



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 6, 2020 * Second Sunday in Advent* www.stjosephparish.org



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020**

**Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday
on our YouTube channel**

(Available for viewing throughout the week)

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

Readings for December 13, 2020

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

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Learn about Our Sister Parish in El Salvador!

Last year, we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of our Sister Parish Relationship with San Bartolome in Arcatao, El Salvador. [Two weeks ago, we announced the transfer of the monies we raised for the purchase of a house in San Salvador for the Scholarship Students. They have found a house and plan to purchase it in January.](#)

The success of this long-standing relationship is due to the commitment of parishioners. Even with the limitations of the pandemic, we are staying in constant communication with them through Zoom, WhatsApp and texting.

We invite you to come and learn about this amazing ministry and to share your gifts and talents in keeping this sister parish relationship going strong. We especially need parishioners who are fluent in both English and Spanish. We need parishioners who can help bridge the gap of technology to allow us to communicate more effectively and efficiently. Most importantly, we need your prayers to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern how to be in authentic relationship with one another.

Please join us for our next Sister Parish Committee meeting coming up on Thursday, December 17th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm on Zoom. From 7-7:30pm we will give a brief overview of our history and answer any questions you might have. At 7:30pm we will start our committee meeting.

If you have questions or want to receive the Zoom link, please contact Deacon Steve at steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.



Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

For Nicholas on his birthday . . . For Delilah Mae's well being . . . For friends and family whose calls and letters have made so many feel loved and remembered.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Song

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

GENEVA/Olearius

Kyrie

Cantor
Kryie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

All
Kryie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison



First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

Psalm

Psalm 85 Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Mayernik

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

Creator Of the Stars Of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion

A Voice Cries Out In the Wilderness

Joncas

Recessional

On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW/Coffin

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PARISH LIFE

Community News

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](https://www.amazon.com).

Women's Faith Sharing Group

Women's Faith Sharing Group every Thursday during Advent. The format includes an Advent examen with sharing based on the theme for that week. There will be a scripture reading, with time for everyone to reflect and share what moved or inspired them in that passage, and our prayer intentions. Email theresal@stjosephparish.org to join!

Young Adult Advent Bible Study – Thursdays

Join us every Thursday during Advent as we read through Bishop Robert Barron's Advent Study! This is a great opportunity to dive deeper into your faith through thought-provoking and encouraging discussions. Contact youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org to join!

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Advent Reflections: Liturgical Updates from the St. Joseph Art & Environment Committee

By Katy Callaghan Huston, MAPS

Our Advent Wreath is in place. And I learned something new in researching the history of the wreath and the candles. Each of the candles—lit over the four Sundays of Advent—has a name and a meaning. (Yes, I found these on several internet sites...but I did put "Catholic" in my search!)

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the joy the world experiences at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All."

This second week of Advent we will add the trees! These will be our Christmas trees, but for the next three weeks they will be lit with purple candles to show that we are still in Advent. And the words "Prepare the Way of the Lord" decorate the St. Joseph Altar where the cantor stands.

Wreath, candles, trees, words: all remind us that we are waiting for the Lord to be in our midst again as a little child who is the Light of the World.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Bring Light to Your Community this Advent through Service

During this Advent season the St. Joseph Family Service Working Group is offering service opportunities for families, including those with children of all ages, to reconnect with their Catholic spirituality through service and reflection. For more information about these activities and to sign up click this [LINK](#). Sign-ups due December 15th!

Children's Christmas Working Group - Volunteers Needed! Are you interested in creating a simple children's Christmas service that can be viewed by our families on the parish YouTube channel? Volunteers are needed for this short-term project! Please email Claire Hansen (claireh@stjosephparish.org) to volunteer.

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 [sign up online here.](#)

- 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 steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.**

Facing Homelessness Project Wants Your Old Cell Phones and Tablets!

The [Facing Homelessness Project](#) is collecting old cell phones and tablets for the men and women they serve. To find out how to donate, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

Adopt a Family at Christmas

In addition to St. Joseph's Giving Tree this year, we are hoping to give extra support to one of our Outreach Partners, [Catholic Community Services: Pregnancy and Parenting Support](#).

Located in the old convent on the campus of St. Edwards's Catholic Church in South Seattle, CCS has over 100 years of experience helping the less fortunate in our community. If you are looking to "adopt" a family for Christmas by helping out with material needs, they can match you up. To get connected, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

Advent Notes for Incarcerated Folks

During this time of social distancing, our incarcerated brothers and sisters in jails and prisons are unable to receive visitors. But we can still serve them with messages of hope, encouragement, and support. Through the Seattle Archdiocesan Criminal Justice Ministry, you can send supportive notes to residents in local jails, juvenile detention centers, and prison facilities.

Notes should be signed with first names only (No last names) and should not offer any personal contact information or location identifiers. Notes can be submitted electronically using the link below. Hand-written notes can be mailed to:

Archdiocese of Seattle/Criminal Justice Ministry
ATTN: Joe Cotton
710 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

[Link to Signup](#) (These messages will be printed and mailed to facility residents.)

Tips for what to write:

- If you were in their position, what would you want to hear from someone in the midst of such a stressful and scary time?
- What would you want to hear if you were suddenly unable to receive visitors who provide emotional & spiritual support?
- Share a comforting quote, prayer, poem, or encouraging scripture passage.
- Share some of the things you are doing from home to stay occupied.
- Express that you are thinking of them, care about them, and are praying for them.

THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

December 2020

The *Magis* is a family faith sharing guide with a “menu” of options for parents and children to pick readings and/or activities to do together, especially during Covid-19. December’s theme is **Saying Yes to God in Our Lives**, corresponding with Advent and Christmas. Because there is so much we want to share with you this month we have an extended Magis available online at <https://www.stjosephparish.org/magis>

Creating a Homemade Advent Wreath

An evergreen symbol of the passage of the four weeks of Advent



- Make a wreath with a paper plate and some cardboard toilet paper or paper towel tubes. Follow the template at: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2014/11/kids-advent-wreath-free-printables.html>
- Make a natural wreath by putting 3 purple pillar candles and 1 pink pillar candle in mason jars and arranging the greenery around them
 - Find fresh greenery at Home Depot or your local garden store.
 - Purchase advent candles through Kaufer’s Religious Supplies (5201 4th Ave S, Seattle)
- After you’ve set up your wreath, raise your hands in blessing and say together: *Each week we add another light. Our hope for Jesus growing bright. We pray, we share, we do our part, to welcome Jesus to our heart*

Advent Examen

The daily examination of conscience, a spiritual practice developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola

1. **Review:** Invite the Holy Spirit to help you see the day as the newborn baby Jesus sees it. What joy have you found today? Where have you felt God’s love?
2. **Thank:** Think about what you are thankful for today. What special things or gifts did you receive today? (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)?
3. **Feel:** Take a moment to consider when you felt God today. Recognize your feelings in those moments. How did you prepare your heart for God’s presence in the coming of Jesus?
4. **Pray:** Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. When may you have seen the need for love and didn’t respond (maybe like the innkeeper), or the opportunity for forgiveness and you walked away?
5. **Hope:** Finally, prepare for the hope of Jesus Christ in your life. Think about what you are hopeful for and what you are looking forward to during Advent and the Christmas season.

Reading Corner

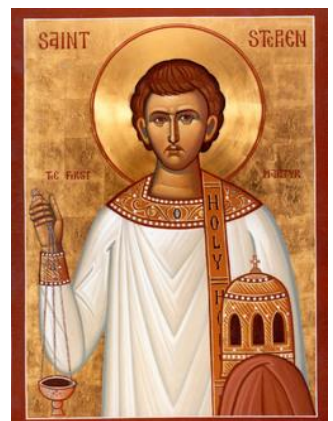
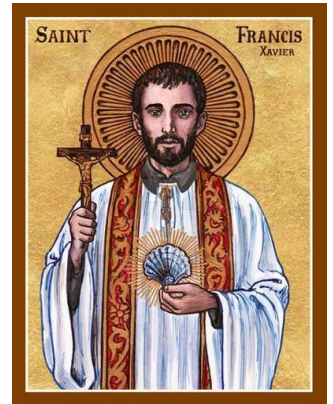
- *Counting to Christmas: Family Advent Devotions and Calendar*
- *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola
- *Angela and the Baby Jesus* by Frank McCourt
- *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry
- *Santa’s Christmas Prayer*
- *Santa’s Prayer*



Say 'Yes!' to God Advent and Christmas Calendar

We say yes to God when we reach out to others with kindness and pray to God with faithfulness and gratitude. Use this calendar in collaboration with the Family Conversations about Faith section below.

- **Nov 29** Decorate for Advent & Christmas
- **Dec 1** Get in touch with a friend you miss
- **Dec 2** Pray for the sick
- **Dec 3 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier**
He said yes to God when he knelt beside St. Ignatius as one of the first Jesuits. Later, he became a missionary to India and Japan. *St Francis Xavier, pray for us!*
- **Dec 4** Let someone go before you in line
- **Dec 5** Give someone your full attention
- **Dec 6 Memorial of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children.**
One European tradition is to put your shoes out and wake up to candy or treats! *St. Nicholas, pray for us!*
- **Dec 7** Donate toys to bring a child joy
- **Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**
Mother Mary, be at our side to inspire us as we try to be ever nearer to your Son, Jesus.
- **Dec 9** Pray for those who are lonely
- **Dec 10** Light a candle for peace
- **Dec 11** Leave a gift for your postal worker
- **Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Our Lady of Guadalupe, teach us about God's love for Native and Indigenous people. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!
- **Dec 13** Be extra kind to a shy friend
- **Dec 14** Send letters to far-away family
- **Dec 15** Pray for those who are hungry
- **Dec 16** Do a chore without being asked
- **Dec 17** Give a genuine compliment
- **Dec 18** Do a secret act of kindness
- **Dec 19** Go for a walk and pick up litter
- **Dec 20** Visit St. Joseph's and say a prayer
- **Dec 21** Write a note to an elderly neighbor
- **Dec 22** Bring friends Christmas treats
- **Dec 23** Help clean your house for Christmas
- **Dec 24** Sing Christmas Hymns with joy!
- **Dec 25** Give your family a big hug and a kiss.
- **Dec 26 Feast of St. Stephen The Martyr**
St. Stephen was a loyal member of the early Christian community. Christianity was illegal at the time and he was asked to deny his faith; he remained faithful. *St. Stephen the Martyr, pray for us!*
- **Dec 27 Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist**
- **Dec 28 Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)**
Do you have a creche or nativity scene in your house? When you look at Jesus in the manger pray: *O Divine Babe of Bethlehem Come and be Born in Our Hearts.*
- **Dec 29** Write notes to thank each person who gave you a gift
- **Dec 30** Help your family by offering to make dinner and do the dishes
- **Dec 31** Make a list of things your grateful for from 2020



Lessons I Learned from My Grandmother

Kate Hennessy, granddaughter of Dorothy Day
and author of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty*

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 | 11:30am—1:00pm via Zoom

“An intimate, revealing and sometimes wrenching family memoir of the journalist and social advocate who is now being considered for canonization.”

— The New York Times

Dorothy Day was a prominent Catholic, writer, social activist, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. What has been missing until now is a more personal account from the point of view of someone who knew her well. *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty* is a frank and reflective, heartfelt and humorous portrayal written by her granddaughter, Kate Hennessy. It has won a Christopher Award and was chosen by the *Chicago Tribune* for best spiritual writing of 2017. Copies of Ms. Hennessy's book are available in the Cathedral Bookstore (open limited hours; call 206-382-4500 for information).

We intend to record the presentation and make it available later on for those who cannot attend the Zoom session live.

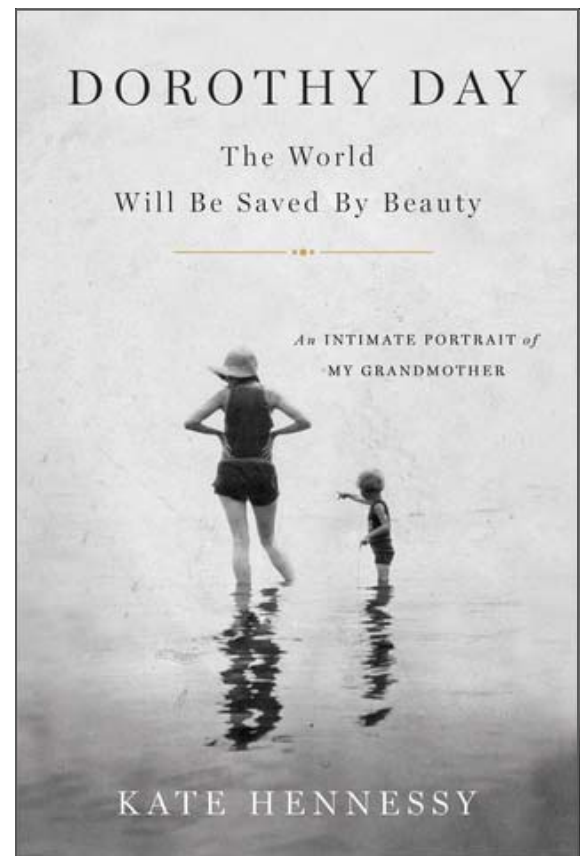


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KATE HENNESSY is a writer and the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren. She will share lessons learned from her grandmother, read excerpts from her book, and engage with questions from attendees. Kate lives in Ireland and will be joining us through Zoom.

Information and Registration, Patrick Barredo, Director of Social Outreach and Advocacy,
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JOIN US FOR THE 23RD ANNUAL
COMMISSIONING MASS

★ Simbang Gabi ★



Watch Live:

Saturday, December 12
11:00 a.m.

Facebook and Vimeo
@ArchdioceseofSeattle

Due to Covid restrictions,
this mass will be
livestreamed only.

Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
and Catholics from around the
archdiocese for this festive, colorful
and prayerful Advent celebration.

This Filipino tradition ushers
in Simbang Gabi, a novena of
Masses meant to honor the
Blessed Virgin Mary.



For more information, contact Deacon Carl Chilo at 206-382-4828

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