



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Friday, April 2, 2021 * Good Friday * www.stjosephparish.org



GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2, 2021

Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday
on our YouTube channel
(Available for viewing throughout the week)
9:30 AM Sunday
5:30 PM Sunday

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube

Readings for April 11, 2021

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35
SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

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St. Joseph Parish Pastoral and Mission Council – A New Constitution

Did you know? The Interim Parish Council is now no longer “interim!” That’s because we recently ratified a Council Constitution and Bylaws, governing documents that lay out a path for growth for the Council, the Commissions, and the Parish as a whole. We encourage you, the People of God, to read the Constitution and Bylaws, so that we all can engage collaboratively towards the mission of St. Joseph Parish: “Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve.”

A few highlights: in Article III, you’ll read about how the Council is convened, and how you can get involved. Article V describes bi-annual meetings that are open to all registered parishioners. In the Bylaws, Section VI.3, you’ll see the procedure for bringing a motion before the Council.

The Council has numerous communications and open presentations planned to help parishioners understand the Constitution. Please check the bulletin, website, and e-newsletter for more details as they become available. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications: pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org

Click here to read the Constitution and Bylaws on our website: <https://www.stjosephparish.org/constitution>

Triduum & Easter Liturgy Schedule

Holy Thursday: April 1st 7pm (Also Livestreamed)

Good Friday: April 2nd 7pm (Also Livestreamed)

Easter Vigil: April 3rd 8:30pm (Also Livestreamed)

Easter: April 4th 7am, 9:30am, 11:30am

[*Easter Livestream Mass on YouTube: April 4th, 9:30am](#)

GOOD FRIDAY - LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

In anticipation of the service, please quietly place the kneeler in front of you on the floor.

As the ministers left following the Holy Thursday liturgy, so they enter again from the south transept, continuing the liturgy of the Triduum. At the foot of the altar, they prostrate themselves, as the assembly kneels in prayer.

Meditation

Stay Here and Keep Watch

Berthier/Taize

"Stay here and keep watch with me, the hour has come. Watch and pray"

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him—
so marred was his look beyond human semblance
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man—
so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;
for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people,
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces,
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the LORD laid upon him
the guilt of us all.

Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
and opened not his mouth;
like a lamb led to the slaughter
or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
and smitten for the sin of his people,
a grave was assigned him among the wicked
and a burial place with evildoers,
though he had done no wrong
nor spoken any falsehood.
But the LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished
through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light
in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,
because he surrendered himself to death
and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many,
and win pardon for their offenses.

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

"In manus tuas, Pater, commendo spiritum meum.
Into your hands, O Father, I now commend my spirit"



Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

In the days when Christ was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Passion Acclamation

Keep In Mind

Deiss

"Keep in mind that Jesus Christ, has died for us and is risen from the dead.
He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages"

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 18:1-19:42

Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean." He said to them, "I AM." Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They said, "Jesus the Nazorean." Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"

Interlude: Keep In Mind

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said." When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the

slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Interlude: Keep In Mind

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?" They answered and said to him, "If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." At this, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews answered him, "We do not have the right to execute anyone, " in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled that he said indicating the kind of death he would die. So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this one but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. Once more Pilate went out and said to them, Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, "Behold, the man!" When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he became even

more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, "Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews cried out, "If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench in the place called Stone Pavement, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Interlude: Keep In Mind

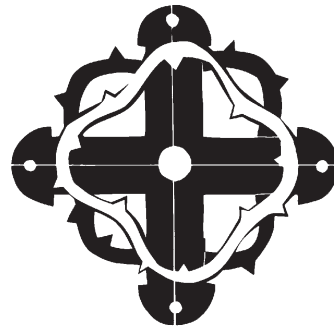
So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews." Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the King of the Jews'." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.* This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Please Kneel

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: *Not a bone of it will be broken.* And again another passage says: *They will look upon him whom they have pierced.*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.



Reflection

Jennifer Olegario

The Solemn Intercessions

The Veneration of the Holy Cross

The cross is lifted by the Elect and presented to the Parish.

The Showing of the Cross

Behold the Wood

Schutte

"Behold, behold! The wood of the cross.
On which is hung our salvation. O come, let us adore"

The Veneration of the Holy Cross

O Sacred Head Surrounded

PASSION CHORALE/Hassler/Bach St. Bernard of Clairvaux

O Sacred Head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!
The pow'r of death comes o'er you, the glow of life decays,
Yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.

In this, your bitter passion, Good Shepherd, think of me
With your most kind compassion, unworthy though I be:
Beneath your cross abiding, forever would I rest,
In your dear love confiding, and with your presence blest.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Although Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday, the community shares in communion from the Eucharist reserved on Holy Thursday. As the table is reset by those who had stripped it, the community joins in song. Even as we recall with sorrow the death of the Lord, we recall, as well, his love for us, and the mercy which feeds our soul, until he comes again.

Preparation of the Table

What Wondrous Love Is This
WONDROUS LOVE/Mean

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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,
who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on.



Jesus, Remember Me

Stanton/Wordsworth

"Jesus, remember me when I come into your kingdom"

O'Brien

Communion Song

Tree Of Life and Glory

*"Tree of life and glory, tree that heals and saves,
tree that tells the ancient story: dying, rising from the grave"*

Recessional

Adoramus Te Christe

Taize

Adoramus te Christe, benedicimus tibi. Quia per sanctum crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

We adore you, oh Christ, and we bless you for by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

After venerating the cross, please exit the nave through the side doors, and remain in silence until outside the church.

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LITURGY & WORSHIP



Palm Sunday & Easter

By Katy Huston, MAPS

We have moved through Lent, with fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the purple and rose and simple liturgies, we have strengthened our spiritual life.

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, begins Holy Week, whose color is red. As early as the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, with a procession in which they carried branches and sang the Hosanna. At St. Joseph, we have traditionally processed outside with palm branches and song. This year we will simply gather in the church.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday are all one liturgy. We begin on Thursday with the color white, and with lights and flowers and song. In the Eucharistic Procession at the end of mass, the presider carries the hosts the Altar of Repose; the church is darkened, the altar stripped. There will be time and space for your personal reflection on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The music for the procession begins our Good Friday liturgy.

The color for Good Friday is red. We will not be able to pass the large wooden cross throughout the church. We will use the first form of showing: beginning with the cross covered with a cloth, and then uncovered in three parts. We will not be able to touch the cross for veneration, but we can reach out with our eyes and our hearts. We leave in silence.

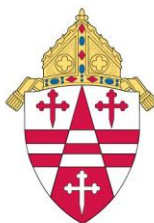
The Easter Vigil is the time when we initiate new Roman Catholic Christians into our community. We will have Baptisms of five adults. They will also be confirmed and receive their first Eucharist. There will be others who will make a profession of Faith as Catholics—they were baptized in another Christian church. And we have some who are being confirmed as adults. This is our joyous “High Holy Days” and we hope you can join in either live or online.

7am Daily Mass – Open for In-Person Attendees

We are pleased to announce that 7am daily Mass (Tuesday – Friday) is now available for in-person attendance. All are welcome!

We still have COVID protocols in place, which means the door will be locked promptly at 7am so that web-cast filming may proceed. Additionally, masks must be worn by all participants and social distancing will be enforced. Pre-registration is not necessary to attend this Mass, but we ask that you arrive at least ten minutes before 7am, as you will need to provide your name and contact info at the door.

If you would like to volunteer for the month of April to greet, usher, or lector at the 7am Mass, please email caprices@stjosephparish.org



Archdiocese of Seattle Bishops Speak Out Against Hatred

March 22, 2020 – It is with heavy hearts that we offer this statement regarding the recent acts of violence and hatred against our Asian American brothers and sisters. The recent attacks, both nationally and locally in our own archdiocese, are indicative of a new era of hatred that must come to an end.

Harm against our Asian American brothers and sisters is harm inflicted on everyone. As members of the one Body of Christ, we wish to acknowledge the pain, the fear, the anger and the stress our Asian American brothers and sisters are currently experiencing. With a history of racism, violence and suppression, these fears for this community are very real and cannot be ignored.

Today, the Asian American and Pacific Islander American communities give life to the Northwest and the Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Seattle. These brothers and sisters have a long history in this region, dating to the 1800s. They have enriched the life of the Northwest, sharing their traditions and cultures with our Catholic parishes and our communities. We are so grateful for their presence and the gift of diversity they bring to our communities.

As interconnected brothers and sisters, made in the image and likeness of God, we implore everyone to respect one another, and honor the dignity of every person. Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

Each of us can make choices to demonstrate how we stand together in love and solidarity against racist acts of hatred. By baptism, we are called to bring more love and understanding into our world. This starts with our families, our neighbors, our parishes and the larger community. We continue to pray for the protection, healing and strength of our Asian American brothers and sisters while we stand in solidarity with them and continue to address the evils of racism.

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Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

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Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

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Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

FAITH JUSTICE

Racial Justice Book Group Zoom Meeting – April 14th

Please join us Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm on Zoom for a discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and The Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. As a botanist and as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the author embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers.

In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer shows that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings are we capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learning to give our own gifts in return.

To receive the Zoom link, please contact racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org.

PARISH LIFE

Virtual Healing Service

Saturday, April 9th, 11:30am

Click [here in the online bulletin](#) or email Deacon Steve (stevev@stjosephparish.org) for the Zoom link.

Young Adult Events

Young Adult Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 6th, 7:00pm-8:15pm

Virtual (email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org for the Zoom link)

Join the young adult community to plan upcoming events and have a say on the future activities that we partake in for the months of April, May & June.

Pre-Mass Neighborhood Walk

Sunday, April 11th, 4:30pm-5:20pm

In-Person (Meet at St. Joe's Parking Lot)

Take a walk with the St. Joe's Young Adult Community and take in the beauty of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood before 5:30PM mass on Sunday, April 11th. We will meet at the St. Joseph's parking lot at 4:30 PM and head out from there on an approximately an hour-long stroll through the neighborhood. Stick around for the celebration of Mass.

Join the new Facebook Young Adult Group

Join the new official St. Joe's Young Adult Facebook Group. While St. Joe's Young Adults have had a Facebook Page for years, we wanted the ability to open up a channel of communication between community members and keep people in the loop on events, faith sharing activities, and volunteer opportunities. Join the Group here: www.facebook.com/groups/stjoesyacomunity/

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Youth and Family Activities - Join us!

At Home for Holy Week Check out this guide for some hands-on activities, thoughtful conversation starters, and ways to share faith with your youth in Holy Week and on Easter <https://www.stjosephparish.org/files/935.pdf>

April Magis This edition features lots of hands-on activities to teach your children about growth and renewal in the Easter season <https://www.stjosephparish.org/files/932.pdf>

Family Service Projects Last call! To sign up, click here. Please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org with questions or concerns.

CRS Rice Bowl: Please bring your rice bowl donations to the church during open hours or a Mass. You can hand your donations to a church attendant.



High School Youth Masses Join us on Thursday, April 22nd and Thursday, May 20th at 7pm for an 8th-12th grade youth mass with Fr. Matthew Pyrc, SJ. Contact Claire Hansen (claireh@stjosephparish.org) to sign up.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friends and Neighbors: Guild in the City

You are invited to join the Grunewald Guild and "Guild in the City" as we take our faith outdoors on Saturday, April 24th, 11am-1pm at the Olympic Sculpture Park.

Brian Johnson, the new Executive Director of the Grunewald Guild, will guide the group through the Olympic Sculpture park, sharing sacred texts for individual reflection. The Grunewald Guild is located outside of Leavenworth and hosts an in-person, summer-long program on art and faith as well as online programs throughout the year.

For registration or to learn more, please contact:

<https://grunewaldguild.com/events/guild-in-the-city-seattles-olympic-sculpture-park/>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Once again, we have made our way through Lent, this time isolated and distanced from our extended families and our church. This is not the kind of Lent we are used to experiencing together. We gave up so much more this year than in any other year most of us can remember. We gave up dinners out, strolls through stores, movies, plays, school concerts, sporting events, family visits, and so much more. Like last year, maybe Lent was more meaningful for some, measured by how much we have given up. Some are probably feeling as if have spent twelve months stuck in Good Friday! With the distribution of vaccines, though, we have new hope for an end to this deadly pandemic, and one day soon we will hear one another sing!

The mission and ministry of our church didn't stop twelve months ago, when we got the word that we needed to close our doors to slow the spread of this disease. In some ways, the demands of our mission field became more challenging, and we are needed now more than ever!

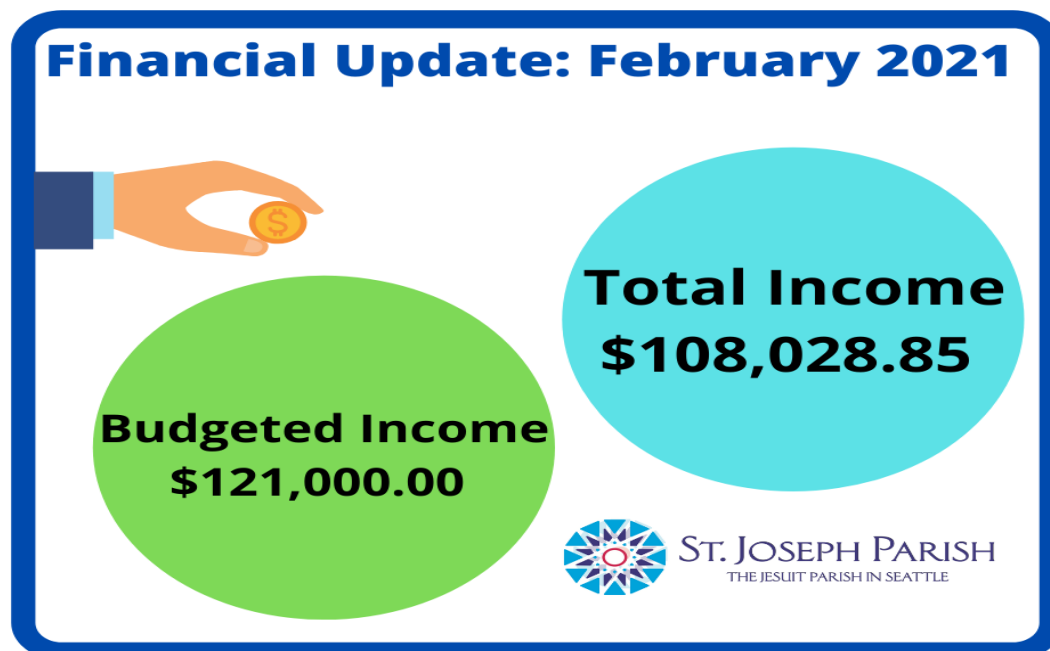
Many of us find ourselves in a very different financial situation than we were in when the year began, but if you are able, as much as your able, please continue your financial support to keep being a witness of hope to our congregation and community. This year's Easter offering will go a long way for our church to offer ministry to those in need due to this crisis. So, if you have the resources, I would invite you to pray for wisdom and generosity, and then give as God has given to you.

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

Easter Blessings,

Mary Wiseman, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship

[Click here to give online.](#)



PARISH LIFE

Life Together, in the Spirit



There are many active Parish Life ministries, communities, and service groups, and the Parish Life Commission seeks to build connections among all parts of our parish community. The Commission focuses on how we can connect across these many groups, how we can build relationships across generations, and how we can welcome newcomers and current members, whether through big events or small actions.

We are seeking new members to the Parish Life Commission. Are you interested in seeing how you can support the Commission? Contact staff liaison Mary Wiseman at maryw@stjosephparish.org

Need support during COVID-19? Call Washington Listens



What is Washington Listens?

Crisis Connections helps to facilitate a support line called Washington Listens. Washington Listens will provides non-clinical support to people who feel sad, anxious, or stressed due to COVID-19.

Washington Listens is free and anonymous. Any Washington resident can call and a support specialist will listen and help to guide you to connections within your community.

How do I access Washington Listens?

Call 1-833-681-0211. Washington Listens is staffed Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. TSR 771 and language access services are available.

You will be connected to a support specialist who will talk with you about your struggles, if you end up needing professional support the specialist will work to connect you to those services.

Partnering agencies

Washington Listens is program operated by partnering agencies to support the state.. All agencies ensure their staff are appropriate and receive training on the crisis counseling model.

- Crisis Connections
- Community Integrated Health Services (CIHS)
- American Indian Community Center (AICC)
- Colville Tribe
- Frontier Behavioral Health (FBH)
- Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare (OBHC)
- Yakama Nation
- Peer Washington
- Recovery Café
- Comprehensive
- More coming soon!

More ways of accessing services coming soon

Check out our website for updates. We are working on helping people to reach support specialists by adding text, online resources and culturally accessibility.

Contact:

Call 1-833-681-0211.

Walistens.org



ST. JOSEPH ADULT FAITH FORMATION PRESENTS A YEAR WITH POPE FRANCIS: LAUDATO SI



Celebrate Earth Day by discovering the theology and spirituality behind, ***Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home***! In continuing our series on the writings of Pope Francis, we have invited **Patty Bowman**, the former Director of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, who has presented numerous times on Care for Creation and headed much advocacy around the issue of climate change. Please join us:

Wednesday | April 14 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday | April 21 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday | April 28 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

If you do not have a copy of *Laudato Si*, 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 this encyclical, and we will 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 at
theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651**



THE MAGIS FAMILY FORMATION PROJECT

HOLY WEEK 2021

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. March’s theme is **Preparing for Jesus’ Resurrection**, corresponding with Lent and our anticipation of Easter.

LENTEN FAMILY REFLECTIONS

March 28: Palm Sunday. Mark 11:1-10

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!” - Mark 11:8-10



- Palms symbolize peace and victory, and Jesus’s entry to Jerusalem is triumphant. And yet, we also know that Jesus is entering Jerusalem to die. Why do we celebrate this?
- How do you prepare the way for Jesus?

March 29-April 3: Holy Week. Mark 14:1-15:47¹

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space to read and talk about the passion Nativity. The passion as found in Mark’s Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

- Monday -- Mark 14:1-11
- Tuesday -- Mark 14:12-26
- Wednesday -- Mark 14:27-52
- Thursday -- Mark 14:53-72
- Friday -- Mark 15:1-41
- Saturday -- Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Be open to children asking questions and responding to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”



Holy Week

QUIET TIME: GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

Good Friday afternoon is the perfect time to shut down all ‘noise’ and use the quiet time to think about Jesus’ sacrifice. Turn off tv, cell phone, media, and music for a designated period in the household. Use the time to color the image below and just be with the Lord.

¹ [Sunday Connections, Loyola Press Online](#)



Blessed
be the
God
and
Father

of our
Lord
Jesus
Christ.

which
according to
His abundant
mercy hath
begotten us
again unto
a lively

hope
by the
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from
the dead.
1 Peter 1:3

The Elect



My name is **Melissa Canfield** and I have been married for eight years. Years ago, I passed St. Joseph's on Ash Wednesday as the community still lingered on the lawn, and laughter and joy warmed the night air. As I passed the crowd, a slight tug pulled on my frayed and fragile heartstrings, and just as quickly, it was gone. In the fall of 2019, this same tug led me to attend Mass regularly, and in the following year I began the RCIA process. I have enjoyed exploring faith with the participants and the team. I look forward to our continued friendships as I become part of the St Joseph family.

Hi, my name is **Anica Carpenter**. I am in 9th grade. I have really enjoyed the insight that RCIA has given me. I hope to learn and grow in the St. Joseph community to live a kinder and more compassionate life. Yay, Class of 2024!



Hi! I'm **Kaye Chavez**. Last year I was a catechumen, accepted and elected - but not baptized due to COVID. A year later, I am very thankful for St. Joe's and the RCIA team. Throughout COVID, St. Joe's has been my primary point of community contact, I'm now a pro at Zoom and screen-sharing. During my first round of RCIA, I was nervous and overwhelmed about all of the steps, I didn't want to make any mistakes and risk getting kicked out by Deacon Steve. During my second round of RCIA (what I like to describe as a year long Lent), I am very excited to continue my faith journey at St. Joe's and grow with the church.

My name is **Brian Hayden** and I'm originally from Lake Oswego, OR. Growing up my family did not practice any faith or religion. I moved to Seattle in 1999 to attend the University of Washington and have been a Seattleite ever since. My wife Michelle and I have three children: William (6), David (3) and Hailey (1). My wife is a Catholic and we plan on raising our children in the Catholic faith. RCIA has been an awesome opportunity for me to expand my education and belief in Catholicism. Learning the history of Catholicism and having the opportunity to learn from and share with others in the group has given me a much better understanding of how Catholic teachings apply to my life. I'm looking forward to becoming a full member of the church and the community at St. Joseph!



Hello, everyone, my name is **Irene Suver**. I am 64 years old, and the journey-to-home provided by RCIA has been an extraordinary gift during this COVID year. Every Tuesday, as well as the few times we have been able to be in church together have been the bright spots and outstanding highlights of this time. While in a few weeks, I will be leaving the Seattle area for Everett, I intend to remain part of the community at St. Joe's which has been so supporting and welcoming during this rather fraught journey. I still have an office in Seattle, just a few blocks away, and intend to be an active participant in the community. I look forward to better days for all of us to come. Many thanks to Deacon Steve, Gayle Sommerfield, and all the facilitators who have lit the path so far in this process.

The Elect

Hi, my name is **Chey Tate**. I moved to Washington and started going to St. Joe's almost two years ago. I was very involved in church until college when I stopped going. Then I lost someone very close to me. My world turned upside down and became very dark. Not sure where else to turn, I found myself praying and quickly it became regularly. I slowly began to move forward and knew the thanks was owed to God. I started going back to church and I joined RCIA to become baptized so that I could do as Jesus says, because I'm so grateful for all he's done for me. After spending the last year learning about the Catholic Church, my spiritual journey has grown stronger and I know that I made the right decision. I look forward to being a part of this loving community.



The Candidates



My name is **Justin Baggett** and I grew up in Lucedale, MS. I work as a wine consultant at Downtown Spirits. I was baptized in a Southern Baptist church and often felt struck by the disparity between Christ's message and the message I was getting from the pulpit. I've attended Catholic masses off and on for a few years until last year when I began attending St Joseph's regularly with my partner, Anna Nelson, who is also in RCIA, and was excited to see so many people trying to live in concert with the teachings of Jesus. Going through RCIA has been a really faith deepening experience for me and led me to a greater appreciation for the traditions and spiritual practices in Catholicism.

My name is **Aya BonnLuders**. I grew up in Omaha, NE as a non Catholic attendee of Catholic schools. I was baptized as a Lutheran, but my family was not religious when I was growing up. Coming simultaneously from both a non religious family and a religious education imbued me with a spiritual thirst, but very little support. I explored faith and spirituality in my teenage and young adult years, following roads that turned away from Catholicism and Christianity. After all that time, I am surprised to find myself here -- yet, I am comforted. I am struggling, but acknowledged in my struggles. I have found both spiritual nourishment and support in my RCIA group and from my sponsor. RCIA has been an enriching experience that I never expected to be a part of. It's hard to articulate what brought me here. It's hard not to think it was Divine.



My name is **Anna Nelson**, and I'm 30 years old. I'm from Hazlehurst, MS and moved to Seattle in September 2016 to attend the Library and Information Science program at the University of Washington. I was raised Southern Baptist and baptized as a child at Harmony Baptist Church in Mississippi. I occasionally attended Catholic Churches as an adult, where I found the ritual of Mass comforting. I started attending St. Joseph's regularly during advent 2019, and decided that I would pursue RCIA if I continued regular attendance for a year. I worked to remain as active as possible in the church during the pandemic, and I found that the church and the community was a great comfort during an extremely hard time. Now, I'm excited to make St. Joseph's my home church and deepen my faith here. I work for the National Archives here in Seattle, and enjoy dancing in my free time. In October of 2017, I married my partner Justin Baggett, who is also a candidate in RCIA.

The Candidates

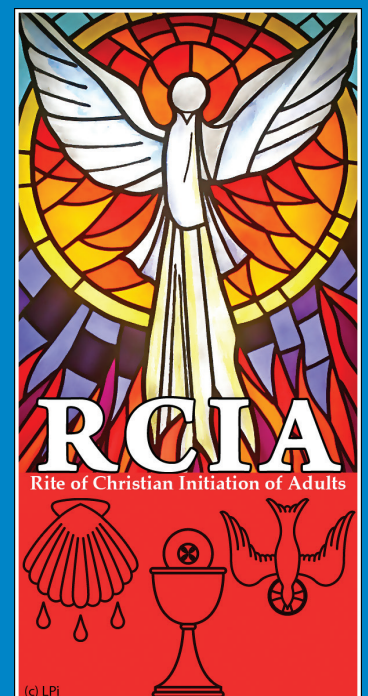
Hello! I'm **Wendy Saffel**—a longtime neighbor of St. Joe's, having lived just down the street with my family for 25 years. I was baptized, raised, and active in the Methodist church, but have been without a church home for 10 years. As I've wanted to put spirituality front and center in my life again, I visited many churches and faith traditions, and found a home in St. Joe's. I've long been attracted to the traditions and strong communities of Catholicism—and I don't need to tell you how special St. Joe's is. You've chosen this community, too. Going through RCIA has been a beautiful opportunity to dig deep into my faith, and to very purposefully choose this path. I care so deeply for my fellow RCIA explorers as we have bonded over Zoom twice a week in this pandemic. I can't wait to give them a hug someday! Deepest gratitude to my sponsor Katy Huston for her mentorship and for so patiently answering all my questions, and to the entire RCIA leadership team who dedicated so much time and support on this journey. I'm really looking forward to meeting other members of the congregation and making my relationship with St. Joe's official.



My name is **Rebecca Sargent** and I am originally from Georgia. I grew up in the Methodist Church but later became a member of a nondenominational Christian church in Georgia and after moving out here to Washington state, became a member of another nondenominational Christian church. Both of those churches could be best described as evangelical and somewhat Pentecostal, which I initially really enjoyed and identified with but over time became disillusioned with, especially over the last 5 years. I began dating my partner Curtis Himel in February of last year, and with him being Catholic, I wanted to learn more about his faith. Both of these factors led me to researching Catholicism and joining RCIA. Curtis (who is also my sponsor) as well as RCIA have been very instrumental in explaining Catholicism to me and I have grown to have an immense appreciation and respect for the Catholic faith. I am looking forward to joining the Catholic Church and deepening my faith.

Join us as we welcome our new friends in the Lord to St. Joseph!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults brings into our midst, the Elect - those who are involved in immediate preparation for initiation at the Easter Vigil, the Candidates - the baptized Christians who are preparing to become Catholic, and the Confirmandi - adults seeking Confirmation in the Catholic church.



The Confirmandi



Hello! My name is **Geena-Louise Boyce** and I am twenty-six years old. Baptised in the Catholic church as a baby, I had the privilege of attending Catholic school in Mountlake Terrace, WA for two years: kindergarten and first-grade. When I was six, my parents divorced and my mother couldn't afford to send me to St. Pius anymore. My faith stopped growing shortly after my First Communion. Then, years later in 2016 as I stumbled through young adulthood in college, I luckily found a room to rent on Aloha Street in the home of a long-time Seattlite family. They would sometimes go to their church on holidays, and I found myself wanting to go to mass on Sundays, especially with Holy Names across the street and St. Joseph's parish a stone's throw away. I felt welcomed every time I sat down in the pews at St. Joe's. Thankfully, I could recall every prayer and gesture like some sort of Catholic muscle memory. When COVID-19 hit, I began RCIA. The pandemic moved me to fortify my relationships with God and my birth family, so and I asked my mother, a Filipina Catholic, to be my sponsor for my Confirmation. I am extremely blessed to have found St. Joe's when I did, and and for RCIA giving me the competence to see the value in both consolation and desolation that faith really is all about.

Hello! My name is **Carlos Cruz**. I am originally from Baltimore, MD but I moved to Seattle with my fiancée, Emily, and our two dogs a couple of years ago. I was brought up as a Catholic by my El Salvadorian family, and along my early childhood journey I was baptized and received first communion in the Catholic Church. My faith journey was paused during my teenage and early adulthood years, but I decided to resume it after getting engaged to Emily. Getting reconnected to God and the Church before our wedding in June was very important to us and our families. I have learned and reflected so much throughout the RCIA process, and I cannot wait to be confirmed and become part of the St. Joe's community!



Hi! My name is **Victoria Torres** and I grew up in Philadelphia until my family moved here when I was a teenager. I've pretty much lived in the Edmonds area ever since. I was baptized Catholic and attended a Catholic school for my early education. Although straying away from religion all together as a young adult, I have carried those fundamental, core values that were engrained in my spirit through baptism and exposure to faith as a child. After having my son I had a deep desire to connect with God. A few years ago I started listening to a Catholic daily prayer app that was recommended to me. That daily prayer lit a fire that has been burning and since then I have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. I attend Mass weekly either at Holy Rosary in Edmonds, where my son goes to Kindergarten, or here at Saint Joe's. I'm drawn to the Jesuit philosophy and values which seem universally accessible - especially in regards to care for the whole self, human dignity for all and finding God in everything. I feel that the community at St. Joe's is a direct reflection of that Spirit. I'm overjoyed to be on this beautiful journey with you all.