



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Saturday, April 3, 2021 \* Easter Vigil \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)



## *Easter Vigil*

**OUR ELECT, OUR CANDIDATES, AND  
OUR CONFIMANDI**

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*Pray with us!*

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**EASTER VIGIL**  
**APRIL 3, 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 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](#)



# THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE NIGHT

## Service of Light: The Fire & the Candle:

*On this night—when Jesus passed from death to new life, through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit—Christians across the world gather to recall the story of our salvation, and to welcome the Elect into the death and resurrection of Christ.*

*Here we begin around the fire, like our ancestors in faith, and push back the darkness by the warmth of our communion. And rising from the fire, the ember is taken to light the great Paschal Candle—the symbol of the Risen Christ, whose light overcomes the darkness of death. The Candle is marked with the Alpha and Omega—symbols of the first and the last—with the calendar year—symbol of Christ’s present being—and with the five pins that mark the wounds that Christ bears even in resurrection. The sign of his glorified humanity.*

*After the candle is lit from the blessed fire all the candles of the assembly are lit.*



## The Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)

*This ancient song, which goes back to the second century, is now sung, a hymn of resurrection.*

### First Reading

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw how good the light was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

Then God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other.” And so it happened: God made the dome, and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it. God called the dome “the sky.” Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear.” And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. God called the dry land “the earth,” and the basin of the water he called “the sea.” God saw how good it was. Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it.” And so it happened: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

### Genesis 1:1-2:2

Then God said: “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth.” And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Then God said, “Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky.” And so it happened: God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying, “Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth.” Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds.” And so it happened: God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. God saw how good it was.

Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground."

God created man in his image;  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.



God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

## Psalm Prayer

### Second Reading

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar. Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over yonder. We will worship and then come back to you." Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham: "Father!" Isaac said. "Yes, son," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?" "Son," Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." Then the two continued going forward.



## Psalm Prayer

### Genesis 22:1-18

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am," he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh; hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see."

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

## Third Reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians. Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

## Psalm Prayer



## Procession

*Psalm 136*

*Haugen*

"For your love is never ending"



## 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.

## Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

# BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH

## Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia!"

## Gospel

Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"





# Liturgy of Baptism

**Blessing of the Water**

**Presentation of the Elect with Sponsors**



**Elect**

Melissa Canfield  
Anica Carpenter  
Kay Chavez  
Brian Hayden  
Irene Suver  
Chey Tate

**Sponsors**

George Stein  
John Carpenter  
Cassie Chin  
Ed Huston  
Gayle Sommerfeld  
Christina Alley

**Litany of the Saints**

**Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith**

**The Baptisms**

**Baptismal Acclamation**

*Rejoice, Rejoice!*

*Stafford*

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Child Of God. You are baptized in Jesus Christ.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Sprinkling Rite**

"Springs of water bless the Lord. Give God glory and praise forever"

**Reception Into Full Communion**

**Confirmation**

**Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation**

**Laying On of Hands**

**Confirmation**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Preparation of the Altar**

*Instrumental*



## 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

*Holy Banquet, Feast Of Love*

*GOUIN/Dufner*

"Holy banquet, feast of love. Christ our life as bread and wine.  
One in you we pray and sing and taste of heaven's joy."

*Alleluia, Risen Christ*

*Guimont*

"Alleluia, risen Christ, we receive you, alleluia, seed of everlasting life"

## Recessional

*Join In the Dance*

*Schutte*

"Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!  
This is the feast of the love of God.  
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:  
Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!"





# 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.

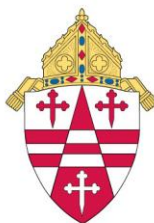
The Easter Vigil is the time when we initiate new Roman Catholic Christians into our community. We will have Baptisms of five adults. They will also be confirmed and receive their first Eucharist. There will be others who will make a profession of Faith as Catholics—they were baptized in another Christian 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.

+ *Daniel Mueggenborg*

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

+ *Paul D. Etienne*

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

+ *Eusebio Elizondo*

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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!

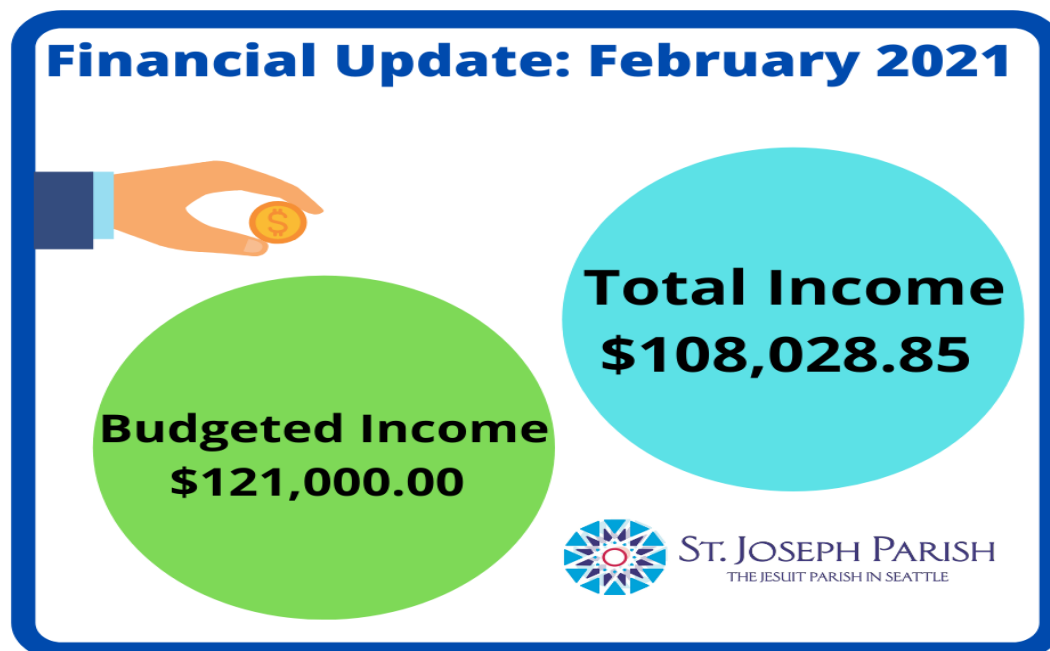
Many of us find ourselves in a very different financial situation than we were in when the year began, but if you are able, as much as your able, please continue your financial support to keep being a witness of hope to our congregation and community. This year's Easter offering will go a long way for 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.](#)





## 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.”



## 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.

<sup>1</sup> [Sunday Connections, Loyola Press Online](#)



Blessed  
be the  
God  
and  
Father

of our  
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Jesus  
Christ.

which  
according to  
His abundant  
mercy hath  
begotten us  
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of Jesus Christ  
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the dead.  
1 Peter 1:3



# The Elect

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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

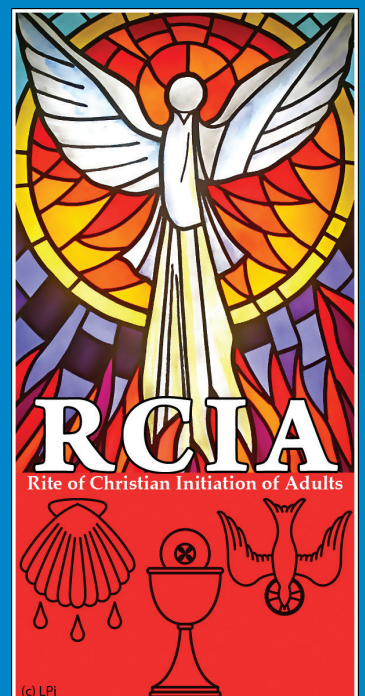
Hello! I'm **Wendy Saffel**—a longtime neighbor of St. Joe's, having lived just down the street with my family for 25 years. I was baptized, raised, and active in the Methodist church, but have been without a church home for 10 years. As I've wanted to put spirituality front and center in my life again,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

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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.