

*Four Communities - One Parish Family*

# ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE



ST. JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*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 11am

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



ST. THERESE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

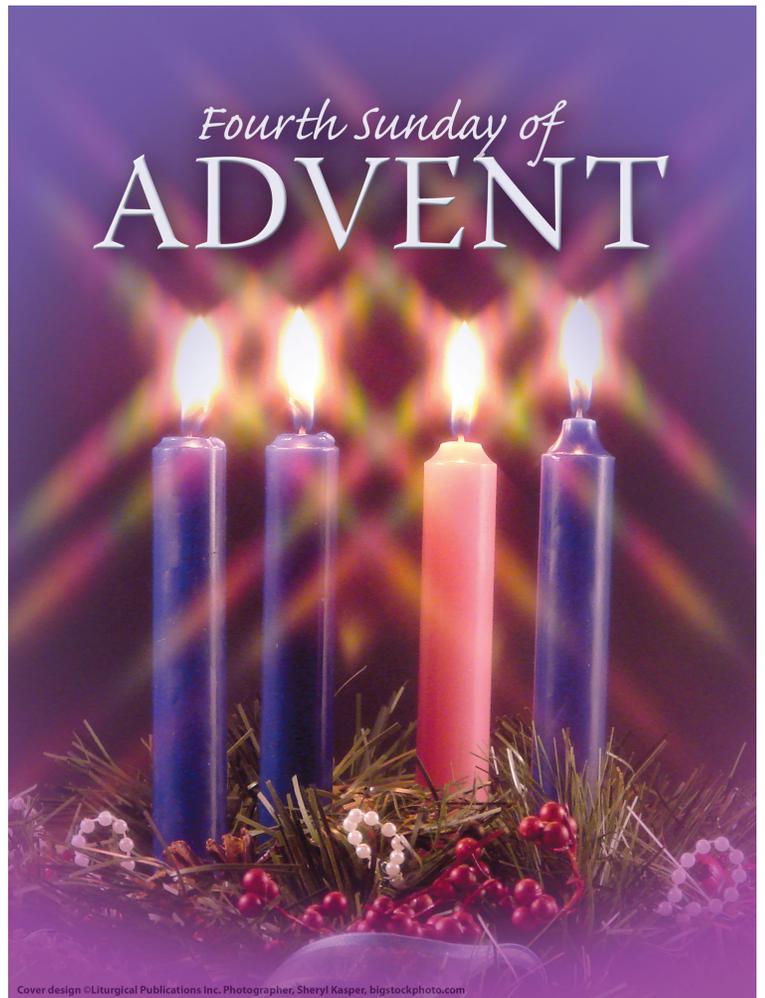
### St. Therese

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: Tue. 5pm - 6pm at St. Joseph  
& by Appointment

December 21, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Fourth 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

### [This Sunday - December 21, 2025](#)

First Reading: ISAIAH 7:10-14  
SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7  
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-24

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

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17  
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

### ST. JOSEPH

PRESIDING: PHIL BOROUGHS, SJ  
PREACHING: DEACON STEVE WODZANOWSKI

### ST. THERESE

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: MIKE BAYARD, SJ

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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

# THE WEEKLY WORD

A COLUMN WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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St. Joseph Sister Parish Ministry - by Lisa Dennison

In October 1989, only one month before the terrible murders of the 6 Jesuits and 2 women at the University of Central America (UCA), a small delegation from St. Joseph Church was visiting in El Salvador to follow up on an invitation to be matched with Arcatao, a village struggling to survive during the civil war. It was a dangerous journey but they arrived to San Bartolome where Fr. Miguel welcomed them and the sister parish relationship bond was forged.

A few years after St. Joseph began their sistering relationship, members of St. Patrick Church in Seattle, accepted an invitation to accompany a tiny hamlet known as Nueva Trinidad in a sister parish relationship. Nueva Trinidad is only 5 miles from Arcatao and both Arcatao and Nueva Trinidad are part of the larger parish family of San Bartolome. Our St. Joseph sister parish relationship is connected in solidarity to both of these communities.

Our sistering relationship has allowed St. Joseph (and formerly St. Patrick) parish to accompany San Bartolome in a variety of important ways. St. Joseph has had a scholarship program that have helped 99 students to be able to attend UCA. St. Joe's has also purchased a house near the UCA campus to house some of the scholarship recipients. Our accompaniment also supports a supplemental feeding program for the elderly and provides internet access for the community center in Nueva Trinidad. We have helped with water projects, purchasing land and other small projects.

This 36 + year mutual relationship has been life-giving for many in both Seattle and El Salvador and at times has been transforming. Our sister relationship to San Bartolome is an ongoing walk together to do the work of justice, mercy and love. May our continued commitment bring us closer to one another, and to the Kingdom of God that calls us to be sisters and brothers to one another.



Pictures from a delegation trip from St. Pat's.





ST. JOSEPH & ST. THERESE  
PARISH FAMILY PRESENTS



# DEEPENING PRAYER

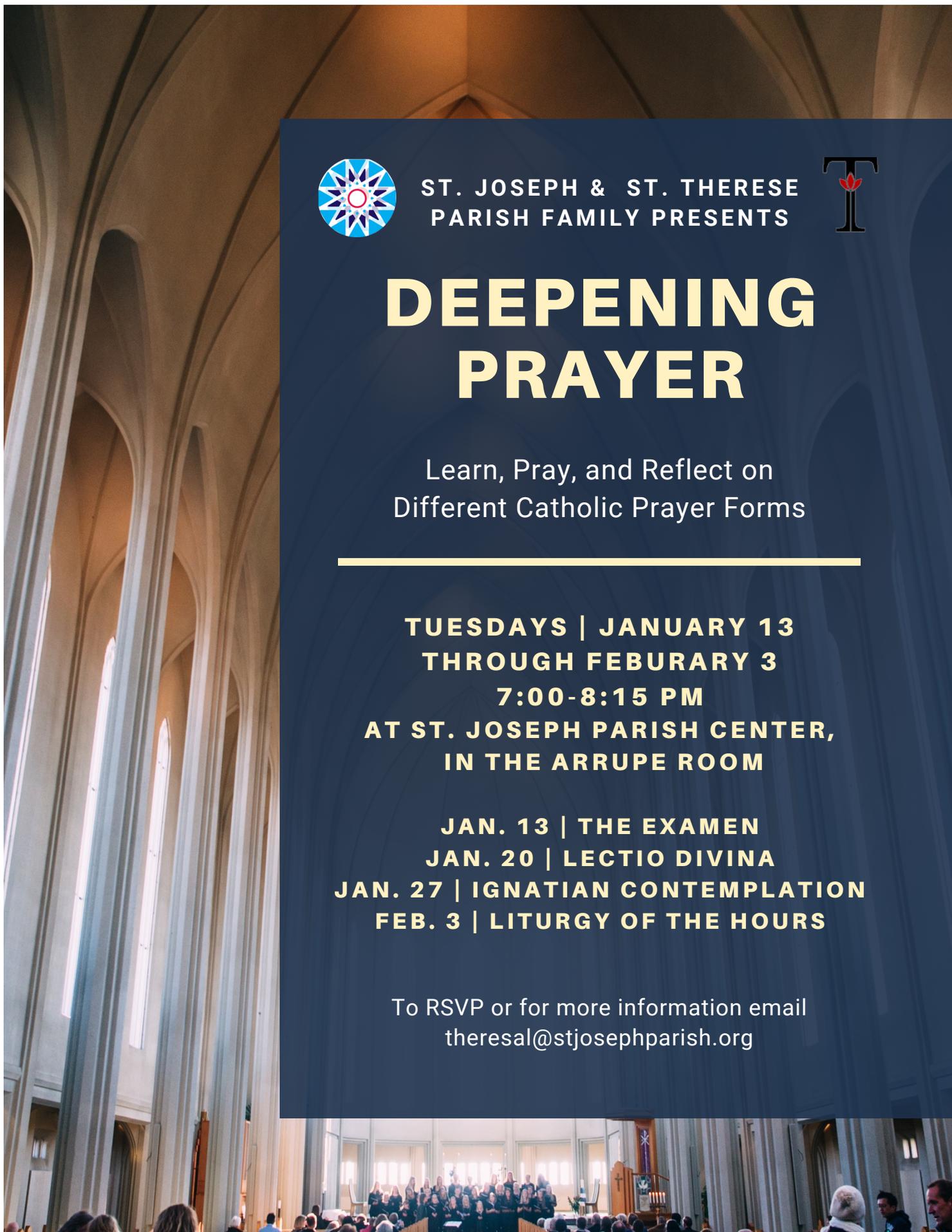
Learn, Pray, and Reflect on  
Different Catholic Prayer Forms

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**TUESDAYS | JANUARY 13  
THROUGH FEBRUARY 3  
7:00-8:15 PM  
AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER,  
IN THE ARRUIPE ROOM**

**JAN. 13 | THE EXAMEN  
JAN. 20 | LECTIO DIVINA  
JAN. 27 | IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATION  
FEB. 3 | LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

To RSVP or for more information email  
[theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)



# Christmas Mass Times

## St. Joseph Christmas Schedule

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4pm, 7pm & 10pm  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass 9am



## St. Therese Christmas Schedule

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4pm  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass 11am



OH COME  
*Let Us*  
*Adore*  
*him*



**Join Us!**

*Mary, Mother of God*



ST. THERESE



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL  
PARISH FAMILY



ST. JOSEPH

**Join our Parish Family  
for Mass on  
January 1st at 10am**

This Mass will be celebrated  
at St. Therese  
900 35th Ave, Seattle

# 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!



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## 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](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.**

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Dear St. Therese Parishioners and STCA Parents/Guardians and Friends,

Because of your amazing generosity and thoughtfulness, we were able to give each of the 15 families a \$270 gift card to the grocery store of their choice for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Thank you! Gracias! Merci! Danke! Grazie! Arigato! Mahalo!

Seriously, we are overwhelmed and cannot thank you enough as this meant the world to the 15 families.

God Bless!

Mary Brannan and Gina Purdy



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nicoles@st-therese.cc)

## Pax Christi

The Dawn from on high will visit us, to shine on those who sit in darkness,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-9



## Seniors Ministry

Senior Mass & Luncheon - **Please join us on Friday, January 2 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. (Note - we're unable to host at St. Therese as the heat is not working in the Social Hall).



## Community Fridge

The St. Joseph Community Fridge is located on the corner of 19th and Aloha needs donations this winter. Especially useful are sandwiches, beverages, and grab and go type items. Leave what you can, take what you need!

"No one can cultivate a sober and satisfying life without being at **PEACE** with him or herself." (Laudato Si' 225)

This is the message of the 4th Sunday of Advent: **PEACE** grounded in God's Grace and bringing **PEACE** into the world as we prepare for Jesus' Coming and the restoration of the earth.

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all" and "The poor and the earth are crying out." Peace also requires an "ecological conversion" that moves us from consumption to contemplation and care for one another." (Laudato Si' 23, 202-221)

The Laudato Si' Movement defines ecological conversion as the "transformation of hearts and minds toward greater love of God, each other, and creation. It is a process of acknowledging our contribution to the social and ecological crisis and acting in ways that nurture communion: healing and renewing our common home."

WE NEED **ALL OF US!** ALL ARE **WELCOME...**

St. Joseph Parish



**Climate Justice Committee**

Next CJC meeting:

**MON JAN 12 / 7PM** Parish Center

for zoom link write to:

[climatejustice@stjosephparish.org](mailto:climatejustice@stjosephparish.org)



## Centering Prayer Sessions

January 18, 25, & February 1  
4:30– 5:15 PM

In the Parish Center, Mother Theresa Room

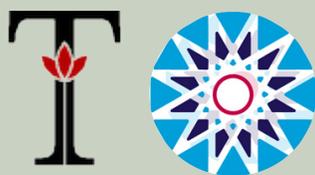
You may have noticed that the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Parish is our Contemplative Mass. At this Mass, the lights are dim, the music is slower, and we leave space for silence.

In Centering Prayer you sit in silence and open your heart to the Divine Presence

If you are curious and want to learn more about Centering Prayer, a Catholic Contemplative prayer practice, then join us, Sunday before Mass from 4:30-5:15 to become familiar with this form of prayer.

For more information, please email Melissa Lockhart at [melissalockhart949@gmail.com](mailto:melissalockhart949@gmail.com)

# 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](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

# PARTNER MINISTRIES

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER INVITES YOU

## WINTER DAY OF REFLECTION

An Examen on Love and Resistance

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**  
**9 AM-3 PM**  
**ONLINE VIA ZOOM**  
**FUMI TOSU, PRESENTER**



On this retreat, we will pause to contemplate the ways the Spirit was active in our world and our lives over the last year, as well as the ways we are being called to shape our world for peace and justice in the year ahead.

This silent mini-retreat includes brief presentations leading you through movements of the Examen, recommendations for prayer, abundant time for personal reflection, and a small group discussion at the end of the day.

For more information and to register, visit  
[www.ignatiancenter.org/winterreflection](http://www.ignatiancenter.org/winterreflection)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS DECEMBER 31



Questions? Contact  
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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL  
Seattle's Jesuit Parish School

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

## The St. Joseph School 2026 Italian Dinner - That's Amore!

Saturday, January 31, 2026  
5:30 - 9:30 pm

An evening of Italian-themed fun. Enjoy a traditional Italian buffet dinner from Blue Ribbon Cooking, signature cocktails, great wine, music, raffles, table decorating contest, and more!  
Buon appetito!

### TABLE DECORATING CONTEST

Tables will be arranged in groups of 10 or more. Gather your friends or we'll seat you with super fun guests. We'll provide the linens, glassware, and utensils; you bring your imagination and creativity to put together the perfect Italian-themed table.

If you prefer not to participate in the table decorating contest, do not worry-preset tables will be available for your convenience.

Special pricing for seniors and young alumni.



ST. THERESE  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

## ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY



### STCA Save the Date - April 25, 2026

Tickets will be available after the holidays, and our auction website will launch in the coming weeks with all the exciting details. In the meantime, we're seeking sponsorships and donations such as airline miles, vacation home stays, fine dining gift cards, and tickets to sporting events or travel experiences. Your support helps make this event a success! Questions or want to get involved? Contact: Kat Freeman, [auction@stcaseattle.org](mailto:auction@stcaseattle.org) or 206.992.0815