



"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved" -
Psalm 80

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Our beloved Betsey presenting her witness to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. May our gatherings in person and virtually provide us with much joy and hope.

This weekend we are focused on new beginnings as we enter a new liturgical year and also begin our Parish Mission Discernment Synod. In this weekend's Gospel reading we hear Jesus reminding us, *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* as we ready for the coming of Jesus into our world at Christmas. It is a time of renewal and a time of recommitment to live out the ministry of Christ as we wait for his return. Mark's Gospel was written for a community expecting the Second Coming at any time. There was urgency in the message.

Think back to a time when we all were able to gather pre-COVID and ask yourself this question: How many of our current parishioners will still be with us in a decade? We have one of the smallest parish communities in the Archdiocese with one Mass weekly. Our current census is about 220 registered households. What will that look like in 10-years without a plan for parish growth? This is the challenge before our community in this moment in time.

We should all feel the urgency found in Mark's Gospel as we gather to build and grow into a renewed future. I hope you will take part in this important parish discussion.

Peace...



Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

For a link to our annual report, [CLICK HERE](#).

Sunday Online Mass Schedule

Mass will be hosted LIVE at 10:30 AM online
via [Facebook](#) *

* As an alternative to Facebook, you NOW can also attend Mass by joining the Hospitality Zoom meeting [here](#). Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

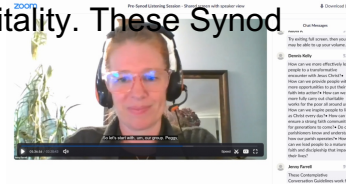
Or find the Mass via [YouTube](#)
(Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

ZOOM LINKS CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON WORD [ZOOM](#) TO OPEN

The Synod is Upon Us

This Sunday from 2 PM to 5 PM, we will gather for our first session of the Parish Mission Discernment Synod. We will gather on [ZOOM \(Click HERE for Zoom link\)](#).

Our focus for the Synod is on parish growth and vitality. These Synod gatherings will allow us to have a strategic plan to present to the Archdiocese should decisions need to be made about our future. It's all about being prepared, being alert, being watchful.



What is the Goal of the Synod? (From the Synod Team)

The goal of the Synod is to brainstorm and come up with specific ideas that will increase the vitality of St. Patrick parish. For the purposes of the Synod, we understand that actions and initiatives that foster growth in any of the following categories will increase the vitality of St Patrick:

- **Culture of Encounter** with those on the margins outside our parish
- Increase in **Mass Attendance**
- Grow the number and vibrancy of our **Celebration of the Sacraments**
- Make optimal **Use of our Facilities** for mission and budget
- Promote **Financial Stability** through fiscal literacy and full parishioner engagement

We are offering **twelve brainstorming sessions** to choose from. **Select your top three** brainstorming sessions (from below) now and standby for a survey we will send to you on Friday where you can make your priorities known. Hearing from you will help us plan for adequate sessions to handle the interest.

How can we **grow** by. . .

- . . . providing outreach to the community focusing on food security and homelessness
- . . . providing adult instruction and education programs for the community
- . . . increasing our engagement with other religious and spiritual traditions
- . . . staying connected via technology
- . . . racial equity & immigrant issues
- . . . focusing on youth and young families
- . . . focusing on middle/High School and Young Adults
- . . . focusing on inclusion of special needs people and communities
- . . . focusing on LGBTQ+, divorced Catholics, seniors/retired communities
- . . . increasing the vitality of our sacraments
- . . . optimizing the use of our facilities and resources
- . . . ensuring our financial stability

. . . **increase the vitality** at St Patrick?

For questions about the Synod you may contact John Hale at john@callofcompassion.org or Sandi Tennyson at sandiandbrian@msn.com.

Together we can!

Synod Leadership Team

Poinsettias 2020

Advent starts this Sunday. With Christmas on its way, the Environment Committee members are focusing on decorating. Each year many of you generously donate money to buy beautiful poinsettias that help transform our sanctuary into the beautiful splendor of Christmas. Since many of you will not be present at masses, you will need to take the following steps to purchase the poinsettias:



Step #1 - Open the purchase form document [here](#) and then print it.

Step # 2 - Fill out the form, being sure to write a name of someone in honor of or in memory of.

Step #3 - Put the form in an envelope with a check or cash in the amount of \$15.00 for each poinsettia. Make checks payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Step #4 - Mail the envelope to: St Patrick Church, 2702 Broadway East, Seattle, WA 98102. If you are at mass in person you can put it into a basket on the table at the entry.

All forms and money need to be in by Sunday, December 13 so plan ahead!

Advent Festival

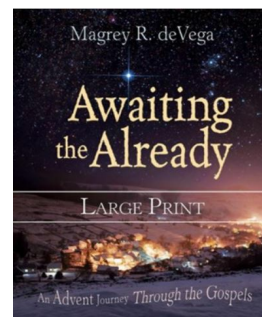
Families are invited to attend the **Advent Festival on December 6th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** over Zoom. The St. Pat's youth group will host this one-hour online event which is geared toward our parish families with young children. However, we invite all our parish family to join as we journey through this sacred time! Join us for prayer, Advent crafts, and fun together. To participate you will need to have 18 strips of paper to make a paper chain (6 strips of purple, 6 strips of pink and 6 strips of white paper). You will also need an advent wreath or a candle. We look forward to "seeing" you all during this unique Advent Festival!



[\(Click HERE to join our ZOOM Video Meeting\)](#)

Small Group Advent Journey Through the Gospels

Join us this Advent for a time of quiet reflection and preparation for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. The Advent Small Groups will meet each of the four weeks of Advent to study and pray with the book **Awaiting the Already** which takes us on a tour through the Gospel narratives, showing us what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience of the birth of Christ.



The groups will meet for the four weeks of Advent, beginning the week of November 30th. There will be a **Tuesday evening small group from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** ([click ZOOM link HERE](#)) and a **Wednesday morning small group from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** ([click ZOOM link HERE](#)). For questions, please contact Deanna (dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org). Kindly consider giving a \$7 donation to cover the cost of the book.

Wednesday Movie Night Returns

"Made in response to the times we are living in, The Antidote weaves together stories of kindness, decency, and the power of community in America. It's about everyday people who make the intentional choice to lift others up, despite fundamentally unkind realities in our society that contradict the founding ideals of our country. It's about who we are and maybe, who we can be."

Join Movie Night on Zoom ([click HERE](#)) this Wednesday, November 25, at 7 PM on [Zoom](#) for viewing and discussion. Learn more about the movie at <https://theantidotemovie.com>



Fair Trade Christmas Shopping

This Christmas season give gifts that matter by shopping our Ethical Sale online! Many of the artisans, farmers, and communities we support through the sale are, like us, struggling more than ever this year as COVID spreads and sales slow.



Through Serrv International virtual sale, you'll find a large variety of unique, quality items and gifts. You will also empower others and support Catholic Relief Services with 20% of sales going to their relief fund.

Simply shop through our custom parish link [here](#).

[Advent Giving Tree](#)

It is time for our **Annual Giving Tree** that benefits Francis House! We invite you to purchase gift cards from Amazon, Target or WalMart. You can drop them off under the tree by December 13th, or mail them to the parish center at 2702 Broadway E., Seattle 98102 so that they arrive by Friday the 11th. Thank you all for your generosity each year!

[Lessons and Carols](#)

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 16th at 7 PM for a special **Zoom** presentation of **Lessons and Carols**. This year, the St. Pat's community is partnering with the Christ Our Hope community to present this special event.

[Continuing Engagement Opportunities](#)

We encourage you to attend Sunday hospitality immediately after St. Patrick Mass at 10:30 AM. Hospitality will be hosted by Betsey Beckman and Sandy Tennyson via **ZOOM** around 11:30 AM.

Join Fr. Hersey and me for **Coffee and Conversation** on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Dr. David and Ruth Ard host a weekly scripture study group, **Breaking Open The Word** on Wednesday afternoons at 5 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, **Encountering God**, who gather online on Thursdays at 11 AM. This is a sixty minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison and Deanna Tighe.

Please email **Deanna Tighe** if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

Click Here To Give
Online