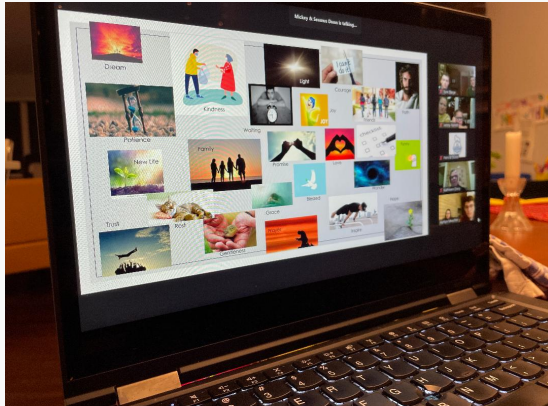
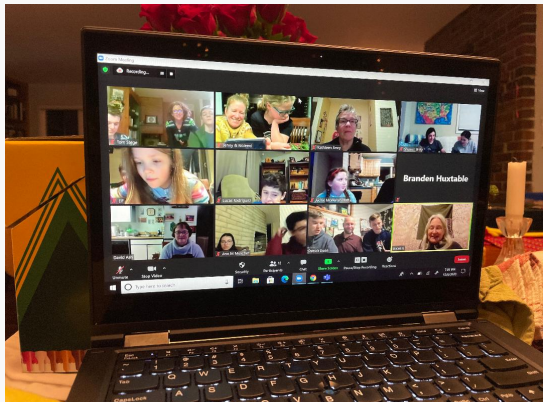




"My soul rejoices in my God"
Luke 1:46-48

[Register for Public Mass here!](#)



Thank you for attending our annual Advent Festival last weekend hosted by the St. Pat's teen youth group. And a huge shout out to Mickey spearheading this important annual tradition.

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice". Catholic author Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness this way: while happiness is dependent on external things, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away."

Jesus experienced unconditional love from both of his parents during his lifetime. It shaped his humanity. We all know of Mary's influence (and even remember her this week with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe). But not much is known about Joseph's influence on Jesus. This past week, Pope Francis declared it The Year of St. Joseph. To many, Jesus' adoptive father is the unsung hero in the Gospel. The Holy Father is asking us to remember what St. Joseph did for Mary and Jesus during his lifetime. And the model he was for our savior and for us.

(Here's a wonderful video from Fr. James Martin on the influence of Joseph in Jesus' life. Click [HERE](#) for the YouTube link).

Pope Francis wrote this prayer for St. Joseph to mark the Year of Joseph:

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became Man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil.
Amen."

Peace...



Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

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

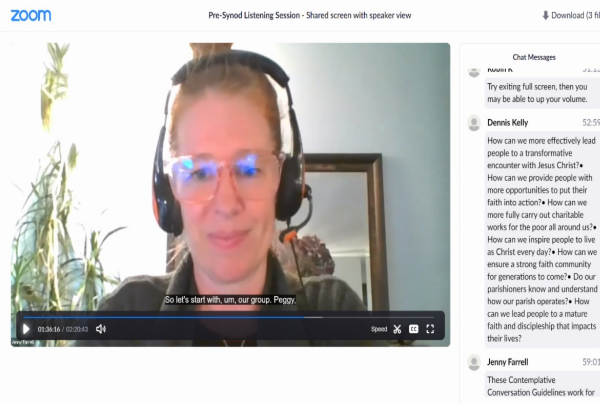
Sunday Online Mass Schedule

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 [WORDZOOM](#) TO OPEN



Parish Mission Discernment Synod UPDATE

Thank you to all the Organizers, Facilitators, Notetakers, and Participants who attended the Synod on Sunday November 29th. It was a great event that generated many ideas for increasing the vitality of our parish!

We understood that we had a 500-person capacity for our Zoom session and learned too late that was not the case. For anyone who was unable to attend due to the limit, we send you our sincere apologies and regrets because we intended for every parishioner to be able to participate.

We are interested in receiving feedback from those who attended, which can be entered in a survey using the link below. Also, we would like to know who was unable to attend which also can be entered via the survey.

You are also welcome to send an email with any feedback to John Hale (john@callofcompassion.com).

Fill Out - Synod Follow-Up Survey (Click HERE)

Silent BINGO Game on Friday, December 11th

If you have ever wanted to learn a bit more American Sign Language and have FUN while doing so, this is the **Silent BINGO game** for you! Or if you are a member of St. Patrick's Hearing, Deaf, Deaf Blind, L'Arche, or Interpreting communities who wants to encourage more communication opportunities between Deaf and Hearing come join us **TONIGHT (Friday, December 11th) from 6 - 8 PM** for a Silent **Zoom** Bingo game.



Be ready with 4 or 5 pieces of white paper and one piece of colored paper (or coins or chips) to use as markers. You'll be instructed how to make your Bingo card at the beginning of the game.

If you would like to attend please **text your name** to Ellen Carpentier at 206-240-5199 by noon on Friday December 11th to confirm and get more information on how to play the game. Limit of 20 people!

Here is the link to the Zoom Meeting which starts at 6 PM. Hope you will join us! Click [HERE](#) the the link.

Christmas Surprise Gift Bags!

A team of parishioners has prepared a gift bag with Christmas goodies for every household!

Come pick up your surprise gift bag at the church this **Sunday, December 13th between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**. We will wave at you!

We understand that some folks are not able to come, so we will find a way to bring it to you in the following week! Volunteer drivers will be appreciated for this part. To volunteer for driving, contact Laura at her email: lauradavidash@aol.com

Lessons and Carols

For many centuries Christians have prepared for the Mass of the Nativity and the Coming of the Savior by gathering to hear readings proclaimed and responsory carols sung. Because "carols" were originally dance songs, they were sometimes sung in the local vernacular, replacing the Latin texts. In recent times, this service often has been called Lessons & Carols- 9 readings of scripture or poetry or sermons, each reading followed by a time of musical reflection or carol



On Wednesday, December 16, 7 PM St. Patrick's will gather with our partner parish, Christ Our Hope, to prepare for the Coming of the Savior in our own Zoom Lessons & Carols with scripture and poetry, song and dance, instruments and videography.

Readers, musicians and additional support representing St. Patrick's will include: Readers-- Paul Sampson, Dixie Strunk, Nicholas Mescher, Eileen Murphy, George Murphy. Musicians -- Laura and David Ash; and The St. Patrick Choir. Dancer is Betsey Beckman and Sharie Bowman is technical support.

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

Lessons & Carols will be followed by the Lighting of the Tree in the Josephinum Lobby--Hosts Lauren Pusich and Deanna Tighe with AJ Honore, trumpet. All are welcome to remain on Zoom to participate.

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!**

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.

Thank you to those who have already generously provided this year. You have one last opportunity to drop gift cards off under the tree this Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!

Advent Small Groups

Small Advent groups will meet throughout December. Join Tuesday evening [Zoom](#) small group from 6:30 PM - 7:30 and a Wednesday morning [Zoom](#) small group from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

Kindly consider giving a \$7 donation to cover the cost of the book, [Awaiting the Already](#). For questions or if you are interested in joining, please [email](#) Deanna.



Simbang Gabi

On Saturday, December 12 at 11 AM, Archbishop Etienne will celebrate the annual Mass to bless parols (star-shaped lanterns) in preparation for the Simbang Gabi novena of Masses, which will take place in parishes around the Archdiocese.

The Mass is not open to the public this year but you are welcome to join in via [Livestream](#)



Candle Photographs

The Liturgy Committee is requesting photographs for Christmas Eve.

To assist in a Christmas Eve video production, we invite people to send photos of themselves holding a lit candle. Or an electric candle will do! Send photos to Betsey Beckman via email bbeckdance@gmail.com by December 18!

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.

[Wednesday Night Movie night on Zoom](#) will resume on Wednesday, Decemeber 23rd at 7 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
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