

***Dan Jinguji***



***Memorial Mass***

***February 7, 2021***

***Sacred Heart, Pullman***

Please write a few words of sorrow, thanksgiving or remembrance on the small sheets of paper that have been provided to you. After Communion, ushers will come around to gather the notes and they will be burned as we sing our Song of Farewell after the eulogies.

Prelude: Largo from the Sonata in G minor by Henri Eccles, performed by Meredith Arksey, violinist

Opening Hymn: "Gather the People"

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord,  
who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5a, 6b-7

Gospel: Mk 1:40-41

Homily: Rev. Steven Dublinski

Preparation of the Gifts: "Pescador de Hombres"

Communion Hymn: "Bread for the Broken"

### **Eulogies**

Chris Hundhausen, Associate Professor, Computer Science,  
WSU, Read by William Engels

Denise Snider, scholarly Assistant Professor,  
School of Music, WSU

The Works of Christmas by Howard Thurman, Read by  
Tammy Barry, see text on page 4

Bernard Hall

Message from Dan's Family, Read by Jessica Cassleman

Mark Thomas, Knights of Columbus

## **Song of Farewell**

1. Come to his aid O saints of God;  
Come, meet him, angels of the Lord.

### **Refrain: Receive his soul, O holy ones; Present him now to God, Most High**

2. May Christ, who called you, take you home,  
And angels lead you to Abraham.
3. Give him eternal rest, O Lord.  
May light unending shine on him.
4. I know that my Redeemer lives;  
The last day I shall rise again.

Closing Hymn: "How Could It Be A Silent Night"  
Sacred Heart Children's Choir

Recessional: "I'll Fly Away"



## From The Choir Invisible

by George Eliot

May I reach

That purest heaven, be to other souls  
The cup of strength in some great agony,  
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,  
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,  
Be the sweet presence of a good diffus'd,  
And in diffusion ever more intense!  
So shall I join the choir invisible

## The Work of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

# Tributes

Dan radiated joy and gave so much to everyone. We miss Dan very much, and we were so glad to share part of his life.

--Beth, Scott, Benjamin, and Samuel Buyserie

Teacher Dan was a good singer. He taught my 4th grade Sunday school class, and he was a good teacher. He taught us how to say the Hail Mary in Spanish. And he made really good pancakes at the work breakfasts when we raked leaves.

--Benjamin Buyserie, 6th Grade

Teacher Dan was a very good teacher. I liked him, and he really liked teaching kids. --Samuel Buyserie, 3rd grade

Dan was so very special to me. We taught two different grades in Sunday School, but they were both preparing for their First Communion, and so we had the privilege of shepherding two groups of kids together through their Sacraments. He was so wonderful with the kids. But I will always be grateful to Dan because of how much he helped at Lara Cummings' funeral. Before Lara died, I asked her what songs she wanted sung at her funeral, and in addition to "On Eagle's Wings," she wanted a song from her Catholic high school alma mater--a song sung in French. I had no idea how I was going to find the music or find someone who could sing it in French until I thought of Dan. Dan spoke and loved so many languages and sang beautifully. He contacted the school to get the sheet music, modified the music to work with the Mass, and sang it in French for Lara. I would never have been able to get the song without his help, and so I thank him again for that act of love. --Beth Buyserie

Dan was the oldest of the four of us. We grew up in Federal Way, Washington. He always had a love for music, playing the violin, cello, and the oboe and bassoon in the school orchestra. He graduated from high school a year early, in 1973. He went on to the University of Washington and took a range of classes, including dance, music, religion, and languages. He got a BS in Math and later earned his Master's in Computer Science. I remember seeing him in a local theater production of the musical, "1776" when I was in college. He worked for Boeing and Microsoft and got to travel all over the world when he did trainings.

Dan joined the Catholic Church during college (we grew up Methodist) and found a home at St James. Singing vespers, cantoring, RCIA, doing all the things he enjoyed at Sacred Heart.

Dan embraced the three children of his friend and helped take care of them. Later, Dan was the guardian to two boys, James and Jordan, that are like his sons.

In 2014, Dan got very ill with pneumonia. He was in the hospital for over a month, intubated and in an induced coma. Miraculously, he came out of it, able to sing, dance, even go back to college!

Thank you for your support -- we feel the love for Dan in the Facebook posts.

- Teresa Robbins (Dan's Sister)

#### **Dan's Family & Extended Family--**

Parents – Jim & Dorothy Jinguji, (Deceased 1984, 2009)

Siblings – Beth Jinguji (b. 1958), Teresa Robbins (b. 1962),

Tom Jinguji (b. 1964)

Nieces and Nephew –

Mayumi Robbins, 31y & Rebecca, 30y (Adam) Long [Teresa & Todd];

Laura Jinguji, 20y [Beth];

Kelly, 19y & James, 14y Jinguji [Tom & LeeAnn]

Step-like Children – Marisa Sandon Pennington, 43y; Aaron Sandon

(b. 1980 - d. 2006); Gina Sandon Herrera, 37?y

Sons through Guardianship – James Fleming, 31y, Jordan Fleming, 30y

#### **Family Memories of Dan:**

##### **Love Most about Dan**

- Cook new foods
- Generosity
- Selflessness
- Love of others, Love of teaching, Love of learning

##### **Stands out about Dan**

- Generous with his time
- Tenacious, when he wanted to do something he would not quit

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**Stands out about Dan** (continued)

- Admire that Dan did what interested him and made him happy
- Had a great smile and laugh, and always had great hair
- Good at music and languages
- Inspires me to pursue my dreams and continue living my life to the fullest each day
- Embraced Marisa, Aaron, Gina, James, and Jordan as his own
- Committed to church, gave his time to music
- Fearless and Energetic – going to WSU to get his PhD at the age of 60, being in the WSU theater dept. with college kids, driving back to Sacred Heart in Pullman for Sunday services since September
- Dan could explain a complex topic so you could understand

**Favorite Memories**

- Nieces & Nephew: running into Dan on UW campus, Dan helping with college coursework and tests, playing card and board games with Dan – he was a quick expert and when he wasn't playing would watch and say, "hmmmm..."
- Going to see Dan sing, dance, and act in a musical at WSU in 2017 where he was a 'bad boy'
- Dan would make fancy and creative dishes for family get-togethers, vegetarian for Laura

**Work**

- St James Chancery late 70's?
- Boeing and Microsoft in the 80's and 90's – teaching and training, also co-authored computer science book for Microsoft "Learn Visual J++ 6.0 Now"
- Chief technology officer for VSource in the late 90's
- Faculty at North Seattle College, Computer Science Dept, long time
- Faculty at Edmonds College, Comp Sci, 2020

**Faith**

- Central role in his life, music, liturgy, RCIA, Knights of Columbus

**Joys**

- Teaching, music, community, family, helping, serving

**Passion**

- Teaching, music, faith

**Challenges**

- Pneumonia in 2014, near death. For us in Dan's family it drew us a lot closer, we communicated more after that

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**A Tanka Poem for Dan**

Cheddar bubbled up  
the sides of your creation  
Calling us to feast.  
You rest now in Holy Light.  
You feast now in Holy Light.

By Linda Heidenreich

Dan was active in so many aspects of Sacred Heart. He was like the Holy Trinity- three persons in one (or maybe more). He was active in a potluck group, a support group for LGBT members of the parish that would meet after the 4:30 Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Dan was a cantor at that Mass as well, and would often bring a friend to the group. He did not just get take-out, but brought a chicken casserole dish every time. He was also supportive of the Social Justice activities of the parish and helped cook breakfast with the Knights for Family Promise, this was a program that housed homeless families at different churches. Dan was an example of Christ to all of us.

- Tim Paulitz

Dan had the heart of a servant of Christ and had the kindest and most gentle way with others. His deep love of the Catholic faith and his fellow human is a model for all of us. May we all be like Dan!

– Anna Park





I don't think there were many areas, if any, of Sacred Heart Parish that Dan wasn't involved in. As many of us know it can be a challenge to find people to help with volunteer jobs but that wasn't the case with Dan. He was willing to help with so much and was so talented in many areas, from yard work to computers. I don't think I ever remember him being in a bad mood or acting as if he was having a bad day. He always seemed joyful and pleasant even though I'm sure he had days that were less than great. He was incredibly knowledgeable in many different subjects and had a variety of interests. I had a wonderful conversation with him about his idea of one day keeping quail for eggs like you would chickens, he had researched this! I will so miss working with Dan at the different functions. He was a proponent of fellowship within the parish and had a definite enthusiasm for greeting new people when they would come to the parish. He would remind some of us less outgoing members that we shouldn't hide in the kitchen when helping with coffee and donuts but should be out talking to the people, something that he was so good at doing. It seemed effortless for him to have a conversation with anyone from a child to scholars. We all feel that Dan was taken too soon. I hope his family and friends can find some comfort in knowing that Dan has touched so many lives during his time here on earth. I am very glad that I was fortunate enough to have known him.

- Jane Hommel

When he talked to you, he made you feel like there was nowhere else that he would rather be. Dan was someone who strengthened the faith of everyone he met. For my part, I look to Dan as a man of Christ to emulate. For his faith, his humility, his dedication to service, his knowledge, and his compassion. When I pray, I will pray that I have the courage and strength to live my life as he did. And when I inevitably fall short, I will imagine Dan giving me an "Oh, pshaw. You're doing just great." – Dave Schneider

Thanks Dan for the many hours spent to serve the parish in so many ways. They were greatly appreciated.  
– Lucille Guettinger

'Mr. Dan' (as he was affectionately known to us) was special. He taught our son, Nic, for 2 years in religious education classes at Sacred Heart. With his strong faith and knowledge of the church, he guided Nic and his classmates through Confirmation and First Communion. Nic always looked forward to the classes with Mr. Dan. We think it was because of Mr. Dan's upbeat spirit. He was always positive – in Church, with youth, the Knights, and when we would see him out and about in the Pullman community. He was a bright light in our lives and the lives of so many at Sacred Heart and in the Pullman Community. To Mr. Dan's family, thank you for sharing him with us. Rest in peace.  
– Rich & Teresa Koenig

Mr. Dan was a great man and I liked his class.  
– Matthew Park

Dan was the most friendly, thoughtful, dedicated parishioner. His dedication to the children's choir was amazing; he would send recordings to our children to practice since they couldn't read the words yet. Just very loving and kind. He will be deeply missed.

-Dan Neighbors

Dan - He moved to Pullman and never shook the dust off his shoes before he offered himself as cantor, catechist (for both 4<sup>th</sup> graders and adults in RCIA), computer tech, member of the Knights of Columbus, hospitality lead for Wine and Cheese, and so much more. I had many discussions with him—anywhere from church topics to raising quail. I am truly blessed to call him a friend, even for the short time he was here. Dan came to our community to show us how to be Christ-like.

- Theresa Paul

Dan was a truly remarkable person, who touched the lives of all of us tremendously through his kindness, compassion, and wonderful gifts of both time and talent—all of which he shared in abundance. Dan was such a radiant light and source of joy in our community. We all were blessed to know him and will feel his loss, although the results of his amazing contributions and joyous spirit will continue to beam brightly.

With much love, Tammy, Chris, and Andersen Barry





We moved to Pullman from California because our daughter chose to attend WSU, and we intend to retire in Sequim. She is currently in her second year. We found our way to Sacred Heart Church and we were welcomed by its warmth! We met Dan through Sunday School and talking with him about the charities of the KOC. We saw him during masses and cooked with him to make breakfast burritos. He was always doing something at or for the church, but more importantly he did it with a pure heart and a smile in his face. We will never forget how welcoming, personable, kind, and generous he was with his time, especially living so far away. He walked the walk, and the Light of Christ truly shone from him. Godspeed, Dan, and may you find rest in the arms of our Lord.

- Fondly, Ken, Nelda, and Michaela Gow

Dan helped out in any way he could. He always wanted me to join choir and the one time that I went, I had fun. He was nice to everyone he met. I think Dan never met a stranger.

- Cruze McCann

I think Dan was a big part of my growth in a lot of ways. The first I really interacted with Dan was when he was my teacher for Sunday school. He always made the lessons fun by throwing in humor. He accentuated each lesson with crazy hand gestures and some silly impressions of Bible characters, such as the occasional deep voice. I did the choir he organized every Sunday, even though I couldn't really sing. He got me to do a few solos at a later mass, even though that was something I didn't really want to do. I think these solos improved my confidence. Now, I'm not nervous to do a presentation in front of the class and I make my presentations fun, just like he did to teach us.

- Cash McCann

We didn't realize until recently, that Dan was not a longtime member of the Sacred Heart community. Our family was blessed to experience his selflessness and talent from his first days in Pullman. Our oldest son spent two years preparing for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation with Dan. Our twins spent a year learning from him just after they were confirmed. All of them were influenced by his passion for music and storytelling. We are grateful for the time our children spent learning from Dan. He led them down a path of growth through kindness and his passion for sharing his faith. He helped them see that they are courageous, talented, and strong – so much so because of their relationship with God. They learned Sacred Heart is a safe space to grow, and even to fail, though he made sure they never did. We will miss him.

- Wendy McCann

I was so grateful to have Dan by my side helping with the children's choir and Christmas nativity play. He was one of the kindest people I know. He made me smile and his beautiful voice filled our hearts with joy. We will miss him so much! – Jill Patera

Our family was saddened by the news of Dan's passing. He was the Sunday School teacher for our twins, Aaron and Carson, when they were 8 and in 3rd grade. That was 4 years ago. We enjoyed his singing at the 8:30am Mass and later they joined the Children's Choir. They even sang while they were Altar Servers!! Aaron and Carson can be shy, but Dan provided an opportunity for them to grow and gain confidence. Our family appreciated his involvement with the virtual Christmas play and will treasure that always. Rest in peace. - Brooke, Josh, Aaron, Carson, Tyson, and Madison Whiting

