



**"Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation." -
Psalm 85**

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Advent 2020

In this ADVENT of Division and
Deep Darkness of Night
Come O Lord JESUS and
Be our Soul's LIGHT.
Please come in Your BRIGHTNESS and
GIFT us with Your SIGHT.

OPEN our Soul's Eyes to
Your WISDOM and TRUTH,
So that we Lost in Darkness
Might be able to SEE
Your LIGHT in ALL Peoples,
For that is the KEY!

So then shall ALL Peoples be
LAMPS of GOD's LOVE!
May we BURN with CHRIST's LIGHT
Dispersing this Darkness and
TRANSFORMING the Night!

Then STANDING and TRUSTING in
GOD's Gracious LOVE
That OPENS within us like
A Gentle Sweet DOVE;

May we keep those LAMPS BURNING
While WAITING in HOPE for that
Glorious DAWN,
When ALL GOD's People in CHRIST
RISE as ONE!

**A beautiful poem about Advent written by Josephinum
resident and Christ Our Hope parishioner Jani Kelly**

Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend's Gospel speaks of beginnings. In the second week of a new liturgical year, we hear the very beginning of Mark's Gospel: "Beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." Mark wrote his Gospel between 65-70 AD in Rome. His audience there would have been struck by the opening words "gospel" (i.e. good news) and "Son of God." The Christian community in Rome was living in dangerous times. Persecuted Christians were being executed by being lit on fire to serve as streetlights (a.k.a. Roman Candles) throughout the city. The only good news was how the Romans proclaimed their battle victories as the "good news of Rome." The son of god was a title befitting only a Roman Emperor. So, Mark's Gospel starts with a provocative sentence, proclaiming good news about an executed Jewish man who Christians called the "Son of God." This likely stirred hatred of Christians by those supportive of the status quo in Rome at the time and explains why Christians experienced such persecution.

In today's world, we read this sentence and may see no deep meaning. But how many people today live as if Jesus' ministry is in fact good news or believe him to truly be the "Son of God?" How many of us need a new beginning in our life where we see the world through the eyes of Christ? This is a wonderful way to focus our prayers this Advent season.

Peace...



Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

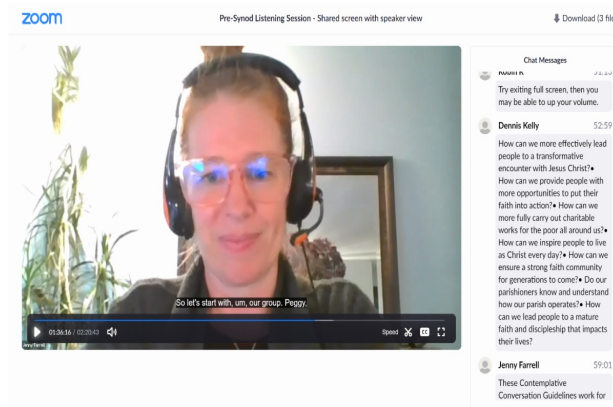
For a link to our annual report, [CLICK HERE](#).

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.)



Parish Mission Discernment Synod THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your participation in our Parish Mission Discernment Synod.

Your input will help us develop a strategic and pastoral plan for our parish community to help stimulate growth and vitality. What a blessing to see everyone last Sunday. Stay tuned for more updates on our process and opportunities for your involvement in the weeks ahead.

Lessons and Carols

Join us for an evening of song, scripture and stories as St. Patrick and Christ Our Hope musicians present **Lessons and Carols**. This Advent event happens on Zoom on **Wednesday, December 16th at 7 PM**. You won't want to miss this. ([Click HERE to join via ZOOM](#))



Reminder Advent Festival

Families are invited to attend the **Advent Festival this Sunday evening, December 6th at 6 PM**. 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. ([Click HERE to join via ZOOM](#))



Poinsettias 2020

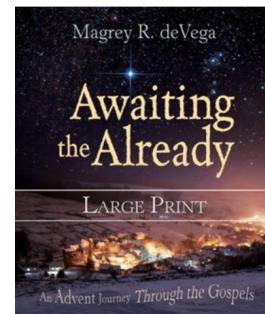
This is the last week to order and submit your monies for this year's Poinsettias. You can use this form [here](#) write a name of someone in honor of or in memory of. Be sure to put the form in an envelope with a check or cash in the amount of \$15.00 for each poinsettia. Make checks payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church.



Please send your envelopes 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!**

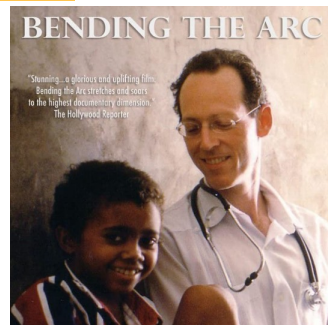
Small Group Advent Journey Through the Gospels

Small Advent groups will meet throughout December. Join **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 - Bending the Arc

Some information about this week's movie comes from the New York Times: "A feel-good documentary that's literally about making people feel good, 'Bending the Arc' dives into the quagmire of global health care with the sunny insouciance and can-do brio of its primary subjects, the doctors Paul Farmer and Jim Yong Kim, two founders of Partners in Health."



[Join Movie Night on Zoom \(click HERE\)](#) this Wednesday, December 9th at 7 PM on [Zoom](#) for viewing and discussion.

Fair Trade Christmas Shopping

This Christmas season give gifts that matter by shopping our Ethical Sale online! 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](#). This weekend there is

[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!

[Advent: A Season of Renewal and Possibilities](#)

Join Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Advent Retreat for a morning of spiritual renewal, individual & collective global reflection.

This retreat led by Kelly Hickman (CRS Parish Ambassador) and Maria Arroyo (CRS West Field Director) will take place at 9:30 AM until Noon on December 10, 2020. Be sure to [RSVP](#) here, you will then receive an email with the Zoom link.

[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.

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