Pastor  Rev. Todd Strange
Ministry of Charity and Service  Deacon Pat Moynihan
Pastoral Assistants:  
  Administration: Tom Walker  
  Children’s Faith Formation & SAFE Coordinator  Amy Field  
  Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation  Carlie Betz  
  Adult Faith Formation & Liturgy  Jill Carr  
Parish School Principal  Wayne Wenzel  
Office Manager  Donna Stevenson  
Online Media  Coral Brooks  
Bookkeeper  June Masterson  
Facilities Supervisor  Bill Hanns  

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:30 PM  |  Sunday: 8:15 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon & 5:30 PM
There’s been much talk about the Coronavirus lately, and I realize to some it may seem like a lot of overreacting. Perhaps as a society, we do tend to overreact and perhaps the news can blow things out of proportion, creating unnecessary fear, but I definitely believe that some basic measures of precaution are both prudent and appropriate. The Center for Disease Control suggests so as well.

First, please stay home if you are sick or are experiencing symptoms. In such circumstances you are absolutely not obliged to attend Mass. Trust in God’s love for you and His great mercy. This past weekend we made the following announcement at all the Masses:

“As a responsibility to those entrusted to my pastoral care, and after consultation with several parishioners, as well as fellow priests, I am temporarily suspending distribution of the Precious Blood of Jesus at communion. Part of my concern is for our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. While each of you have a choice of whether to receive from the cup, they are obliged to consume whatever remains. For some, this has understandably caused unease.

“Some dioceses have already given directives to take this measure, as an exercise of responsibility to the faithful. Although no directive has yet come from our archdiocese, I anticipate that one will likely be soon forthcoming.

“I remind you that although our preference is to distribute both Jesus’ Body and Blood, it is not necessary from a standpoint of grace conferred or received. We receive the fullness of his True Presence in either.”

I’ve also asked that we temporarily cease the instruction before Mass to “greet those around you as the body of Christ”, as well as the Sign of Peace, which is optional (IG, 259). We could continue to invite the faithful to greet each other with just a nod, but I find that “muscle memory” has us instinctively reaching out and shaking hands. These changes are consistent with directives we received from the Archdiocese on Monday afternoon, which further asks that we not hold hands during the Our Father.

We also were instructed to empty our holy water fonts for the time being, and that we simply mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, as we enter and leave. Finally, Archbishop Etienne directed that we limit receiving Communion to only in the hand, which I know is disappointing to some, as their personal piety is uneasy receiving in that manner.

Again, these are only temporary measures and I appreciate your understanding. Honestly, as one who greets and shakes hands with so many people, I’m struggling to fight against the habitual response to greet you all as such. In the meantime, we pray for good health, to care for each other, to be patient, to exercise prudence, and to let God’s peace prevail in our hearts.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Todd Strange

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**WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2020**

**MONDAY, March 9th**
- 8:30 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)  9:00 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 10:00 AM Cenacle Prayer  Worship Space
- 1:30 PM Bible Study/St. Matthew  Prek/John XXIII
- 6:30 PM RCIC St. Therese Rm/St. John XXIII
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts  St. Francis Rm
- 7:00 PM Bible Study/ St. Matthew  Fr. McGirl Hall
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Gathering  Youth Rm

**TUESDAY, March 10th**
- 8:30 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)  9:00 AM Word/Communion
- 7:00 PM Spirit & Soul Choir Practice  Worship Space
- 7:00 PM Quilt Group  Fr. McGirl Hall
- 7:00 PM Study/Peter’s Frist Epistle  St Francis/Therese Rm

**WEDNESDAY, March 11th**
- 7:00 AM Reconciliation  Reconciliation Rm
- 8:30 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)
- 9:00 AM Adoration/11:45AM Sext  (Midday Prayer) Worship Sp.
- 9:30 AM Seasons of Faith Scripture Study  St. Therese Rm
- 4:30 PM Reconciliation  Reconciliation Rm
- 5:30 PM Rosary  Worship Space
- 6:00 PM Mass  Worship space
- 6:45 PM Endow Women’s Study  St. Therese Rm
- 6:45 PM High School Small Groups  Youth Rm
- 6:45 PM Middle School Faith Formation  Fr. McGirl Hall
- 7:00 PM Adoration/8:45PM Compline  (Night Prayer)-Worship Sp.

**THURSDAY, March 12th**
- 8:30 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)  9:00 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 9:45 AM Legion of Mary  St. Therese Rm
- 12:30 PM Study/Peter’s Frist Epistle  St. Therese Rm
- 6:30PM First Communion Class  Fr. McGirl Hall/St Francis Rm
- 6:30 PM RCIA St. Therese Rm
- 7:00 PM “Traditional” Choir Practice  Worship Space

**FRIDAY, March 13th**
- 6:00 AM Adoration/Reconciliation  Worship Sp./Reconciliation Rm
- 8:30 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)  9:00 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 5:30 PM Reconciliation  Reconciliation Rm
- 6:00 PM Women’s Fellowship  St. Therese Rm
- 6:00 PM Soup Supper  Fr. McGirl Hall
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross  Worship Space
- 7:45 PM Candlelight Mass/All Night Adoration  Worship Sp.

**SATURDAY, March 14th**
- 8:00 AM Men's Group  St. Therese Rm
- 10:00 AM Children’s Holy Hour/Potluck  Worship Sp/Fr. McGirl
- 3:30 PM Reconciliation  Reconciliation Rm.
- 4:15 PM Jubilaté Choir Practice  Worship Space
- 5:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass  Worship Space

**SUNDAY, March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent**
- 8:15 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 10:00 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 10:00 AM CLOW  St. Francis Rm
- 11:30 AM Adult Confirmation Class  St. Michael Rm
- 12:00 AM Mass  Worship Space
- 1:15 PM Youth Confirmation Class  Fr. McGirl Hall
- 1:30 PM High School Small Group  Youth Rm
- 4:00 PM K-5 Sunday School  Fr. McGirl Hall/Various Rms
- 4:00 PM High School Small Group  Youth Rm
- 4:00 PM Middle School Small Group  St. Francis
- 5:30 PM Mass  Worship Space
- 6:30 PM High School Small Group  Various Rms
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COLD & FLU SEASON UPON US!

Due to the current cold and flu season, we encourage all to use these precautionary measures. Simply greet each other with a nod. Also, we will temporarily suspend distribution of the Precious Blood of Jesus at communion. I remind you that although our preference is to distribute both Jesus’ Body and Blood, it is not necessary from a standpoint of grace conferred and received. We receive the fullness of his True Presence in either. These changes are consistent with directives we received from the Archdiocese on Monday afternoon, which further asks that we not hold hands during the Our Father.

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FRIDAY’S DURING LENT

Confessions: 6:00-7:00 AM
Adoration: 6:00-8:00 AM
Lauds (morning prayer): 8:30 AM
Mass: 9:00 AM
Reconciliation: 5:30-6:30 PM
Soup Supper: 6:00 PM Fr. McGirl Hall, all are invited
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM followed by Candlelight Mass.

BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday Evening or Thursday Afternoon

FIRST EPISODE OF PETER

Our Bible Study Group is going to begin the study of the First Epistle of Peter. This is a Letter of encouragement that Peter sent to some of the same cities Paul visited in Asia Minor. It gives some wonderful insights into the thinking and beliefs of the very early Church. Please join us Tuesday evenings beginning March 10th at 7 p.m. in the St Francis Room or Thursday afternoons beginning March 12th at 12:30 p.m. the St Teresa Room.

More information about the Study can be found at http://Gospel.ThruHere.net/BibleStudyDownloadPeter.aspx

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9, 9:00 AM Corbett Family
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 PM Beatriz Arjona†
Thursday, March 12, 9:00 AM Jim Buttler
Friday, March 13, 9:00 AM Fr. Joshua Morey
7:45 PM Mary Lyon
Sat. March 14, 5:30 PM The People of St Joseph
Sunday, March 15, 8:15 AM Dennis Ghezzi†
10:00 AM Augusta de Calderon†
12:00 PM Katherine Albert
5:30 PM Herman Fernandez†

Mass Intentions are on our parish website. To schedule please call (425) 392-5516 or email office@sjcissaquah.org.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

CATHOLICS IN CHINA

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

READINGS, MARCH 15, 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I: EX 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm: PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Reading II: ROM 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: JN 4:5-42
“Let the Children Come”
Join us for Sunday School!
Grades K – 5, 4 to 5pm

First Communion Prep Class
Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

Adoration for Children
Join Us for Children’s Holy Hour!
Saturday, March 14th, 10 – 11am
Potluck lunch and play follows

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SEATTLE Catholic Men’s Conference
March 21, 2020

Iron Sharpens Iron
Theme: God Made Visible

Hosted by
St Stephen the Martyr Church
Renton, WA

Begins with 8:00 AM Mass
Concludes at 4:00 PM
Lunch Included

Rachel’s Corner
Hope and Healing After Abortion
“There is nothing to lose and so much to gain by going. It can be daunting, but that just goes to show you that there’s a need for healing. It wasn’t just a procedure. It was a person.” - Testimonial

What is holding you back? Our team understands and is ready to welcome you with open arms.

Upcoming Spring Retreats
April 24th – 26th , English
1-3 mayo, Español

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OUTREACH

CRS RICE BOWL
Meet Trinh’s family, farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.
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Census 2020 – BE COUNTED!
It’s about Political Power & Fair Representation: Every 10 years the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. They also redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts to account for population shifts. A full, accurate count lays the foundation for a healthy democracy and communities where families thrive and flourish. Be counted and make sure you are well represented.

Look for your invitation to respond to the census on or between March 12 and 20. New this year is an online form. Your invitation postcard will have the code you need to fill out the form.

FRIENDS OF ECHO GLEN:
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Art & Cooking! Can you help lead or assist the students with art one Monday/month from 2-3pm? Or if you prefer cooking, assist one Monday/month from 3-5pm? More details here: https://www.echoglen.org/art/ and https://www.echoglen.org/cooking/

For Catholic Advocacy Information, please go to “Outreach and Social Concerns” under the Give & Serve tab on our website to keep current on Catholic Advocacy.
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Contributions as of 3/2/2020
35th week of the 2019–20 Fiscal Year
Households: 1,246

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*The budgeted goal represents what was projected, not what has been spent.

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- ALLERGY NOTICE -
UPD A T ED DECEMBER 27, 2019

INCENSE is used at these liturgies:
• Palm Sunday 4/5/20—10 AM
• Holy Thursday 4/9/20-7 PM after Communion
• Easter Vigil 4/11/20—Mass at sundown
• Easter Sunday 4/12/20—9:30 AM
• Ascension 5/24/20—10 AM
• Pentecost 5/31/20—10 AM
• Corpus Christi 6/11/20—10 AM
• Christ the King 11/22/20—10 AM
• Christmas Eve 12/24/20—Midnight
• Christmas Day 12/25/20—11 AM
• Epiphany 1/3/21 - 10 AM

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God”
2 TM 1:8

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