

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 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GO OUT
TO THE WORLD
AND TELL THE
GOOD NEWS.



PSALM 117

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 24, 2025](#)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:18-21
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13
GOSPEL: LUKE 13:22-30

[Next Sunday - August 31, 2025](#)

SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A
GOSPEL: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

ST. JOSEPH

PRESIDING & PREACHING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ

ST. THERESE

PRESIDING & PREACHING: PHIL BOROUGHS, SJ

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH FAMILY STAFF

Parish Family Pastoral Coordinator - Deacon Steve Wodzanowski - stevew@stjosephparish.org - 206-531-2261
Parish Family Priest - Rev. Mike Bayard, S.J. - frmike@stjosephparish.org - 206.324-2522
Parish Family Priest - Rev. Phil Boroughs, S.J. - frphil@stjosephparish.org - 206.324-2522
Parish Deacon - Deacon Greg McNabb - deaconmcnabb@gmail.com - 206-636-3493
Parish Family Director of Operations - Erin Smith - paa@st-therese.cc, esmith@stjosephparish.org - 206-274-7630
Parish Family Director of Pastoral Ministries - Nicole St. Hilaire - nicoles@st-therese.cc - 206-720-7277
Parish Family Facilities Manager - Chris Rose - crose@stjosephparish.org - 206-809-8360
Parish Family Communication & Scheduling - Caprice Sauter - caprices@stjosephparish.org - 206-602-2627
St. Joseph - Faith Formation - Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik - theresal@stjosephparish.org - 206-508-3079
St. Joseph - Children's Faith Formation - Meredith Wright - meredithw@stjosephparish.org - 206-895-1041
St. Joseph - Pastoral Assistant for Music - Laura Ash - lash@stjosephparish.org - 206-529-4974
St. Joseph School - Head of School - Patrick Fennessy - pfennessy@stjosephsea.org - 206-324-2522 ext 218
St. Therese - Office Administrator - Catherine Pagès - office@st-therese.cc - 206-325-2711 ext 210
St. Therese - Director, Shades of Praise Choir - Kent Stevenson - kentstevensoncasablanca@gmail.com
St. Therese - Director, Spirit Choir - Joseph Rojo - joseph.spiritchoir@gmail.com - 206-325-2711
St. Therese Catholic Academy - Principal - Malcolm X. Nelson - mnelson@stcaseattle.org - 206-995-8100

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

Working in a school I'm often reminded of God's message in these readings. Whether it is lining up for lunch and recess, or being the first to volunteer or be chosen for a project, our scholars are always striving to be first. I think this is an interesting dichotomy within the western civilization. We teach our students to strive for their best, be first in their academics or in sports, and how being the best can lead to economic success such as scholarships for school. While on the other hand, Jesus is telling us the first shall be last and the last shall be first. So then the question becomes, how do we teach both these fundamentals to our youth?

As a school we try to teach these opposing concepts at the same time through various classroom jobs, and activities in/and around the school. For example, in one second grade classroom your job chart may consist of jobs such as: line leader, pencil sharpener, trash cleaning up, door holder, or teacher's assistant. Of course every student takes their job seriously and so the line leader always makes sure they are first in everywhere they go. As staff we highlight the importance of leading by example as the line leader. "You are the first to enter the building, hallway, lunch room, library, etc. You set the tone for how everyone will receive us." This is a big job because you must always be focused and ensure we enter spaces respectfully. By the same token, we have other jobs that emphasize service. The door holder, the trash personal, the pencil sharpener. These jobs highlight that being in service to one another is how we build a stronger community because no single person has to take on every cleaning task. We rotate these jobs and give everyone an opportunity to showcase their skills in different avenues so that each kid has a chance to shine, as well as see value in every job.

What is the ultimate goal? I believe that is why families choose Catholic School Education. To, from a young age, teach these two fundamental differences between the secular world of wanting to be first, and the faith world of putting others before you. We can do both in Catholic Schools and teach our youth the rhyme and reason for why it can be important and useful to be "first" and what that looks like. I.E: leading by example and what it means to be in service of one another. Leading by example is what Christ asks of us. After years of Catholic School, we hope that these lessons learned transfer into their teenage and adult lives, and they become leaders when they graduate from St. Therese. Over time, we hope to create servants for a diverse world. People who put Christ first, and in turn, others first.

Malcolm Nelson
Principal, St. Therese Catholic Academy



Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

October 4, 2025 9 am to 4 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center
Donation: \$25

Come and join us for a one-day retreat
focused on finding belonging within self,
community, and God.

Adults who identify as women,
and belonging to the Parish Family of
St. Joseph, St. Therese,
St. Patrick and St. Mary's,
are invited to this

Women's Ministry Fall Retreat
Morning coffee/tea and
lunch will be provided

You will receive any additional
information upon registration



To RSVP or for Questions,
email

women@stjosephparish.org

PARISH FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

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 CLIMATE JUSTICE

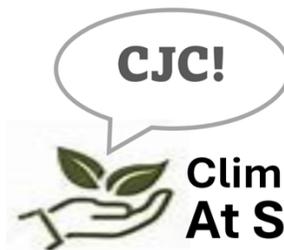
Save the Doc Holliday Legacy Forest update: St. Joe's parishioners have offered testimony and signed petitions to keep this forest from clearcutting, and miraculously it is still standing. Amazingly, community groups and the logging company have come together and worked out an alternative that will preserve the essential parts of the forest. But one more hurdle remains: persuading DNR to amend the contract. We need them to hear from us one more time, and soon. Logging has begun. All Parish Family members: Please contact Commissioner Dave Upthegrove and ask him to amend the contract with Webster Logging and save Doc Holliday. (The message can be that short.) Write to Dave Upthegrove at cpl@dnr.wa.gov or call him at 360-902-1000.

Sample message/phone script:

Hello. This is _____, and I am (a parishioner at _____). According to the DNR's forest management guidelines, the Legacy Forest Doc Holliday should never have been auctioned off. In a unique collaboration, regular citizens, public officials, environmental advocates, Tribal members, and the logging company have arrived at a very feasible alternative to destroying this treasured and beloved legacy forest while keeping financial commitments to all concerned. Mr. Upthegrove, we are now calling on you and the DNR to respect that community effort and do your part: amend the contract with Webster Logging!

More information and photos of Doc Holliday: <https://el-whalegacyforests.org/>

Next meeting of St. Joseph Climate Justice Committee is THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 at 7:00PM in the Parish Center and online. Contact: climatejustice@stjosephparish.org



**Climate Justice Committee
At St. Joseph Parish**

St. Therese Laudato Si Ministry

Care for Our Common Home Work Party
Saturday, September 20, 2025, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Join us to spruce up the grounds!
Questions or to RSVP, jvrussell85@gmail.com
Repeats every third Saturday of the month



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.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS



JOIN THE ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY COMMUNITY

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

IGNITING FAITH, MINDS, AND DREAMS SINCE 1927



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,
Community Engagement and Event Coordinator,
St. Joseph School
206-329-3260 ext. 244
bmountain@stjosephsea.org

JESUIT SEATTLE

Breaking Open the Word **THE IGNATIAN WAY**

Ministry formation programs for BIPOC and Young Adults

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, The Ignatian Way is a dual-track nine-month formation program that forms emerging leaders for public ministry in preaching and spiritual companionship, while nurturing care for the whole person with retreats and regular prayer.



IGNATIAN WAY PREACHERS

The Ignatian Way Preachers program forms persons to break open the Word with imagination, justice, and spiritual depth. The process nurtures authentic, culturally relevant proclamation for today's diverse communities.

IGNATIAN WAY SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS

The Ignatian Way Spiritual Companions program forms persons to listen, share the Word, and guide prayer in one-on-one and group settings. The process prepares them to guide others with authenticity, spiritual depth, and attention to God's movement.

PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

- Experiential learning of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- Care for the whole person through retreats, rest, and prayer
- One-on-one coaching (Preachers) or spiritual direction (Spiritual Companions)
- Enriched learning through small cohorts of diverse participants
- A funded year-end individual or team project
- Structured support for their ministry after the formation year

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

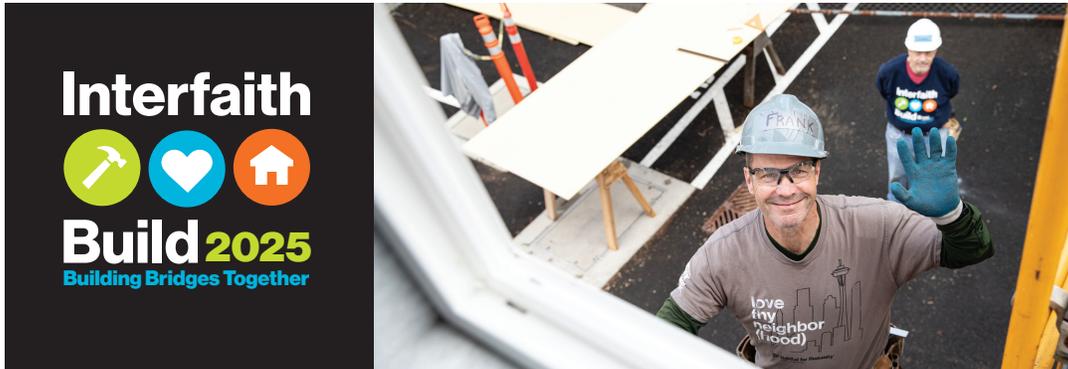
The Ignatian Way formation programs are open to BIPOC and young adult individuals who are committed to sharing their faith with others: emerging leaders, lay ministers, pastors, teachers, spiritual directors, chaplains, and others who seek to deepen a call to ministry in their community.

LEARN MORE & APPLICATION

Applications are due August 30 Visit our website at [ignatiancenter.org/ignatian-way](https://www.ignatiancenter.org/ignatian-way) or contact Carla Orlando, Ignatian Way Program Manager, at carla@ignatiancenter.org.



PARTNER MINISTRIES



Join us for fellowship and the hands-on work of Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties!

Members of all faiths are welcome! Get together with members of many faiths to volunteer your time for build activities and interfaith learning while responding to our regional housing crisis. We strive to be an example of what we can accomplish when we work together.

Join an Interfaith Build Day — taking place September 3, 4, 6, 10, 11 and 13

Organize a group or sign up as an individual — volunteers must be at least 16 years old and we will provide all the tools, safety equipment, and supervision needed for the day.

- One site, one team (15 people total), 3-4 per faith tradition
- Space for larger groups may be limited during these days.

Other ways to get involved:

- Be a speaker: we would love to have a representative on-site from different faith communities to share for 5-10 minutes each about how their faith calls them to action and service to others.
- Provide a snack: bring and serve snacks on-site with enough food for volunteers and staff scheduled for the day. We ask that food includes vegetarian options. This is a great way for youth to get involved.

Join the Faith Steering Committee

Be a part of an active group of faith community members from throughout the County meeting monthly to work with Habitat to better address the need for affordable housing.

- Represent your faith community
- Help plan faith events
- Serve as volunteer group leader
- Facilitate support conversations
- Build connections with other groups

Get involved — visit habitatskc.org/interfaithbuild

QUESTIONS? Contact Alex Wyatt, Director of Corporate and Community Programs at alex.wyatt@habitatskc.org or (206) 866-6783.



2025 Interfaith Build
SCAN TO REGISTER

every faith
can be put into action

Would your faith community consider a financial contribution to support interfaith build?

Please contact Alex Wyatt at alex.wyatt@habitatskc.org.



@habitatskc #habitatskc
habitatskc.org

MENTAL HEALTH EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Join us at this special Mass, 9/13 at 5:30pm, as we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for those who have lost a family member, friend, or colleague. We also pray that, as Church and as individuals, we can help prevent suicide by raising awareness and knowing how to help those in need.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Tues Sept 9th-Oct 28th, 10-11:30am. New grief support group starting for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. This 8-week group will be facilitated by the Director of the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry Anisa Ralls. Pre-registration required, aralls@stjames-cathedral.org or (206)382-4269