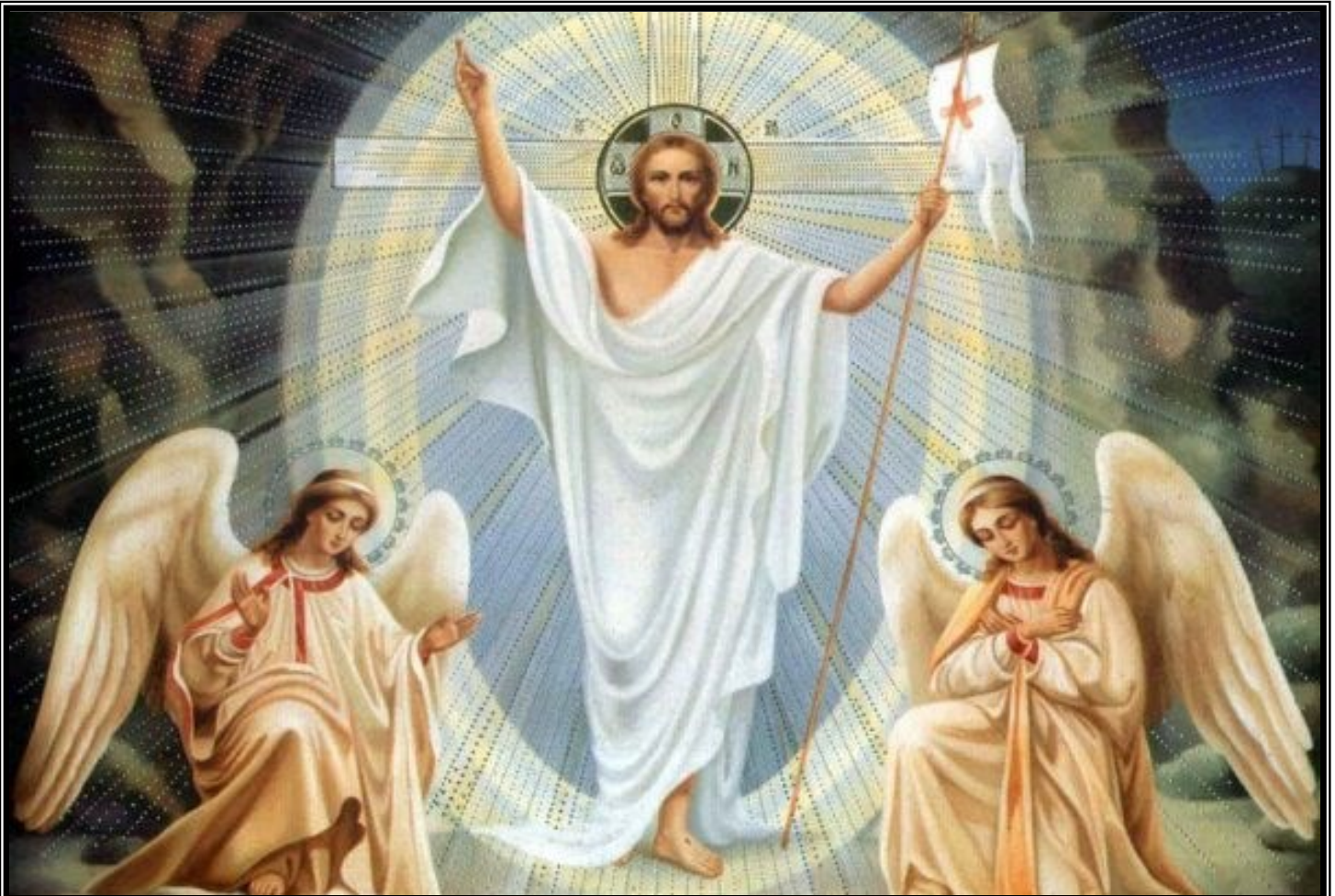


St. Joseph Catholic Church



Weekend Schedule: Saturday: 5:30PM | Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
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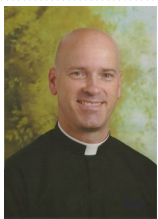
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Online Giving 

PASTOR'S NOTE

WEEK OF MAY 5, 2024



When I arrived here at St. Joseph back in July 2011, there were five Sunday Masses (including the Saturday vigil). I had regular help from other priests, so it was a manageable load, thankfully.

Many of you will recall that the schedule for our first three Sunday Masses was 8:15am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. I remember thinking: *8:15am? Why not either 8:00am or 8:30am?* My thought was that when telling a visitor or new parishioner the schedule, it's not as easy to remember irregular Mass times. I consulted folks, such as the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Commission, and thought of changing it to either 8:00am or 8:30am, but honestly I feared upsetting folks, believing that people are deeply wedded to *"their Mass time."*

I also recall several years ago, raising the question at the morning Masses, of potentially adjusting times, in hopes that it would better distribute attendance across Masses and thus hopefully alleviate some of the shortage of parking issues. The few responses I received after Mass were something like this: *"It makes sense, Father, but just don't change this Mass time."*

And so it never changed.....that is, until the pandemic. We went from 5 Sunday Masses to zero public Masses in an instant. Over the many, many months that we gradually redeveloped our Mass schedule, from the start of it, I knew I didn't want to simply go back to the pre-pandemic schedule, merely on the basis that it is what we did before.

The rebuilding of the Mass schedule taught me (and us) that we are not only resilient, but also that we can adjust. Since then, we've tried to be thoughtful about any tinkering that we've made to the schedule, to consult and to communicate any changes in advance. And overwhelmingly, you've all been understanding. Thank you.

Now that our Mass attendance numbers have risen to where they are now, if I were to continue here as pastor, I would likely revisit for the fall, whether the current schedule is best. Slight tweaking might help to move some people off of the 11:00am Mass to an alternative time. The reason is that we tend to run out of parking at that Mass.

But I'm not going to be here. And more than just the 11:00am parking woes, we are now part of a family of parishes that currently has 3 priests serving 9 Sunday Masses. But as of July 1st, this family will only have 2 priests. Thus, 9 Masses (at 3 locations) is not sustainable.

I'm consulting with Pastoral Council, Fr. Oakland (the incoming pastor) and the Archdiocese about options. We will keep you apprised. Please pray for workable solutions (there are workable solutions), and please be open to these inevitable changes.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul O. Strong

MONDAY, May 6th

7:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

8:00 AM Mass—cancelled

TUESDAY, May 7th

8:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

9:00 AM Word & Communion

WEDNESDAY, May 8th

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

6:00 PM Adoration until 9:00 PM

THURSDAY, May 9th

7:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

8:00 AM Mass

FRIDAY, May 10th

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

9:00 AM Mass

SATURDAY, May 11th

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, May 12th

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Reconciliation

7:00 PM Mass

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DAILY READINGS

FIND THEM ONLINE AT: USCCB.ORG
FOR MAY 12th

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Reading I: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

Resp. Ps [47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Eph 1:17-23](#)

Gospel: [Mk 16:15-20](#)



HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our parish children as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 11th at 10am.**



SCHOOL AND PARISH ROSARY

Our School and Parish community comes together four times throughout the school year to pray the Rosary. Our next Rosary Event will be on **Monday, May 13 at 6:00pm** in the Worship Space. Afterwards, please plan on joining us for a reception in Fr. McGirl Hall.

If you are available to be a prayer leader, please contact Principal, Shauna Richards at srichards@sjsissaquah.org.



NEW DVDS IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

Check out over 50 new DVDs on a wide variety of topics including Drama along with some for children and some recommended by the Vatican! The new DVDs are on the DVD display rack near the library door.



ANNUAL PARISH MASS & PICNIC

Join us for our annual parish mass and picnic on **Sunday July 21, 2024** at Pickering Barn.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS & SEMINARIANS

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PRAYER CORNER



Please pray for those who are ill:

Kathy Hostenske, Jordan Daly, Gavin Daly, Georgina Cone, Stephanie Graham, Sandy Graham, Andrea Ghezzi, Linda Castle, James David Richardson, Harold & Lea Weier, Elsa Benitez, Brenda Elliott, Art Schmidt, Lyle Rogers, Fr. Kevin Duggan

And for the souls of those who have died:

Karen Ridlon, Marjorie Mason, Jan Deveny, Esther Audet, William Robertson, Robert Corra, Martha Bolen, Evangeline Germani, Jake Loran, Erin Finnegan, Peter Marshall, Allen Thorson, Diana Costello, Robert Dye, Vivian Billings

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 6th *No Mass*

Wednesday, May 8th *Mary Winter+*

Thursday, May 9th *Joe & Meera Dsouza*

Friday, May 10th *Eddie & Mavis D'sa*

Saturday, May 11th

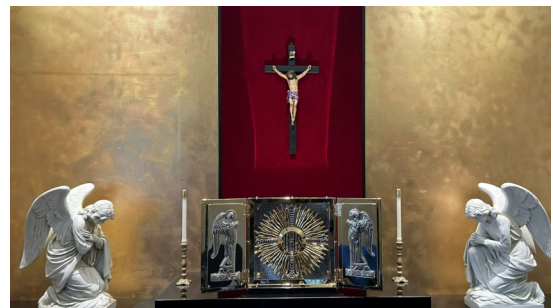
5:30 PM *Shirley Dsouza+*

Sunday, May 12th

8:30AM *Emily Lorraine Sehn*

11:00 AM *People of St. Joseph*

7:00 PM *Delores Bennington+*



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be:

Monday 9:00 am – 4:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am – 9:00pm (see below)

Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm-4:00pm

Please note: during All Liturgies the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed

FAITH FORMATION — RESTORING THE GARDEN



Restoring the Garden is our whole parish catechesis program.

We are continuing the Catechism in our Faith Formation Programming, which is covering Part III of the Catechism, Life in Christ. We have coordinated our lessons at every level to unite, guide and empower our parishioners to embrace their Catholic identity.

Family Faith Formation:

Jennifer Carney - jcarney@sjcissaquah.org

Adult Formation & Evangelization

Mary Williams - mwilliams@sjcissaquah.org



**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Vacation Bible School
August 5-9, 9am-12pm**

SCUBA: DIVING INTO GOD'S LOVE

Take kids deep at our Totally Catholic VBS, *Scuba: Diving into God's Love*! Participants will go on an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God through Sacred Scripture, the Saints, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participant registration is open now to all kids who will be in pre-K – 5th grade in the 2024-2025 school year.

We also have volunteer opportunities for adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers. VBS is a fun way to get service hours for school, next year's Confirmation program, or SJS parent volunteer hours. Both participants and volunteers can sign up here: vbspro.events/p/stjoseph2024



2024 IN SPOKANE—REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 22

With Easter behind us and summer nearly upon us, time is running out to save your teen's spot at a Steubenville Conference. Many conference sites have already sold out! Fortunately, there's still time and space to register your teen, but it won't last long. Join us July 12-14th, 2024 in Spokane, WA for the Steubenville NW Youth Conference. Steubenville NW is a high-energy high school youth (incoming 9th through graduated 12th graders) conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Total cost is \$375.00 which includes conference registration fees, hotel room at The Centennial for 2 nights, 5 meals, and transportation. Financial assistance and scholarships are available.

Are you interested in being a chaperone? *Chaperones must be 21 years of age and have the Environmental safety Training at the time of the conference.*

Please contact Jennifer at JCarney@sjcissaquah.org for more information.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Welcome to the
ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

EXECUTIVE *Speaker Series*

DATE LIKE A (YOUNG CATHOLIC) PRO



Isaac Huss

Writer and Speaker

Thurs, May 16, 2024 | 7 PM
Isaac Orr Conference Room
Archdiocese of Seattle



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YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Join us for our Executive Speaker Series featuring Isaac Huss, Catholic Writer and Speaker. Learn how to "Date like a (Young Catholic) Pro!" on Thursday, May 16th at 7pm in the Isaac Orr Conference Room at the Archdiocese of Seattle. This is a free public event. Business casual attire. Complimentary food and drinks. Register now at ycpseattle.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph have budgeted \$500 in scholarship money for any woman of the parish who is considering a religious vocation. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Grand Knight Robin Pavlish

The Knights are also offering a "Rugged Rosary" for the next male of the parish to be initiated into the council. This Marian Power Meditation Rosary has dust from the Vatican infused into the cross making this a very special Rosary. If interested in hearing more about the Knights, please contact Robin Pavlish.

All males 18+ are welcome. For questions, please contact Grand Knight Robin Pavlish at Robin.Pavlish@gmail.com or 425.466.8771 or go to KOFC.org/join.

WORKS OF MERCY — OUTREACH

WORKS *of* MERCY

OFFERING OUR HANDS TO THOSE IN NEED



MARCH UPDATE

With your help, in March, St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide a total of \$12,471 in assistance to 30 of 43 neighbors requesting assistance. The funds went for rent (\$10,326) and utilities as well as for food, gasoline, and household goods to help the neighbors. We could not do this without you and are extremely thankful for your continued support.

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, please contact the parish office at (425) 392-5516. Our next meeting will be May 12 at 9:30am in the Parish library downstairs. Please join us to learn more about who we are and what we do.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

ISSAQUAH MEALS PROGRAM

For 31 years, the Issaquah Meals program has served nightly meals, Monday through Friday at the Community Hall located at 180 E. Sunset Way, next to the fire station. At the request of the city of Issaquah and local churches, the program was started in May of 1989 by Catholic Community Services. Volunteer groups from local faith congregations, community organizations, families, and neighborhood groups provide the weeknight meals.

If you would like to volunteer to help bring food or serve a meal, please contact the Parish office at 425.392.5516 or office@sjcissaquah.org.

For more information on our Works of Mercy Ministries, visit our website. Works of Mercy

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



Annual Catholic Appeal

One Mission, One Family, Together in Christ

Please make your **2024 ACA** gift today!



Archbishop Etienne wrote “There is great work happening in all corners of our local Church because together we are the living body of Christ. My hope is that every person in our archdiocese feels welcomed, knows they can make a difference, and shares the joy of their Catholic faith.” His message speaks to the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal, and the difference that your contribution can make in our local Catholic community. The Annual Catholic Appeal ministers to those in need, builds the Catholic faith within us, and directly supports our parish mission services. Please take time to read the campaign materials and prayerfully consider how you and your family will participate. Use the envelope in the pew, scan the QR code, or visit our website St. Joseph Parish to give today. Let us encourage each other to help make our ministries a success!



It’s easy to give to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal:

- Give online at archseattle.org/GiveACA
- Scan the QR code

Contributions as of 4/29/24

44th week of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year

Households: 1,092

DONATIONS FROM:	THIS WEEK:	YEAR-TO-DATE:
Sunday Envelopes	\$11,023	\$470,842
Electronic Donations	\$18,034	\$533,036
Total Donations	\$29,057	\$1,003,878
Parish Budgeted Goal*	\$25,760	\$942,610
<i>Gain (Loss)</i>	3,297	61,268

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL



St. Joseph Parish School

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St. Joseph Parish School is distinctively Catholic, academically excellent, and connected in the community.

We are committed to inspiring and educating the whole child: heart, mind and soul. Every student is formed in God's image and we recognize each as a unique individual. We offer a quality Catholic education for students in preschool through grade 8 and are now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year.

If you would like to request further information, schedule a tour, view our admissions process and timeline, or apply now, visit www.sjsissaquah.org.