"I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard."
Jesus Saves (Huh?)

It is, perhaps, the simplest summary of the Christian faith; and in the next week or so, in a hundred different ways, we shall proclaim and give thanks for the salvation Jesus brings. We shall wave our palms and weep our tears, venerate the cross and feel the fresh water sprinkled from the Easter font. And we shall declare, with all the Church, that Jesus saves—but what does that mean? How does Jesus save?

In the history of the Church, the answer to that seemingly simple question has led to countless theories and theologies, to many conflicts and debates—and to not a few condemnations, along the way. For many of us, the question is never articulated; yet, it lives in us, implicit in how we pray and how we understand our own responsibility; in how we view creation and how we treat all those who do not yet know Christ. For if this salvation that Jesus brings is something real to us, something meaningful to us, then how it is accomplished will echo in the way we live our lives and show itself in our communion with the world. And so, before we celebrate this feast of our salvation, let’s reflect upon its source; that, with minds and hearts alive to this grace, we might receive it with greater joy.

Arising from its Jewish origins, the Christian community has always held that God alone can save us, God alone can free us from the tyranny that sin and selfishness bring upon us. Indeed, as with the Jews, Christians see salvation as communion with God, as a covenant of love, lived out between God and us. So it is, that if Christ Jesus is Savior, he must first of all be God—yet, not a distant God, immaterial and ethereal. If Jesus is God, he must also be one of us: enfleshed and living; born of a woman and raised in a family; one who ate and drank, laughed and cried. We know the land that he walked, know that he grew tired and thirsty. In opposition to those who see the world only as suffering, and see salvation only in terms of escape from this world, the followers of Jesus came to see his humanity as an affirmation of the created world—an affirmation re-enforced by the Resurrection of his body on the third day. While the world may scar us as it scarred him, Jesus’ Resurrection—complete with the wounds on his hands and feet and side—proclaims that our salvation entails not an escape from this world, but the salvation of the whole order of creation.

For many, the Incarnation of God in Jesus, i.e., the union of the Creator of the universe with this human being, is the fundamental act of our salvation. It is how God saves us. For in his own body, Jesus completes the great desire of God, he recapitulates (as St. Irenaeus says) the promise of the Creation: bringing together the human person and the divine being in a communion that can never be undone. Jesus, who is sometimes called “the New Adam,” fulfills the loving communion that the first Adam had failed to fulfill, had run from in his fear and his foolishness. In this idea of Incarnation as the means of our salvation, all people are saved by Jesus (even those who do not yet know him); for salvation comes
through Jesus, not because he does something to us, but because he fulfills, in his very being, the unity all people desire. Jesus saves us, because we are like him and he is the very image of God; thus, we, too, are that image.

Yet, if this vision of salvation through recapitulation reminds us of the goodness of Creation and of the communion Jesus gives us with God, it can also seem a bit mechanical, as though just by showing up Jesus saves us—whether we like it or not. What is our role in this communion? Furthermore, if we are saved just by the act of Incarnation, why does Jesus go to the Cross? Why does he suffer and die, the way he did? These questions, left unanswered, reduce Jesus’ life, and ours, to only one moment, without ever accounting for the continuing suffering and struggles of our world.

Though the Incarnation of God in Jesus is at the core of our salvation, it cannot be reduced to a single moment that happens in the Annunciation. Rather, the Incarnation is the whole life of Jesus in the world and his ongoing sharing of our reality. Thus, in speaking of how Jesus saves us, we must also recall his relationship to us when he was in the world—recall his teaching and example, which continue to inspire and attract us to his service. Each one of us, in each succeeding generation, has the power to come to communion with Jesus not just through our family relationship to him, but through the choices we make to listen, to imitate, to grow in love and fidelity as his follower. And if the grace of the Incarnation is enough to save any person of good will, this grace of choice and growth, this grace of discipleship, gives us a particular blessing, which we should share with evangelical joy.

In recent years, put off by the excessive talk of sacrifice and suffering, many theologians have sought to stop the notion of salvation here—i.e., with the Incarnation and the exemplary life of Jesus; yet, if we do, we diminish the fullness of God’s love, given to us in Christ Jesus. For Jesus is not just a great teacher, even a divine teacher; he is also a sacrificial offering, given to us and for us on the Cross.

The language of the Sacrifice of the Cross has elicited a great deal of bad theology, inconsistent with the vision of God and of Jesus given us in Scripture. For some, the Cross is a place of payment, where the vengeful God demands blood to forgive us our sins—an image of God that has shaped and misshaped many cultures and people. For others, the Cross is the place of legal obligation, where the Father, required by justice to demand satisfaction of humanity’s debts, meets the generosity and grace of the sinless One, who pays all the law can ask. This theory, prevalent in Catholicism for many years, leads to a legalistic image of God and of the Church, one expressed not only in our understanding of the Cross but in institutions such as the Mass and the Sacrament of Confession.

However, if we integrate the reality and brutality of the Cross into the fullness of Jesus’ story—into the Incarnation and the life that he lives—we can move away from the legalistic categories and see, perhaps more richly, the love at the root of all these moments that make-up our salvation. In the Cross, Jesus (and, therefore, God) chooses, freely to give himself to us, even at the cost of suffering and death. He could run away; he could deny his mission; he could curse the Father or us; but he remains faithful, in an act of pure sacrifice (i.e., suffering done for love). This is the fullness of the Incarnation (for he suffers as we suffer—physically, emotionally, spiritually—yet does not despair); it’s the final moment of teaching; and the ultimate sign of love. And that is what saves us. Even the Resurrection (which is the fulfillment, and not a denial of the Cross) can teach us no more.

So, let us give thanks and proclaim: Jesus saves us by his Incarnation and by his life, by his death and Resurrection. Jesus saves. Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME!

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form. Should you have any question whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at stewardship@stjosephparish.org, or 206.965.1654.

Are you interested in finding out more about St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Church? Whether you are baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, or are a former Catholic pondering a return to the Church, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the many possibilities. Find out more—with no strings attached—by calling Fr. Glen at 206-965-1643, or email gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org.
Order of Celebration - Palm
Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Introductory Rites

Prelude

Hosanna (9 & 11)  Gregor

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Praise ye the Lord on high.
All ye nations sing praise to his name. Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna - Chant (5)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy Gospel

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  Mark 11:1-10

Procession

Ride On Jesus (9)  SPIRITUAL/Haugen

Ride on, Jesus, ride, ride on, Jesus, ride,
ride on, Jesus, conquering king, ride on, Jesus, ride.

Entrance Song

All Glory Laud and Honor #402  Neale

All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer,
King! To whom the lips of Children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessed One.
And mortals, jointed with all things Created make reply.
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before you we present.
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
Great source of love and goodness, Our Savior and our King.
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.

Psallite

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me, my God?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Gospel Interlude

Taize
Homily
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful
Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song
Choir Anthem: Wondrous Love (9 & 11)
What Wondrous Love #627 (5) Niles Means

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my Lamb, who is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing soul, for my soul; To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul! sing, I will sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.
Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

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

Chant

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
Great Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

_During the Lord’s prayer, the assembly either holds hands or lifts their hands up._

Sign of Peace

_Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you._

Lamb of God

_Chant_

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

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

All Are Invited To Come Forward

_During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart._

_IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED OF A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PResIDER & INDICATE THIS._
Communion Songs

No Greater Love #628

Joncas

There is no greater love, says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend; there is no greater love, than to lay down your life for a friend.

Now We Remain #694

Haas

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

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

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Assembly: Thanks be to God.
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:00 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Childcare during Mass
10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
11:00 AM  Mass
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  RCIA

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Thursday
4:00 PM  Reconciliation
7:00 PM  Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group
12:00 PM  Reconciliation
2:15 PM  Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM  Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday
8:00 PM  Easter Vigil Mass

Recessional

Glory In the Cross

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope. Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole. There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

2. Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ, who surrendered glory and grace to become a servant of the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole. There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

3. Let us stand together at the cross of Christ where we see God's boundless love. We are saints and sinners who are joined by faith here on earth and in heav'n above. Neither birth was divine, he knelt as a slave, to wash one's common dust from our feet. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

Schutte
Track and Track Club
Registration Open Now!

Track and Field (4th – 8th graders) 2015 season practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm at Montlake Field starting in early April. The cost is $20. Spirit tee-shirts (sold separately for $15) are required to participate in CYO track meets.

Track Club (K-3rd graders) The track club program is a fun, non-competitive running club that includes some skill (throwing, jumping, running) development. There are no meets for track club. The cost is $10. Track club practices will be on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm at Montlake Field starting in early April. If you have further questions regarding track club or want to volunteer to help (and we need LOTS of volunteers) please contact the track club coordinator: Ann Marie Skov annmcummins@hotmail.com or Meg Wolfe mtwolfe@stjosephsea.org

Register by May 1: http://www.stjosephsea.org/track-field

Endowment Golf Tournament
Thursday, May 14, 2015
The Golf Club at Newcastle

St. Joseph families, friends and alumni are invited to partake in a day of golf followed by a dinner and auction. Registration for golfers will begin in early March.

Also consider other ways to give:

There are many great sponsorship opportunities available. For more information please visit http://www.stjosephsea.org/golf-tournament

The golf tournament committee is working to procure items for the evening auction following the golf tournament. Partner with the Endowment by donating gift certificates, wine, products, getaways, or any items you feel comfortable donating. Simply complete the enclosed donation form and return by email to kconnally@stjosephsea.org or mail to St. Joseph School Endowment.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities (event logistics, day of event registration, or dinner program/silent auction) please contact kconnally@stjosephsea.org

Pope-Pourri

A selection from Pope Francis homily on 8 March 2015

It will do us good today, to enter our hearts and look at Jesus. To say to Him: “Lord, look, there are good things, but there are also things that aren’t good. Jesus, do You trust me? I am a sinner...”. This doesn’t scare Jesus. If you tell Him: “I’m a sinner”, it doesn’t scare Him. What distances Him is one who is two-faced: showing him/herself as just in order to cover up hidden sin. “But I go to Church, every Sunday, and I...”. Yes, we can say all of this. But if your heart isn’t just, if you don’t do justice, if you don’t love those who need love, if you do not live according to the spirit of the Beatitudes, you are not Catholic. You are a hypocrite. First: can Jesus trust Himself to me? In prayer, let us ask Him: Lord, do You trust me?

Second, the gesture. When we enter our hearts, we find things that aren’t okay, things that aren’t good, as Jesus found that filth of profiteering, of the profiteers, in the Temple. Inside of us too, there are unclean things, there are sins of selfishness, of arrogance, pride, greed, envy, jealousy... so many sins! We can even continue the dialogue with Jesus: “Jesus, do You trust me? I want You to trust me. Thus I open the door to You, and You cleanse my soul”. Ask the Lord that, as He went to cleanse the Temple, He may come to cleanse your soul. We imagine that He comes with a whip of cords.... No, He doesn’t cleanse the soul with that! Do you know what kind of whip Jesus uses to cleanse our soul? Mercy. Open your heart to Jesus’ mercy! Say: “Jesus, look how much filth! Come, cleanse. Cleanse with Your mercy, with Your tender words, cleanse with Your caresses”. If we open our heart to Jesus’ mercy, in order to cleanse our heart, our soul, Jesus will trust Himself to us.
The Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday - April 2nd
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 3rd
2:15 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday - April 4th
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

*Please note, there is no daily 7:00 am Mass on April 2, 3 & 4.

Easter Sunday - April 5th
Masses 7:00 am & 9:00 am & 11:00 am
(Easter egg hunt for small children following the 9:00 am Mass)

Rice Bowl

Each year during Lent, our parishioners rely on the CRS Rice Bowl program as an inspiration for prayer, fasting, and giving, helping us to focus our resolve to follow Jesus’ call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives?

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

As a community, let’s once again consider these simple, yet powerful, ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life each day.

Please bring your Rice Bowls to our Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 2nd. Our entire collection from this Mass will go to benefit all the many programs of Rice Bowl.

Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Cory’s upcoming brain surgery . . . For Susan’s recovery from cancer surgery and for her follow up treatments . . . For Emilie and for Elizabeth as they each prepare for operations . . . For Chris, Michael and Jon’s health which continues to improve as they regain their strength . . . For Liz’s back to be healed . . . For Aunt Mary who has been hospitalized to be comfortable.

“The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them.”

~ Isaiah 35:10

Rest in Peace
Tina Racecic, cousin of Jack Hilovsky, who died recently.

Good Friday
Holy Land Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. St. Joseph entire Good Friday collection will be donated. For more information, visit MyFranciscan.org/good-friday.

Thank you for your generosity!
Seniors On The Go
April - No Healing Mass, please join us for any of our Triduum events.

We Are St. Joseph Events
Save The Dates!
We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner
April 24 & 25
Sounders Game - August 30th

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Calling all knitters and crocheters of all abilities and even beginners. We would love for anyone interested to join the Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry and help us continue our ministry of providing shawls and blankets to those in need of healing and prayer. Our ministry is going strong in its second year and to date, more than fifty shawls have been made by loving hands. Our inventory is low as most have been given to people in need of God's loving embrace embodied in woven creations. We meet once a month, usually the first Thursday, in the Parish Center. Our meeting dates can be found on the parish websites calendar. Our next gathering will be Thursday, April 9th from 7 to 8:30. Please join us and if you are a new knitter or crocheter we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com

Some of the beautiful prayer shawls made by dedicated knitters!

Faith Justice
Intercommunity Peace and Justice (IPJC) Benefit Dinner
Please join St. Joseph Parishioners at the Annual IPJC Benefit Dinner: A Movement in Hope
Date: April 16th
Time: 6:15 pm - Wine & Hors d’oeuvres
Location: St. Demetrios Church Hall

IPJC is one of the primary organizations in our community working for justice in the church and in the world. IPJC is sponsored by seventeen religious communities, including the Oregon Province Jesuits, and collaborates with Catholic, ecumenical, interfaith and other organizations to carry out their mission. To learn more about their work you can view a 12-minute video that describes their work: https://vimeo.com/11237893 or consult their website: http://www.ipjc.org. If you are interested in attending and would like to sit with St. Joe’s folks, please contact Vince Herberholt to register at vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

WestSide Baby
Don’t throw that old car seat in the trash! WestSide Baby accepts car seat donations, as long as they are:
-Less than 6 years old
-Have never been in a car accident
-Have never been washed with harsh chemicals
-Have not been recalled

We do not currently accept car seats that do not meet these requirements, though we are searching for a community partner that will recycle car seats that cannot be reused.
The Ignatian Spirituality Center invites you to

Discernment in Daily Life

Looking for an inner compass to help you make a life decision?

Searching for tools to make daily choices with prayerful intentionality?

Discover a process for listening to God in life decisions...

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Marilyn Nash and John Hickman, facilitating

6 Thursdays | 6:30-9:00 pm | Apr 16—May 21
St. Joseph Parish Center (732-18th Ave E, Seattle, 98112)

Cost: $150 program fee for the series. Partial work scholarships available.
$25 non-refundable registration fee due by Apr 9 to reserve your spot.

Register online at www.ignatiancenter.org by Thursday April 9.

www.ignatiancenter.org

Youthful Adult!
There will be a small group specifically for young adults (in their 20s and 30s).
If you’d like to join this small group, let us know on your registration form.
Faith Formation

St. Joseph’s Easter Egg Hunt For Children

Easter Sunday, April 5th after the 9 am Mass on the Front Lawn. (*Don’t forget to bring your Easter Baskets*)
Age ranges from 2 yrs & under up to 11 years old

Please bring: a dozen pre-filled plastic Easter Eggs (per child) in advance to the Parish office by noon on Friday, April 3rd Office Hours: M-F 8-11:30 am; 12:30-4:30 pm *Good Friday, April 4th Closed at Noon*

Meet the Easter Bunny & enjoy coffee & donut hospitality by our school’s Parent Association Board.

To help or for questions, please call or email Dottie Farewell at: dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652