

St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2015

Homily Next Week: Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for March, 2015

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14 SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11 GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

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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In the Power of the Cross

I ask myself: Is it possible to change direction? Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace? Invoking the help of God, I say: Yes, it is possible for everyone! From every corner of the world tonight, I would like to hear us cry out: Yes, it is possible for everyone! Or even better, I would like for each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to respond: Yes, we want it! My Christian faith urges me to look to the Cross. How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken.

-Pope Francis-

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

-1 Corinthians 1:18-

In the 1 Samuel, the rulers of the people of Israel come to the aging Prophet, Samuel, and demand that he appoint a king over them, so that they may become "like all the nations." At first, Samuel rejects the idea, knowing that it violates the desire of God, who longs to care for the people directly, through his appointed judges and prophets. But the people insist, and finally God tells Samuel to relent; but only after warning the people, "'The governance of the king who will rule you will be as follows: He will take your sons and assign them to his chariots and horses, and they will run before his chariot. He will appoint from among them commanders of thousands and of hundreds. He will make them do his plowing and harvesting, and produce his weapons of war and chariotry. . . .On that day you will cry out because the king whom you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you on that day.'" (1Samuel 8:11-12, 18).

Though more than two-thousand years old, this story seems strangely contemporary. After nearly 15 years of war, the leaders of our nation seem unchastened in their willingness to assign young men (and women) to run before their chariots, i.e., to die on foreign shores, or come home broken in body or mind, all for the sake of national "prestige" and the political future of the leader. Today, again, the relentless drumbeat may be heard in the halls of Congress, as members press for a new or at least a wider war justified, as always, by talk of our duty as a great nation. With camera-conscious poses of strength, Senators and Representatives applaud as an Israeli Prime Minister offers the opiate of fear, and calls upon ordinary Americans to offer their sons and daughters, anew, as runners before the chariots of national power and the self-interest of the few. Meanwhile, some of these same leaders call for greater interventions in Iraq and Syria, seemingly blind to the fact that it was our prior war that helped produce the evil we seek now to contain, and convinced that more blood and treasure can produce a result that our prior victory could not.

Counting upon the love of country found in so many young women and men, these elected kings and queens (of both parties) would create another generation of veterans wounded in body and soul; would spill the blood of our children on foreign shores, alleging American exceptionalism but behaving in a way contrary to our national tradition and to the grace we have received from a history of sacrifice and blessing. Invoking religion even while contradicting the teachings of Christ—who called us to put away the sword—we follow, instead, our desire for secure markets and safeguarded investments. Like Rome or Britain before us, we send our children to die and to kill, believing that such death and killing is somehow the appropriate (indeed, only) response to the violence and evil which confront us. With disdain for diplomacy—which might not work—we cling to our great weapons, which so often are believed, mistakenly, to be our great power.

Nor do these decades of war and preparation for war simply harm the good and patriotic citizens sent to serve in them; indeed, they rob all of us—especially the poor—by taking resources better used for infrastructure or education, for the exploration of space or the curing of drought, and turning them towards the production of weapons systems (and the subsequent occupation and reconstruction of foreign countries). Like the King of whom Samuel prophesied, who would make the citizens "do his plowing and harvesting, and produce his weapons of war," Congress allocates trillions of dollars on weapons that either must never be used (i.e., our nuclear arsenal, which vastly exceeds any feasible need), or which are of single use (e.g., cruise missiles, explosive drones, etc.), and produce only destruction, and often the death of innocents. Nor is it only a few pacifists who see the profound fiscal and moral damage caused by this "spiral of sorrow and death." As President Dwight Eisenhower said: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theftfrom those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." This is not the voice of naïveté, but of one experienced in the suffering of war, who knows it to be among the greatest of human evils—an evil overcome not simply by building more bombs and creating more refugees, but by providing a society of justice, dignity, and hope, to which the human heart can aspire.

In the death and resurrection of Christ, a new vision of power arises: a vision contrary to the monarchical desires of the Israelites, and to the paternalistic and violent "nation building" of our modern republic. In Jesus, power comes through service and sacrifice, through a willingness to lay down one's life for one's friends. It comes in giving away one's very body and blood, so that the beloved—even Judas the betrayer and Peter the

denier—might be fed and uplifted. It comes in accepting even death, so that others might see how much their life means. And though it might seem counter-intuitive to us, the woeful descendants of Cain, the power which Jesus incarnates overthrows the Roman Empire and outlives Charlemagne. In Francis of Assisi, it rebuilds a degenerate Church; and in Bartolomé de las Casas, it defends the humanity of indigenous peoples against the power of the enslavers. In El Salvador, the blood shed through the will of the powerful gives way to the absurd weakness of Rutillo Grande and Oscar Romero. Even in Syria, we must believe, the voice of the 21 martyrs is at work today in the destruction of ISIS.

The Cross of Christ appears as foolish today as it did in the time of St. Paul; yet, beneath that Cross we are called to stand—armed only with faith that the One whose blood flowed on that cross, and flows still in our veins, will never abandon us, but will love us all into the kingdom of mercy and grace promised to God's beloved.

John of

Stations Of The Cross

Join us Fridays during Lent at 11:00 am in the Church. 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.

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.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

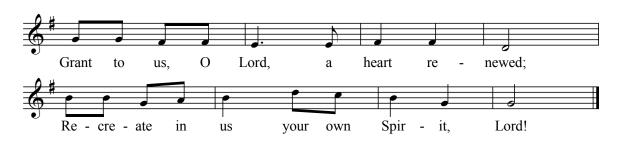
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand and sing.

Entrance Song

Grant To Us, O Lord

Lucien Deiss



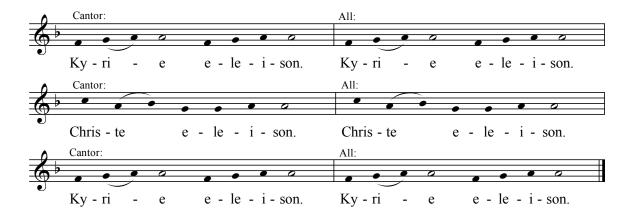
Confiteor

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



Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,

but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Gennieau

Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.



Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."



Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Vermulst



As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he

can speak for himself. His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

Homily



Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.

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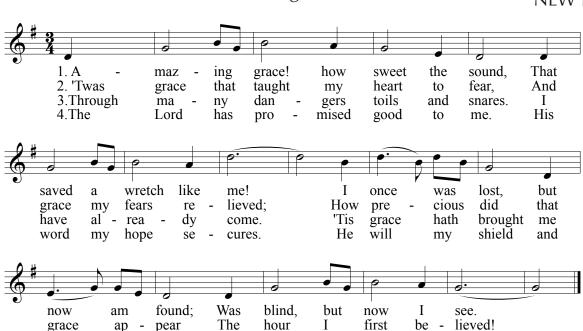
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST





Choir Anthem (9) Amazing Grace

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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.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

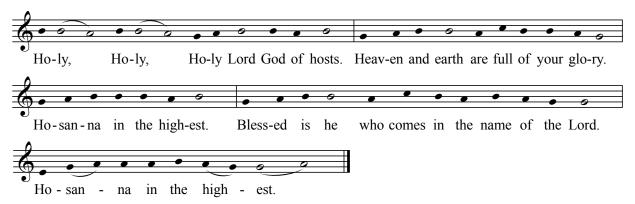
Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right and just.

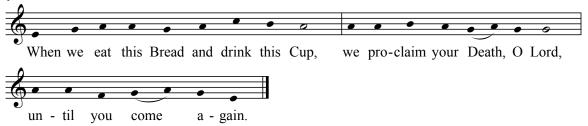
Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant



Mystery of Faith

Chant



Great Amen



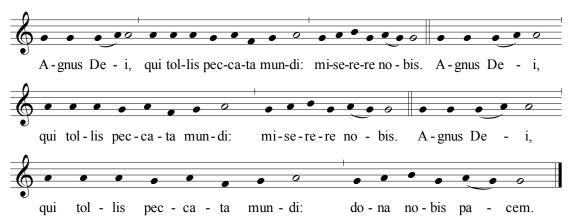
The Lord's Prayer

During the Lord's prayer, the assembly either holds hands or lifts their hands up.

Sign of Peace

Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.





Chant

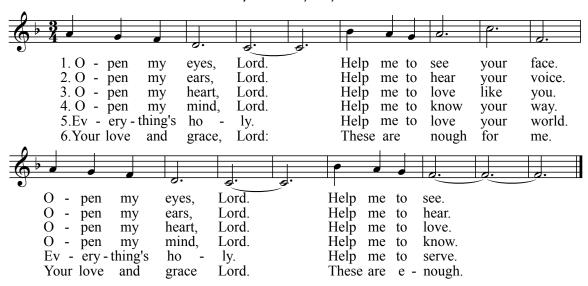
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Farrell



Open My Eyes



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

Communion Meditation

Instrumental

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Tolling of the bell

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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 prayer7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup

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

Thursday

7:00 AM Daily Mass 7:00 PM Synod Meeting

Friday

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group 11:00 AM Stations of the Cross

Saturday

10:00 AM Parish Reconciliation Svc

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the families of the Christians martyred by ISIS . . . For renewal of our faith and to build unity . . . For Susan's health and

an improvement in her circumstances . . . For Joel to find peace and comfort in his life . . . For Cristina's recovery from recent surgery.

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

~ Marcel Proust

Rest in Peace Megan Tormey, niece of Pat and Bernadette Noonan.

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

Men's Ministry Home Mass

Please join us for a home Mass & potluck supper. Friday March 20th - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm At the Home of Rod Bench 1520 38th Ave. E 98112 206-329-5678

Our Presider will be Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

Vegetarian lasagna provided. Everyone invited to bring a salad, appetizer, bread, dessert and beverage of choice to share. Please RSVP with what you are bringing.

For information, email or call Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org Spread the Word

The Road to Jerusalem

Saturday, March 21st, 10 am A Time of Reconciliation & Renewal in Lent

This Lent, in a move to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation within a larger context of prayer, Fr. John will be offering a morning of reflection and renewal--a miniature retreat in the midst of Lent. On Saturday, March 21st, from 10 am until 1 pm, members of the Parish are invited to come and pray in the church around the theme of journeying to Jerusalem with Jesus. During this time, confessors will be available and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered continually. Each hour, a brief prayer and scriptural reflection will be presented, with points for prayer.

Come for 15 minutes, for an hour, or for the whole morning!



Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian



imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Parish Life

Women's Ministry

Yoga & Prayer

Join us **Saturday, March 28th from 9 to 11am** in the Gym for a meditative yoga practice, led by Linda Chavez, to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. We will use the writings of some Christian mystics, sacred art, inspiring music and, of course, yoga poses for a multi-dimensional prayer experience. Beginners are welcome but be prepared for somewhat of a physical challenge. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and a bottle of water. There is a \$15 fee for the class. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. RSVP to Deacon Steve Wodzanowski stevew@stjosephparish. org to reserve your spot.

Seniors On The Go

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

Thursday, March 26th - GEORGIA O'KEEFFE EXHIBIT at the Tacoma Art Museum, 10 am to 4 pm. \$10.00 Admission fee, BYOB Lunch. Free transportation on Parish Bus. Space limited. To register contact Renee at 324-2522 ext 100.

Providence Mount St. Vincent

Do you know of someone who is considering moving to assisted living? If so, please extend an invitation to an upcoming community event at Providence Mount St. Vincent in West Seattle on **Saturday, March 21st, beginning at 2 pm.**

Chef Jeremy McLachlan, Salty's corporate chef, is going to do a food demonstration in our dining room. He's going to make Salty's famous crab cakes! Following his demonstration, our guests will be invited to take a tour of The Mount so they can see what a great community we have. The event should be over around 3:30 pm.

The event is free but please RSVP to reserve your space. 206-938-6194. Providence Mount St. Vincent, 4831 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126, www.providence.org/themount

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

LGBT Ministry

LGBT Reflections on the Lives of the Saints!

Does your lived experience parallel the lives of the Saints? Join the LGBT Ministry for an evening of faith sharing and reflection on the lives of the saints.

Wednesday, March 25th 7:00pm Xavier Room, Parish Center

Questions? lgbt@stjosephparish.org



Saints Sergius and Bacchus



FAITH FORMATION

Ignatius & Zen Spiritual Excercises

Friday, April 10, 5 – 7 pm LeRoux Room, Student Center, Seattle University

If you have an interest in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and would like to know more about how it could learn from Zen, or if you have an interest in Zen and would like to know more about how it could learn from the Spiritual Exercises, we would like to invite you to Ignatius and Zen: Spiritual Exercises on Friday, April 10 from 5 PM until 7 PM in the LeRoux Room (STCN 160) in the Student Center on the campus of Seattle University. It will be hosted by Ruben Habito, author of the recent Zen and the Spiritual Exercises (Orbis, 2013) as well as other books, including Living Zen, Loving God (Wisdom, 1995) and Healing Breath: Zen for Christians and Buddhists in a Wounded World (Wisdom, 2006), that more generally address the dialogue between Zen and Christianity.

Ruben L.F. Habito was born in the Philippines and is a former Jesuit priest turned master practicing in the Sanbo Kyodan lineage of Zen. In his early youth he was sent to Japan on missionary work where he began Zen practice under Yamada Koun-roshi, a Zen master who taught many Christians students, which was unusual for the time. In 1988, Ruben received Dharma transmission from Yamada Koun. Ruben left the Jesuit order in 1989, and in 1991 founded the lay organization Maria Kannon Zen Center in Dallas, Texas. He has taught at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University since 1989 where he continues to be a faculty member. He is married and has two sons.

Habito has been a pioneer, both in practice and theory, of the interrelation and mutual illumination between the Spiritual Exercises and Zen meditation. This is a rare opportunity to participate in the dialogue between these two venerable practices.

The event is sponsored by the Seattle University Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, the Seattle University EcoSangha, the Pigott-McCone Chair, and Seattle University Mission and Ministry. To RSVP, please e-mail ICTC@seattleu.edu

Seattle Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Rushing off to the office? Carpooling to Little League? Running to the store?

When did you make time to be with your Catholic Sisters last? This opportunity is for you.

Come "Refresh with Laughter, Return with Knowledge." You are invited to a workshop to develop leadership skills for use in your parish organizations. Come network with us at St. Joseph (400 S. Andresen Rd, Vancouver, WA) on Friday, April 24, 2015. Learn from the National Council of Catholic Women Leadership Team about the Cycle of an Organization, Generational Relationships, Recruiting Members, and more. For more information, visit www.Seattleaccw.org Sponsored by the Seattle and Portland Archdiocesan Councils of Catholic Women.

Where Jesus is there is love for brothers and sisters, there is the commitment to safeguarding their life and their health and to respecting the environment and nature. This is the hope that never disappoints, the hope which Jesus gives! This is particularly important in this beautiful land which needs to be protected and conserved, which requires the courage to say 'no' to every form of corruption and unlawfulness - we all know what this kind of corruption and unlawfulness is called — it requires all of us to be servants of the truth and to assume an evangelical lifestyle, which is demonstrated in the giving of oneself and in attention to the poor and the outcast. Take care of the poor and the outcast! The Bible is full of these exhortations. The Lord says: it is not important to me that you do this or that, it is important to me that the orphan is cared for, that the widow is cared for, that the outcast person is heard, that creation is protected. This is the Kingdom of God!

~Pope Francis

FAITH FORMATION

Chalice Making



Pictures from our CFF2 chalice making workshop two Sundays ago: Children take clay to create a ornamental chalice to remember their First Communion. Once these dry, they are fired in the kiln and then glazed with vibrant colors and fired again. Look for them to be displayed on First Eucharist weekend, May 2 & 3. Thank you to the many parents who stayed to help during this workshop and also to Darcy Marlow for once again lending her talents and artistic gifts to this project.



Witnesses on the Way

Lenten Retreat

St. Joseph's MOMS Group

Noon, Saturday, March 28th to noon, Sunday March 29th

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 <u>Sisters in Scripture</u>, 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, and facilitator.

To register or for more info, contact: Jeanine Benham-Jones at <u>jeanine@cwjones.net</u> or 206-799-5177

FAITH JUSTICE



The Voices of the Church: Discerning Our Way to the Synod on the Family

"In this quest to seek and find God in all things there is still an area of uncertainty. There must be. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble. Uncertainty is in every true discernment that is open to finding confirmation in spiritual consolation."

-Pope Francis-

19 March 2015 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm St. Joseph Social Hall 19th & Aloha Seattle, WA

Please come and join Fr. John Whitney, S.J. along with your neighbors and friends in a discussion of the coming Church Synod on the Family.

In a call to the whole Church, Pope Francis has invited us to reflect and respond to the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming Synod of Bishops, to be held in Rome in October. The topic of the Synod is Family Life, and it follows on the heels of the extraordinary session held last October.

This gathering will include a brief explanation of the Synod and its structure, along with the questions given by Pope Francis to the Church around the world.

In helping to guide our response, Fr. Whitney will try to map out an approach to the questions using the Ignatian method of discernment. He will then invite questions and dialogue among the gathered community.

We will also take time to look at various instruments of response that have been brought forth, both by the Archdiocese of Seattle and other, independent bodies.

The goal of the evening is not so much to get a single, univocal response, but to better understand the material at hand, and the ways in which the voice of both individual Catholics and communities may be best represented.

We are called to be a discerning community—loving and diverse, trusting in the movement of the Spirit in the whole body of the Church. We must listen to one another with a humility and courage that can allow the Spirit to be encountered.

This is what our evening will be about.

Please join us!

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!

CCS Needs your Help

Catholic Community Services Pregancy Support Center maintains a community garden to help support their clients towards a sustainable, independent life. There is an effort underway this year to teach container gardening and a real need for donated containers for planting of produce for client use. The planters can be used or new and will be collected at the back of church for delivery to Catholic Community Services during **WE ARE ST JOSEPH DAY** activities. Please bring planters for this worthwhile use.

WestSide Baby

Volunteers Needed at WestSide Baby's Central Branch

Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? WestSide Baby is in need of regular weekly volunteers to help sort incoming donations, fill orders for children placed by social service agencies, and help check baby gear to ensure it is safe. Volunteer hours are available at 23rd and Jackson on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm,

and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. Please contact Shana Allen at (206) 686-6659 or shana@westsidebaby.org, or go to http://www.westsidebaby.org/default/volunteer for more information.



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.

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.

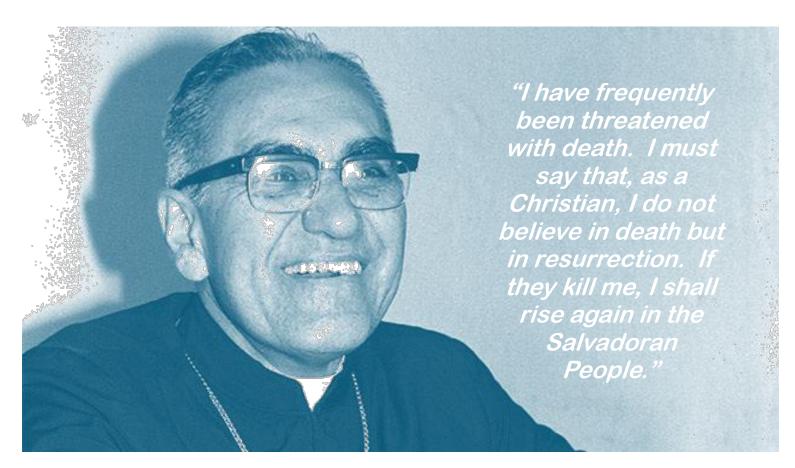
Know that 25% of contributions remain in this archdiocese for grants to organizations such as St. Martin de Porres, Sacred Heart Shelter, the Food Bank at St. Mary's, and hundreds of other organizations. 75% of contributions help fund development projects around the world to produce more food, increase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



Room To Rent

Female doctoral student from Jamaica studying at Seattle U, is seeking accommodation (single room and bathroom) with individual or family. Price range \$650 - \$700. Move in April 11, 2015; Contact (206) 890-8680 or malene.townsend@gmail.com



Archbishop Oscar Romero Declared a Martyr for the Faith

Please join us for an Ecumenical Prayer Service to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Romero's assassination

Tuesday March 24th, 7:00pm St. Joseph's Catholic Church 732 18th Ave E. Seattle, Wa. 98112

Guest Speaker: Jose "Chencho" Alas, who was a priest in El Salvador doing base community work in Suchitoto in the 70's and and a friend of Oscar Romero and Rutillio Grande

For More Information, contact
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Our CFF2 Sunday school class was asked to draw a picture of "God's House:" It looks like it's helpful for God to have a bed & Bible in reach! And also God likes making sure everyone feels

welcome. Thank you CFF2 class!

