



Four Communities - One Parish Family

ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Ignited by the Eucharist to Love and Serve

St. Joseph

732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
www.stjosephparish.org (206) 324-2522
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am, 11am, 5:30pm
Livestream w/ASL 11 am
Reconciliation: By Appointment
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tues-Fri, 7am



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Worship With Joy, Work For Justice,
and Grow In God's Love*

St. Therese

3416 E Marion St, Seattle, WA 98122
www.st-therese.cc (206) 325-2711
Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-4pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am and 11am
Livestream (9am) 2nd and 4th Sundays,
(11am) 1st and 3rd Sundays
Reconciliation: By Appointment

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE

We are delighted to welcome you to the parish family of St. Joseph and St. Therese today! Whether it is your first time here or you've been coming for years, WELCOME!

Both St. Joseph and St. Therese are known for passionate social outreach, communal worship, education and care for all, and working for justice - whatever your interest, there is a place for your service within our Parish Family. Reach out and join in!

READINGS & PREACHING INFORMATION

[This Sunday - August 17, 2025](#)

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:1-4

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53

[Next Sunday - August 24, 2025](#)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

ST. JOSEPH

PRESIDING & PREACHING: MATTHEW PYRC, SJ

ST. THERESE

PRESIDING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ

PREACHING: DEACON STEVE WODZANOWSKI

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Bulletin Submissions - Please send your article or flyer to bulletin@stjosephparish.org ten (10) days before the Sunday you want it to appear (the Friday of the week before). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Caprice at caprices@stjosephparish.org

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We are blessed to have such generous communities. Our ministries and programs would not be possible without our parishioners support. Scan either QR code to give and know that you have our deepest thanks.

St. Joseph Online Giving

Scan the QR code to make a gift.



St. Therese Online Giving

Scan the QR code to make a gift.



THE WEEKLY WORD

A COLUMN WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Go forth and set the world on fire! - St. Ignatius Loyola

This Sunday's gospel seems a little peculiar, the Prince of Peace saying, that he comes not to bring peace but division, and to put father against son and so on. Furthermore, he says, "*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!*" What is going on here? I think in Jesus' heart there is a deep aching desire to see the accomplishment of the fire of God's love. Fire purifies, it is transformative, and it brings about new life. Think of the forest fires, they seem destructive and yet the seeds of new life only happen through this fire. Fire is also the symbol of God's presence, think of the burning bush, or the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, or the fire burning in the hearts of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

I am blessed to see this fire in the hearts of those who go through OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. This past Easter we baptized 15 adults and 7 additional candidates who were received into full communion. Each one had a fire or a passion in their heart. Each one had a deep desire for union with God, and the desire to serve others. In some cases, OCIA brought families closer together, and in some cases, it caused division because their faith and theology no longer matched their family's, so they gave up parts of their faith for Him. Jesus knows that there may be division caused when following his teachings, yet somehow salvation is accomplished, and unity hopefully restored.

When those who are LGBTQ join the church, they are seeking the fire of God's love and inclusion into a faith community. This isn't always easy, for some it is easier to be out as Gay than out as Catholic to their close friends and family, "Why would you become Catholic?" is a common question. Likewise, in the church community, by some, there is a mentality of "you can't be LGBTQ and Catholic." Here we see this division, and yet, like Jesus I am waiting for Holy Fire, that cleanses the church and cleanses our hearts. I long for our world to be transformed, and that all experience the Fire of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Inspired with God's love, may we go forth and set the world on fire.



Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik
Director of Faith Formation & PA Parish Life for LGBTQ, Women and Young Adults
St. Joseph Parish

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Climate Justice Committee (CJC)

Next meeting: **THU September 4** / St. Joseph Parish Center & online.

Contact: climatejustice@stjosephparish.org ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUTDOOR GEAR RECYCLE EVENT: SUNDAY, August 24

Campus Ministry at Seattle University is holding an eco-spirituality retreat in the Olympic National Park this September to introduce new students to the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and to form a community of fellow adventurers. Many participants are brand new to the area and to outdoor activities (hiking, biking, canoeing)—and on a "student budget." They need suitable outdoor gear so they can take part. You can help!

Bring your gently used **raincoats, layers, hiking boots, hiking poles, backpacks, water-proof clothing**, etc. to **Mass next Sunday**. CJC will be collecting these items in the vestibule. Questions? climatejustice@stjosephparish.org.



PARISH FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Joseph Marriage Enrichment Dinner

Please join us on Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 5:30pm for a summertime marriage enrichment social gathering at Mary and Bob Sepulveda's home/deck at 1203 20th Ave E. Seattle 98112 (corner of 20th and Highland on Capitol Hill, 2 blocks north of St. Joe's)

No formal program is planned – just fellowship, fun and potluck! St. Joe's is providing pulled pork and chicken for dinner – the menu theme is sliders and salads! Those with dietary restrictions are encouraged to bring their preferred food.

Please plan to bring beverages to share. All members of our parish family are welcome!

Please click on the link below to signup and RSVP.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AAAF2EA6F49-57770688-marriage#/>

Let us know if you have questions! stevev@stjosephparish.org



Seniors Ministry

Anointing Mass - **Please join us on Friday, September 5th at 11:30am for Mass at St. Joseph** followed by a wonderful coffee social hour on the plaza! There will be parking available in the lot. All four communities are welcome!

Senior Mass & Luncheon - **Please join us on Friday, October 4th at 11:30am for Mass**, followed by a delicious luncheon! There is parking available in the lot. All four faith communities are welcome! Mass and lunch at St. Joseph - 732 18th Ave E, Seattle.

St. Joseph Women's Ministry

Do you desire to build a community and pray with other women in the congregation in a more relaxed environment? Then come help create *Calming Kinship*!

Calming Kinship is a new group for those who identify as female to share in meaningful prayer; to build a safe and calming space for connection; and to grow into a kinship of faith and support. *Calming Kinship* will offer topics throughout the months that will include various forms of prayer, personal and group reflections and low-key activities. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 8:15PM, Mother Theresa room, in the St. Joseph parish center. Our topic on August 19th is "Faithful Friendships".

The Women's Ministry would enjoy having you to come help create *Calming Kinship*. Please note that this is open to women from all four of our communities! Join us!

Questions? women@stjosephparish.org

Parish Family Volunteers Needed

Both St. Joseph and St. Therese are looking for volunteers to help in the church. Tasks like tidying the pews, restocking envelopes, changing out bulletins, etc. If you feel like you can help in this endeavor, please reach out to Erin Smith, our Director of Operations at esmith@stjosephparish.org

PARISH FAMILY FAITH & JUSTICE COMMISSION

Immigrant Rights
& Sister Parishes

**IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS
ARE
HUMAN RIGHTS**

Racial equity

**IN THIS HOUSE
WE BELIEVE:**

BLACK LIVES MATTER

LOVE IS LOVE

SCIENCE IS REAL

FEMINISM IS FOR EVERYONE

NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING

Climate Justice



**PILGRIMS
OF HOPE FOR
CREATION**

Food Security



The unhoused



Service to the poor



Gender equity



Non-violent resistance

HOW ARE WE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

A gathering to focus and unify the Faith and Justice
mission of our parish family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9 AM - 12 PM
ST. THERESE SOCIAL HALL**

*****Please invite your friends and fellow parishioners!***
RSVP TO FAITHJUSTICE@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG**



WATCH PARTY & PRAYER

Join the St. Joseph/St. Therese parish family on September 3 for an evening of prayer, testimony, and witness on the day our Church commemorates St. Phoebe the Deacon.

09.03.2026

5-7:30 P.M. PT
Arrupe Room, St. Joseph

"THE HOLY SPIRIT CANNOT BE STOPPED!"

Paragraph 60 of the Final Document of the Synod opens pathways to expanded leadership for women. The study of restoring women to the Permanent Diaconate is still active and ongoing. On 9/3, faith communities around the world will come together virtually to pray for St. Phoebe's intercession for our synodal, diaconal Church as we continue to discern about women's participation for the sake of advancing the mission of the Church.

RSVP

The Watch Party & Prayer will be followed by a wine/cheese social.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to theresal@stjosephparish.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Both St. Joseph and St. Therese are blessed to have St. Vincent de Paul Conferences.

The generous donations of parishioners, collected after Masses (1st Sunday of the month at St. Joe's - 3rd Sunday of the month at St. T's), provide the means by which we can help people in need with food, clothing, rent, bus fare and utility bills. St. Vincent de Paul conferences have no overhead expenses, so 100 percent of donations go to help the people we visit. Supporters also donate by using the QR codes or online at either of our websites. www.stjosephparish.org or www.st-therese.cc

Donate to St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Donate To St. Therese St. Vincent de Paul Conference



If you are in need of help, please call the helpline at 206-767-6449.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Parish Family Sunday School & Sacramental Prep Registration



First Communion Prep

- The archdiocese requires two years of sacramental prep for First Communion.
- The First year is CFF1 (6 years old or first grade).
- The Second year is CFF2 (7 years old or 2nd grade)
- Offered at St. Joseph Parish from 10:15-11:00 AM on Sundays
- Offered at St. Therese Parish as part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

To register for St. Joseph First Communion Program - www.stjosephparish.org

To register for the St. Therese First Communion Program email nicoles@st-therese.cc



Middle School Confirmation Prep

- For the Sacrament of Confirmation we are offering a combined Parish Family Prep Class
- For those age 13-17, 7th grade and up
- 8 week course from September 28 through November 16
- Class will be located at St. Joseph Parish from 10:30 AM - Noon, Sundays this Fall

To register for the combined Parish Family Confirmation - www.stjosephparish.org



Sunday School at St. Joseph

- Grades Pre-K through 6th follows a traditional Sunday School format
- Offered at St. Joseph Parish from 10:15-11:00 AM during the hospitality hour
- Our curriculum assists families and loved ones in the joy-filled task of nurturing the child's own sacred relationship with God, Creation, and our local and global communities.
- Our Faith Formation team comes from all walks of life and each one has experienced the call to this ministry.

To register for Sunday School at St. Joseph - www.stjosephparish.org



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) at St. Therese

- Grades Prek-6 Montessori style
- A Montessori-based program that recognizes that we are all spiritual creatures and our task as teachers is to draw attention to what God is already doing in the lives of our children
- CGS forms the primary religious education and preparation for the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation
- Offered at St. Therese Parish on Sundays

To register for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd email nicoles@st-therese.cc

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



COME AND SEE: Is the Invitation Jesus Offers Us.

OCIA is the response to that call.

Sundays, September 28— April 26 from 3:45pm – 5:15pm

St. Joseph's Parish Center, in the Arrupe Room

- ◆ Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition, but worship regularly here at the St. Joseph and St. Therese Parish Family and want to know more?
- ◆ Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism, Full Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church?
- ◆ If so, please consider participating in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is an opportunity to explore your faith questions with others and learn what the Catholic Church teaches. It is a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Body of Christ and the Catholic Church through the sacraments.
- ◆ We begin with your faith journey, your questions about the faith, and if you discover that you want baptism, communion and confirmation, you will continue on in your journey toward becoming Catholic, but no commitment is required for the first few months of the journey.

If you are interested contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik

theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-508-3079

5:30pm Sunday Night Contemplative Mass

Join us at St. Joseph on Sunday nights at 5:30pm for a Contemplative Mass. We will feature an extended prayer time from 5pm to 5:30pm with low lighting, candles, and gentle music. Our Contemplative Mass is a response to God's call to connect with Him. It's about simply being with God. Join us, as we abide in the dwelling place of the Lord, and awaken our faith in order to enter into the presence of him who awaits us.



ST. THERESE COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

By Kaylee Schmelzer, Teacher Grade 2, St. Therese Catholic Academy

Hello from your friendly STCA garden team! It has been a joy to watch our school/parish garden come alive under the care of various students with different levels of experience. It has sparked many important lessons about the needs of plants, where food comes from, sharing in community, and the partnership between the parish and school. *No, I laugh, this is not my house... No, I'm not trespassing either.*



My goal this year has been to start simple, involve the students in everything, and dream big about a space where my passions intersect: growing, teaching, and community. Students of different ages have been part of every bit: planning, weeding, seeding, pruning, watering, harvesting, and teaching each other about the food bank. And yes, there's some tasting. For quality control, of course. So far it has been scrappy and informal. We puzzled over the plans with extra class time, planted and weeded after school, and tended with "Fun Friday" minutes. We are making regular summer school treks to prune, thin, and harvest. It's a teaching garden, so it's imperfect in its yields, but perfect in its instructional purpose. I remember who planted almost every row and what it was like to do that with them.



All the moments I've spent in this garden with students are constant reminders of why I got into teaching in the first place. This learning is relational, it's hands-on, and it means something. As we learn and grow, I have more goals too. I'd like to learn more about extended-season growing and preserving seeds. I'd like to use the garden to teach all subjects, and make it a living lab for next year's second-grade science fair entry. I'd also like to think about using the produce to support food security within the STCA community and involving families in its care. One step at a time, for now. Thank you as always for your parish partnership, from financial support to the physical space to your prayers over our students. I am so grateful to be part of this community and trusted with this project. - Kaylee Schmelzer





Kaylee and her husband this summer.

About Kaylee: I joined St. Therese this year after a few years of subbing in Bellevue. I was referred to St. Therese by a few parents who I went to church with. They told me how much St. Therese is rooted in community and feels like family. My church is passionate about serving and worshipping in the Central District and I was eager to move my teaching practice closer to home. This job was a gift from God, and I'm so happy to be here.

You're closer to God's heart in a garden than any place else on earth. – Dorothy Frances Gurney

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS



JOIN THE ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY COMMUNITY

- Service learning
- Respectful and responsible community members
- Working for justice
- Diverse and compassionate community

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Volunteers Still Needed at St. Therese Catholic Academy

The 1st and 2nd grade classrooms at St. Therese Catholic Academy are in need of volunteers to help during the 2025-2026 school year. The commitment would be 8:30-11:30am one morning per week. You would help the teacher with reading, writing and math. If you are interested in finding out more, please email us and we will connect you.

We guarantee this will be the most fun volunteer job of your life! Thank you so much for considering this opportunity to support such a valuable ministry. All parish family volunteers welcome!

Gina Purdy & Mary Brannan, maryjanebrannan@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

For the St. Joe's
Party On The Hill
Saturday, September 13
3:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn more:
www.stjosephsea.org/partyonthehill

Any questions? Contact Bridget Mountain,
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