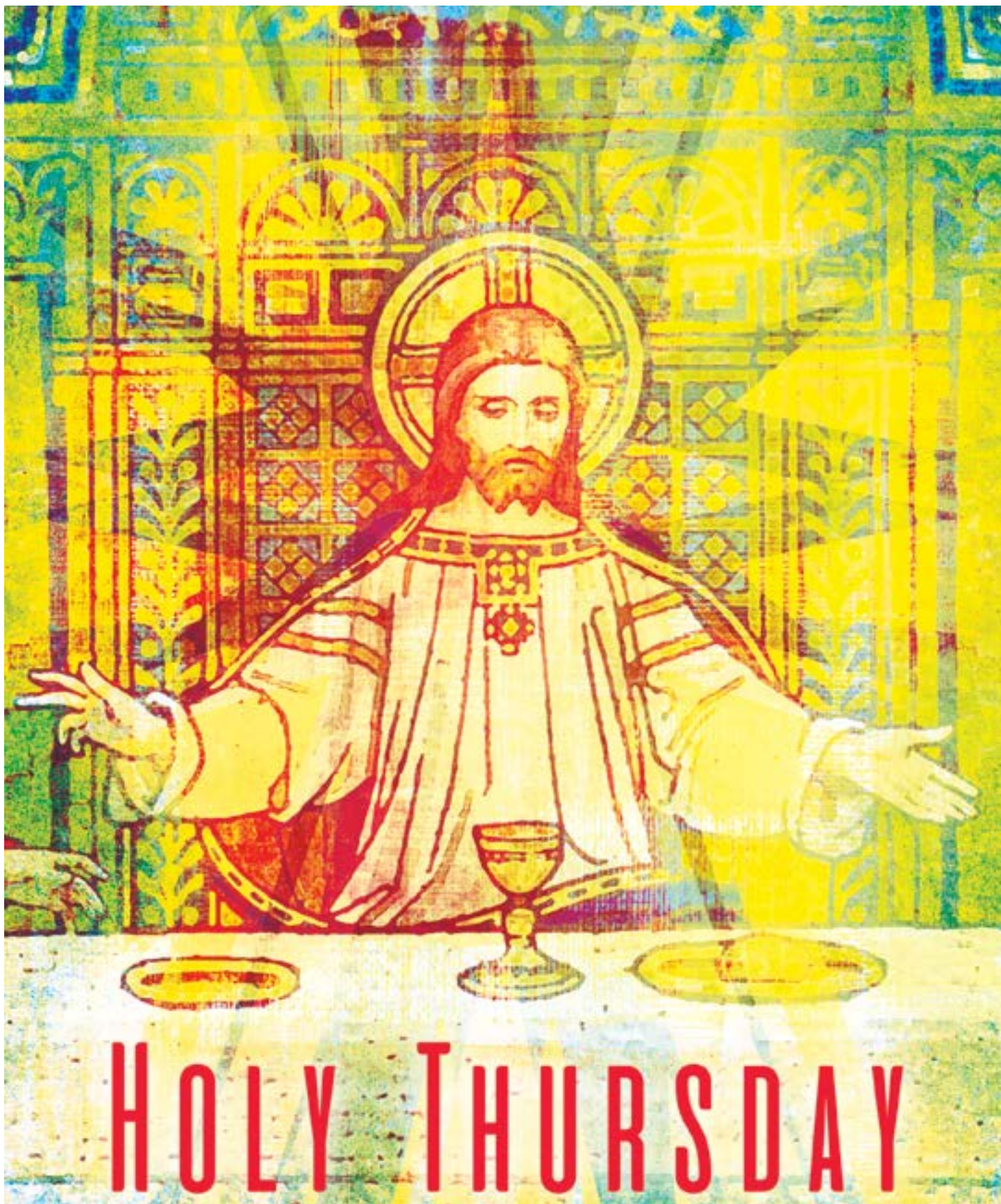




# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, April 1, 2021 \* Holy Thursday \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)





**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 1, 2021**

**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**  
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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 to not hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications: [pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org](mailto:pastoralandmissioncouncil@stjosephparish.org)

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

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## **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](#)

# HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Prelude

*Organ Instrumental on Pange Lingua*

## Procession

### *We Should Glory In the Cross*

*Janco*

"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and resurrection;  
through him we are saved and made free"

### **Bringing up the Oils - Leo Lyons, Caleb Lappenbusch, & Kaye Chavez**

*Kept in the ambry, near the altar, the three Sacred Oils of the Church, which were blessed by the Archbishop at the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, are carried in procession and received into St. Joseph. The Oil of the Catechumen, used to bless those preparing for entry into the school; the Oil of the Sick, used for the Sacrament of Anointing; and the Sacred Chrism, used for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination are brought forward by those who have received, or will soon receive, their blessing.*

***As each oil is presented, all respond: Thanks be to God.***



## Gloria

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

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



## First Reading

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

"This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."

## Psalm

### *Psalm 116: Our Blessing Cup*

*Haugen*

"Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord"

How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones;  
and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.

Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.  
In the presence of all who have called on your name,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

## Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ. King of endless glory"

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another  
as I have loved you.



## Gospel

John 13:1-15

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

## Preparation of the Altar

*Ubi Caritas*

*Hurd*

Ubi caritas est vera, est vera: Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.  
*Where love and charity are, there is God.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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

## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

## Great Amen

Amen

## Lamb of God

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

## Communion

*Song Of the Lord's Supper*

*Joncas*

*Take and Eat This Bread*

*Tate*

"Take and eat this bread, this is my body. Take and drink this cup, it is my blood.  
When you do this, do this in remembrance of me"

# Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament

*Pange Lingua*

*Plainchant*

*In a tradition that goes back to the 13th century, the Blessed Sacrament is now carried in solemn procession through the assembly to the altar of repose. Consecrated at this Mass—all previously reserved Eucharist is consumed prior to Holy Thursday—what is carried from the altar will be used for the celebration of Communion during the Good Friday services, since no Mass may be offered on that day. During the procession, the community is asked to listen to the “Pange Lingua Gloriosi” (which means, “Sing My Tongue The Savior’s Glory”)—a hymn written by St. Thomas Aquinas in honor of the great gift of this Sacrament.*

*Please kneel, if you can, during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament,  
as the Ministers pass through the church.*



## Stripping of the Altar

*After the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, all are invited to be seated. In an ancient ritual, calling to mind the Passion of Jesus, arrested and stripped of his glory, the altar is stripped—the candles extinguished, the cloth removed, the tabernacle left open. The ministers exit through the south transept.*

*You are invited to meditate and pray following the stripping of the altar,  
We return to continue the three-day Triduum Liturgy tomorrow evening, with our Good Friday service.*

## Meditation

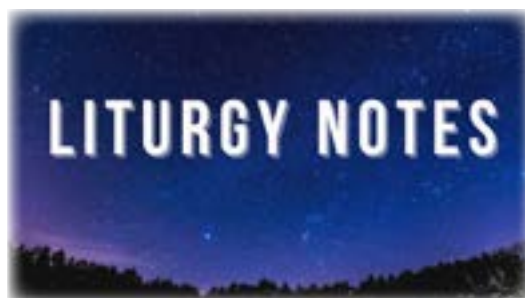
*Stay Here and Keep Watch*

*“Stay here and keep watch with me, the hour has come. Watch and pray ”*



# LITURGY & WORSHIP

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## 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](mailto: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.

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

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

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



# FAITH JUSTICE

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## 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](mailto:racialjusticebookgroup@stjosephparish.org).

## PARISH LIFE

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### Virtual Healing Service

Saturday, April 9th, 11:30am

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

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## Young Adult Events

### Young Adult Planning Meeting

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

Virtual (email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto: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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjoesyacomunity/)

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:claireh@stjosephparish.org)) to sign up.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 14:1-15:47<sup>1</sup>

**Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space to read and talk about the passion Natiative.** 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.”



#### **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.

<sup>1</sup> [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

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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

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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

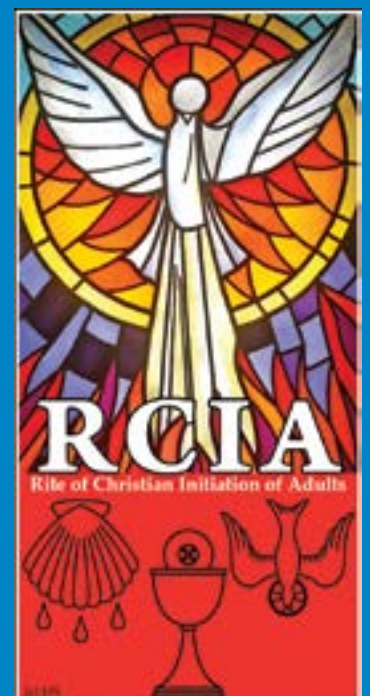
Hello! I'm **Wendy Saffel**—a longtime neighbor of St. Joe's, having lived just down the street with my family for 25 years. I was baptized, raised, and active in the Methodist church, but have been without a church home for 10 years. As I've wanted to put spirituality front and center in my life again, 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.