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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
- Mk 16:19-20

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses*

May 15 5:00 pm
May 16 8:30 am
10:30 am

Daily Masses

May 18- 6:00 pm
May 19- 8:45 am**
May 20- 8:45 am
May 21- 8:45 am

*Final weekend of reserved seating at all Masses.

**Wednesday Masses closed to public in May. Livestream only.
Most Masses Livestreamed on [Facebook](#) & [Vimeo](#).
Watch [posted videos](#) at anytime.

Starting May 22/23, all Masses will be “walk-up” only; reservations will no longer be taken. We encourage you to arrive at least 20 minutes early to secure seating. Please let Hospitality Ministers know upon arrival if you require mobility or hearing accommodations. Doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins.

Thank you for continuing to screen for symptoms of covid before your arrival. Masks still required for all.

CHURCH HOURS

Mondays, Fridays - 2:00 pm -4:00 pm
Wednesdays, Saturdays - 12:00 pm-2:00 pm
Masks mandatory, no exceptions.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
Tuesdays- 5:30 pm-5:50 pm
By appointment. Call 206-937-1488 ext. 200

MASS UPDATE

During Phase 2 and 3, Governor Inslee expanded the definition of a “household”. With this guidance, at Mass, a “household” can be up to 2 families (for a maximum of 10 people) sharing a pew under a single reservation. Names of all attendees must be listed at the time of registration. Be sure to let your party know which last name the reservation is under for an easy check –in process.

MAY 16, 2021

ASCENSION SUNDAY

The Journey of Faith with Father Matthew Oakland



Making a Difference

Do you want our youth to be able to experience CYO camps and sports, with opportunities for human and spiritual growth? Do you want college students to have campus ministry programs to foster their life of faith? Do you want to help expand emergency, temporary and permanent housing options and help individuals or families in crisis? Do you want to help feed the hungry? Do you want to provide patients and their families in hospitals lay, deacon and priest chaplains to visit and pray with them and bring them the Sacraments? Do you want inmates at jails and immigrants in detention facilities to have access to spiritual care? Do you want there to be future priests who can faithfully serve God and His people?

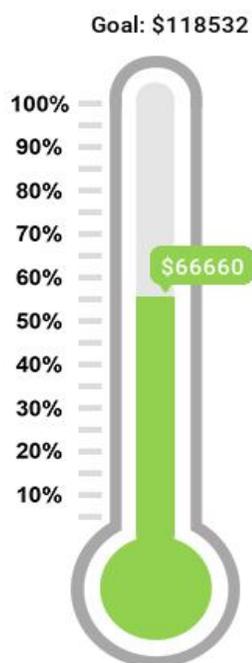
These worthy ministries, and many others, are funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal. They are things that are important and serve Catholics and our brothers and sisters throughout Western Washington, and are beyond the scope of any one parish. They are only possible if each of us does what we can as members of the one Body of Christ. Every year, I feel as if my pledge is inadequate to support even just one of those.

Anything we raise over our goal comes back to our parish. Last year, the \$17,056 rebate covered about 40% of the cost of the new permanent livestream cameras and control equipment, including bringing internet to the Church. We thankfully received some direct donations, as well, for the project, and the remainder was covered through our parish operations.

This year, we plan to use our rebate to help fund a lighting upgrade in the Church. The shrines in particular are rather dark, even with the addition a few years ago of some Ikea lamps. The east and west transepts (the side wings of the church where these shrines are located, and which form the cross-bar of the cruciform church) also lack good lighting, which is why back when we had choirs by the Marian shrine, they would erect some of their own additional lights. We artificially increase the lighting on the livestream, which hampers quality some, and which still isn't enough. A 10-15% increase would go a long way. It would also be good to undertake an LED conversion, an important way to be good stewards of the resources of the earth, and drive down long term costs given the number of fixtures in the church.

The Annual Catholic Appeal makes a difference. I have benefitted greatly myself—as a high school and college student, as a seminarian, as someone who has had hospital chaplains visit my family in times of need, and much more. I am one of the countless beneficiaries of this great endeavor, and I imagine most of you are as well in one way or another—or many ways!

If you haven't made a pledge yet, you can do so [online](#), or by turning in the envelope that was mailed to you or by using one in the church. Payments can be made anytime between now and April 2022. Thank you for making a difference!



But that is the gift of Church, as each of our pledges adds up to over \$11 million to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of individuals.

Our parish goal this year is \$118,532. As of the printing of this bulletin (May 14th), we have received pledges totaling \$66,660 from 120 individuals and families. Thank you!!

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THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE

RETURNING TO MASS

This year-long (and counting) pandemic has forced us all to change how we do almost everything. Mass has been no different. Thankfully, the changes we have made have allowed the tens of thousands of Masses across the Archdiocese of Seattle to remain outbreak-free since June of 2020 when we reopened. Risk mitigation works!

Here are some of the changes you will see (or have seen already) upon your return.

- Masks required regardless of immunization-status.
- Physical distancing. Our church remains at less than 50% capacity in order to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- No kiss of peace. No holding of hands.
- No holy water.
- No passed baskets.
- Communion is given in the hand.
- Dedicated Hospitality Ministers at every Mass to help maintain protocols before, during, and after Mass.
- Ventilation system in operation to bring in fresh air.
- Cleaning and sanitation of all common surfaces between all Masses.

Livestreaming has continued to be a much-welcomed part of living the faith for many of our homebound and medically-fragile parishioners.

If you are enjoying a mask-free meal in a restaurant setting or traveling through airports while still staying out of church, consider prayerfully reflecting upon this. There is a safe way to return to Mass, and we look forward to welcoming you back.



The Eucharist unites us to Christ, and, in Christ, to each other. And the Eucharist commits us to the poor, sending us forth in **service and love.**

ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE
The Work of Redemption

While the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect, receiving Holy Communion at Easter is a privilege and obligation treasured by Catholics. The Archbishop strongly encourages all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Seattle to make an “Easter Communion” at any Mass, whether weekday or Sunday, during Easter Time, which continues through Pentecost, May 23, 2021.

We have celebrated tens of thousands of Masses without any known spread of COVID-19 as we follow all the best practices to mitigate risk. Give yourself, and Jesus, the gift of Communion with Him through His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, this Easter season.

Daily Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays are the least populated with only 20-30 people present. Wednesday and Thursday have one or two classes of students so the church is fuller. On Sunday, we are usually at 80-90% of capacity – defined by social distancing households, which works out to 75-120 people depending on household size. Come and join us in the worship of God!



Unity is not easy. Unity requires give and take.

As a local Church, unity is more than one goal among many. Unity is essential to our mission. The prayer of Jesus for his disciples on the night before he died was that we might be one: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (John 17:20-21). The effectiveness of our witness depends on our unity. Nowhere is that unity more important than in our celebrations of the Eucharist.

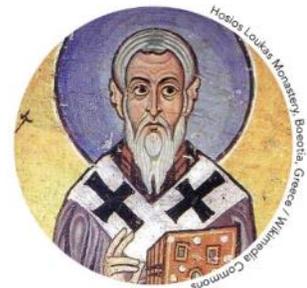
Unity is not easy. Unity requires give and take. As Pope Benedict XVI has written, "Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. Communion draws me out of myself towards him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians." The intimate sharing with Christ we experience when we participate in the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion is not strictly between God and myself, because the Mass is not an individual devotion but a communal prayer. For this reason, our celebrations of the Eucharist should be marked not by individual expressions of piety, but by unity.

The singing, the spoken responses, and the postures we take during the Mass — standing, bowing, kneeling — are important signs of that unity, and more: They can actually help build the unity we seek.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle
Read the whole pastoral letter at NWCatholic.org

The Saints and the Eucharist

Pray, then, come and join this choir, every one of you; let there be a holy symphony of minds in concert; take the tone all together from God, and sing aloud to the Father with one voice through Jesus Christ, so that he may hear you and know by your good works that you are indeed members of his Son's Body. A completely united front will help to keep you in constant communion with God... Let no one be under any illusion; a man who excludes himself from the sanctuary is depriving himself of the bread of God, for if prayer of one or two individuals has such efficacy, how much more powerful is that of the bishop together with his whole church.



St. Ignatius of Antioch
(c. 35-107)

For Reflection

What unites me with my parish community—with my Catholic family throughout the world?

What gets in the way of unity in the Church today?

Are there ways I can be an instrument of unity in our increasingly polarized world?

#YearoftheEucharistSeattle

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Walk-Ups Welcome!

West Seattle Vaccination Clinic is taking walk-ups for 16 year-olds or older, daily. Registration is still open if you prefer an appointment.

To register for your first and second doses at the City of Seattle vaccination clinics including West Seattle go to the registration website at: seattle.signetic.com/home.

Need a second dose only? You can register for your second dose [here!](#)

If you or someone you know needs assistance making an appointment, please call or email Libby at 206-937-1488 ext. 209 or parishoffice@holyroaryseattle.org.

Sunday Reflection

For the last three Sundays, we have been hearing Jesus' farewell discourse before he ascends into heaven. This Sunday, Jesus concludes with a conversation with the Father where he petitions on behalf of his followers. In his words, Jesus' love for his disciples, then as well as now, shines forth. There is a sense that now we are all truly one with him. We are consecrated in truth, as he is consecrated as the truth.

As our Easter draws to a close, it is good to reflect on how we represent Jesus Christ to the world. We are truly the body of Christ, the presence of Christ in a world that oftentimes does not know him. Can the world recognize him in us? Since we are protected and consecrated in truth, do we venture out boldly into a hostile world bringing real peace? Do we testify to the reality of the risen Lord each day, or do we treat that reality like another story, which we recall fondly? The season of Easter may be concluding next week at Pentecost, but we are to be Easter people all year through. May the risen Lord be with us as we seek to share the good news in our daily lives with all those we meet.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Openings

Pre-school/Pre-K

Spaces still available in our Preschool 2s (age 2.5 by Aug. 31st) and PreKindergarten classes (age 4 by Aug. 31st) at Holy Rosary Pre-school! Applications or more information available at: [Preschool Admissions • Holy Rosary School \(holyroaryws.org\)](http://Preschool Admissions • Holy Rosary School (holyroaryws.org)). Please contact admissions@holyroaryws.org if you would like to schedule a tour. Spirit & Mind Ignited!

Kindergarten/1st Grade

A few spaces are available in our Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Our K-8 STEM+ school has 2 classes per grade, a rigorous academic curriculum that includes the Catholic faith, Spanish, Art, and Music. We employ MAPS testing (even during COVID) with students' RIT scores that are consistently higher than national averages for both Catholic and non-Catholic students. Check out Facebook and Instagram (@HolyRosaryWS) to see how Holy Rosary has continued to move forward with students' education during this pandemic-affected school year.

More information at [K-8 Admissions • Holy Rosary School \(holyroaryws.org\)](http://K-8 Admissions • Holy Rosary School (holyroaryws.org)) or contact admissions@holyroaryws.org to schedule a tour.

Come and Be Fed



From the stress of covid and the divisiveness in our culture, to personal anxieties around family, work and life, you may be feeling empty, lost, or frustrated.

You are not alone.

Join Archbishop Etienne as he speaks with local young adults about real issues we face today and how Christ, present in the Eucharist, can truly nourish us.

<http://archseattle.org/be fed>

PRAYER, HEALING AND ACTION FOR RACIAL SOLIDARITY
ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE FLOYD'S MURDER



TUESDAY, MAY 25 AT 7:00PM
ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL (804 NINTH AVENUE)

The South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Team invites you to commemorate the first anniversary of George Floyd's murder by participating in a prayer service for healing and action. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne will preside. South Seattle parishes will offer their prayers and share how their parishes will commit to working for Racial Justice.

Registration to attend in person:

<https://conta.cc/3vqoo0L>

Register to join other parishioners in person at OLG for the livestream event:

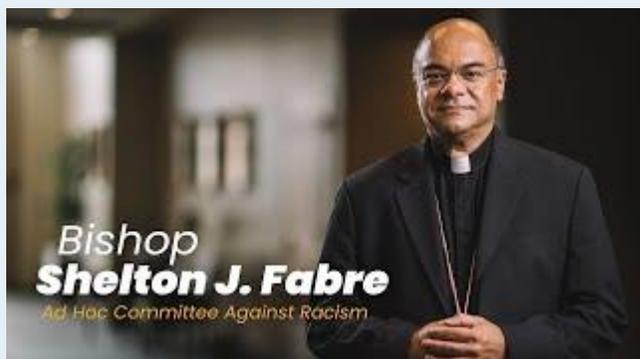
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544A4AB2FA6F49-racial>

Livestream the prayer service:

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/event/940810>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesseattle/>

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS *the enduring call to love*



[Bishop Shelton Fabre on the Death of George Floyd | USCCB](#)

Racism and the Criminal Justice System presented by the USCCB.

[racism-and-criminal-justice.pdf \(usccb.org\)](#)

“We read the headlines that report the killing of unarmed African Americans by law enforcement officials. In our prisons, the numbers of inmates of color, notably those who are brown and black, is grossly disproportionate. Despite the great blessings of liberty that this country offers, we must admit the plain truth that for many of our fellow citizens, who have done nothing wrong, interactions with the police are often fraught with fear and even danger.” – U.S. bishops, Open Wide Our Hearts



Online Resources for Prayer & Reflection

[At Home with Faith](#)

Each week the Archdiocese of Seattle publishes a new guide for ways to grow in faith at home and as a family.

[Thy Kingdom Come](#)

This book contains an large collection of prayers rooted in our Catholic faith tradition.

[Magnificat](#) and [MagnifiKid!](#)

Magnificat is offering its website with excellent daily readings, prayers, and reflections free of charge.

[The Word Among Us](#)

Another prayer resource being offered free of charge, similar to Magnificat.

[Sacred Heart Radio](#) Pray the Rosary

General Resources

[Find resources](#) about prayer, mental health, and more from the Archdiocese of Seattle.

[St. Vincent de Paul](#) is available help with food, rent, bills and other immediate needs. 206-937-1488 ext. 300.

Crisis Lines

[National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

1-800-799-7233

Teen Line: 1-888-375-8336

Text : 273TALK to 839863

Mental Health Hotline (for ages 18+) (800) 710-7083

[National Suicide Hotlines](#) 800-273-TALK/800-273-8255

800-SUICIDE/800-784-2433

[Crisis Clinic 24-Hour Crisis Line](#)

866-427-4747

[Nat'l Runaway Switchboard](#)

800-RUNAWAY/800-786-2929

[National Child Abuse Hotline](#)

800-422-4453

Stress, Anxiety, & Depression

[Understanding Children and Teens with Anxiety and Depression](#) – Depression Association of America

[Methods for Discerning Anxiety and Depression in Teens](#)

[Anxiety and Depression](#) Articles from Life Teen



Annual Catholic Appeal Pledge Tracker

Goal: **\$118,532**

Total pledges to date: **\$66,660**

Total # families/individuals pledged: **120**

Online Giving

Thank you to those who already give online. If you wish to support our ongoing labors, please select the 'Create an Account' button at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4255.

By Mail

You can use the business envelope included in your monthly envelope packets, or mail to

**Holy Rosary Church
4139 42nd Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116**

Request: When mailing or dropping off your parish tithes, you do not need to send in multiple weekly or monthly envelopes with cash or a check in each. One parish envelope with one check or total cash is sufficient. Please continue to send separate envelopes/money for SVDP, Shoulder to Shoulder, the Endowment, etc. as separate funds. Thank you.

Drop Off

Please use the south parish door mail slot when dropping off checks and/or envelopes.

Thank you for continuing to support us in carrying out the mission of Christ.



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