



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 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHOOSE THE  
LOWEST  
SEAT



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# 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 31, 2025](#)

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

### [Next Sunday - September 7, 2025](#)

WISDOM 9:13-18B  
SECOND READING: PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17  
GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
PRESIDING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ  
PREACHING: DEACON STEVE WODZANOWSKI  
**ST. THERESE**  
PRESIDING: NATCH OHNO, SJ  
REFLECTION: VICTORIA REIS

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**Bulletin Submissions** - Please send your article or flyer to [bulletin@stjosephparish.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

School has just begun here at St. Joe's, and one of the true gifts of academic life is the chance to begin again each year. Teachers revisit and refine lessons, students set new goals shaped by past successes and failures, and parents recommit to morning routines—yes, even to the hope that this year the kids will pack their own lunches!

In Catholic schools, we are blessed with an even greater privilege: the opportunity to keep Christ at the center of all we do. This week's Scripture readings—especially the first reading and the Gospel—offer us powerful reminders of how to keep Him at the forefront of our lives.

At St. Joe's, we often return to the call of Pedro Arrupe, SJ, to be “people for others.” One of the most important ways we can live this out is through humility, a virtue highlighted in this week's readings. Whether in holding the door for someone, singing to the seniors, learning to share, or practicing kindness with their classmates, our students are given daily opportunities to embrace humility.

Keeping Christ at the heart of our work as Catholic educators and students is not always the easy or popular choice, but it is the most important one in this moment in history. We are grateful for your prayers and support as we continue this holy work of educating and inspiring our students to reach their God-given potential.

Patrick Fennessy  
Head of School, St. Joseph School



## 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](mailto: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 3rd 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

Climate Justice Committee members recently toured the West Point Treatment Plant (WPTP) to learn about the human impact on local ecosystems. Prior to 1958 Seattle's raw sewage was discharged directly into Puget Sound and Lake Washington. The resulting filth and pollution prompted beach closures. To address this situation, WPTP was built in 1966. Now operations at the plant remove trash, organic materials, microbes, and chemicals from wastewater before it is discharged into the Sound. Our tour guide pointed out several practices to support smooth operations at the Treatment Plant. **1) Avoid creating "fatbergs". A fatberg is a large, solid mass formed in the sewer system when fats, oils, and grease combine with non-biodegradable items like wet wipes and other hygiene products. DON'T FLUSH "Flushable" Wipes. They don't biodegrade. Put them in the trash. 2) Dispose of medications safely, not down the drain or toilet. 3) Check cleaning product labels: if harmful to people, then they don't belong in the system.** CJC members encourage everyone to engage in practices that support the well-being of our ecosystems!



In normal circumstances the capacity of the WPTP combined sewer and rainwater system is adequate. However, heavy rains can cause an overflow event resulting in untreated water discharge into Puget Sound. King County is currently under a consent decree from the EPA to decrease the number such overflow events.



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

Join us at our next CJC meeting is on Thursday, September 4th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc)

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

Donate to St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Donate To St. Therese St. Vincent de Paul Conference



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Volunteer Corner-** Volunteers are the heart and soul of everything we do in our Parish Family. Check out this spot in the bulletin each week to learn how you can get involved in the ministries in the Parish Family.

**St. Joseph Funeral Hospitality** - Our beloved funeral hospitality coordinator is stepping down after many years serving families in this capacity. Could you step in and help this important and critical ministry? This would be a wonderful job for two people to partner on. If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of hospitality angels who help coordinate meals and receptions after funerals, please email Mary Ott at [funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org](mailto:funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org).

**St. Joseph Admin Assistance** - Do you like talking with people? Answering questions and directing people to the correct place? We need some weekday admin assistance at the Parish Office, days and times that work with your schedule. Includes answering the phone and door and some very light office tasks. If you think this might interest you, please reach out to Erin Smith with any questions or to help, at [esmith@stjosephparish.org](mailto:esmith@stjosephparish.org).

**St. Therese Collection Counters** - A great volunteer opportunity for you is the St. Therese Mass Collections Counting Ministry from 10-11 on Monday mornings at the Parish Center! We need three more counters in order to meet our goal of scheduling volunteers once a month. No advance math skills needed, although basic arithmetic is helpful! Please contact Catherine at the St. Therese Parish Center for more information: [Office@st-therese.cc](mailto:Office@st-therese.cc) or 206-325-2711. Thank you!

**St. Joseph Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Crew** - "Love coffee? Love people? Join the Sunday Coffee Crew and help make our parish feel like home!" "Jesus turned water into wine—can you help us turn hot water into coffee?" This ministry is more than just serving coffee and donuts . . . It's about creating a welcoming environment where relationships can grow. Shifts are short and flexible. Contact Meredith Wright to join in, at 206.895.1014 or [meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org).

**Parish Family Church Tidying** - Are you willing and able to spend some time tidying and stocking the pews? Both St. Joseph and St. Therese could use help keeping our churches ready for worship. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Erin Smith at [esmith@stjosephparish.org](mailto:esmith@stjosephparish.org).



## PARISH FAMILY SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow along with both St. Joseph and St. Therese on Facebook and Instagram!



St. Joseph - St. Joseph Parish, Seattle  
St. Therese - St. Therese Parish of Seattle



St. Joseph - @stjosephparishseattle  
St. Therese - @st.-therese-parish

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

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## 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](http://www.stjosephparish.org)  
To register for the St. Therese First Communion Program [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.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](http://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](http://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 [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.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](mailto: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

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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](http://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](mailto:bmountain@stjosephsea.org)

# PARTNER MINISTRIES

## Grief Support Group



Tuesdays, Sept 9-Oct 28, 2025  
10:00-11:30am, Pastoral Outreach Center

Are you grieving the death of someone close to you? Grief and loss can have a significant impact on our lives long after the death of the person we love. The grieving process has no timeline and is unique to each individual, but meeting with others who are going through a similar experience can provide support and help us cope.

You are invited to join this 8-week grief support group facilitated by St. James Cathedral Staff Anisa Ralls. Preregistration required.

Information and registration, Anisa Ralls, 206-382-4269  
or [aralls@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:aralls@stjames-cathedral.org)

## Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

September 13 | 5:30pm  
St. James Cathedral



If you or someone you know is in crisis, please contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Call or text 988  
Chat at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER INVITES YOU

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE  
FOR CREATION

A Trail Walk Honoring Sacred  
Salmon and Eco-Kinship

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
10 AM-12 PM  
LOCATION TBD  
ANNA JOHNSON, PRESENTER

For more information and to register, visit  
[ignatiancenter.org/pilgrimage-of-hope](https://ignatiancenter.org/pilgrimage-of-hope)

Free of charge for all!

Join the ISC for a family-friendly pilgrimage experience as we walk, pray, and share together in celebration of our local green spaces, honor sacred salmon, and reflect upon *God in all things*. Let us journey together in solidarity through reflection, encounter, prayer and community action for our common home and local ecosystem.

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