



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 27, 2020 * The Holy Family * www.stjosephparish.org



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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DECEMBER 27, 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 January 3, 2021

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

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A Message from Fr. Glen

Dear St. Joe's Family,

I hope and pray that you had a meaningful Christmas, full of peace and joy, even if it felt very different this year. Now we are in the midst of the Octave of Christmas, leading to the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, on January 1st. And we are all certainly looking forward to the new year! With vaccines rolling out, the end of this pandemic is finally on the horizon! Thank God.

Nonetheless, the virus is still spreading like a wildfire right now, even in our own dear city. We know what precautions we need to take in order to slow the advance of this enemy, protecting the viability of our healthcare systems against being overrun. This is why we have recently cancelled in-person Masses, as our St. Joseph community does everything in our power to beat back this virus and keep our families and neighbors safe.

I'd like to share the words of Pope Francis, from his new apostolic letter *Patris corde*, proclaiming the [Year of St. Joseph](#).

"People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, store-keepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

May God continue to bless our St. Joseph community. A very sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who stand in harm's way, in service of the common good.

~ Fr. Glen

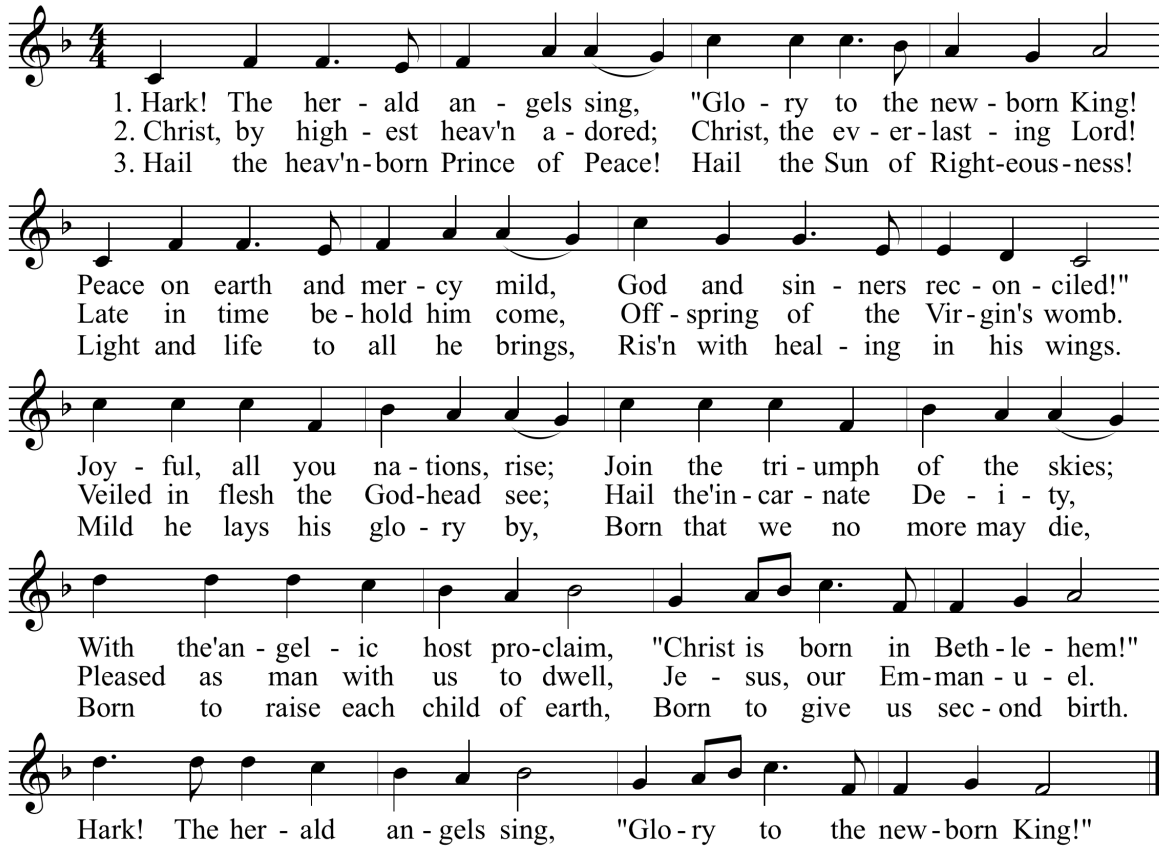
Paramedic Alan Goto was given the new COVID-19 vaccine Tuesday at UW Medical Center in Seattle. (Steve Ringman / The Seattle Times)



THE HOLY FAMILY

Entrance Song

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing! MENDELSSOHN/Wesley



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

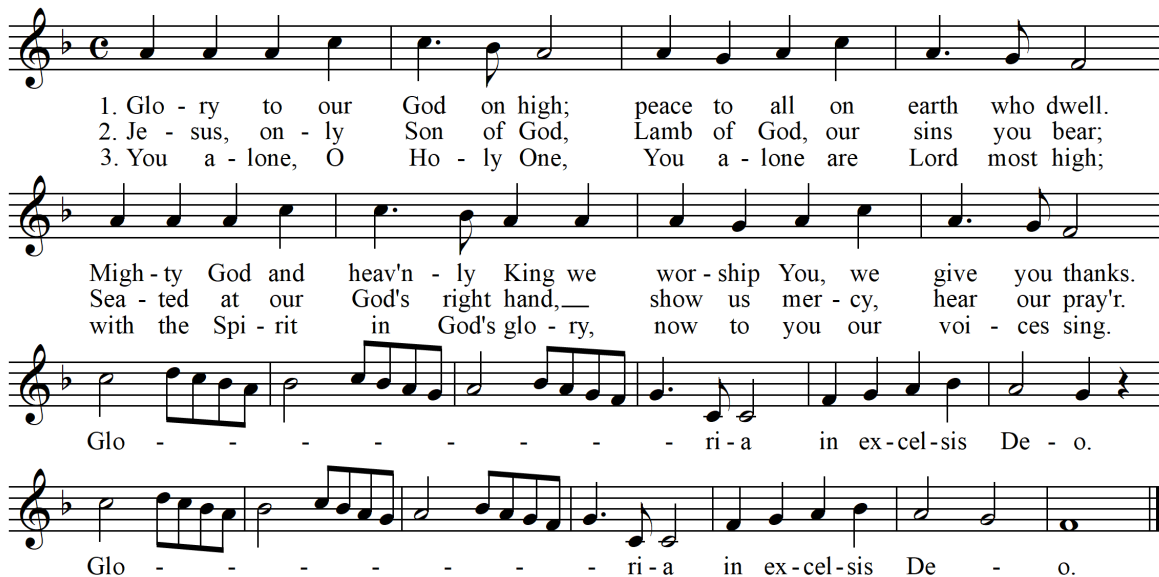
Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Gloria

GLORIA/French/Gates



1. Glo - ry to our God on high; peace to all on earth who dwell.
2. Je - sus, on - ly Son of God, Lamb of God, our sins you bear;
3. You a - lone, O Ho - ly One, You a - lone are Lord most high;

Migh - ty God and heav'n - ly King we wor - ship You, we give you thanks.
Sea - ted at our God's right hand, show us mer - cy, hear our pray'r.
with the Spi - rit in God's glo - ry, now to you our voi - ces sing.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying:

"Fear not, Abram!
I am your shield;
I will make your reward very great."

But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Psalm

Psalm 96 Sing God's Glory

INFANT HOLY/Gates

1. Sing God's glo - ry to the na - tions, let us sing a
2. Let the plains and hills be joy - ful, all that in the
3. Then shall all the trees and mea - dows, then shall all the
glad No - el. God's sal - va - tion now is gi - ven
sea a - bounds. All the trees of all the for - ests
hills on earth sing God's glo - ry, tell the sto - ry
to the peo - ple Is - ra - el. Tell the sto - ry
with God's prai - ses now re - sound. Let the hea - vens,
of the migh - ty Sa - vior's birth. For he comes to
to all na - tions, won-drous things to all the world,
let the moun - tains, let the o - ceans all re - joice,
rule the earth, to rule with jus - tice, rule with love,
of our Sa - vior Christ the Lord.
prai - sing God with grate - ful voice.
praise our God who reigns a - bove.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel Acclamation



May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

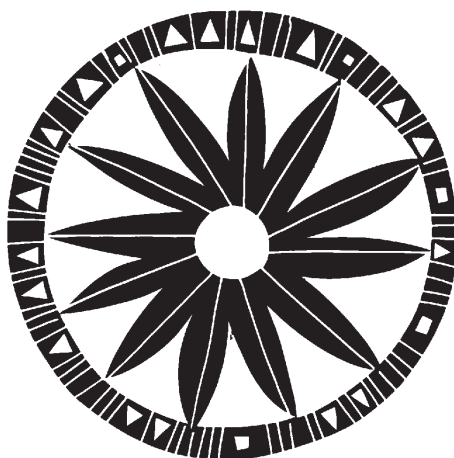
When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



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

Once In Royal David's City IRBY/Cecil Frances Alexander

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the lo - ly
ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian
was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
chil - dren all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass Of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, 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, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are'. The second staff continues with 'full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-'. The third staff continues with 'san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.' There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes in the first and third staves.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this_ bread, and drink this cup,___ we pro-claim your death O Lord,___ un - til you come a___ gain.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'When we eat this_ bread, and drink this cup,___ we pro-'. The second staff concludes with 'claim your death O Lord,___ un - til you come a___ gain.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some rests indicated by underscores.

Great Amen

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of one staff. The lyrics are 'A - men. A - men. A - - - men.' The melody is a simple, sustained note followed by a short phrase.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps). It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 2/4 time for the final phrase. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The second staff continues with 'world: have mer-cy on us. world: grant us peace.' There are first and second endings marked '1, 2' and a 'Final' section indicated by a double bar line and repeat sign.

Communion

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Chilcott

Recessional

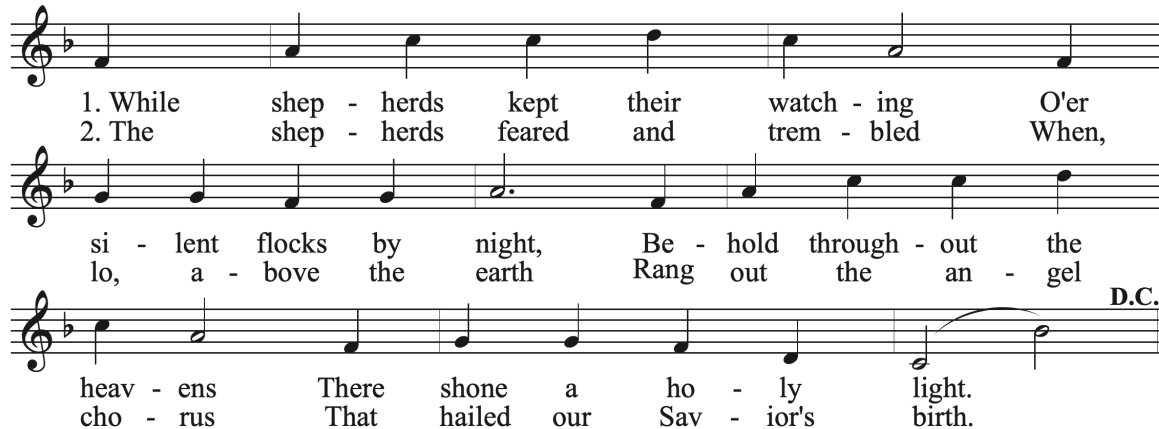
Go Tell It On the Mountain

Spiritual

Refrain



Verses



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LITURGY & WORSHIP

1st Friday Online Healing Prayer Service

January 8: 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 this month by Marykay Kreszenzia, 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: steve@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. [You can also register here for the Zoom link.](#)

ST. JOE'S IN THE NEWS

Seattle Parish Partnership Builds Solidarity and Action for Racial Equity

ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/12/15/seattle-parish-solidarity-action-racial-equity/

BY JOSIE SCHUMAN, IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK | December 15, 2020



In response to the Black Lives Matter (BLM) racial reckoning, through the call of the Gospel, Jesuit and all Catholic parishes are called to live out a faith that does justice by deepening their commitment to racial justice and equity. Two Catholic parishes in Seattle, Washington, Immaculate Conception Parish, the historically Black Catholic church in the city, originally founded as a Jesuit parish in 1891 and later transferred to the Diocese of Seattle in 1929, and St. Joseph Parish, a Jesuit parish, collaborated in order to answer this call.

In July 2020, Immaculate Conception started the *Say Their Names* BLM project and created a visual installation at their parish to honor people, many of them Black and Brown, who were killed by the Seattle Police Department in the last decade.

Dr. Ngozi Oleru, chair of Immaculate Conception's race and social justice Health & Human Concerns Commission, explained the motivation behind the project. "Immaculate Conception Parish started the *Say Their Names* project out of the realization and frustration that we were rightly mourning and condemning the deaths of Black and Brown people killed by police from across the country with no acknowledgement that the same evil was occurring right here at home in Seattle."

"If all life is sacred and racism is a sin, as the Catholic Church teaches, we should as people of faith hold ourselves to account by speaking out and working against unjust systems especially in our localities," she continued. "Local civil rights leadership is in Immaculate's DNA."

To raise awareness about the grave ills of systemic racism and police brutality, Immaculate Conception invited every parish in the South Seattle Deanery to do the same.

At the invitation of Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph's Anti-Racism Committee started their own *Say Their Names* project and installed 30 signs on the parish lawn in November, each containing the name of a person killed by the Seattle Police Department in the last 10 years. These signs were decorated by families and individuals from the parish and the community.

As an integral part of their All Souls Day celebration on Sunday, November 1, St. Joseph's held a public witness at their parish with members of Immaculate Conception to dedicate the sign installation. Members of both parishes stood in solidarity to pray and lift up each name aloud.

Cathy Murray, a member of St. Joseph's Anti-Racism Committee, facilitated the public witness and explained why the parish felt called to the *Say Their Names* project. "When we join in solidarity with them [Immaculate Conception], we are bearing witness to the effects of unjust systems and institutions that disproportionately harm our brothers and sisters based on skin color," she said.

"We bear witness in order to awaken to our own complicity in those unjust systems. We bear witness so we will work to transform those unjust systems so they are administered fairly to all."

In a letter to the entire parish, the St. Joseph Anti-Racism Committee echoed Murray's sentiments: "We believe in the Catholic doctrine that all life is sacred, and that killing, especially without trial or due process, is a result of disordered systems. We cannot accept a system that leads to the death of so many of our brothers and sisters, a disproportionate number of them Black, all loved by God and deserving of life."

They concluded, "This project is a call for reconciliation, peace, and dialogue."

To answer this call by initiating or deepening your parish's commitment to racial justice and equity, explore [ISN's resources for Jesuit parishes](#).

PARISH LIFE

Parish Council Updates: October Listening Sessions


By Cassie Chinn

There were many moments of joy. A big smile and hearty hello upon first seeing someone virtually on Zoom. Parish staff and ministry leaders welcoming groups together – though divided by our individual squares on the computer, still somehow connected to one another – and sharing updates from St. Joes. Small groups formed of six small pictures on the screen but with spirits holding one another up as they reflected on their experiences since the pandemic: How are you involved with parish life right now? What's helped you stay connected with one another to love and serve? What would help you or your group feel more of God's presence in your life? What is your Eucharist practice right now? What would you participate in the future? What would help you to foster this practice more? What do you miss the most from St. Joes?

Over 150 parishioners participated in eight sessions, including Commissions and ministries across the parish: Faith Justice, Women's Ministry, Parents of Sacramental Preparation Students, Young Adult Community, Men's Ministry, LGBTQ Ministry, and Liturgy and Worship. It was a grace to sit, listen and take notes over many of the sessions. Even though virtual, you could feel hearts ache over what we miss: in-person Mass, the physical closeness of community, and regular ministry service that formed a part of normal life for so many years. Yet, you could also feel the strength and resilience of people finding other ways to experience the Eucharist, love and serve – virtual Mass, online programming, preparing sandwiches for others and dropping them safely off at the parish, special choir presentations to amaze and lift our spirits.

We heard what would help even more. A resounding yes to fun! Opportunities to be present to one another in small groups. Less Zoom and more in-person, albeit when safe to do so and under strong safety guidelines.

Many thanks to each one who joined in, each Commission and ministry leader, and each parish staff member. Do you have more to share? We are listening to you and the Spirit at work among us. We welcome you to contact the Parish and Mission Council to share by email at pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org.





A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

Young Adult Retreat

Join us as we follow and learn from the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021
tinyurl.com/YAretreat2021

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Peace & Justice Center

St. Joe's Giving Tree – Thank You!

This was a year like no other – strange and unsettling, but also a time that brought out the very best in us. Even in the midst of a pandemic, you showed that the St. Joe's family truly embodies the spirit of generosity. This was the first year of our virtual Giving Tree, and the gifts came pouring in! Thank you to everyone who bought a gift and dropped it off or sent it to the parish. We truly appreciate each and every one.



600 Gifts!

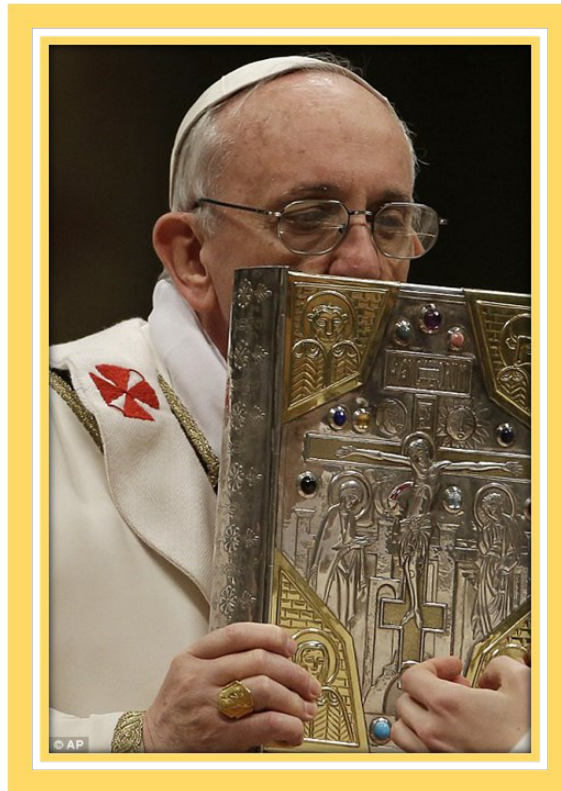
12 Organizations:

St. Francis House
CCS St. Martin de Porres
Jubilee Women's Center
Chief Seattle Club
Facing Homelessness Project
L'Arche
CCS Pregnancy and Parenting Support
Recovery Café
St. Vincent de Paul
CCS Wintonia
Casa Latina
CCS PrePares Program

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



ST. JOSEPH ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS A YEAR WITH POPE FRANCIS: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL



Bring in the New Year by discovering, *The Joy of the Gospel*! Continuing our series on the writings of Pope Francis, we have invited Anna Johnson, Regional Director for Maryknoll's US Church Engagement, to lead us through the Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Wednesday | January 13 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday | January 20 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday | January 27 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

If you do not have a copy of *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*, please contact Theresa and she will direct you how to get a copy, send handouts, and provide you the Zoom Link to join the program. The program will look at key concepts from the apostolic exhortation and break open the meaning of *Missionary Discipleship*. We will also reflect in small groups on its meaning and impact on your every day life.

**To sign up or for more info please call or email Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at
theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651**



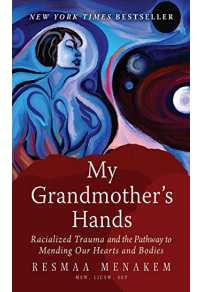
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FAITH JUSTICE

Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us Wednesday, January 13 at 7pm for a discussion of Part One of Resmaa Menakem's *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies*. We are starting with only Part One because reading and doing the accompanying exercises can be an intense experience and can take some extra time. To receive the Zoom link, please contact racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org.



Drivers Needed: Facing Homelessness Meal Program

Each week, St. Joseph's provides 75-100 sandwiches, plus other food and beverages for the Window of Kindness project, operated by the Facing Homelessness Project in the University District. You can learn more by clicking here www.facinghomelessness.org

We are looking for 1-2 folks to share responsibility for picking up and delivering donations from St. Joe's to their U. District office on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org.

We are also looking for volunteers to make sandwiches and contribute other food items on a weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis.

JESUIT SEATTLE



Ignatian Spirituality Center

Examen at the Turn of the Year: A Winter Day of Reflection

Saturday, January 2, 2021 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm PST

Online via Zoom - Mary Hartrich, Presenter

<https://www.ignatiancenter.org/winter-day-of-reflection>

Registration will close by 8:00 pm PST Wednesday, December 30, 2020 for live Zoom participation.

Many people have said that they are looking forward to saying goodbye to 2020 and hello to a new year. What better way to make that a transition more prayerful than to intentionally invite God's perspective into what you learned from your experiences this past year, and to ask for grace as you discern God's invitation for the future. This silent personal mini-retreat includes brief presentations leading you through four movements of an Examen, guidelines for prayer, and abundant time for reflection and journaling—all designed to help you look back on the previous year and look ahead to the new year with hope.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children will kick off in January and now is the time to enroll. This is the process through which children become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. These sessions will take place via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:45pm. Children who are older than the 3rd grade who have not been baptized or received First Holy Communion are warmly invited to join the group. This process will include prayer, instruction, working with a parent, and the celebration of rites of Baptism and Confirmation, and the Eucharist in the Easter season. To enroll your child in this program, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Each year,, we reflect with hope on the coming of our Lord. This year, perhaps more than any other in our recent memories, we need that hope. Not a hope based on wishful thought, distant longing, or even ambition, but the virtue of hope rooted in faith and trust that the Lord has not and will not fail us.

I find this especially true in the way the St. Joseph family has continued to support our church during the pandemic. It's been amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated time or money to our ministries, sent in a check, or kept us in your prayers - our staff couldn't do it without your support.

I also find hope in the fact that we had three new families join our parish family recently. This demonstrates that even through all the hardship, people are continuing to turn to the church for hope. Here at St. Joseph, we are blessed to have the resources to continue to provide hope to so many people who rely on our ministries as well as on our community partners.

Each year, we rely heavily on the Christmas collection and year-end giving. The toll of the COVID-19 pandemic leaves us even more in need. Our parish staff members strive daily to be dutiful stewards, but we need you to keep St. Joseph going during these difficult days! We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider, in addition to your current giving, offering a Christmas donation to support our parish community.

As we are often unable to offer in-person Mass currently, we have added three new ways for you to donate when you visit the church during Advent and Christmas. [Check out our new video Stewardship Corner to see how!](#)

Wishing all of you a safe and healthy New Year.

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