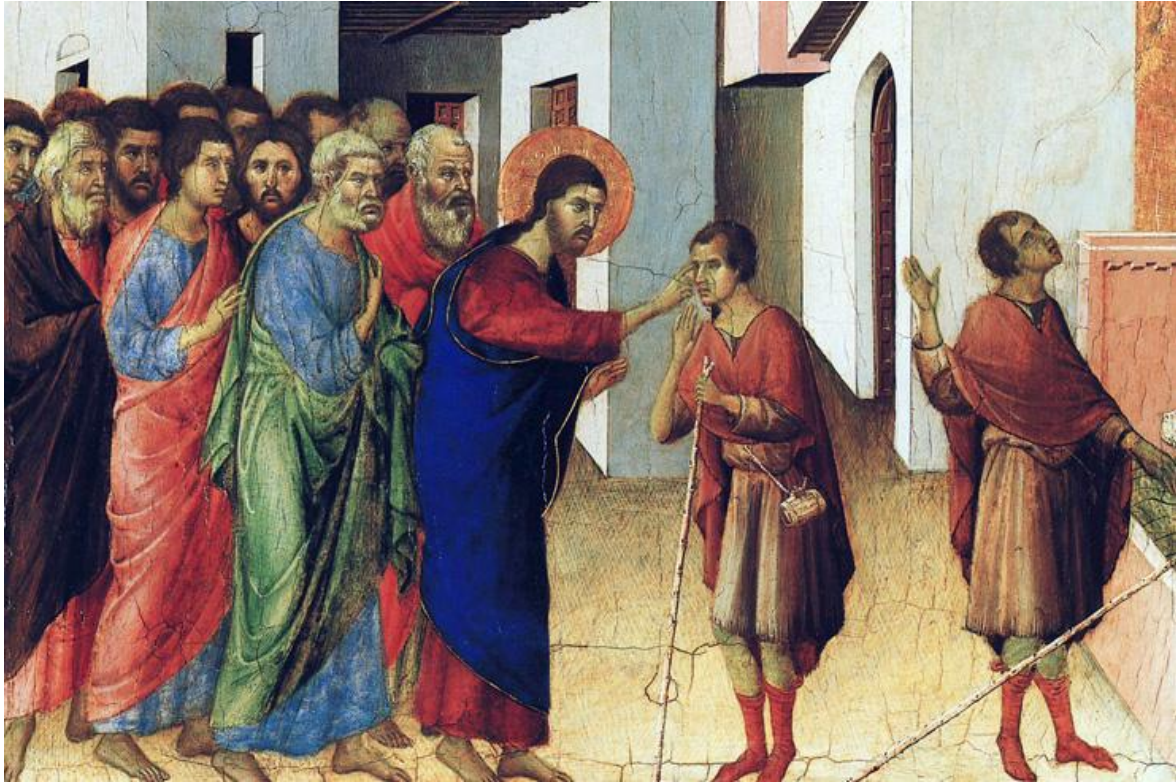




St. Jude Catholic Church

REDMOND, WASHINGTON



From the desk of our Pastor

September 2, 2021

Dear friends in Christ

This weekend we hear the account of how the people brought a man, who was deaf and unable to speak, to Jesus to seek his healing. He takes him aside from the crowd, touches his ears and his tongue, and looking up to heaven, says "Ephphatha!" (Be opened!). Immediately he is able to hear and to speak clearly. We are told they were all astonished and amazed!

Yet, this is what the Lord Jesus does all the time...through his Divine Word...and through our response and through our openness to his grace. One of the optional explanatory rites of infant Baptism, (which I am afraid was too often omitted up until recent years), directs the priest to touch the ear and mouth of the child, using this word of Jesus, "Ephphatha!" and then say, "May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father."

This rite reminds us that it is by God's grace that we are able to hear his Word and are enabled to profess and share the faith. We have received a great and lifegiving gift by God's saving Word. We ought to be eager to share it, to give an account of our faith and hope in Jesus Christ. The world needs this joy and hope, especially today. Isaiah shouts to us this weekend:

*"Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you."*

We know this! We can see beyond the present circumstances! We know of God's abiding love, of his providence, and of his care for those who suffer. are broken, and are weighed down by sin or loss—and nothing can separate us from the love of God!

The reason I say all this is that God gave you your faith for a reason...not only to save you and but also to share it, to pass it on. What is more is that Faith grows in us as we pass it on! As school begins and we come back from summer vacations, our faith formation programs for children and youth, our sacramental preparation programs for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Jr High and Sr. High Confirmation are all starting. We will begin inquiry sessions for adults interested in the Catholic faith and for those interested in becoming Catholic.

To all parishioners - youth, adult, parents, and grandparents: The Lord wants us to share our faith and our hope with the next generations, with our neighbors and our community. He wants us to evangelize... which is essentially sharing good news! This effort first begins with prayer, our prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking God to stir up in our children, youth, friends, neighbors a desire for God and open their hearts to hear what God wants to speak to them. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to give us the words and grace to bring God's message of joy and hope. Our response to God's call needs to it continue with action: Signing up on-line for faith formation sessions, nurturing and expanding family pray time, studying scripture, looking for opportunities in conversation to share what our faith means to us, offering encouragement, inviting folks to church, doing concrete acts of charity and love. All these things, and whatever else God's grace leads you to do, are our call and part of our essential mission as baptized member of the church who have had ear ears and mouths opened by the touch of the Lord Jesus' hand. Then as Isaiah proclaims,

*"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water."*

GODSPEED TO FR. POJE!

This week we say farewell to Fr. Poje. After Masses at Holy Innocents this weekend Fr. Poje returns to Rome to finish his advance degree (License in Sacred Theology (STL)) in biblical studies. He has been a great gift to us at both parishes. I know so many have enjoyed his talks on the Bible that have deepened our appreciation of God's word. Fr. Poje is off to a great start in his priestly ministry, and it has been a joy to help mentor him. On behalf of the whole community here, we want to thank Fr. Poje for his ministry. We wish you every blessing and want to assure you of our prayers. We know that the Lord will do great things in and through you.

WELCOME BACK SR. BETTY!

Another reason for joy and hope is that Sr Betty is back! After a long recovery from her fall, shoulder surgery, wrist surgery and much rehab, we welcome her back this weekend, new and improved, as the "Bionic Sister." We have missed her and are so happy to have her back at St. Jude. Sister is doing rehab, and we are trying to ease her into things, so please go easy on her as she returns. I know she appreciates all your prayer and support during her recovery. I appreciate all of you who have stepped up to help in so many ways while she was gone. With everything going on, please know we will still need your continued help to build up St. Jude.

Wishing you every blessing on your week, and wishing specially blessings upon all students, teacher and parents as they begin the new school year!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Johnson

Barbara Terranova,
wife of Thomas and longtime parishioner

May perpetual light shine upon her.



On the weekend of Sept 11-12, we will be having Olive Wood Carvings available to purchase after all weekend masses. The proceeds are to support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land as it is the major source of income for them there. More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carve these very beautiful and unique items-Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues. The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. This is a way to support them stay there.



St. Jude Church Scripture Study – The Sermon on the Mount

A 4 session Virtual Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount Wednesday evenings on October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Register online. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants.

The Bible is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian in its Spirit-inspired word of God for us. What message does it have for you personally?

Jesus' call to profound discipleship in the Sermon on the Mount is too often considered as special instructions for only the holiest and most exceptional Christians. In the *The Sermon on the Mount*, Clifford Yearly challenges us to hear the sermon once again as Christ intended it, as our call to follow him whose life illustrated its very ideal.

For more information or questions, contact Sondra Sciola at sondra@stjude-redmond.org.

Participants need to register and purchase the workbook for the class.

[Click here to register for this class.](#)

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RACHEL'S CORNER

Hope and Healing after Abortion
"What you resist, persists." Carl Jung

How long have you been resisting the idea that the abortion story really has affected you, even when maybe you thought only she should have those feelings? How long can you keep stuffing it down hoping it will go away? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

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Considering Separation or Divorce?

Wait! There is an alternative.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming VIRTUAL program on Sept. 16-19, 2021, call Mark and Ronnie at 206-706-2608 or go to

www.helpourmarriage.org.



REGISTER FOR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION TODAY!

Registration IS OPEN on our [website!](#)
Classes will begin October 3.

Registration and payment will be online only this year. Visit our website for more information.

We will offer the following classes:

- K-1,3-4,5-6 and First Reconciliation/Eucharist on select Tuesdays at 4:30PM
- Ignite Teen Ministry on select Sundays, 6:30 PM
- Grades 7 and 8 Confirmation on select Sundays at 2:00 PM
- High School (Grades 9 - 12) Confirmation on select Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Register here for Family Faith Formation

- **Intermediate Sacramental Prep** (for grade 4 and up) - A class for children in fourth grade or above that are baptized in the Catholic faith and wish to receive First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. It will meet on select Tuesdays at 4:30 PM on the **virtual platform, ZOOM.**

Register for Intermediate Sacramental Prep Here

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a Catholic Adult (age 18 or over) who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but has not yet celebrated Confirmation?

You are invited to join the preparation to celebrate this Sacrament of Initiation.

**Classes will be held virtually via ZOOM
September 13, 20 and 27th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Deepening our faith commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church is an on-going process. By Confirmation, Christians who are anointed share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Preparation sessions will begin in September, and the Sacrament will be celebrated at the parish in early 2022. You are invited to contact Sondra Sciola at sondra@stjude-redmond.org for more information.

**Register for Adult Confirmation
Here.**

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you, or is someone you know, not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is seeking to learn about Jesus, what it means to become Catholic, to receive the Sacraments? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding in weekly, "no obligation" inquiry sessions.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesdays from 7—8:30 PM beginning Sept
22nd**

For more information, contact Deacon Reuben D'sa (reuben@stjude-redmond.org)

Jesus waits for you!

Eucharistic Adoration
is extended to 9 PM
every Friday.

Beginning September 10



JOB OPENINGS AT ST. JUDE PARISH

[FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR](#)

St Jude parish is seeking an experienced facility & maintenance coordinator to provide hands-on repairs and some preventive maintenance services for a 1400 household parish as well as set-ups for meetings/events, some cleaning, working with a variety of plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and other contractors to assure good stewardship of our 5 buildings and 11+acre grounds. Background in building repair/remodel, construction, or other trades preferred. Ability to handle physical demands of the job. Responsible, dependable, self-starter able to work with pastoral staff as well as parish volunteers. Salary plus full benefits package, flexible hours/occasional weekends. Pay: \$45,000+ DOE, per year. Job description and application can be found at www.stjude-redmond.org/101. Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume and application to Krista Schafer at kristas@stjude-redmond.org.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT FOR FAITH FORMATION
FULL-TIME, BENEFITED

St. Jude Parish in Redmond, WA, is seeking a faithful, practicing and high-energy Catholic who will foster spiritual formation and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church among the children and young adults. This person should be creative, a self-starter with a passion for evangelization, and a clear understanding of relational ministry in forming disciples through retreats, religious education, socials, service opportunities and more.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, develop and implement a faith formation program; plan and coordinate large events and retreats; recruit, supervise and provide formation for volunteers; and effectively communicate with kids, teens, families, parishioners, and parish staff. A superior knowledge of social media is a must. This is a full-time position which involves evenings, weekends and occasional overnight travel. Job description and application can be found at www.stjude-redmond.org/101. Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume and application to Krista Schafer at kristas@stjude-redmond.org. Salary in accord with Archdiocesan guidelines. Position open until filled.

Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested, and join us in praying for these intentions.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 4

3:30 - 4:30 PM - Confessions
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass(livestreamed)

Sunday, September 5

9 AM and 11 AM - Public Masses

Monday, September 6 - LABOR DAY

NO DAILY MASS
Parish Office/ Church CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7

NO DAILY MASS
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Wednesday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 AM - Daily Mass (livestreamed)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Thursday- September 9 - St. Peter Claver

9 AM - Daily Mass (livestreamed)
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Parish Office/ Church open

Friday, September 10

9 AM Public Mass (livestreamed)
9 AM - noon - Parish Office and Church open
Benediction and Adoration follow Mass until 9 PM

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