

St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, November 22, 2020 * Christ the King* www.stjosephparish.org



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 22, 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 November 29, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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St. Joe's Parishioners Find Ways to Feed the Hungry, Even During a Pandemic

In a recent all-parish survey sent out to registered parishioners, we asked, "In what ways do you currently engage with the Parish community?" While we got a wide variety of responses, the overwhelmingly most popular answer was "I help provide food or other resources to the needy." While we weren't surprised that St. Joe's folks are generous, we didn't realize just how many people were finding creative ways to continue to serve those in need during the pandemic!

Parishioners from all backgrounds, professions, and neighborhoods have stepped up this year to help provide staples and fresh meals for our friends across Seattle. This summer, freshly-prepared lunches went to Tent City 3 while they were hosted at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and currently, meals are also distributed to men living at a downtown hotel, displaced from the St. Martin de Porres shelter due to COVID. Meals heading to Facing Homelessness' Window of Kindness and staples for Blessed Sacrament's Food Pantry have been filling up the hospitality room, as well.



A typical meal bag for St. Martin de Porres – breakfast, lunch, snacks, and warm socks!



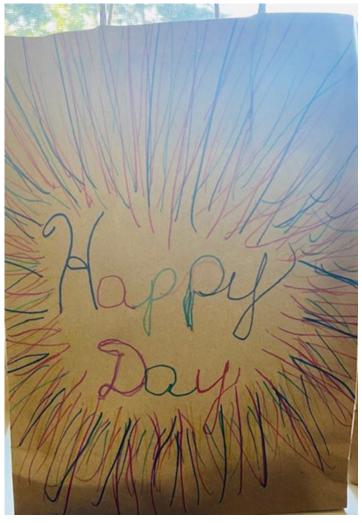
Meals ready to go!

Parishioner Kathleen Sanford heads to St. Joe's from Woodinville almost every Sunday to drop off meals that she puts together each week. "It's just one little thing," she says, "and pretty simple to do. There's not a whole lot of things we can do right now that feel like you're doing some real good, but this makes a real difference."

Sonia Gilman and Keri Pollock, who both live in Edmonds, meet Kathleen at St. Joe's to drop off food, then head to Recovery Café to drop off warm clothes. After, they will have a socially-distanced lunch or coffee. The three long-time friends didn't plan this before the pandemic, but once they realized that they would all be in the same neighborhood on Sunday afternoons, it only made sense to spend some time catching up. "A wonderful serendipity," says Kathleen.

But even more than time to catch up with friends, the food donation programs at St. Joe's gives people the chance to "walk the talk," says Keri. "It takes a village. That's one of the things that I love about St. Joe's. While the need has grown during the pandemic, I'm so grateful for the staff and volunteers who help facilitate these relationships with communities and organizations in Seattle."

It's easy to get involved! Check the bulletin each week for current food donation opportunities, or contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org if you'd like to help out.



Sometime meals come with a message of hope!

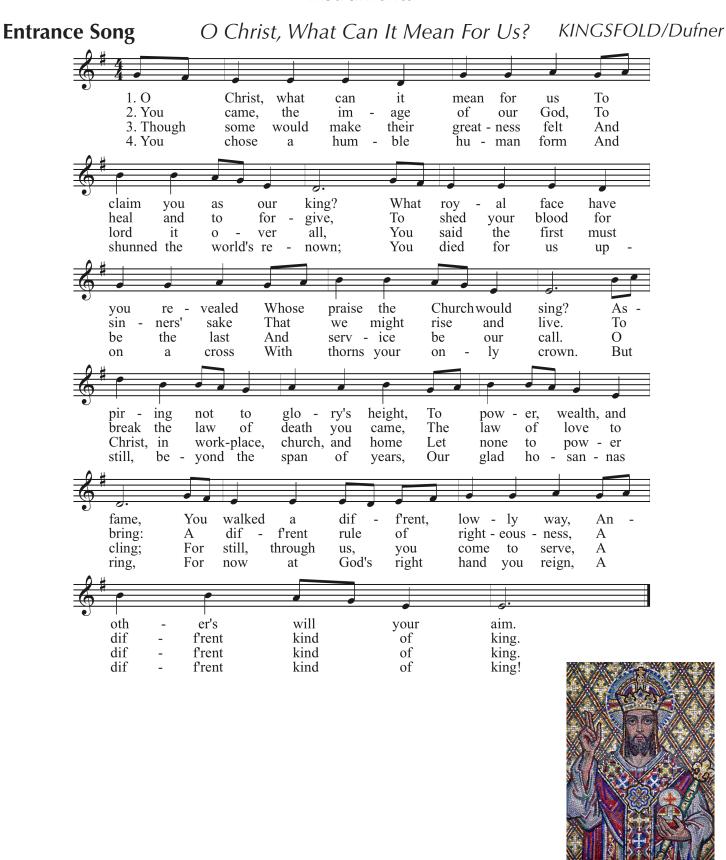


Keri prepares meals for St. Martin de Porres

CHRIST THE KING

Prelude

Instrumental



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

- 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

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

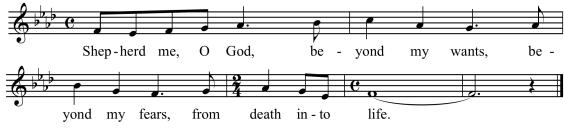
Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Psalm

Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Murray



- 1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Ref.*
- 2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Ref.*
- 3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Ref.*
- 4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Ref.*
- 5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. *Ref.*

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Chepponis



Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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.

Let all the world, in every corner, sing: My God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly, The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow, Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!



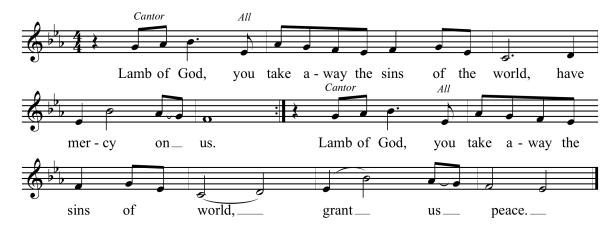
Mystery of Faith

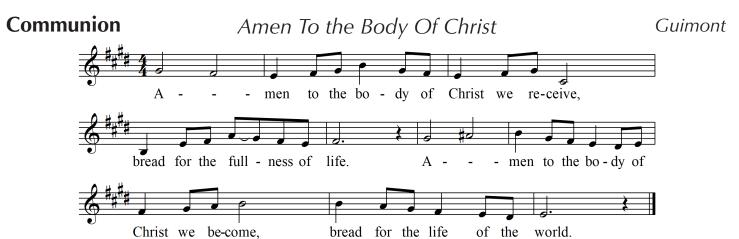


Great Amen



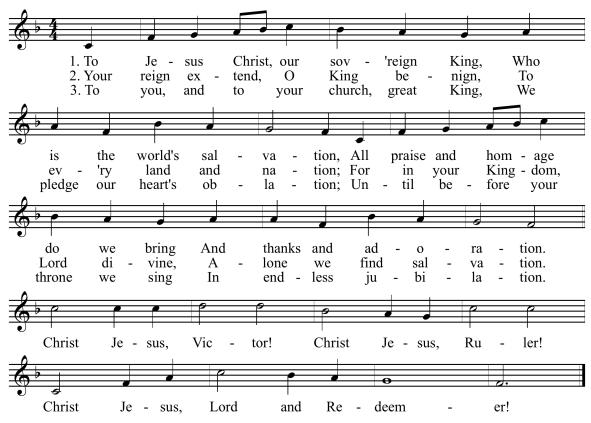
Lamb of God







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LITURGY & WORSHIP

1st Friday Online Healing Prayer Service

December 4th - 11:30am - 12:30pm

In keeping with our tradition of gathering every 1st Friday for our Healing Mass, we invite you to join us for an online Healing Prayer service led by Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, Deacon Steve Wodzanowski, and Bob McCaffery-Lent.

This is open to anyone who wants to join with others to pray for healing, individually and collectively. If you want to participate, contact Deacon Steve and he will send you the Zoom link or instructions to call in: stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. You can also register here for the Zoom link.



"If it is possible, as much as lieth within you, live peaceably with all men." ~Romans 12:18

We pray for the intentions of Bert and Val, Larry and Margo, John and Terri, Preston and Matt, Cameron, Carolyn, Riley, and Lucy.

Parish Life

St. Joseph Men's Ministry Advent Morning of Prayer

Join us on Sunday, December 5th, at 9am on Zoom for "Advent: What are you waiting for? A morning of quiet prayer, reflection and fellowship in preparation for the Christmas Season."

Saturday, December 5th 9:00am – 11:00 am on Zoom

Animators: Chris Jones, Kirk Boys, Paul Freiburger, and Vince Herberholt

To get the Zoom link, Contact Deacon Steve at (206)965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Advent Bible Study - Tuesdays

Join us every Thursday from December 3rd through the end of Advent as we read through Bishop Robert Barron's Advent Study (we have a limited number of free copies to hand out)! This is a great opportunity to dive deeper into your faith through thought-provoking and encouraging discussions. **Contact youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org to join!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesdays on Zoom

Did you know? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still meeting (virtually)! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 1st from 7-8:30 pm, via Zoom.**

We spend time in prayer and friendship, while knitting or crocheting our blankets and shawls. We welcome all levels of experience, and all kinds of crafters and "want to be" crafters. Please contact Sheila Prusa at prayershawl@stjosephparish.org for the Zoom link.

Community News

Baby Corner Important Update

Thank you for your generous contributions to Baby Corner at St. Joe's. At this time, we are only able to accept diapers and wipes – please do not leave other items for Baby Corner. We will let you know, of course, when things are back to normal!

Book by Parishioner

Looking for meditative reading this Advent? L. Patrick Carroll, a long-time parishioner and former co-pastor of St. Joe's, has just published a book collection of his homilies for all three liturgical cycles. *Take-Home Homilies* is an excellent resource for individual prayer or for group discussion. Copies are available from Madison Books or Amazon.com.

Rental Opportunity

Long time parishioner is renting a recently updated cozy mother-in-law apartment starting on November 1st close to St. Joseph church. If interested, please contact Leo at 206 683 2963 and he would be happy to discuss next steps.

FAITH JUSTICE

St. Joseph Giving Tree

Between November 20th, and December 16th, St. Joe's is again hosting the annual Giving Tree! You can take an ornament off the tree in the church vestibule OR <u>sign up online here</u>.

- Please choose an ornament and purchase the requested item.
- If your item does not indicate whether to wrap the gift or to leave it unwrapped, please leave the gift UNWRAPPED.
- Please attach the ornament/tag you received to the wrapped/unwrapped gift.
- Bring your giving tree donations back to the St. Joseph Giving Tree or the Parish Center (or have it mailed to 732 18th Ave East, Seattle, WA 98112).

Note: The last day of our collection is Monday, December 16th. Thank you for supporting one of our Outreach Partners! If you have any questions regarding the Giving Tree, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@steveweestiosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



Racial Justice Book Group - The 1619 Project

Dec. 9th, 7pm on Zoom

Please join us on December 9 at 7pm for a discussion of all six episodes of the "1619" project. Each episode is thirty to forty minutes in length.

The '1619' project is a Podcast From The New York Times. It is an audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.

To listen, visit: https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/ podcasts/1619-podcast.html

To RSVP and for the Zoom link, please contact <u>racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org</u>



St. Joseph Parish Seattle Conference St. Vincent de Paul Oct 2019 - Sep 2020

Neighbors Directly Served: 511

Person-to-Person & Virtual Visits: 273

South County Families Served: ~70

Your Donations

In Church / Mail / Online: \$96858

Financial Assistance Provided Through Your Donations

Total: \$76,688

Rent (incl So. County): \$51,486

Utilities: \$2,287

Food and Other Needs: \$22,915

nether the need is guidance with available resources, financial help, or conversation the St. Joseph Parish - St. Vincent De Paul conference works to keep our neighbors from being hungry or cold and provides support in their home

For more information please contact svdp@stjosephparish.org

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Bring Light to Your Community this Advent through Service

We understand many of you may be feeling distant from your friends and fellow St. Joseph parishioners during this COVID-19 pandemic. For several months, our ability to come together as a community has been limited. As we approach the Advent season, we want to provide service opportunities for families, including those with children of all ages, to reconnect with their Catholic spirituality through service and reflection. The St. Joseph Family Service Working Group has developed the following opportunities:

Preparing meals for St. Martin de Porres Shelter Preparing Christmas stockings or cookie decorating kits for L'Arche

Preparing Christmas letters for elderly parishioners Family Service Bingo – If you're viewing this online, click here for a service "bingo" board – This is a more informal service opportunity providing ideas for you and your family to do service during the Advent season.

For more information about these activities and to sign up, email Claire Hansen (<u>claireh@stjosephparish.org</u>).

Family Service Working Group Please fill out this 2-minute survey

We are in need of your input as we plan for a socially distanced or remote service experience in for families in Advent. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YNVXXG8

Sacramental Preparation for Older 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 of preparing to join the Catholic Church or "catching up" on missed Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). **To enroll your child in this program, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Accompany a New Catholic!

We are in need of 4-6 adults who can be a faith companion to someone going through the RCIA process to join the Catholic faith.

As a sponsor you are assigned a Confirmandi (Baptized Catholic adult), Candidate (Baptized adult), or Cathechumen (Unbaptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share. Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey. You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Joseph community. You listen and you pray.

Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with them through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Church. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church's teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at <a href="mailto:steve-weighten-steve-new-contact-new-

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Corner with Mary Wiseman

Did You know? New tax laws and strategies can help you minimize your taxes and maximize your contributions to St. Joseph Parish! Here's how:

- \$300 Charitable Deduction
- Tax-free Transfer IRA Transfer
- Double Tax Reduction from Appreciated Stock

New \$300 charitable deduction for non-itemizers

Even if you don't itemize deductions, i.e. use the standard deduction, you can deduct up to \$300 for donations made in cash that are paid directly to the charitable organization. This allows anybody to give, even in a small way, and reap the tax benefit. Online giving is an excellent way to capture a record of those donations.

Tax-free transfer from an IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you can give up to \$100,000 per year tax-free from your IRA to St. Joe's (called a qualified charitable distribution or QCD). The gift counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), but isn't included in adjusted gross income.

(Donors need not be required to take an RMD now or until age 72, but may still make a QCD. The distribution may be monthly, quarterly or annually. See your account holder for details.)

A double tax reduction by giving appreciated stock

In lieu of sending cash to St. Joe's, you may find greater tax benefits by giving appreciated stock. Holdings owned for more than a year may be deducted based on their value on the date donated. Non-itemizers still benefit from avoiding the capital gains tax on the stock.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at maryw@st-josephparish.org or call me at (206) 324-2522 ext.114 with any questions or concerns.

Peace and blessings,

Mary Wiseman

Mary Wiseman Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship maryw@stjosephparish.org (206) 324-2522 x114

Text To Give (360) 502-7257

Simply text the amount you want to give and follow the instructions.

Online Giving

Scan this QR code to make a one-time gift to St. Joe's



Scan this QR code to create an account and start recurring payments





Dear St. Joseph Family, November 13, 2020

We want to keep you up to date on the latest news regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in our city, and ask for solidarity in beating back this virus. Infections are spiking in <u>King County</u>, and that impacts us all. NOW is the time for us to demonstrate love for one another in some very real ways.

There are three straightforward ways through which we can all love one another at this time:

- FOLLOW STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS "Pandemic fatigue" affects us all, but now is not the time to become lax about following guidelines that have been shown to work: <u>frequent hand</u> washing, maintaining a six foot distance from people that are not in your household including in the church itself and, most importantly, wearing masks, even in your home when guests are there. This applies even to people that are in your extended "bubble."
- 2. BLOCK THE VIRUS' ABILITY TO SPREAD We all want to spend time with friends and family during the upcoming holiday season, but experts tell us that we should severely limit the number of people we socialize with who are outside our immediate household. Consider alternative ways to celebrate safely, including virtual gatherings, or hosting holiday gatherings after self-quarantining for two weeks beforehand. The reality is that quarantining is not an easy thing to do, and we must be honest with each other about our COVID mitigation behaviors. (While getting a test prior to gatherings is a useful indicator, a negative test does not guarantee that a person is not infectious. See CDC guidelines for more information.)

<u>Washington State guidelines</u> suggest that outside gatherings are preferable, as they significantly decrease the chance of viral spread. Stay six feet apart from one another, and wear a mask if you cannot maintain that distance. If gathering inside, wear a mask, except to eat or drink. When eating or drinking, keep a six-foot distance between people. Increase ventilation by opening windows.

3. **GET YOUR FLU SHOT** - Health experts tell us that it is crucial that we all get our flu shots this year. A reduction in flu cases will take pressure off the rapidly increasing pressure on our health care system.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR PARISH?

We must do our part by following health guidance and blocking the virus. Parish ministries will continue to adhere to stringent guidelines, based on the best available data and vetted by our Health Advisory Board. Mass is at the heart of our ministries here at St. Joseph, and although we do not want to suspend our limited in-person Masses, it is very likely that we will have to at some point, given the reality of the situation. We pray that any restrictions are only necessary for a short time, and that we can stop the spread, together. Mass provides a vital lifeline to many, and we understand the tension in providing for the various needs of the community, including spiritual and psychological needs. Be assured that we will only go forward with activities that are well managed. Of course, we will communicate any changes to in-person liturgies via all parish communication channels. Your health and safety is, and always will be, our highest priority. Remember that we all have a responsibility to each other – we show our neighbors love by following the guidance of health experts during this time of pandemic.

"IGNITED BY THE EUCHARIST TO LOVE & SERVE"

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Fr. Glen Butterworth, Pastor Terry Mayberg, M.D., Health Advisory Board

THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

November's theme is **Thanking God and the Saints**, corresponding with All Saints Day and Thanksgiving. Below is this month's *Magis* faith-sharing guide with a "menu" of options for parents and children to pick readings and/or activities to do together.

Celebrate Day of the Dead or Día de los Muertos

Part of the Feast of All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2) is honoring those who have died. Traditions include creating an altar with photos of deceased loved ones, family feasts and activities like painting skulls - to show transition of life to death. Celebrate with us at St. Joseph by taking part in our community efforts below!



- Bring in pictures of loved ones who have died to help us create an Altar of Remembrance.
 Bring pictures to the church when its open and place them on the Mary altar or drop them off at the Parish Center during the week.
- Create a family "legacy page" which lists all those in your family who have died. This page should be blank on one side because it will be taped into the Book of the Names of the Dead, which will be on display throughout November. Involve your young ones by asking them to decorate the page!

Scavenger Hunt for the Saints in St. Joseph Church

See if you can find the following Saints and more and then read their stories online or in a book.

Church Hours: M-F: 12 noon to 3 p.m. Sat & Sun. 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Mass hours: 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

- Kateri Tekakwitha
- Aloysius Gonzaga
- Ignatius of Loyola
- Frances Cabrini
- Clare of Assisi



Related Book Suggestions

- The Day of the Dead by Bob Barner
- Funny Bones by Tontiuh
- Loyola Kids Book of Heroes: Stories of Catholic Heroes and Saints Throughout History by Amy Welborn
- Kindness Is My Superpower by Alicia Ortega
- Gracias Thanks by Pat Mora

Crafting Corner: Create a Saint

Roll (paper towel, gift wrap, etc.)
Colored paper
Glue, Tape, Scissors

Glue, Tape, Scissors Colored pens

2 pipe cleaners (optional)

Sewing fabric scraps (optional)

Template find online (optional)

https://www.catholicicing.com/abc-saints/



All Saints Conversation Starters

- 1. Who in your life is a Saint? Why?
- 2. Name three Saints you admire and what specific qualities, i.e., generosity, humbleness.
- 3. Take this quiz to find out which American saint you are! https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-activities/lesson-plans/which-american-saint-are-you/

Daily Examen Prayers for All Ages

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Review: How was your day? Especially the good!

Thank: Let's thank God for today.

Feel: What was hard for you today?

Pray: Who or What should we pray for?

Hope: Let's be ready for tomorrow!

FOR OLDER CHILDREN:

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

Bingo: Acts of Kindness -- Don't just go for five in a row. Go for a Blackout!

Smile at everyone you pass	Hold the door open for people	Compliment someone	Be proud of your strengths	FaceTime your grandparents
Say "please" often	Tell your teacher "Thank you"	Make a snack for someone else	Tell the truth	Give someone a hug
Make eye contact	Apologize when you mess up	FREE SPACE	Say "I love you" to your parents	Forgive a hurt
Give someone your full attention	Be patient with yourself	Stop comparing yourself to others	Listen when someone needs to talk	Leave a nice comment on social media
Give away things you don't need	Avoid judging others	Leave your family nice sticky notes	Practice positive self talk	Tell someone they are special to you

Reflect on November's Readings

Nov. 1: Feast of All Saints We will hear the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Read them in Matthew 5:1-12a and then look at https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/cv/sermon mount.htm for ways to talk about how kids of all ages can connect with these values and live them out every day!

Nov. 22: Feast of Christ the King "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34 - As God's children, it is our task to take care of the world as it was meant for us from the beginning of Creation. What does your family do to take care of the environment? How can you pursue the *Magis* in this?

Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent "May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace." 1 Corinthians 3: Grace is God's mercy, forgiveness and love. Peace is giving you the gift of feeling complete. Have each person in the family tell a story about a time when they needed to ask forgiveness and how they felt afterward. Talk about how your family practices forgiveness with each other

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Pray a Litany of Saints Together

Your whole family can pray the Litany of the Saints and your child can be the leader! See an example below and be sure to include in your list the saints and holy people you named in the 'Conversation Starters' section above.

Leader: Saint Joseph All present: Pray for us. Leader: Saint Ignatius All present: Pray for us.

Continue as you wish through a series of Saints. Conclude by praying all together to St. Joseph Prayer to St. Joseph St. Joseph, watch over me and care for me just as you cared for the child Jesus; and by your help, may I come to know your Son, and grow in strength and wisdom and the favor of God. Amen.

