



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, October 11, 2020 \* Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time\* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.” - Mt 22:4bc



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2020**

**Livestream Mass 5pm Saturday**  
**on our YouTube Channel: St. Joseph, Seattle**  
**Sunday Mass - 9:30AM & 5:30 PM**  
(Must register before attending)

**Weekday Mass Schedule**  
**Monday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube**

**Readings for October 18, 2020**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5B

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-21

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**The St. Joseph community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:**

Let us walk closer to the Lord and trust in His wisdom and grace in every situation. May we take time to pray for peace in our world, in our families and in our hearts.

**For those whom we have been asked to pray: Agatha, Andrea, Annie, Buddy, Charlotte, Jim, Joel, John, Julia, Larry, Margaret, Margo, Mike, Steve and Tricia.**

## Mass Changes

The weekend in-person Masses will now be capped at 75 people instead of the previous 50 people. Additionally, there will no longer be a Monday 7 am livestream Mass, we will continue to livestream Tuesday - Friday daily Mass on our YouTube channel.



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## October 2020: Coming Home

### October at St. Joe's: Coming Home

Fall is here, and as the leaves turn and children return to school (whether virtual or in-person), we look ahead as a community, towards All Saints Day and eventually, Advent. Of course, there is no ignoring the fact that we are heading into this normally joyous season under the "new normal" of the pandemic. While this is a time of great uncertainty, it can also be a time of hope and grace.

**St. Joseph invites you to join with us this October as we celebrate "Coming Home," a time of spiritual and community renewal.** Whether you are able to join us for in-person Mass or participate virtually, we are all "Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve," as the Parish mission statement proclaims. This month, the Parish will be hosting events, both in-person and virtual, that will focus on re-igniting a sense of community, of family, and of our unbreakable bond as a church. The first event was our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4th, a family-friendly (and socially-distanced) event to show our appreciation for the earth, and all her creatures.

In addition to other events to be announced, the Pastoral and Mission Council will be hosting a Zoom panel discussion on October 25th: "Worship at Home," a candid talk about how we bring the church into our homes – praying as a family, watching video Masses together, and keeping in touch with our social groups.

**This is also an opportunity for you to re-engage with parish life.** Whether you want to join a small group bible study on Zoom, help bring groceries to the homebound, or be available at the church during open hours, consider this your invitation. There's something for everyone!

**To connect with any of the ministries listed below, we invite you to email the contact person listed next to the ministry.** You can also just call the church at (206) 324-2522, and we would be happy to put you in touch with the right person.

**Adult Faith Formation & Spiritual Practice** – Theresa Lukasik [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

**Art and Environment** (Campus Beautification) - Fr. Matthew [mpyrc@stjosephparish.org](mailto:mpyrc@stjosephparish.org)

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**Family and Youth Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation** – Claire Hansen [Claireh@stjosephparish.org](mailto:Claireh@stjosephparish.org)

**Liturgy Planning Committee** - Bob McCaffery-Lent [rmclent@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rmclent@stjosephparish.org)

**Outreach to Homebound Parishioners** – Mary Wiseman [maryw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:maryw@stjosephparish.org)

**Pastoral and Mission Council** – Vince Herberholt, Terry Mayberg, and Andy Perez [pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org](mailto:pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org)

**Serving as a Greeter or Usher at Mass** – Bob McCaffery-Lent [rmclent@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rmclent@stjosephparish.org)

**Serving the Hungry and Homeless** – Deacon Steve [stevev@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevev@stjosephparish.org)

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**Young Adult Community** – Catherine Vallejo [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

Engagement isn't a one-way street, either! We want to hear from you - watch for surveys from ministry partners and look out for announcements of listening sessions sponsored by committees and the Commissions. We want to know what you think! Though we may not be together in person, we are still a community. We are St. Joe's.

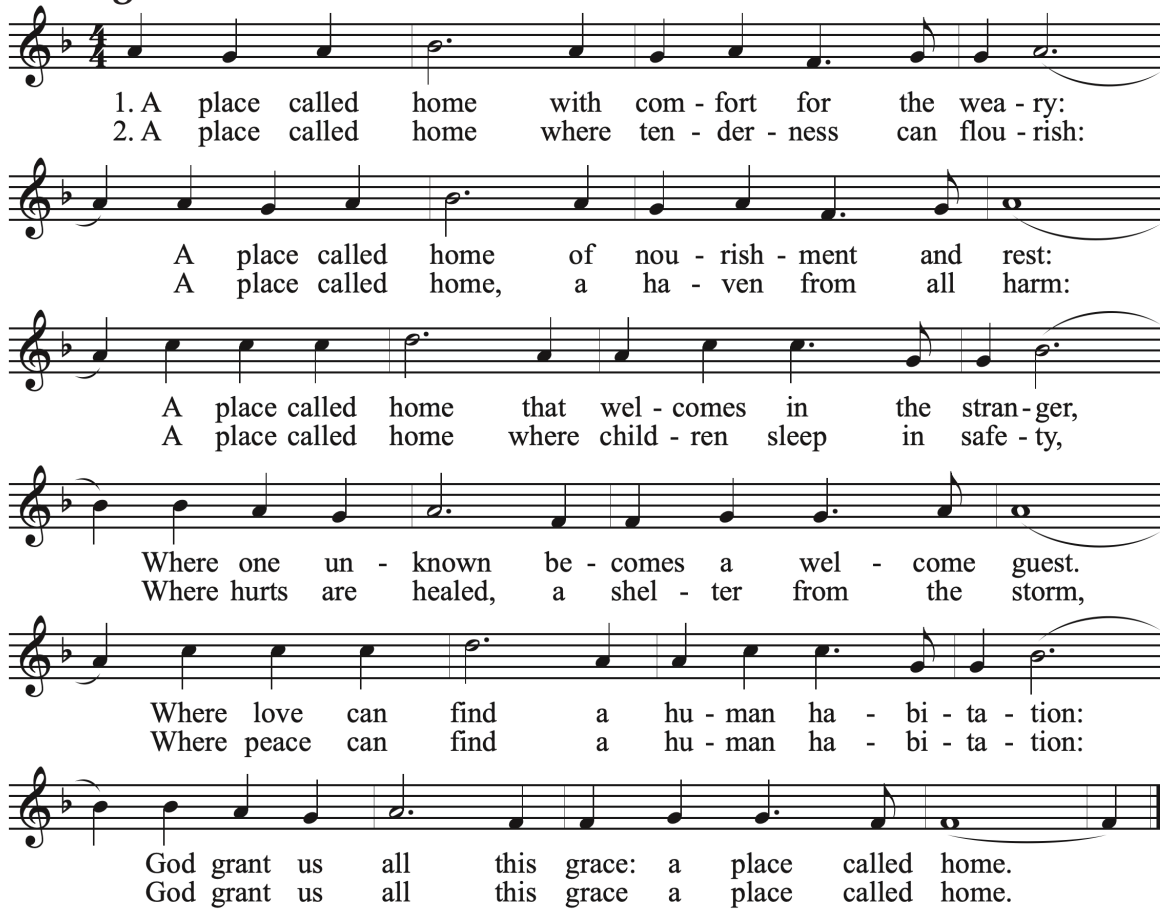
Peace and Blessings,  
The St. Joseph Pastoral Team

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Entrance Song

### *A Place Called Home*

FINLANDIA/Joncas



1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry:  
2. A place called home where ten - der - ness can flou - rish:

A place called home of nou - rish - ment and rest:  
A place called home, a ha - ven from all harm:

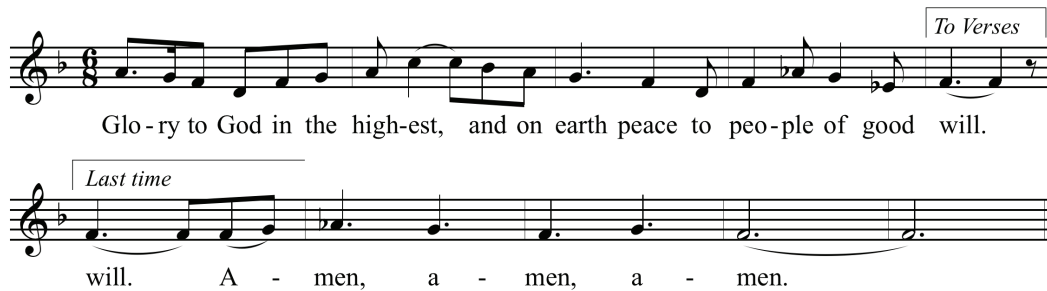
A place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,  
A place called home where child - ren sleep in safe - ty,

Where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest.  
Where hurts are healed, a shel - ter from the storm,

Where love can find a hu - man ha - bi - ta - tion:  
Where peace can find a hu - man ha - bi - ta - tion:

God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
God grant us all this grace a place called home.

## Gloria



*To Verses*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

*Last time*

will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples  
a feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
the web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from every face;

the reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.  
On that day it will be said:  
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"  
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

## Psalm

*Psalm 23: My Shepherd Is the Lord*

*Gelineau*



My shep - herd is the Lord, noth - ing in-deed shall I want.

Lord, you are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose.  
Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit. *Ref.*

You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *Ref.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil, my cup is overflowing. *Ref.*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Murray*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call*

## Gospel

Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

## Profession of Faith

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,  
*All bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
*All stand upright.*

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.

## Offertory Song

### Come To the Feast

Moore

Come to the feast, come hear the word, come to the ta-ble of the  
Lord. O come to the feast, come sing your song,  
come let us join and be one.

On this mountain the Lord will provide for his people.  
On this mountain death will be wiped away. *Ref.*

On this mountain tears will be gone forever.  
On this mountain here is our God and King. *Ref.*



# Holy, Holy, Holy

## Mass Of Wisdom

Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

# Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

# Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

# Lamb of God

*Cantor* *All*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
*Cantor* *All*  
mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of world, — grant — us — peace. —

# Communion

## Gusten Y Vean

Alonso

### Refrain

Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué bue-no es el Se-ñor, qué  
bue-no es el Se-ñor. Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

### Verses

*Cantor* *All* *Cantor* *All*  
¡Gus-ten y ve - an! Taste and see the  
good-ness of the Lord, qué bue-no es el Se - ñor.

# Recessional

## How Can I Keep From Singing

Lowry

1. My life flows on in end-less song— A -  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I  
bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though  
hear that mu - sic ring-ing; It sounds and ech - oes  
far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.  
in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing?—  
No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm cling-ing. Since  
love is Lord of heav-en and earth, How can I keep from sing-ing?—



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Healing Conversations: An Invitation

Please consider joining the newly formed online Healing Conversations group, which will meet the second Monday of every month, from noon to 1pm. The purpose is to chat about all what we are experiencing in this time of pandemic. **The next meeting will be Monday October 12 from noon to 1pm.** The meetings will be informal, open to phone participants, as well as Zoom video.

We will start each meeting with a healing prayer and then see where conversation goes from there. Feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the conversation. Please pass the word to anyone you think may be interested. **To sign up for this group, send your name and email to Steve Wodzanowski (SteveW@stjosephparish.org). For phone participants, call Steve (206.965.1646) and leave your name and phone number.**

## Racial Justice Book Group Zoom Meeting - October 14

You're invited to join us on October 14, at 7pm, on Zoom when we will discuss *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F. Saad. The book is a step-by-step reflection process that helps dismantle white supremacy by beginning within. To RSVP for October 14, email **racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org** to receive the Zoom link.

Titles for future discussion:

November 11 - *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* by Brian Massingale

December 9 - Podcast: *The 1619 Project* from the *New York Times*

January 13 - *My Grandmother's Hands* (part one) by Ressa Menakem

## Bulletin-by-Mail

Would you like a paper bulletin mailed to your home? Let us know! Email Renee Leet at **rleet@stjosephparish.org** or Caprice Sauter at **caprices@stjosephparish.org** with your name and address, and we will add you to the bulletin mailing list!

## Art & Environment Committee

**The Beauty of the Liturgy Reflected in the  
Beauty of the Church**

St. Joe's is forming an "Art and Environment Team" that will have the opportunity to enhance and vivify our experience of the liturgy through seasonal planning and decorating of the church. Participation of team members revolves around the liturgical calendar, gathering in an ongoing way as each new liturgical season approaches and may include one-time projects reflecting your personal talents.

For more information and to offer your gifts as a member of this team please contact Director of Music and Liturgy Bob McCaffery-Lent at 206.965-1649 or **Rmclent@stjosephparish.org** or Matthew Pyrc S.J. at **mpyrc@stjosephparish.org**

## Liturgy Planning Committee – Join Us!

St. Joe's is beginning a Liturgy Planning Committee to help prepare parish liturgy throughout the various liturgical seasons. We're looking for people from all backgrounds and experiences to help make our liturgies artful, inclusive, and meaningful.

Do you have a background in campus ministry? Are you someone who might share a unique perspective on the art of the liturgy? Join us! Contact Bob McCaffery-Lent at **rmclent@stjosephparish.org** for more information.

## Important Reminder

Remember: make sure you social distance when you are inside the church. At least six feet apart!

## Young Adult Ministry

**Young Adult Prayer 101: The Examen**

Come join us in exploring different types of prayer! On Wednesday October 14, from 7-7:45pm, we'll dive into the Examen. We'll start with a brief introduction of the prayer before guiding you through the prayer itself, and end with resources on maintaining a prayer practice. Session will be held via zoom! **Email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org** for more information.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission Wants to Hear from You!

- What does Faith Justice Mean to you?
- What issues are important to you as a Catholic and a member of St. Joseph Parish?
- What issues are important to you that our commission is addressing right now?
- How do you want to be engaged?
- How do we move from direct service to advocacy and transforming structures and systems?

The Faith Justice Commission is hosting the second online listening sessions to receive your input with the goal of helping our commission locate the energy of the parish and the role parishioners would like to see St. Joseph's play in Faith Justice work in our community

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th**  
**10:00am – 11:30am**

If you would like to participate, **please email Deacon Steve at [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)** and he will send you a Zoom link. If you have questions, **please contact Commission chairs Julia Fitzpatrick and Bob Baur at [faithjustice@stjosephparish.org](mailto:faithjustice@stjosephparish.org)**

### Recovery Café – Hygiene Kits

Recovery Café hosts a Resource Connection Day once a month, where we provide meals, hygiene kits, clothing & supplies, as well as access to various community partners (such as COVID-19 testing, Hep A Vaccines, and housing/resource providers). This new project creates hygiene kits to pass out to anyone in need that day. Hygiene Items to include (travel size items preferred): Hand sanitizer, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste & floss, travel size tissues, chapstick Please place one of each item inside of a gallon-size Ziploc bag. **You can drop off kit donations in the hospitality room at the church.**

## St. Vincent de Paul Diaper Drive - Please Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Centro Rendu program in South King County is in desperate need for diapers (in sizes #2, #3, #5 and #6) for young mothers in low-income families in Kent and the surrounding communities. If are interested in helping, you can donate individually or create a "drive for diapers," Please email **[giving@sudpseattle.org](mailto:giving@sudpseattle.org)** for more information, or visit [www.sudpseattle.org](http://www.sudpseattle.org)

## Invitation to Join in Solidarity with Victims of Police Violence

St. Joe's, at the invitation of Immaculate Conception Parish, is planning a public display of solidarity for victims of police violence. On the first weekend in November, commemorating the Feast of All Souls, we will be placing thirty signs on the northeast lawn, each containing the name of a person killed by the Seattle Police Department.

**Before the installation, we invite families to take a sign home with them.** Use this opportunity to pray for the family of the victim, talk to your family about racial injustice, and meditate on what actions you can take to dismantle racism. How can we say "No" to state sponsored violence that disproportionately harms our Black, Indigenous and People of Color brothers and sisters? We invite you to decorate the border of the signs with tasteful art and phrases of hope, healing, and solidarity.

You can pick up the signs in the Vestibule during the times listed below, and drop them off in the Hospitality Room any time the church is open *before Oct 26th*. For more information or to arrange for a different pick-up or drop-off time, **contact Deacon Steve at [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org) or Mark Petterson at [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)**

### Pick-up times:

**Tuesday, Oct. 13, 12-1pm**

**Thursday, Oct 15, 12-1pm**

**Sunday, Oct. 18, 12-1pm**

**Tuesday, Oct. 20, 12-1pm**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Financial Update

**Monthly Budget:** As you can see, beginning in September, we are starting to track under budget for ordinary income. Some of the offering usually collected at Mass is being made up by higher monthly online donations, but we are still short for each week. If you have not yet signed to up give monthly, please consider doing so. We will keep coming up with creative ways to reach out, as we continue to support each other during these challenging times.

**ACA & Called to Serve:** Thanks to all of you who donated, and thanks to the hard work of our new Assistant for Stewardship, Mary Wiseman, we reached our ACA Goal. (Watch for more communication from Mary in the future!)

Up next in our bumpy 2020 road is the Called to Serve as Christ campaign. Everyone should have received their packet in the mail. This is an important campaign and we will be able to see some capital improvements on campus as part of our 15% parish kickback. In order to complete the campaign, we need 30% participation. We are asking that even if you are unable to give at this time, please mark your card with a prayer and send it in.

Thanks - Marti McGuaghey, PAA

	20/21 Income through 9/20	Budget	Difference
Ordinary Income	\$341,667.87	\$357,000.00	(\$15,332.13)
Donations and Fundraisers	\$5,555.00	\$13,153.06	(\$7,598.06)
Business Income	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$225.00
Proceeds from Endowment	\$15,621.09	\$16,000.00	(\$378.91)
Facilities Rental	\$22,872.03	\$20,722.06	\$2,149.97
Total	\$386,015.99	\$406,950.12	(\$20,934.13)

## Children's Faith Formation

### Sacramental Preparation for Older Children -- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Adapted for Children

For youth who are between 4th grade and high school, RCIA/C (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Adapted for Children!) is the process "catching up" on missed Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Starting in January, St. Joseph will hold sessions once a week. This process may take place either in person or on Zoom, depending on the health guidance at the time. Youth will receive their sacraments during the Easter Season. To enroll your child in this program, please contact **Claire Hansen** at [claireh@stjosephparish.org](mailto:claireh@stjosephparish.org)

### First Communion Preparation (1st and 2nd grade Sacramental Preparation)

Preparation for First Communion is a 2-year process, beginning in 1st grade. For this fall's classes, the church classes will be offered every other week via Zoom and a parent or older sibling will be asked to attend. Our first class will be Oct. 18th on Zoom. Learn more and register at [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) Please contact Claire with any questions.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word – [worship.pastoral.center](http://worship.pastoral.center)

This is an independent online service created with Catholic families in mind. It's a bit more interactive than watching a Mass. There's an opening and closing song with motions that the kids can sing/dance along to, the gospel reading (a kids version or the NAB translation,) a brief cartoon or video about the gospel aimed for young kids, reflection questions for the family to discuss together, and a time for intercessions, etc. Families that use it can follow all the elements, or pick and choose those parts that work best for their family and the ages of their kids. The services are offered for free and are posted a few days before each Sunday.





# THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

## REACHING OUT

OCTOBER 2020

In Ignatian spirituality, the Magis speaks to our desire for the “the greater” or “the more.” We seek the Magis in our family life when we embrace growth over success and continually ask how we can be more loving. The Magis Family Formation Project is powered by a group of parishioners. Our goal is to create a monthly family faith sharing guide to support families who are seeking to practice their faith at home during this time of COVID. Magis will offer a “menu” of options and parents and kids can pick a few things together which would work well for their family. Magis will include lectionary-based activities, faith-based quarantine crafts, as well as prayer and service activities. Magis will be written for kindergarten, primary, and middle school youth. We hope these ideas will help you encourage your family to tune in to the greater movement of God in your family in these busy times.

This month’s theme is “Reaching Out,” an apt theme for our inaugural Magis installment. All our activities and prayers are focused on how we can reach out, share, and connect with each other in our church community. Reaching out and connecting seems more precious than ever.

### DAILY EXAMEN

**FOR OLDER CHILDREN:** REFLECT EACH DAY ON THESE QUESTIONS

**Review:** Where did I see God today?

**Thank:** What am I thankful for today?

**Feel:** What did I feel today?

**Pray:** What should I pray for?

**Hope:** How do I feel about tomorrow?

### DAILY EXAMEN

**FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:** ASK YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR DAY!

How was your day? Especially the good parts!

Let’s thank God for today.

What was challenging for you today?

Did you learn something new?

Let’s be ready for tomorrow!

### HAVE A CHAT

Questions to start a conversation about God in your daily life.

How have you felt love this month?

When you feel that love, you know God loves you, too!

Where can you share your talents this month?

When you share, you show your love to God and others!

What brings you peace?

Think of things that you do to bring peace into your life.

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### TAKE A WALK

#### Hidden Rocks – A Geocaching Activity

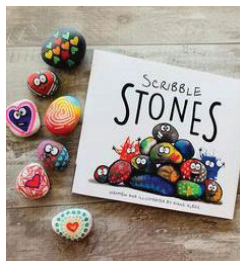
Inspired by *Scribble Stones* by Diane Alber

Paint or draw on a rock.

Include a fun message if you like.

Head outside and hide these rocks around St. Joseph Parish and your neighbourhood!

Take a look around and search for ones your brothers and sisters may have left out for you to find! Enjoy the love that has been spread around for all to share. Most of all, have fun connecting remotely with your community!



### REFLECT: THIS MONTH’S READINGS

The following verses have become part of our daily spiritual lives and can open conversations with children to help build a foundation for their faith.

[OCTOBER 4]

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God.*

(Philippians 4:6)

What would you like to ask God for?

What are your anxieties, how can you relieve them?

[OCTOBER 11]

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.* (Philippians 4:13)

What do you find difficult to do?

What areas of yourself can you work to strengthen?

[OCTOBER 18]

*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*

(Matthew 22:21)

Do you have something that you could give to God or to others in your community?

[OCTOBER 25]

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

(Matthew 22:37, 39)

How do we show God our love?

How do we treat our neighbours?

## GO OUT AND GIVE

Here are some opportunities to share a gift of self or a gift of goods – give back to your community by sharing your talents and resources with others.

### Donate Food

Drop off canned goods or needed food items at St. Joseph Parish's Hospitality room during church open hours. These goods help make Tent City, Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, and Facing Homelessness lunches.

### Make a Card

Write a nice card for someone in your life. Sometimes all it takes is a letter from someone you know to brighten the day.

### Surprise your Family

Do an unexpected chore or make a surprise snack for someone. Think of their love for you as you share your love for them!

## STEP OUTSIDE

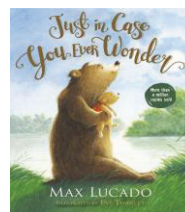
### BINGO

Look around your home and your community and see all the wonders around you!

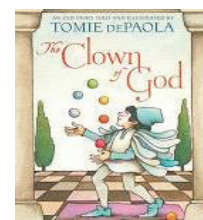
NEIGHBOUR WAVING TO YOU	BIRD SINGING	CHURCH	CHESTNUTS	WELCOME SIGN
TREE WITH AUTUMN LEAVES	BLM SIGN	LITTLE FREE LIBRARY	FRIENDLY DOG	SWINGS
SEEDS OR SEED POD	ACORNS		STREETLIGHT	MURAL
FEATHER	OUTDOOR UMBRELLA	MYSTERIOUS CAT	INTERESTING ROCK	BIRD FEEDER
MAILBOX	SOMEONE LAUGHING	CHILDREN PLAYING	PRETTY FLOWERS	STOP SIGN

## READING CORNER

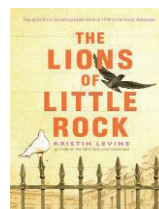
Here are some book suggestions to brighten your mind this month.



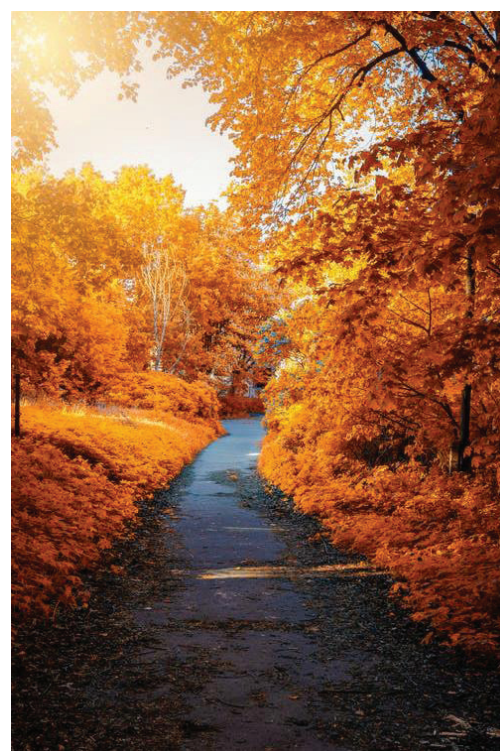
**Just in Case You Ever Wonder**  
by Max Lucado



**The Clown of God**  
by Tomie dePaola



**The Lions of Little Rock**  
by Kristin Levine



## GET UP AND DANCE!

### This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
3. Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let shine!
4. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

