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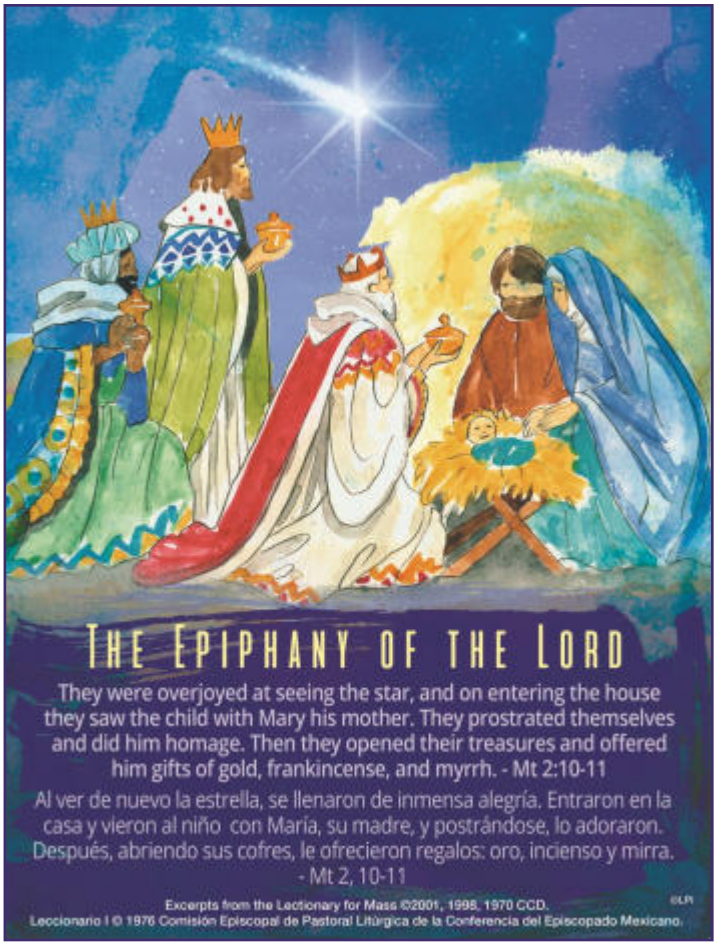

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish
We are glad you are here!

Pastor: Fr. Gary Lazzeroni

The church is open for personal prayer:
Tuesday and Thursday: 9-10am and 5-7pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 5-6pm

Reconciliation:
Tuesday 5-6pm, Thursday 9-10am
and by appointment (call 360-823-2824)

Fr. Gary is available by phone and email:
360-823-2824 fatherl@stjoevan.org

Contact the parish:
- The parish office is closed until further notice. Call or email for assistance.
- Mail: 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver, WA 98661
- Phone: (360) 696-4407
- General email: parishoffice@stjoevan.org
- Staff contacts: www.stjoevan.org/staff
- Website: www.stjoevan.org

Our Mass schedule has temporarily changed
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 9:00 & 11:30 am

Beginning 1/31/20, the new Mass schedule is:
9am (English), 11:30am (Spanish), 5pm (English)

Reservations are required.
www.stjoevan.org/306 or call 360-823-2843
There are no limits on how often you may attend!
New Mass dates open on Thursdays at noon.

Sunday Mass is also being livestreamed at 9:00 am. You can access it here:
Facebook: facebook.com/stjoevan
Vimeo: vimeo.com/stjoevan
YouTube: youtube.com/StJoeVan

- **Arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass** (doors close 5 minutes prior to Mass beginning)
- **Masks are required.** No mask? We have extras.
- **Please stay home if you are sick or otherwise unable to attend.** The dispensation to attend Sunday Mass has been extended by Archbishop Etienne until the pandemic is over.
- **Before you come, ask yourself:**
  In the last 14 days, have you:
  - ◊ Traveled internationally?
  - ◊ Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 without the correct personal protective equipment?
  - ◊ Had a temperature of 100.4 degrees F or above?
  - ◊ Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
  - ◊ Had a new cough?
  - ◊ Had at least two of the following symptoms together:
    - * Chills
    - * Muscle pain
    - * Headache
    - * Sore throat
    - * Vomiting
    - * Runny nose
    - * Congestion
    - * Fatigue
    - * New loss of taste or smell
    - * Diarrhea

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH!

Want to stay on top of the latest parish news?

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/stjoevan
- **Weekly email:** Subscribe at stjoevan.org/eVine
- **Website:** www.stjoevan.org
- **App:** Our new St. Joseph Catholic Church app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week. Enjoy features like videos, easy online giving, daily readings, weekly bulletin, prayers, and much more. Text **STJOEVANAPP** to 77977 or search for Saint Joseph Catholic Church in the App Store or Google Play.

MASS INTENTIONS

Su	**1/3**	**9:00 am**	Pro Populo
M	**1/4**	**8:30 am**	Theodore Blahnik+
T	**1/5**	**8:30 am**	Raymond Olson+
W	**1/6**	**8:30 am**	Linda Schmidt+
Th	**1/7**	**8:30 am**	Lindsey Mae Maxwell+

LET US PRAY

For the Pope's January Prayer Intention
For Human Fraternity—May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

PARISH NEWS

2021 CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

We invite you to pick up a free bilingual calendar. They are located on the hand sanitizer tables in the church narthex.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. John the Evangelist, Vancouver, Washington, is seeking applications for a bilingual parish receptionist. For a full job description and application, please check the parish website at www.stjohnvancouver.org: hover over the Contact tab at the top, and click on the Employment drop down. Interested individuals may also contact Diane in the parish office at diane@stjohnvancouver.org or 360-573-3325 ext 102. Completed applications may be emailed to diane@stjohnvancouver.org or mailed to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Attn: Diane, 8701 NE 119th Street, Vancouver WA 98662. Position open until filled; only bilingual candidates will be considered for an interview.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 3	**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon 4	**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tu 5	**Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wed 6	**Saint André Bessette, Religious** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thu 7	**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Fri 8	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Sat 9	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-5, 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sun 10	**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

FIRE IN BATEY DOS

As many of you know, our parish has a relationship with folks in the Dominican Republic through our work with Education Across Borders (EAB). Some parishioners (including myself) have had the privilege of visiting the farming community where we get our coffee for the parish, Franco Bido', as well as two communities of workers and their families about an hour outside of Santiago, called "Bateys." We have been able to visit and assist in homebuilding for these communities, including Batey Libertad and Batey Dos. EAB reported on their Facebook page this week sad news about a fire in Batey Dos:

"Our hearts are heavy with the news that this past weekend, Batey Dos community suffered another fire—as they still try to recover from one in 2018. Fifteen families have lost their homes and all their possessions. We especially grieve with community leader, Maria, whose 2 year-old granddaughter perished in the fires. Please keep them in your prayers."

If you would like to make a contribution to EAB, who is striving to help these fifteen families in addition to their ongoing support, visit www.educationacrossborders.org. Let us keep our friends in Batey Dos in our prayers.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Last Friday, January 1st, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. That day is also designated every year as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. It is traditional for the Holy Father to issue a message on that day. I would like to share some of the Holy Father's thoughts from that message. You can find the whole text of Pope Francis' message at https://bit.ly/3p9nWAW .

The title of the message this year is *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*. In his message the pope unpacks how creating a culture of caring for one another can lead to peace. He points to the crisis of the pandemic as both an example of how many have given of themselves to serve and help others during the crisis, as well as how the crisis has revealed our darker side that tends to "nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake." These two responses have shown us how important it is to care for others, to see ourselves as our brother's and sister's keeper.

Deep in our scriptural tradition is the understanding of God as both the Creator and the One who cares for his creatures, especially human beings who are most in need. Through the prophets and Jesus himself, we see God's care for the least and the most vulnerable.

The ministry of Jesus was "the supreme revelation of the Father's love for humanity." In his life and ministry Jesus showed his care for people through physical and spiritual healing. In his care he gave new life to people he encountered.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the early Church, that first generation of Christians, cared for each other by sharing what they had so no one would be in need. As the Church grew and developed, "There arose many institutions for the relief of every human need: hospitals, poor houses, orphanages… shelters for travelers …"

As the Church continued to grow and develop its reflections on the work of extending Jesus' ministry, the roots of its social doctrine sunk deep into the everyday life of the Church. "This doctrine is offered to all people of good will as a precious patrimony of principles, criteria and proposals that can serve as a "grammar" of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, the pursuit of the common good and concern for protection of creation."

We care for each other because of the inherent dignity each of us has. "Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness. Persons are created to live together in families, communities and societies, where all are equal in dignity. Human rights derive from this dignity, as do human duties, like the responsibility to welcome and assist the poor, the sick, the excluded, every one of our neighbors, near or far in space and time."

Care links us and calls us beyond an unhealthy individualism to be of service to the common good. We see the connection we have with all of humanity, and quoting St. John Paul II, who wrote in 1987, that we see this connection, this "solidarity," as not just a vague sentiment but as a "firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all".

This responsibility for all includes the created world. There is an interconnectedness in creation which requires us to listen to both the cry of the poor and the cry of creation. "Constant and attentive listening leads in turn to effective care for the earth, our common home, and for our brothers and sisters in need."

Shaping a culture that cares for each other and for the earth can give us a path to peace. Such a path, the pope exhorts us, is possible if we are willing to evaluate how we are allocating resources. The pope reflects on how courageous it would be to take the funds being spent on weapons of war and to create instead a Global Fund "in order to permanently eliminate hunger and contribute to the development of the poorest countries!"

The pope concludes his message with these words, "The *culture of care* thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace."

As we begin this new year, may the Holy Father's words inspire all of us to contribute to a culture of care, in our families, our community and our world, so that all of us may walk together on this path of peace.

God Bless,
Fr. Gary Lazzeroni

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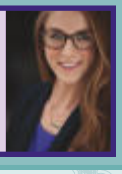

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