



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](http://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: Tue. 5pm - 6pm & 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](http://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: Tue. 5pm - 6pm at St. Joseph

& by Appointment

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY  
IN SMALL MATTERS IS  
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN

**GREAT ONES.**

LUKE 16:10



# 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 - September 21, 2025](#)

First Reading: AMOS 8:4-7  
SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8  
GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

### [Next Sunday - September 28, 2025](#)

First Reading: AMOS 8:4-7  
SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8  
GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13  
**ST. JOSEPH**  
PRESIDING: PHIL BOROUGHS, SJ  
REFLECTION: NICOLE ST. HILAIRE  
**ST. THERESE**  
PRESIDING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ  
REFLECTION: CARLA ORLANDO

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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

With the end of summer and the activities of fall filling our calendars, it is an ideal time to take a moment and consider the many programs and ministries our parish family provides our communities. These are possible due to the generosity of our parishioners and I am very grateful to be entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the finances for St. Joseph and St. Therese parishes. Stewardship of our financial resources allows us to carry out the mission of the Church – proclaiming the Gospel, sustaining our ministries as well as community outreach.

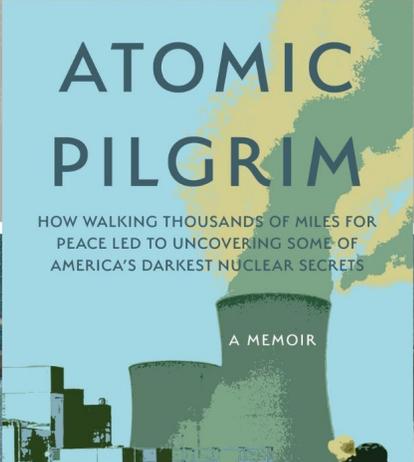
Today's Gospel passage warns us against serving "two masters," cautioning that money must never become an idol but always remain a tool for service. Just as the steward was called to give an account of his stewardship, those entrusted with parish resources must also be accountable to the communities they serve.

The privilege of parish stewardship is not only in managing resources, but in embodying trustworthiness, humility, and faith. It is about seeing beyond numbers to the lives touched, the faith nurtured, and our community strengthened by careful and prayerful management. Witnessing the impact of the work we carry out in our communities is one of the many rewards of my position. I feel blessed to serve as the Director of Operations for St. Joseph and St. Therese, know that you are always in my prayers.

Erin Smith  
Director of Operations, St. Joseph & St. Therese Parish Family



*All Parish Family*  
**BOOK STUDY**  
**TUESDAYS OCTOBER 14, 21, 28 7-8:30PM**  
**JOIN US IN THE ARRUPE ROOM AT ST. JOSEPH'S**  
**PLEASE READ: TRAIL ONE — SNACKS PROVIDED**  
**BETHLEHEM PEACE**  
**PILGRIMAGE**  
**PRIOR TO OUR FIRST MEETING**  
RSVP TO: [PAXCHRISTI@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG](mailto:PAXCHRISTI@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG)



**CATHOLIC  
NONVIOLENCE  
DAYS OF ACTION**  
**21 September -  
2 October**  
Join Pax Christi  
International and Pax  
Christi USA:  
**Pray, Study, Act,  
and CELEBRATE  
PEACE.**



# ST. JOSEPH CLIMATE JUSTICE

St. Joseph Parish



## Climate Justice Committee (CJC)

*invites the Community to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*

### **CARE FOR CREATION FORUM:** **What is my faith calling me to do now?**

Come together to reflect, connect, and form practical steps to  
**transform your inspiration into meaningful action.**

*Guests from Conservation Northwest, Green Seattle Partnership, TILTH Alliance,  
and St. Therese Academy Garden Project will share information and  
participate in breakout sessions.*

**SUNDAY, October 12, 2025**

**Light Lunch 12:00 to 12:30pm**

**Program 12:30 to 3:00pm**

**St. Joseph Parish Center, Arrupe Room**

**732 18<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle, WA**

**RSVP by THU OCT 9** at <https://creationforum.bpt.me> or click on QR CODE  
(*\$5 donation per person for lunch requested*)



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## 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





# Men's Retreat "FAITH, TRIALS & SERVICE"

**YMCA CAMP CASEY**  
**WHIDBEY ISLAND**  
 1276 Engle Road  
 Coupeville, WA 98239

<b>WHEN</b>	Friday, Oct. 17th (check-in as early as 4 PM – Retreat starts promptly at 7:45 PM). Retreat ends on Sunday, Oct. 19th (check out at 11 am).	<b>OPEN TO ALL MEN IN THE PARISH FAMILY!</b>  <b>Important</b> Depending on how many men register, you may have to share a room. If you have questions, email Deacon Steve at <a href="mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org">steve@stjosephparish.org</a>  Register using QR Code below
<b>TEAM</b>	Bret Taylor, Steve Gustaveson, John Fitzpatrick, Joe Bocek, and Tim Malone	
<b>COST</b>	\$250 Payable online – Scholarships Available	

Program includes inspiration from the team, prayer, singing, reflection time, small groups, free time: bike, walk, ultimate frisbee, rest, read, and swim.

Bring bedding or a sleeping bag, towel and personal hygiene items, snacks to share and your favorite beverages. Coffee will be provided at our lodging and meeting space.

Meals are included for Saturday thru Sunday breakfast.






## Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

**Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm**  
**St. Joseph Parish Center**  
**Cost: \$25; pay as you are able**

Come and join us for a one-day retreat focused on finding belonging within self, community, and God. We are creating a holy space, anchored in thoughtful presentations by women who represent multi-generations, races and cultures across our Parish Family. There will be large and small group sharing opportunities, an activity and a Communion Service.

**STORYTELLERS**  
**Bernadine Wentland Mary Sepulveda**  
**Nieves Noriega**  
**Sharon Spence-Wilcox**

**You will receive additional information upon registration**



**Questions? Email:**  
[women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)



# EVERYONE BELONGS

## First Sunday Food and Fellowship

October 5: meet at the back of St. Joseph Church after the 5:30 PM Mass.  
The Group will choose a local restaurant for breaking bread and community.



COMMS

### LGBTQ+ WHATSAPP

- online community: dialogue with other parishioners, share resources and stay up-to-date. Join via QR code below:



## LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

E MAIL WITH QUESTIONS: [LGBT@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG](mailto:LGBT@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG)

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# Question of the Month

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Give us feedback on our Parish Family. Our joint Parish Council wants to hear your thoughts and feelings! Check out our websites [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) or [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc) for September's question or you can fill out a hard copy located by the doors!

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## 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



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us at the 9am Mass.

September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and  
December 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Kids in grade K-5 will be dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to pray with and reflect on the scripture readings at an age-appropriate level. Parents are welcome to attend if needed or desired. Kids will rejoin their families at the offertory.**

Questions? Meredith Wright at [meredithw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:meredithw@stjosephparish.org)  
We also need middle school youth as helpers, email Meredith to volunteer.



## SpiritPlay

with

**Betsey Beckman**



8 Sessions meeting the second Tuesday of each month (mostly)  
from 9:45 - Noon | 2025-2026  
Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 16, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 17, April 14, May 19

Have you been curious about how your body might help you to pray? Betsey Beckman has been embodying her prayers since the church bells called her to dance at the age of 5! Over the past 3 decades, Betsey has developed **SpiritPlay** as a place for folks to explore the improvisational tools of **InterPlay** to help unlock the wisdom of the body as instrument of prayer.

In this class we will play with embodying lectionary readings, exploring our own sacred stories, dancing on behalf of our loved ones, singing our souls, and touching into what it means to be the Body of Christ in our world today. St. Ignatius taught that the gifts of imagination can lead us deeply into prayer ... here we engage all the senses to help us come alive in our faith.

This class is for beginners as well as return members alike. Feel free to attend the first class to see if it's a fit for you. Now in our 25th year, Betsey is happy to once again bring this class to the St. Joe's Campus!

**Location:** St. Joseph Parish Center / Mother Theresa Room / 732 18th Ave. E.

**Cost:** \$25 per class. \$175 for the Series.

**To register (for single class or series):** Contact Betsey - [BBeckdance@aol.com](mailto:BBeckdance@aol.com)



[www.thedancingword.com](http://www.thedancingword.com)



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Betsey Beckman has directed the **Movement Ministry at St. Pats & St. Joes** for 30 years, and works extensively with **Abbey of the Arts** in creating resources for prayer in movement. For more information on her work and/or **InterPlay** - check out the websites below:

[www.interplay.org](http://www.interplay.org) or [www.interplayseattle.org](http://www.interplayseattle.org)



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 5TH @  
ST JOSEPH CHURCH 12:30PM**

**FRIDAY - OCTOBER 3RD @  
ST THERESE CHURCH 3PM**

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**Bring your pets for a blessing for the Feast Day of St  
Francis of Assisi.**

**All are welcome!**



# GET TO KNOW OUR PARISH FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

## Carmen Bendixen

I've been a member of St. Joseph since around 2007. While I've been a Catholic all my life, St. Joe's was the first parish I chose myself. After a few years of being a member who mostly came to mass and then left, I got involved with the Eucharistic Minister ministry and never looked back. I'm a captain for the 11:00 mass, and the gift of sharing the Eucharist with others brings me joy every time. I'm eager to work with the PFAC on building connections among our parishes and learning how our individual relationships can build a bright future for all of us. My hobbies include being a member of multiple book clubs, long walks around my neighborhood (Green Lake), and cheering on/complaining about the Mariners.



## Karla Bocek

My husband, Joe, and I were members of St. Patrick's Parish from 1984 until it closed in 2022 and have been members of St. Joseph's Parish since then. I've been active as a lector and Eucharistic minister at St. Joe's while my husband can be found running the sound system or playing guitar in the choir. Our four children all attended St. Joseph School (and Seattle Prep) so coming to St. Joe's was a bit of a homecoming.

The Masses I've attended at St. Therese feel more like St. Pat's because of the smaller community and home-baked bread. And so, St. Therese also feels like a bit of a homecoming. I'm excited to serve on the PFAC to explore how to bring these two wonderful "homes" into one family. I believe the result will be stronger than the sum of the parts. My hobbies include hiking in the summer and snowshoeing in the winter, making Sunday dinners for the family, babysitting my two grandchildren, and watching Seahawks football. My chocolate chip cookie recipe once won second place in a contest sponsored by The Seattle Times.

## David Coffey

I began attending St. Mary's in 2008 and currently we primarily attend the 9:00am service at St. Therese. At St. Mary's I served on the Board for the Food Bank, and supported their annual fundraiser, volunteered for the Italian Dinner, and served on the Parish Council. I occasionally serve as a presider for the Spirit of St. Mary's zoom service. I was educated by Jesuit institutions for high school and for my master's degree and I'm grateful to be a part of a Jesuit parish.

I am committed to the work of the PFAC because I deeply believe that faith communities are good for us, are powerful antidotes to poverty, loneliness and despair, and because I want there to be a parish family that is thriving that my daughters (Louisa (13) and Amahlia (10) can experience. My wife Hilary and I have been married for 16 years (fun fact: we were married on Halloween!). We like to go to the ocean and we have a Great Pyrenees, Valentina, that loves to bark at everything.



## Sara Cotto

I have been attending Saint Therese church for over 20 years and help in a variety of parish ministries. My family and I live within walking distance of the church. I am in private practice as a licensed mental health counselor. I look forward to serving the church community. Fun facts about me: I love learning more as an adult than I did as a child. I am on pace to meet my goal of reading 12-15 books this year.

## Jim Dean

I was born at Providence Hospital in Seattle, and attended Catholic Grade School and High School in Ogen, Utah. After graduating from Seattle University in 1978 with a degree in chemistry, started working in schools as an educator and then administrator for 38 years at East Side Catholic and at Heatherwood Middle School, Cascade High School and Glacier Peak High School all in an area just north of Seattle Washington.

I moved on to serve as Executive Director of the Interfaith Family Shelter to help serving families with children experiencing homelessness find safe stable housing. At the end of July 2024, I retired from this and now am blissfully retired for all of one year.

I met the love of my life in June of 1984 and married her in February of 1986. Mary Helen and I have been married for just over 38 years and have four wonderful children. Our oldest Maurissa was with Mary Helen when we got married and is now living in Boise, Idaho. Mary Helen and I had one daughter Rachel between us, currently working as a transportation analyst for the Washington State Legislature. We adopted two of our 14 foster kids. James also works in transportation driving container cargo in Portland OR. Peter lives in his own apartment with caregivers. and has two jobs. His favorite one is as a grounds crew member for our local minor league baseball team.



## Brenda Fackler

I joined St. Therese Parish after a series of life-altering events helped me to get reacquainted with my faith. I am grateful for this. I live with my husband, teenage son, and two dogs (one big and quiet, one small and loud) in the Rainier Beach neighborhood of Seattle. I work in marketing and spend my days doing a whole lot of listening, talking, writing emails and making power points in the context of a complex organization helping big brands tackle big ambitions. I do much of this while walking on my treadmill at my standing desk. I love the St. Therese community and its rich history and am excited to contribute thoughtfully and prayerfully in my role on the Parish Family Advisory Council.

## Peter Heymann

After attending St Therese in the late 1990s, my wife Nicole and I began attending St Joseph in about 1999. Guided by the Spirit, I was drawn to St Joseph's faith formation programs. My faith journey soon accelerated dramatically. In ~2001 Deacon Steve invited me to complete the 6-month Cabrini Pastoral Ministry program. This led to five years of volunteer jail ministry, a graduate degree at Seattle University's School of Theology & Ministry, and four years of post-prison education ministry. At St Joseph, I helped lead the (now defunct) Winter Shelter program, taught faith formation classes for our youth, and currently serve as "chief confuser" of our lector team. I also help edit the weekly Prayers of the Faithful.



My career has focused on tech startups and NGO startups. I am attracted to projects with the potential for meaningfully changing the world. Serving on the PFAC offers the chance to respond meaningfully to the world's changes with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I bring engineering, business, ministry, and innovation skills to the task. "Fun" facts: Our three sons, two of whom are out of college, grew up at St. Joseph Parish and continue their faith journeys. Our fourth "son" is a chocolate lab who helps keep us fit as we work to keep him fit. We all try to support Nicole, who is a high-achieving businesswoman and nonprofit contributor who has helped open doors for many women in the workplace.



**Wendy Kristek**

I've been a parishioner at St. Joseph since 2015. Serving as a lector is one of the greatest joys in my life—sharing the Word of the Lord during Mass deepens my faith and connection to our parish. I'm honored to have been selected to serve on the Parish Finance and Administration Council (PFAC), where I bring my experience as CEO of a global consulting firm to help build a parish community where people come together with different ideas, and every voice is welcomed and thoughtfully considered. I choose to lead with purpose and compassion in everything I do.

One of my proudest moments of being a mother was watching my son read at the St. Joseph's Graduation Mass after graduating from Seattle Preparatory School. Outside of parish life, I enjoy sailing, cooking, gardening, and I'm a passionate sports fan who can hold my own in any game-day debate. I was humbled to be nominated as one of the most admired CEOs in the Puget Sound Journal. However, the role I treasure the most is being a mother.

**David Okada**

My wife Gloria and I landed at Saint Therese February 05, 2012. We were returning to Seattle after nine years living in the Bay Area, expecting our first child and looking for a Parish that had small faith sharing groups and felt like home, with bonus points for a gospel choir. We found all those that day as well as a warm welcome, and special "First Sunday" blessings for our February anniversary and my birthday. Later that day, we found a great place to rent down the hill in the Central District.



In our time at Saint Therese, I've been active as a lay presider, organizer for small faith sharing groups, member of the Stewardship Commission, and most recently have joined the Shades of Praise gospel choir. Our daughters have thrived in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. There are many weeks where our time at Saint Therese is the highlight. I just love it here. I'm excited to be on the PFAC to learn more about the charisms of our four communities and map out how to weave those gifts together. I'm looking forward to connecting with you and learning what you love about this parish family, what your hopes are for the future, and what you are most passionate about being a part of.

Professionally, I am a mechanical engineer working in the building industry, currently focused on energy efficiency and emission reductions in existing buildings. My hobbies are sea kayaking, rock climbing and making the perfect s'more. My stepbrother is also named David. He is a Jewish Rabbi in the Chicago area, who just went on a fact-finding mission to Israel concerning the occupation of Gaza. One of my fondest memories is traveling with him in Israel for two weeks in 2017 when he was finishing up his Rabbinic studies.



**Sharon Spence-Wilcox**

Peace be with you . I am a flawed yet faithful cradle Catholic, a Jamaican immigrant and Seattle resident for 30+ years. I joined St. Therese in 1997, and met my husband Eric in the Shades of Praise gospel choir. We were married at St. Mary's and blessed with two children, Ari and Miranda; they attended both St. Paul and St. Therese schools, and the latter's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Ms. Ari now serves as St. T's School Counselor and Miranda is finishing up her bachelors degree at Western Washington University.

In addition to singing at St. T's, I continue to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Lay Presider. I previously volunteered as School Commission parent rep, STCA PTO co-lead, and Pastoral Council member & Liturgy Commission liaison. I'm also actively engaged as a member of the Ignatian Spirituality Center's cohort of Women Companions of Color. I bring a spirit of active hope that values listening, learning, and making connections amidst the joy of the struggle as four separate faith communities come together and build relationships as one parish family. Professional experience as a community college educator includes information literacy instruction, committee and union leadership, and meeting facilitation. These are a few of my favorite things: reading, thrifting, crossword puzzling, and gliding through the air on a playground swing.

## Polly Young

I was raised in Virginia by parents who were deeply committed to living the Gospel values. Our family regularly participated in racial and social justice activities in the DC area and spent many summers hosting a Catholic family retreat center in rural Ontario Canada.

In my early twenties, I moved to Seattle as a Jesuit Volunteer and made many friendships with fellow JVs, including Steve Wodzanowski! I started at St. Therese, but soon found my spiritual home at St. Pat's where I was active for 40+ years until the parish was closed.

At St. Pat's, I served on the social justice committee, pastoral council, organizer of an alternative crafts fair, co-chair of Noel House monthly meal program, and Eucharistic Minister. At St. Joe's, I briefly served on the pastoral council before being chosen to be on the Parish Family Advisory Council.

I hope to bring my communications experience and a desire for inclusive, equitable, and grace-filled engagement among our four faith communities as we move toward becoming one unified parish family.

My wife Heidi Gemperle and I enjoy hiking, camping, traveling, volunteering and spending time with family, friends, and our dog and cat. Fun fact: my family produces maple syrup in Ontario.



*Let's come together, **share** a meal, and **connect** beyond labels to **rediscover** our shared humanity.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**  
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN THE ARUPPE ROOM**  
732 18TH AVE EAST | SEATTLE, WA

CHECK-IN 12:45PM  
**1PM - 3:30PM**

\$5 REGISTRATION FEE  
VEGETARIAN MEAL PROVIDED  
SEATING IS LIMITED TO FIRST 80

**Come with an open heart,**



**Leave with a deeper connection.**

Register:



<https://sacredconversations.bpt.me/>



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# ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

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## SPIRITUAL ROSARY

with Immigrant Detainees

**Date:** Wednesdays in October

**Time:** 5:30-6:30PM

*Spiritually join in prayer from wherever you are to pray the rosary with immigrant detainees at the NW Detention Center. We are not gathering physically, rather gathering in prayer throughout the Archdiocese seeking the Blessed Mother's protection for migrants throughout the world and especially those detained at the NW Detention Center.*

For more information, contact Terri Nelson - [terri.nelson@seattlearch.org](mailto:terri.nelson@seattlearch.org)

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## "Caring for Creation": A miniseries with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Mondays, Sept. 1-Oct. 4 | Virtual

The Archdiocese of Seattle is co-sponsoring this weekly video series during the Season of Creation. Learn more about our earth, its suffering in today's climate and how we can become better stewards of it. Sign up to get new weekly episodes in your inbox



# ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS



Stephen Brashers

## Join us for the Jubilee Year Immigration Pilgrimage **of Hope**

October 4 | 9:30am — noon  
Starts at St. Leo's Tacoma  
Ends at ICE Detention Center

To Register



Jubilee 2025  
Pilgrims of Hope