“Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice: ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!’”
Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2015

Homily Next Week:
Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for March 8, 2015
First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm

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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Stations Of The Cross
Join us Fridays during Lent at 11:00 am in the Church.

The Origin of the Way of the Cross

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross (or, sometimes, Stations of the Cross) began in Jerusalem, during the late 3rd or early 4th century, AD. As the Church became officially recognized, devotion to the places of Christ’s suffering and death led many on pilgrimage to Jerusalem—including Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. In Jerusalem, the sites were used for instruction and inspiration, and the pilgrims who visited brought what they found back to their own countries, influencing worship and theology throughout Europe.

Because a pilgrimage to Jerusalem was, for most people, impossible, in the 5th century, St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, had chapels designed at the monastery of Santo Stefano to recall the most important shrines of Jerusalem. At this monastery, the faithful could recall the suffering and death of Jesus and imagine themselves in the Holy Land. This is the earliest expression of stations in Europe.

Following the Crusades, pilgrimage to Jerusalem again became popular, and from the 12th century it appears that a journey along the Via Sacra (the Holy Road) was common for pilgrims, though stations as we know them were not yet established. The Franciscan monks, given care for the holy places in 1342, established the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), and then brought the devotion to Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In 1686, Pope Innocent XI gave the Franciscans the right to establish stations within their churches, a right later given to all churches. Over the years, the 14 stations, now considered traditional, were created as a type of miniature pilgrimage that all could take, especially in Lent.
Transfigured

It could happen any time, tornado, earthquake, Armageddon. It could happen.
Or sunshine, love, salvation.

It could, you know. That’s why we wake and look out—no guarantees in this life.

But some bonuses, like morning, like right now, like noon, like evening.

-William Stafford-

It was one of the most beautiful days I have ever seen—at a wisp below 80°, certainly an unusual day for the Central California Coast in the middle of February. The light was bright but gentle, without any of the haze or harshness one finds in summer. And the waves, large and wintry, ran deeply into the beach and glistened in the full winter sun. Having spent many of the best days of my life here, including so many summers as a boy and my sabbatical year before coming to St. Joseph, I felt at home in this place. I recognized the smell of the eucalyptus mixing with the slight taste of salt from the ocean, and I saw much that was familiar: the house where we had lived as we had built our summer home so many years ago; the old hamburger stand, where I would walk with my sister, Elizabeth, to get a 12¢ burger—though now it sells Hawaiian lunches, instead of burgers. There are other changes, too, that somehow echo the past: the wonderful candy store, shaped like a windmill, where we would get homemade peanut brittle, is now a store for curios, even though the windmill remains; and the old Surf Motel has become apartments, with little changed except the color of the paint and the name on the sign.

What seemed most permanent, however (besides the sea itself), was the retreat house that anchored the community, and first drew my parents to this neighborhood. Villa María del Mar—the house of Mary of the Sea—sits overlooking the ocean on one side and East Cliff Drive on the other. Run by the Sisters of the Holy Name, its tan, clapboard front seems unaltered since my parents first went there the year I was born. And its simple little chapel, where we had gone every Sunday of vacation, where my brother had been married and his two children baptized, where my father had fixed the bell stand and helped repair the old wooden steps (now replaced by concrete), where my mother would come to daily Mass after my father’s death and then join the Sisters for breakfast—the chapel seemed as it had always been, immediately and profoundly right. This was the place we were meant to be, the place we were called to remember my sister, Elizabeth, and to say goodbye to her with prayer, and tears, and family. For here she had been happier than anyplace else on earth, and here we had grown close as siblings and as friends.

Looking around, as my family gathered, it seemed as though all time was in this moment: I saw my niece with her son, Colin, and new baby, Logan, and my nephew with his fiancee. My older sister, Patty, was there with her three daughters, as well as my two brothers—who had grown up together and remained close friends and combatants much of their lives. And when I turned and saw my parents’ oldest friend, Tom Cooney, arriving from San Francisco with a friend he had asked to drive, I found it hard to contain my joy and my sorrow. All things change, it seems—or perhaps it is that all things remain. In that moment, it felt as though both of these ideas were true; as though I were witnessing, in this time of sadness and loss, a great revelation about the nature of joy, and grace, and timeless hope. It felt that the world was opening, and we were invited to behold the powerful beauty that sits at its heart. Invited, that is, to a moment of transfiguration.

When Jesus takes his disciple up the mountain of Transfiguration, it is not to deny the identity they have come to know, not to take them out of the world. It is not to give them a peek behind his mask, or let them in on the secret that none of the “human stuff”—i.e., the suffering, the loss, the joy, the hope—is real. On the contrary, when they look up and “no longer [see] anyone but Jesus alone with them,” it is to remind them that both realities exist side-by-side: that within the human Jesus the incarnate God is always present, the two inexorably united through love. And more than that, it is to assure them that both realities also exist in every one of us, in every woman or man who shares the identity of Jesus, both as wounded pilgrim and as beloved child of the Most High God. The Transfiguration—which happens once when the disciples are empowered to see the full reality of Jesus—happens over and over again, whenever we experience a moment of true vision, whenever we see the full reality of that kingdom which Jesus proclaims and which is present at the heart of this world, in the heart of every one of us.

We are not meant to live in a realm of timeless glory—not meant to pitch our tents on the mountain with Moses and Elijah. Rather, we are called to climb down the mountain with Jesus, into this place of suffering and death. Here, in the painful grace of our humanity, in our journey with him through cross and tomb, through sorrow and loss, we are asked to have hope that even our struggles are charged with the glory of God; asked to believe, somehow, that nothing will be lost, but that all is at last transfigured through the promise of resurrection.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

Meditabor Chant (11)
Choir Anthem: O Nata Lux de Lumine (9)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand and sing.

Entrance Song

Grant To Us, O Lord

Lucien Deiss

Confiteor (5&11)

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 (5&11)

Cantor: Kyri-e-e-le-i-son.
All: Kyri-e-e-le-i-son.

Cantor: Chris-te-e-le-i-son.
All: Chris-te-e-le-i-son.

Cantor: Kyri-e-e-le-i-son.
All: Kyri-e-e-le-i-son.

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am!” he replied. Then God said: “Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD’s messenger called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” “Here I am!” he answered. “Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger. “Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

Psallite

Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord; I will walk in the land of the living.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Vermulst

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.
Homily

Rite of Reception

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.**

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Walker

Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Please be seated.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song

You Are Mine #549

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

You Are Mine #549

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

Priest: Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

Please stand.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Haas

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Mystery of Faith

Chant

Great Amen

Sign of Peace
Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

Lamb of God

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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 of a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.
Communion Song

I Receive The Living God

Mercy, O God

After you receive Communion, you may kneel or sit if desired until the ciborium is returned to the tabernacle.

Communion Meditation (5&11) Instrumental

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Tolling of the bell (5 & 11)

You Are The Voice (9)

Haas
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:00 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Childcare during Mass
10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
11:00 AM  Mass
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  RCIA

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
6:00 PM  Pathfinders Youth Group
7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group
11:00 AM  Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer Group
1:00 PM  Novena of Grace
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.

We Are St. Joseph Events
Save The Dates!

Ceili - March 14th
Catholic Advocacy Day - March 26th
We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner - April 24 & 25
Sounders Game - August 30th

St. Joseph School

School Play
The 7th and 8th grade Exploratory Drama troop cordially invites you to witness our rendition of Through the Looking Glass on Thursday, March 12th & Friday, March 13th at 7 pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium. We promise that the acting, singing, dancing, sets and music will not disappoint...so please come and bring the whole family! Tickets can be purchased at the door: $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Cash and checks only, please.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Endowment Golf Tournament Needs Volunteers!
The St. Joseph School Endowment Board is looking for leaders and volunteers to organize the 3rd Annual Endowment Golf Tournament to be held on May 14 at Newcastle Golf Club. If you are interested in helping with sponsorships, auction and/or event planning, please contact Eunhee Sumner at STJegolf@gmail.com. The success of this event is dependent on your involvement, and we appreciate your support.
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For Carol’s success in the housing market . . . For those who are preparing for the RCIA program . . . For the upcoming Novena of Grace.

“I wait for your salvation, O Lord, and I follow your commands.”
~ Psalm 119:166

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

Rice Bowl
Each year during Lent, our parishioners rely on the CRS Rice Bowl program as an inspiration for prayer, fasting, and giving, helping us to focus our resolve to follow Jesus’ call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

This week CRS Rice Bowl takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we’re called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week’s fast remind us of the sacredness of God’s creation and our duty to protect it?

Know that 25% of contributions remain in this archdiocese for grants to organizations such as St. Martin de Porres, Sacred Heart Shelter, the Food Bank at St. Mary’s, and hundreds of other organizations. 75% of contributions help fund development projects around the world to produce more food, increase income, and address poverty.

As a community, let’s once again consider these simple, yet powerful, ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life each day.

Usher Support
Sunday 5:30 pm Contemplative Mass is in need of 3-4 more ushers to join the team due to natural attrition of current members. If interested and for more info. about this support ministry, please contact Brian Cruess at brian.cruess@gmail.com

Novena 2015
“Surprised by Mercy”
A Lenten Retreat in the Midst of Daily Life

March 4-12, 2015 | 12:30 pm at Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle University ** or 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Seattle (1:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday)

Enter more deeply into Lent with presenters Fr. Tom Lucas, S.J., Carla Orlando and Steve Wodzanowski, who will reflect on the daily scriptures and a Pope-Francis-inspired theme, “Surprised by Mercy,” from an Ignatian perspective and within the context of the Eucharist. Come pray with St. Francis Xavier for graces and for healing in the world, in others and in yourself. We encourage those who have attended to return again, this time inviting a friend, co-worker or family member to experience the abundant graces of this meaningful retreat. If you’ve never experienced the Nine Days of Grace/Novena before, try it out. You are never too old or too young to be surprised...come and see what your surprise of mercy may be!

Join us for one, some or all of the Masses. Free will offering. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org/novena. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org)

Romero Commemoration
On Tuesday February 3, 2015, Pope Francis officially declared Archbishop Oscar Romero, assassinated by a right-wing death squad in 1980 while celebrating Mass in El Salvador, was a martyr for the faith, clearing the way for his beatification. Please join us for an Ecumenical Prayer Service to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Romero’s assassination on Tuesday, March 24th, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – 732 18th Ave E., Seattle, Wa. 98112. Jose "Chencho" Alas, who was a priest in El Salvador doing base community work in Suchitoto in the 70’s and a friend of Oscar Romero and Rutillio Grande will be our guest speaker. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
Parish Life

Women’s Ministry

Spiritual Reading

The Spiritual Reading section of books for Women’s Ministry is all set up and ready for use in the Jogues Room on the second floor of the Parish Center. You may have access to this room to select and check-out books during normal office hours. Please check with the receptionist to make sure the room is not in use.

If you would like some advice on a selection and introduction to the process for borrowing, Sue Grady would be glad to help you. Contact her via 503-329-5919 (cell phone) or sue.e.grady@gmail.com

Book Group

Our reading schedule is set and we’re ready to go! Our inaugural meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm to discuss The Inner Compass: An Invitation to Ignatian Spirituality by Margaret Silf.

Lauded as a practical and down-to-earth guide to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, this selection will serve not only as a fitting kick-off to our group but as a deeper way of grounding our faith practices during the Lenten season. For more information, contact Shelagh Lane at lane.shelagh@gmail.com

MOMs Ministry

St. Joseph MOMS Group Speaker series
Wednesdays March 18th & 25th, 9-11am

Please join us for this 2-part “Lenten Reflection” series featuring guest speaker Kathleen Pape. If you are interested in discussion and reflection with a diverse group of parish women, in a casual and supportive environment, this is the group for you! Check in begins at 9am in the Parish Center, discussion starts at 9:30.

Childcare available with advanced notice. $20 per person, $25 with childcare.

For more information please contact Ashley Samson at ash_stein@hotmail.com or Mary Beth Hribar Deitz at marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

Seniors On The Go

Friday, March 13th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a Lenten lunch in the Parish Center. Join us early at 11:00 am for Stations of the Cross! (Please note date change.)

Tuesday, March 17th - Seniors Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.

MOMs Ministry Retreat

Noon, Saturday, March 28 to noon, Sunday March 29
At IslandWood

Disengage to engage. Disconnect to connect. Retreat to advance. Join the MOMS Lenten retreat for a weekend of renewal and reflection. Our facilitator, Kathleen Kichline, will help us prepare for Holy Week through the eyes of those who were there-- the Witnesses on the Way. Through scripture, reflection, music, and prayer we will creatively recreate the Stations of the Cross and the stories leading up to them.

Kathleen Kichline is the author of Sisters in Scripture, a popular retreat leader, and adjunct faculty Seattle U.

Islandwood is an outdoor learning and retreat center, on the beautiful Bainbridge Island, that invites people to discover a new way of seeing nature, themselves, and one another. Islandwood features Northwest style lodges that offer comfort in a rustic setting.

COST: $215 includes food, lodging, & materials.

To register: https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/9025/moms-group-retreat.html
For more info, contact: Jeanine Benham-Jones at jeanine@cwjones.net or 206-799-5177

Young Adult Ministry

Sunday, March 8 - Young Adult Social “Team Trivia” after the 5:30 pm mass. Find out more about volunteering with Catholic Community Services.

Wednesday, March 18 - Informational meeting on upcoming adult immersion trip to New Orleans.

Tuesday, March 24 - Reflection on Archbishop Oscar Romero, just declared a martyr of the Church.
Faith Formation

Lent: Did you know...?
Pretzels are a knotted Lenten bread from the regions of Alsace, Austria and eastern Europe. They require no dairy products, which people have historically given up during Lent. Early settlers in North America called them “pilgrims’ tokens” because they resembled praying arms placed across one’s chest. (From the Editors of Celebrating the Lectionary, Catechetical Activity Resource Book, 2004)

If you’d like a recipe for pretzels, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Adult Volunteers Needed!
Our middle school youth group, Pathfinders, is looking for adult volunteers to help on Wednesday evenings. The youth group serves 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our parish and parish school and the motto for the group is: “Making our way through friendship, faith, and service.” Adults help organize evening activities as well as chaperone on field trips and service projects. Background check and Safe Environment training is offered and is required for volunteering. Please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org if you are interested in helping.

Grand Catholic Italy Tour
Join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., on this spiritual, cultural and historical exploration of Italy including an audience with Pope Francis (if available), and private masses at several important Italian basilicas.

Travel Dates: 12 -23 October, 2015

Tour Overview - Explore Italy with a focus on the Holy Places important in Catholic history. Begin in Rome with guided sightseeing of the city, ancient Roman sites, visits to the four patriarchal basilicas, the Vatican museums and an audience with Pope Francis (if available). Spend a special day with Fr. Glen visiting some of his favorite cultural, spiritual and historical sites and then celebrate private Mass with him in the Church of the Gesù, the Jesuit “mother” church. Travel north to Cascia to explore the life of St. Rita and on to beautiful Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare, visit sites important in the lives of these two saints. Continue into Tuscany to Siena to visit the basilica and sanctuary of St. Dominic and spend time in the beautiful Piazza del Campo. Travel to Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance.” Take a walking tour of the historical center with a local guide and visit Signoria Square, the basilicas and more. Travel to the monastery at Pavia and then onto Italy’s commercial and fashion capital, Milan, for a walking tour of this fascinating city. In Padua visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony and then onto Venice for a tour of St. Mark's Square and Basilica, the Doges Palace and Venetian glassblowing.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY!! For further information contact Hilda or Walt Kicinski at Viking Cruise & Travel, 206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com

Images From CFF - Pre-K Class
“How often we forget to dedicate ourselves to that which truly matters! We forget that we are children of God.”
~Pope Francis@pontifex

CYO Track Volunteers Needed!
Looking for volunteers to help coach 4th-8th grade CYO track. Practices begin in April (Mondays and Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30) and meets are on Saturdays in May. If interested, please contact Ann Marie Skov at anmccummins@hotmail.com.
Candidates

My name is Kristi Marino Guo. I am a Seattle native and live on Capitol Hill with my husband, four year old daughter, and 2.5 year old son. We are excited to be expecting our third child this July. My father was raised Catholic and attended Catholic schools here in Seattle. I became interested in Catholicism after going to Mass with my Grandmother. Several years ago I looked into the RCIA programs but had not found the right parish. I am grateful for my neighbor and sponsor, Amber Feresse, who introduced me to St. Joseph. The RCIA program has been a great learning experience for me and I feel blessed to be a part of it.

My name is Jeff Hawkins. I am a native of the Pacific Northwest and live in Seattle with my wife, Janet, and our three children. I was baptized in the Episcopal Church and raised in a family with an Episcopalian faith. When Janet and I met 15 years ago, I began attending the Catholic Church with her. Eventually we were married, and I intended to explore the Catholic Church more. Today, our three children are enjoying a wonderful Catholic faith-based education at St. Joseph School. For the past few years, I have been interested in exploring RCIA, but never felt I had the time to devote to this process. This past September I decided to make it a priority in my life, and I’m truly grateful for this decision. I have made many new friends in the RCIA program, and have developed stronger relationships with existing friends that are also going through this process. The RCIA journey has brought me closer to my faith, my family, and the St. Joseph community. I am looking forward to having our family unified by faith and sharing in the Eucharist together.

My name is Jacob Hiatt and I was born in Charleston, SC, but raised in Walla Walla, WA. I attended Gonzaga University for both my Undergrad and Masters degree. I’m currently living in the Queen Anne neighborhood and I work as a Software Consultant. I was brought up going to a Protestant church, but as sports and family events became more weekend oriented, going to church took a back seat. When I moved to Seattle, my girlfriend, Claire, and I were looking for a way to pursue our religious formation in a comfortable and engaging environment. As we went through the parishes in the surrounding area we fell in love with the community and sense of belonging that we have with St. Joseph. My interactions with the RCIA team/members and St. Joseph community has solidified my feelings for going through the process and becoming more in touch with my faith and my relationship with God.

My name is Matt Hipps. I am from the East Coast and have lived in Seattle for 17 years. I have an amazing wife and 3 wonderful children. My wife and I have attended St. Joseph for many years, and my youngest daughter is a 2nd grader at St. Joseph school. My wife was born and raised Catholic and my children were baptized Catholic and have received or are in the process of receiving their first communion. I have felt the community, love and comfort of St. Joseph and have been interested in the RCIA program for a long time, but I never could commit myself. After several very challenging years, I started the RCIA journey last September. I have met many wonderful people through the program and am extremely thankful to those that have led me and supported me through this wonderful journey. This process has been extremely rewarding. It has taught me many life lessons and brought me even closer to my faith and my family. I am very grateful!

My name is Sean O’Donnell. I am the lucky husband of Shelley and the proud father of Logan (8) and Maria (6). I attended a Jesuit university and a Jesuit law school. After we married and had kids, my wife and I decided to send our three children to St. Joseph School -- another great Jesuit institution. A researcher colleague of my wife’s liked to say that “three data points make a trend.” The evidence suggests that I’ve been ‘trending Catholic’ for a longtime now. It was not until we started to think about how we would raise our children to be people of faith did the issue become more focused for me. Our family has been so impressed with the St. Joseph community that it seemed natural and comforting for me to begin the RCIA process. In doing so, I’ve met some great new friends, I’ve become closer to God, and I am looking forward to many years as a member of this parish.
Faith Formation

My name is **Eleanor Johnson.** I’m a PhD student studying bioanalytical chemistry at the University of Washington, after moving here from Colorado 4 years ago. I enjoy rock climbing, hiking, watching Doctor Who, and reading, especially fantasy books. I spent a lot of time as a child trying to figure out the meaning of life, to no avail, but a couple of years ago I decided to try to look into religion with an open mind, like you need to have when you begin a scientific investigation. And I was quite surprised that I came to see that believing in God and Jesus Christ was actually the thing that made the most sense. It took me awhile to figure out what to do with this revelation, but when my grandmother invited me to Mass with her in Pittsburgh last summer I decided that maybe I should look into Catholicism, especially since I had been baptized a Catholic. The more I read the more everything clicked into place, and I started RCIA at St Joes last September. While the whole experience has been amazing, one highlight was our retreat at St. Mary’s on the Lake, where we learned about the different kinds of prayer. I never knew there were so many ways to pray! As someone with an over active imagination, the Ignatian style of prayer, where you listen to a bible passage and paint the scene in your head, was a great way to channel this to really meet Jesus. If you’ve never tried it, I highly recommend it! Otherwise, I am just eagerly waiting to be received into the Church March 1st and getting to know the St Joseph’s community.

**Confirmandi**

My name is **Arthur Carre** and I’m from Quebec, in Canada. I’ve been living in Seattle for the last 4 years. I’ve been raised Catholic but somehow along the way I did not follow through with confirmation. Last summer, I proposed to my girlfriend of 7 years. This led me to take the path to complete my faith formation and be part of the community. The process help me understand better my impact on others; how much day to day interactions touch others. I look forward in understanding more about myself and where I want go and be.

My name is **Michelle Michael.** I was raised Roman Catholic in California but found a wonderful community at St. Joseph to complete my confirmation. I’ve lived in Capitol Hill for 5 years and was recently engaged to Jonathan MacKinnon, who is also in the RCIA process with me for his baptism into catholicism. We plan to marry in Italy in 2016 and have enjoyed getting to know the RCIA process, and our parish as we prepare for our marriage sacrament. I look forward to being apart of the St. Joseph community for a long time to come.

My name is **Lindsey Myers,** a CPA at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, painter, blogger, and currently in the midst of planning a wedding. I reside in Capitol Hill, but during the week I am regularly commuting across the West Coast. I started my faith journey in infancy, as a daughter of a devoted Catholic household, I was baptized in the Catholic Church, participated in 1st communion, and attended Catholic school. However, at the premature age of 15, I was not ready to confirm my faith and sensed an urge to explore other Christian beliefs. I attended a local Christian University, studied differing interpretations of the Bible, and joined an array of colorful Christian churches in the area. But as the idea of family rises to the forefront, I feel a calling back to the familiar, nurturing, and revered religion of Catholicism. I am looking forward to raising my future family in the St. Joseph community!

We welcome our new friends in the Lord!
Faith Justice

St. Vincent de Paul

Not all instances of poverty are created equal. Our St. Vincent de Paul group recently helped a person who had been financially OK. A modest inheritance had put this couple in a position of moderate security. Then cancer—an aggressive cancer—took one spouse. The medical bills and end-of-life costs claimed all the money they had.

The surviving spouse now was destitute, living in subsidized housing but collecting a monthly SSI check. Then a bad situation got worse. Regulations required that the SSI check be cut to less than $200 a month: due to the inheritance that, by formula, should have lasted the couple for several more years. This person out of desperation called St. Vinnie’s for help.

It is because of your donations and the wonderfully giving spirit of St. Joseph Parish that we were able to help this person catch up with some bills and restock the food cupboard. With help from a counselor, an appeal is underway to see if the larger monthly payment can be restored—given the circumstances that drained the inheritance away.

On this first Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul, please know all you give we pass along to people in our neighborhood who need help. Thank you for your support.

Help Build a Home in New Orleans

Information Night – Wednesday March 18th – 7PM
St. Joseph Social Hall

Has it really been 10 years since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast? The answer is yes. There are still thousands of families trying to get home in New Orleans. Would you like to help move another family home? YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION! We are gathering adult volunteers to spend a week in New Orleans building homes, eating great food, and walking on a journey with the people of NOLA. We will travel to New Orleans August 23rd – August 30th to commemorate the 10th anniversary of this disaster.

Join us for an informational meeting at St. Joseph’s Social Hall on Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm as we discuss our upcoming trip.

For more information, visit www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org.
St. Martin de Porres Shelter
1561 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134

Parking is limited so we recommend two options to reach us:

1 - Begin your visit by riding on St. Martin's bus! Transportation will be provided by the Shelter. We will pick up guests on March 15th at 12:15pm at St. Joseph Parish, Seattle.

2 - Carpool, please! Call 206-323-6341 or e-mail stmartindeporresshelter@ccsww.org for directions.

RSVP by Thursday, March 12, 2015, to Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.

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  \item Enjoy light refreshments
  \item Tour the Shelter
  \item Learn about your parish’s longtime support of St. Martin’s
  \item Meet staff and Shelter residents
  \item Hear from a St. Martin’s resident speaker
  \item Learn about St. Martin’s 30-year history and plans for our future
  \item Discover new volunteer opportunities
  \item Get your questions answered
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Faith Justice

Catholic Advocacy Day

Join hundreds of other Catholic advocates from across the state for Catholic Advocacy Day (CAD), Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Olympia, Washington. To register go to: www.ipjc.org or call (206) 223.1138. Your early registration helps ensure you get a meeting with your legislators and a spot on one of the CAD buses.

The day will include:

• Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how your advocacy makes a difference
• Mass
• Appointments with legislators

Don’t Miss Out, Register Now!

Our Community

Job Opening

JOB TITLE: Pastoral Assistant for Communications - FT

POSITION DESCRIPTION: As a key member of the pastoral and advancement teams, the Pastoral Assistant for Communications will develop and implement a high quality stewardship communications plan for the parish as well as oversee the management and administration of parishioner and donor databases.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

• Assures that all internal office deadlines are met.
• Develops and implements an annual communications timeline for St. Joseph Parish. Creates and manages weekly e-newsletter and bulletin/worship aid and other communication vehicles.
• Enhances the on-line promotion of St. Joseph Parish, exploring new ways to promote our ministries through social media and other technologies. Provides web reporting, oversight, and technical assistance.
• Welcomes new parishioners. Responds to current parishioner inquiries.
• Works closely with the Communications Advisory Committee and Parish Life Commission.
• Oversees all aspects of donor database quality control, data migration, and reporting.
• Manages the major gifts moves management tracking and reporting system.
• Manages and provide advanced support for legacy society and major donor activities involving events, appeals, communication, collateral materials, etc.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality regarding work performed.
2. Ability to set priorities and work independently as well as on a team.
3. Demonstrate ability to work well under pressure in a multi-task environment with time and resource constraints; strong time-management and organization skills; ability to manage several projects simultaneously.
4. Solid interpersonal, organizational and communication skills- both oral and written.
5. Good customer service skills.
7. Five years successful experience in communications, fundraising and/or grant writing, preferably in a Catholic institution.
8. Five years experience with complex data management systems and administration.
9. Five years experience in project coordination and/or major event planning and organizing, preferably in a fund development environment.
10. Understanding of Catholic parish system preferred.

If interested please submit your resume and cover letter to employment@stjosephparish.org

Agros Service Team Trip

Wanted: family or group of people who would be interested in traveling to Honduras as part of a service team to support an existing Agros village. We are a St. Joseph’s family with a 13-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl, and are hoping to travel in mid-April during the Seattle Public Schools Spring Break. In order to make this trip possible, we need at least 4 more people to join our group. To learn more about Agros and the village in Honduras, please visit https://www.agros.org/Our-Communities/Honduras/La-Piedra-de-Horeb. Please contact Mollie or Patrick Gemma with questions or to discuss the possibility of joining us. We can be reached at (206) 284-2162 or by email at m.gemma@comcast.net.
Ceili Dinner
Saturday, March 14th - Wyckoff Gym

Purchase tickets at https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/9026/ceili-dinner.html