

Four Communities - One Parish Family

ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE



**ST. JOSEPH
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St. Joseph

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm
Mass Times: Sunday 9am, 11am, 5:30pm
Livestream w/ASL 11am

Reconciliation: Tue. 5pm - 6pm & by Appointment
Weekday Mass Schedule: Tue-Fri, 7am



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

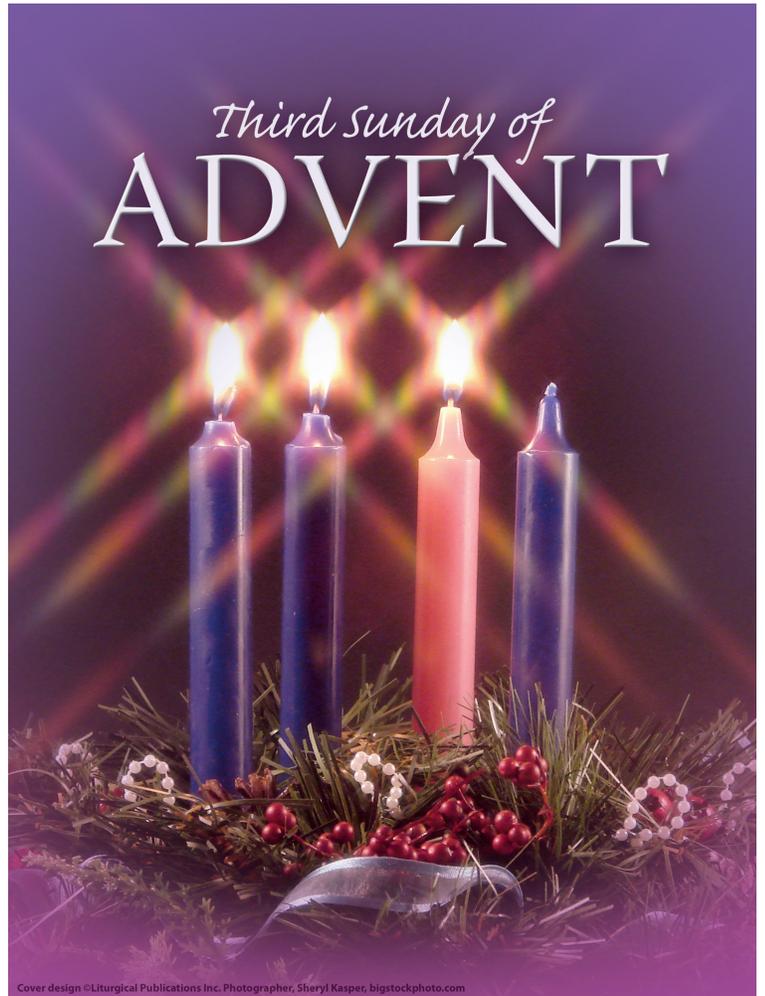
St. Therese

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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

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE

We are delighted to welcome you to our church today. Whether it is your first time here or you have been coming for years, WELCOME!

Our communities are known for passionate social outreach, communal worship, lay leadership, faith formation, and commitment to working for justice. Whatever your interest, there is a place for you within our Parish Family. Reach out and join in!

READINGS & PREACHING INFORMATION

Next Sunday - December 21, 2025

First Reading: ISAIAH 7:10-14

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

ST. JOSEPH

PRESIDING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ

REFLECTION: THERESA SHEPHERD-LUKASIK

ST. THERESE

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PHIL BOROUGHS, SJ

This Sunday - December 14, 2025

First Reading: ISAIAH 35:1-6A, 10

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:7-10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

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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



SIMBANG GABI

SIMBANG GABI means “night mass” in the Tagalog language. Originally started in the 16th Century in the Philippines, the novena of masses was held outdoors before dawn allowing farmers and other laborers to attend before starting the workday.

The novena was given special recognition from Rome and over the course of history became a cherished cultural and spiritual tradition, often characterized by the sharing of food and the hanging of parols—star-shaped lanterns which symbolize the Star of Bethlehem.

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the faith that has led the Filipino people for hundreds of years—through times of famine, war, natural disasters, and pandemics; a faith that ties immigrants to the families and homes they have left behind; a faith that shines and guides us like a lantern in the dark, or like a miraculous star in the night sky.

Disaster Relief

In the wake of back-to-back storms Typhoon Kalmaegi (Tino) and Typhoon Fung-Wong (Uwan), Filipinos in the U.S. announced the launch of the Bayanihan Disaster Relief campaign to help communities most-impacted by natural disasters. Spearheaded by the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns or NAFCON (Bayanihan is Tagalog for “community united”)

If you would like to donate to their efforts, please visit www.nafconusa.org or use this QR code.





The people who walked
in darkness have seen a
great light; those who
lived in a land of deep
darkness—on them light
has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

Walk In Joy

Parish Family Senior Advent Retreat
With St. Therese Catholic Academy 8th Grade

**Join us Monday, December 15th for a
Senior Advent Retreat led by Fr. Mike
Open to the entire Parish Family!**

We will begin with coffee and have a prayerful, joyful
time with each other. Followed by a delicious lunch
where we will be entertained by the delightful
Kindergarten from St. Joseph School.

9:30am to 1pm at St. Joseph Parish Center
RSVP to caprices@stjosephparish.org



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



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St. Joseph

Dec 24 - 4pm (Family Mass - doors open at 3pm)

Dec 24 - 7pm

Dec 24 - 10pm (includes lessons & carols)

Dec 25 - 9am

St. Therese

Dec 24 - 4pm (Family Mass)

Dec 25 - 11am



JOIN US FOR A PARISH
FAMILY ADVENT

Reconciliation Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
7PM AT ST. JOSEPH

STOP BY, WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL
PRIESTS ON HAND!

Pax Christi

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful,
and those who turn their hearts to him. Ps. 85(84):9



Calendars for Prisoners

Do you receive calendars from nonprofits at the end of the year that you end up throwing away? Or would you be interested in purchasing and donating 2026 calendars? We have two ministries that could use these!

- RISE2hope, a supported work of Jesuits West Province and a ministry of hope and healing for people behind bars, could put them to great use!
- Deacon Steve's monthly prison visits.

At this time of year, the men and women in solitary confinement cherish receiving calendars which bring beauty and colorful images to a dark place. Acceptable to the Department of Corrections are calendars with images of nature, cars, space, or animals.

If you would like to donate a calendar (or more!), please bring it in to the church or the parish center!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

We need your help this holiday season! Christmas is especially difficult for our neighbors in need. St Vincent de Paul addresses poverty across all age groups and races. Often medical, mental, or legal problems place neighbors in tough times which can threaten their ability to stay housed and warm. Your gifts are delivered with kind words and prayers.

Please remember this ministry with your separate gift to St Vincent De Paul. You can also donate using any Qualified Charitable Distribution account. Just contact us for tax identification information. Please help us put our Catholic faith into action to serve our neighbors. 100% of all donations are used to serve our neighbors.

Donate to St. Joseph
St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Donate To St. Therese
St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Supporters also donate by using the QR codes or online at either of our websites. www.stjosephparish.org
or www.st-therese.cc

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

THE FOOD BANK @ ST. MARY'S

On Thanksgiving Day, not only did our parish family bring in many pounds of food for the Food Bank @ St. Mary's, we also collected \$1,547 in the offertory to support their vital work.



The
FOOD BANK
@ST. MARY'S

Thank you to all who contributed!

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 Parish Family.

St. Therese Finance Council -Is your background in accounting or finance? Perhaps even an attorney? We could use your help on the St. T's Finance Council. Please reach out to Erin Smith, Director of Operations if you want to volunteer. esmith@st-therese.cc

St. Joe's Facilities Committee - We are looking for folks who have experience in facilities management, construction, or capital planning, etc. If your expertise in any of these areas leads you to think about volunteering, please reach out to Erin Smith at esmith@stjosephparish.org

St. Therese Livestream Volunteers - Are you available to help on the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings? We will happily train you for this fun and easy job during Mass. Please reach out to Nicole St. Hilaire at nicoles@st-therese.cc

Welcome Deacon Joe & Marilyn Mauriello

Deacon Joe Bio: A cradle Catholic, I always had a strong desire to help people. Medicine satisfied that desire. My uncle, an infectious disease specialist in NJ, was the first of several mentors. Awarded an MD in 1976, I pursued ophthalmic plastic surgery, a blend of medicine and surgery of the eyelids, tears ducts, and orbit. The field was just emerging when I completed fellowship training in Philadelphia in the early 1980's. In medical practice, the surgeon develops a special bond with each patient. Collaboration with other surgeons and medical specialists helped patients with more complex medical problems at the Medical School in Newark, NJ. We published books and journal articles and presented our observations at medical meetings to share ever increasing knowledge.

My wife Marilyn and I have been married for 50 years. We have two sons, both married, one in Redmond with two grandchildren and one in San Francisco. In 2010, Marilyn and I moved to beautiful Daniel Island, a new community near Charleston SC. I was offered a position at the Medical University in ophthalmic plastic surgery. After 6 months, I sensed it was time for me to step back from medicine. We worshipped at daily Mass at a large parish in nearby Mt. Pleasant and joined a small group of parishioners who prayed the rosary after Mass. I had the privilege of sponsoring 3 candidates in RCIA.

Then, in 2013, I did a life-changing Cursillo, a 3-day encounter with Christ. At one of our weekly groups after the Cursillo, my sponsor who was in formation to be a deacon said to me, "Joe, you are on fire—you should be a deacon." After 4.5 years of diaconate formation and many weekends with Marilyn, I was awarded a Masters in Theology and was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Charleston in February, 2019. Marilyn later became a spiritual and retreat director. Being a deacon is one big gift. It involved bringing Holy Communion to the prison, to the hospital, and to the assisted living and nursing homes. Our Pastor kept all five deacons busy with baptisms, funerals, and other parish wide and diocesan projects. Our Pastor gradually introduced 24-hour 1st Friday Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Covid that continues today and involves the deacons. In Monthly Cursillo Ultreya meetings, the deacons preside over Exposition, Adoration and Benedictions.

Now in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, Marilyn and I are so grateful to be with family on the same coast for the first time in over a decade. We received such a warm welcome at St. Joseph Church since we arrived this past July. We visited many parish families but the St. Joseph Parish Family drew us into their loving community. The weekday 7 AM morning Masses with Fathers Mike, Phil, and Bob and the community of early risers start each day. We really enjoy St. Therese Masses. We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve the St. Joseph-St. Therese Parish Family!



“Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the **joy** of our hope.”

(Laudato Si', 244)

This is the 3rd or “Gaudate” (*Latin: Rejoice!*) Sunday of Advent:

JOY! because the Lord is near...

God took great **joy** in the goodness of Creation. We are a part of that Creation! God’s Love for us is eternal and runs deep—a spring of Hope and Resilience to quench our thirst, especially in difficult times. News about climate change and the environment can be overwhelming, but the more we come to know about Nature, the more we learn about how she heals and what we truly need.

"Happiness means knowing how to limit some needs which only diminish us, and being open to the many different possibilities which life can offer." (Laudato Si', 223)



Next CJC meeting:
MON JAN 12 / 7PM Parish Center
for zoom link write to:
climatejustice@stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Parish
 **Climate Justice Committee (CJC)**



**Join the
ST JOE'S
CHRISTMAS YOUTH
CHOIR**

Calling all children, ages 7 and up, to sing in our Joyful Voices Children’s Choir this Christmas Eve at the 4pm liturgy!
We welcome singers to help lead our assembly to join in song on this special Christmas Eve celebration.

Rehearsals will be in the Church (singers need to be at both rehearsals):
Saturday Dec. 20: 9:30 - 11 am
Monday Dec. 22: 5:30 - 6:30 pm (plus pizza!)
Email lash@stjosephparish.org for registration form!

The Gospel Magnificat

A Gospel Jazz Choral Setting of the Cantic of Mary
By Kent Stevenson

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 2PM Matinee
Plymouth Congregational Church
1217 6th Ave • Seattle, WA 98101
*Downtown Seattle • Underground Parking

Saturday, December 13, 2025 | 2PM Matinee
St. Therese Church
926 35th Ave • Seattle, WA 98122

Saturday, December 20, 2025 | 7PM Concert
Plymouth Congregational Church
1217 6th Ave • Seattle, WA 98101
*Downtown Seattle • Underground Parking

Door: \$25.00 | Student: \$15.00



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED PARISHIONERS!

Lord, bless these newly confirmed young hearts. May they grow in faith, hope, and love, seeking You in all things and finding You in all things. Give them courage to serve others and wisdom to discern Your call. Let their lives reflect Your greater glory. Amen

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| Aine Babaie | Araceli Cotto | Quinn Linstroth | Piya Soni |
| Grace Balicki | Dane Davis | Gillian Martin | Kai Suarez |
| Alice Barber | Kassidy Dearie | Calliope Mathern | Eli Sy |
| Gus Barber | Niall Doran | Stella McIntyre | Layla Tamayo |
| Abigail Bayersdorfer | Noleen Dunn | Ada Miller | Meredith Thompson |
| Sasha Budac | Aiden Estevenin | Ella Miller | Anna Tilghman-Havens |
| Leo Carlsen | Kikko Felix | Adeline Okada | Palmer Watson |
| Sylvia Carman | James Felton | Samuel Overland | Charles Werner |
| Julius Cartwright | Helen Fennessy | Jacob Oxman | Barron Wolfram |
| Xavier Cartwright | Kaemon Hill | Connor Sanderson | Eli Wooding |
| Louisa Coffey | Bernice Kern | Kaitlin Sanderson | Addison Wyatt |
| Quinn Colarossi | Elia Kutner | Lakan Santos | Zoe Zabriskie |
| Lucas Combs | Oscar Kutner | Eleanor Sly | |





JOIN US FOR AN

Evening of



CAROL SINGING

Spread the joy of the season

WITH THE POWER OF SONG!

DECEMBER 18 / 6 PM

AT ST. THERESE PARISH - LED BY KENT STEVENSON AND THE SHADES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR

Let's gather around the warmth of the holiday season and fill the air with joyous melodies.



Bring your family and friends to join our community sing-along of cherished Christmas carols.

Parish Family Marriage Enrichment Weekend



FINDING OUR PATH TO YES



LaConner, WA - January 30 to February 1

\$525 Per Couple

Includes two nights lodging, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday evening group dinner. *Partial scholarships are available.*

For details and to register, please contact:
Deacon Steve Wadzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org



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Seattle's Jesuit Parish School

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



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ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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