



"All the ends of the earth have
seen the saving power of God " -
Psalm 98

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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

I have been reflecting a lot about my father this Christmas. In this Year of St. Joseph (a year dedicated to fatherhood as declared by Pope Francis a few weeks ago), I remember fondly the man who formed me and was in my life until his tragic death when I was 14. My father gave me many gifts: a love of and loyalty to others especially those on the margins, a thirst for justice, a gift of gab, a sense of humor, and in my earlier days the red hair we both shared. His hair is forever red in my memories. Mine, not so much anymore.

One thing I remember most was his desire to help those experiencing

homelessness. I remember hearing him say many times during my childhood how he wanted to invite one of the men he saw roaming the streets of downtown Seattle's skid row home for Christmas dinner. It was something he talked about often, but never put his words into action. Perhaps his heart formed my heart to see the humanity in these same unhoused people today.

My wife and I have been blessed to break bread at Christmas with many we have met on the streets. Including one family who are still housed and blessed with several beautiful children. When we first met this couple, someone in our parish community came into the sacristy one Saturday night after Mass and said, "There's a homeless couple in the lobby who needs help." From that point forward, we started our friendship with the couple. Little did we know that at the time of our first meeting, the woman was pregnant. In time, we helped them get housed and stayed in touch. After their son was born, we baptized him at Mass in Everett. Mary and I are blessed to be his godparents.

All this probably would never have happened if not for my father's heart forming my heart for the years he was in my life. I will be forever grateful to him and God for this blessing.

In this time of pandemic and sadness over how much we cannot do with our families this Christmas, may you take time to remember those who shaped and formed you and give thanks to Lord for placing them in your life.

On behalf of Fr. Bryan, the parish staff and myself, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.

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

Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord at St. Patrick's

Join our celebration in-person or or [Facebook Live](#). To ensure social distancing we will require you to register for Mass, we still have some seats left should you wish to join us in-person.

Thursday, December 24th, 4 PM Virtual Grace before Meals: Join this 10-minute prayer service with our shared community, Christ Our Hope, on [Zoom](#) to "say grace" to bless your Christmas meal at home led by Sam Sweeney, Christ Our Hope parishioner.

We'll record the celebration and immediately share it on Facebook, so you can watch it immediately before your own Christmas Eve or Christmas Day meal at home.

You can register [here](#) for the forthcoming Special Masses.

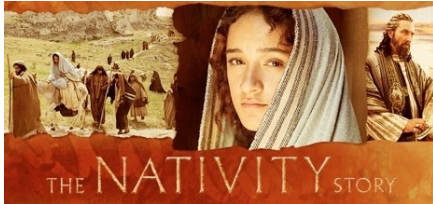
- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Night Mass) - Thursday, December 24th at 5 PM
 - Carols will commence at 4:45 PM so be sure to join early
- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day Mass) -Friday, December 25th at 11 AM
 - Carols will begin at 10:45 AM
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Friday, January 1st 9 AM

Our parish community has stringent COVID safety guidelines for all Masses. All participants are masked and we have set up the Church to ensure proper social distancing.

In an Archdiocesan COVID-19 update email recently, something important was shared: *"To date, we have celebrated almost 30,000 Masses (in the Seattle Archdiocese) and have had ZERO cases of virus transmission during Mass. This alone demonstrates how your safety protocols are working."*

Lessons & Carols

If you would like to enjoy the recent Lessons and Carols extravaganza and enjoy the Tree Lighting event again, you can access the excerpts from the joint community evening on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/HOfQN9d04bl/). The direct link is available here: <https://youtu.be/HOfQN9d04bl/>



Wednesday Movie Night: The Nativity Story

Just two days before Christmas we will be streaming the perfect movie for this season: The Nativity Story. It was the first movie to hold its premiere in Vatican City (November, 2006). And the well-known screenwriter is a good personal friend of Dcn Dennis!

Join us on [Zoom](#) on TONIGHT (Wednesday, December 23rd) at 7 PM and enjoy this well-received dramatization.

Movie night will take a one-week break next week and will return in the New Year.



Gift Giving for Josephinum Residents

We thank the women from the Encountering God group for all they did to raise money to buy items for the 220 residents at the Josephinum (Site of Christ Our Hope)!

The 18 women raised nearly \$500 and gathered to fill the bags last Saturday.

A special THANK YOU to Lisa Dennison for helping lead this effort. And for Sr. Bea for making scarves for all of the residents. And much appreciation and gratitude to all who helped assemble this St. Patrick's contribution last Saturday!

Christmas Cards to L'Arche

We invite you all, if you like, to send Christmas cards to the L'Arche houses for the holidays. It's a great way to reach out to our wonderful parishioners. Feel free to include a photo of yourself if you

Christmas Cards for Fr. Pat

Fr. Pat would love greetings for Christmas and the New Year. He is back at home now, and it is ok to send to his physical address at:

Fr. Pat Clark

like so they can recognize you!

1251 Taylor Ave. N.

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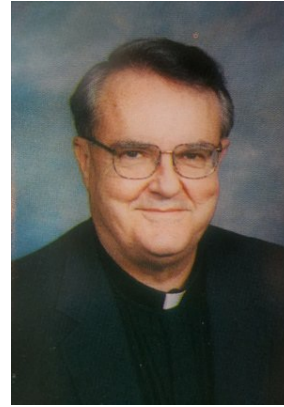
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Angeline House
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Continuing Engagement Opportunities

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed next week as Parish Staff take a well-deserved holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4th, 2021.

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. **This will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.**

Dr. David and Ruth Ard host a weekly scripture study group, [Breaking Open The Word](#) on Wednesday afternoons at 5 PM. **This will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.**

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. **This will resume on Thursday, January 7th.**

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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