



"Here am I, Lord; I come to
do your will"
- Psalm 40

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Goodbye Christmas Season. Hello Ordinary Time.

"Come, and you will see"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

"Come, and you will see." Jesus speaks these powerful words in this weekend's Gospel. And Pope Francis calls each of us to "come and see" by joining the Church in a Culture of Encounter. This is where we go to the peripheries to see reality through the eyes of Christ. The peripheries may be working with the unhoused living on the streets, or missionary work in lesser developed countries, or working in a food kitchen with those experiencing food insecurity, or serving lonely seniors living in isolation.

When we step into these encounters on the peripheries, we experience what is found in a famous quote by the late Jesuit Dean Brackley S.J.: **"First it breaks your heart, then you fall in love, then you're ruined for life."** This is how we conform our hearts to Jesus. This is how we step

further into the kingdom. This is how we best serve Christ.

Peace...



Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

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

Ordinary Time

On Monday, January 11th, we returned to Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal" as in "ordinal numbers." In other words, "Ordinary Time" means Sunday's that have numbers in their titles. The opposite of "Ordinary Time" is not "extraordinary time" but "seasons that have names", for example, Advent or Lent. Sundays are so important to Christians, one should never think that a Sunday in Ordinary Time is "ordinary" (i.e. plain or not extraordinary) because every Sunday is extraordinary.

This year ("Year B") our readings are primarily drawn from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is known for being short, succinct and fast-moving (the words "immediately, straightway, and then" etc. appear repeatedly)--Jesus is on a mission. There's no introduction, Mark just jumps right in. And while all gospels devote significant time to Jesus's passion, for Mark, the death of Jesus the Messiah is central to his entire gospel. In fact, originally, there was no Resurrection story in Mark's gospel.

In art, including in the statue on Stewart Street at Christ Our Hope, St. Mark is often symbolized by a winged lion. This symbol comes from the very beginning of Mark's gospel, where Mark describes John the Baptist "crying out in the wilderness" (Mark 1:3). His voice is said to have sounded like that of a roaring lion.



Sacred Encounters

In the weeks ahead, St. Patrick and Christ Our Hope will launch the new Sacred Encounters ministry. This ministry is open to participation by all in our community. While a small group will actually take to the streets to minister to those experiencing homelessness in downtown Seattle, we will need everyone's help to sustain this important outreach initiative. For those interested in being part of the street team, formation will begin soon (on Zoom). Please reach out to Dcn. Dennis dennis@stpatrickseattle.org and let him know of your interest in joining this group.



This new ministry will allow our paired parish community to better be a part of what Pope Francis calls a Culture of Encounter with those suffering on the peripheries. Everyone in our parish can do their part to help sustain this important effort.

We are collecting needed "survival" items for this effort. Please consider donating the following items via Amazon Wish List. Dollar stores have great deals. Items include: Multiple package Kleenex, Combs, Soap, Chapstick, and Disposable Razors, Travel size Shampoo, Conditioners, and Hand Lotion. You can purchase these items via the following Amazon Wishlist account by clicking [here](#).

Special Christ Hour Hope Coffee Hour at 3 PM Jan. 17th

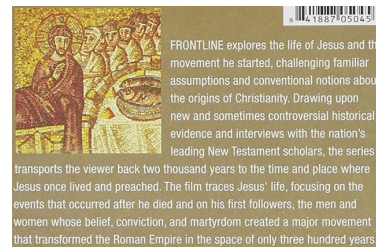
In honor of Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Christ Our Hope will host a special Coffee Hour with Deacon Joe Connor from Immaculate Conception Parish in Seattle to discuss systemic racism and what it could or should mean for active, social-justice-minded Catholics.



This Coffee Hour time will be at 3 PM on this Sunday, January 17th. We look forward to welcoming Deacon Connor and guests on Zoom. The click is accessible [here](#).

Wednesday Movie Night - From Jesus to Christ Part II

"From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians" tells the epic story of the rise of Christianity. The four hours explore the life and death of Jesus, and the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created the religion we now know as Christianity. Join us on Wednesday, January 20th for Part 2 of [this series](#) at 7 PM on [Zoom](#).



Care for Creation: 2040 Film Screening

Join fellow Catholic parishioners for an amazing at-home screening of this award-winning climate documentary.



Drawing on the best minds from around the world to focus on climate, economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, and sustainability, *2040* maps out a pathway for change that can lead us to a more ecologically sustainable and equitable future. The film takes a solutions-based approach to how we can, using the technology we already have, mitigate the enormous global issues we currently face. *2040* is a story of hope, and a powerful tool to encourage people to take action.

Once registered you will be able to watch the movie any time you like from January 21st to February 6th. We will also have a discussion about the movie and solutions discussed in the movie on Sunday, February 7th.

Register here: <https://care4creation.eventbrite.co.uk>

This event is sponsored in part by the following Catholic Care for Creation teams: St. Joseph Parish, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, St. James Cathedral, and Seattle University Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture.

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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