like to put them in your trunk, we can have a staff meet you outside and remove them so there is no face to face contact. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible."
- No commitment: Can donate for one day or regularly. Full flexibility. Jennifer states, "we understand if you would like to stop this at any time. Things are changing daily."
- A final thought: Maybe include an uplifting note/ idea with the package.... Having a clean dry quiet room is probably awesome...but at the same time, hanging alone in one place for day after day has got to be stressful.

if you would like to join in this effort...email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### **Jubilee Women's Center**

One of our biggest needs right now are community meals for the residents. We are only able to accept individually packaged meals from restaurants or other commercial kitchens. Anyone that is interested should contact Aura because she is handling the scheduling and knows what dates are available. Aura Payne aura@jwcenter.org

# JESUIT SEATTLE

#### JRJI

URGENT NEED FOR YOUR HELP - Spiritual Triage for Prisoners

Those who are in prison are experiencing the fear, danger and powerlessness of the Covid19 pandemic with, as described by The Marshall Project, a mounting sense of dread. They face harsh realities and profound vulnerabilities:

- an almost complete lack of cleaning supplies
- all programing and family visits suspended
- all chaplains, religious leaders and their services suspended indefinitely.
- lock down for 23+ hrs/day in 2 cell blocks at the WSR Unit of Monroe Correctional Complex

It is not an exaggeration to say that a new terror reigns behind bars.

Groups like *The Marshall Project, The Freedom Project* and others are mobilizing citizens for action to advocate for the human rights of prisoners living in these dire conditions. It's an important time to make some calls to Olympia.

But what about Spiritual Needs for pastoral support, more vital than ever in times of crisis?

Restorative Justice Initiative Northwest (JRJI NW), a work of Jesuits West Province founded and directed by parishioner Jennifer Kelly, has been providing Ignatian Spirituality and retreats to the men at Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) since 2016. The program was founded in WSR, the unit currently under lockdown due to coronavirus exposure brought in by a Corrections Officer (CO).

At this great hour of need, the men have no outside pastoral care. The rules of the Department of Corrections (DOC) prohibit any person who provides programming inside a correctional facility to correspond with a prisoner. Though JRJI has a devoted team of spiritual directors who regularly see the men, at this critical moment they cannot even get a message to them letting them know that they are cared for, prayed for and not forgotten. The same is true for the St Joseph Friday evening Catholic services volunteers at WSR.

How then can we, as disciples of Jesus, respond to the imperative, "I was in prison and you visited me..." at a time when we are physically locked out?

With your help, we *can* communicate to the men that they are not forgotten!

In response to this crisis, JRJI Northwest is launching a new program, a spiritual, pastoral, triage of sorts called *Blessed and Beloved*, a correspondence program in which volunteers *who are not going inside the prison* can each be matched with one man behind bars who is a participant in JRJI programs. The intent of the letters will be to communicate empathy, care, presence and the simple truth that each man is blessed and beloved of God and not forgotten - by God, by the church or by the JRJI team.

If you are interested in this important response to Matthew 25, Jennifer will be hosting a Zoom call to provide information and answer questions. A second Zoom call, will provide training. To help with this critical need, email Jennifer at jrjinw@jesuits.org



# St. Joseph Winter Shelter

Below is a note from Parishioner Peter Heymann who has been tireless in finding ways St. Joseph can support St. Martin de Porres! A big thank you to Peter!

St. Joseph has been asked by St. Martin de Porres to suspend shelter operations as they reconfigure to try to manage COVID-19-related risks faced by their clients. Today Operations Manager Jeff Cathey provided specific new ways we can assist St. Martin's in their mission:

- Staff: Currently the biggest need that St. Martin's has, according to Jeff, is people to fill in at the shelter. If you know anyone that is potentially facing job insecurity, wants a new career or has some spare time to join the St Martin's team during the crisis, please bring these opportunities to their attention. I perused the openings and they comprise a) Lead Floor Monitor (full-time), b) Floor Monitor (on call), and c) Bus Driver (part-time, mornings and evenings). Full listings for all open positions at Catholic Community Services of Western Washington may be found https://careers-ccsww.icims.com/jobs/
- Money: This is the second most-needed resource at present. With the historic operating model now in constant transition, cash provides needed flexibility and can be leveraged into the things the shelter needs most on a given day. Here is St. Martin's web page https://ccsww.org/get-help/shelter-homeless-services/st-martin-de-porres-shelter/which includes lots of general info on the Shelter and its services, as well as donation opportunities.
- Meals: Frozen or shelf-stable microwavable meals are needed for the men that are staying at the motels that the City of Seattle and CCSWW have worked to open. Meals can be delivered to St. Martin's, which will then distribute them.
- Amazon Wish List: St. Martin's has a "wish list" comprising items the shelter needs now. At present, these comprise microwave meals, towels and blankets. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlistls/34O17PMHBZYU2?ref\_=wl\_share

#### A Million Thanks!

Big thanks to Sondra, Mark & Kate for packing up everything at our shelter today!! Here's what went to St. Martin's. As part of the effort Sondra & Mark converted all the latest food supplies into sandwiches.



