



"Your ways, O Lord, are love
and truth to those who keep
your covenant"
- Psalm 25

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Quiet of the snowfall before Sunday Mass

Self-denial = Love of Self

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

Once again, we find ourselves wandering into the desert with Jesus as we begin Lent. Several Catholic commentators have asked the same question: Did Lent end last year? Or are we still in the same desert we wandered into in 2020? Such good questions to ponder as our pandemic finishes its first year.

This week's scripture passage comes from the beginning of Mark's Gospel as we hear Jesus being tempted in the desert. As we begin our Lenten practices of prayer (love of God), fasting (self-denial = love of self), and almsgiving (love of others), this passage provides a lens by which we can measure our spiritual growth in the coming days and weeks ahead.

In the book *Come Follow Me*, we read the "testing that Jesus experienced in the desert was a test of character. He had to demonstrate His resolute preparedness to be the Anointed Son of God and carry out the Good News of God's presence in the world. Thus, the desert (or wilderness) is the place where prophets prepare for their mission (testing), where the people learn to overcome their rebellious tendencies and where God's love is renewed through revelation and covenant relationship."

So, may we triumph over Satan's testing this Lent. May we remain faithful to our Creator. May we show the love of Jesus to God, others, and ourselves through the sacred practices of Lent.

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!

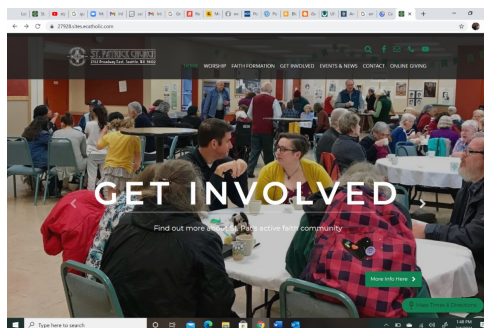
Or find the Mass via [YouTube](#)

(Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

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

New St. Pat's Website coming SOON!

Due to weather conditions and power outages in Texas this week, we are delayed slightly in launching the new website. It should go LIVE soon.



Here's a sneak peek:

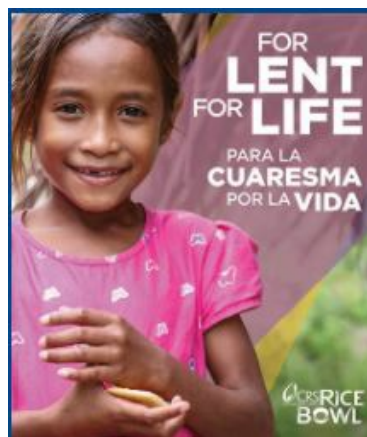
<https://27928.sites.ecatholic.com/>

Please take a look and tell us what you think. All input is welcomed. Please send your comments to Laura (lauradavidash@aol.com) to make sure your opinions get to the team. Thanks to the Stege family, Laura, Paul Sampson, Sandi Tennyson and others for helping us get this major web revamp to near completion. We are blessed by your gifts.

We Are Called

CRS Rice Bowls are now available. These help assist with our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you're attending Mass virtually, you can still participate in CRS Rice Bowl.

Give your CRS Rice Bowl donation online and make a difference in the lives of people in your local community and around the world!



If you would like to make your own Rice Bowl at home, you can follow the instructions by clicking [here](#). More resources are available here: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition

affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Cooking, Cocktails, and Community!

Join us on **Zoom (Click [HERE](#) for link)** at 5:30 PM on Friday, February 26th as we feature the first Cooking and Cocktails and Mocktails with a recipe from Madagascar; **Vary Amin'anana Greens with Rice.**



A separate email will be sent a week prior to each event with all the necessary ingredients for the meal and mocktail/cocktails.

Save the date for future events!

- Friday, March 12th featuring **Pupusas de Queso con Curtido y Salsa Roja** from El Salvador
- Friday, March 26th featuring **Batar Da'an (Squash, Bean and Corn Stew)** from Timor Leste

Racial Justice Lenten Small Groups

You are encouraged to also join a small reflection group that meets once a week throughout Lent to discuss what you are learning, share your thoughts, and help to build community. These groups will be facilitated by the Racial Equity Committee of both St. Patrick's and Christ Our Hope communities.



The small reflection groups will commence this week, starting on Monday, February February 22nd. The facilitator and schedule are as follows:

- Monday at 3 PM - [email](#) Jan Thomas - [Zoom Link](#)
- Tuesday at 7 PM - [email](#) Liza Neal - [Zoom Link](#)
- Wednesday at 6:30 PM - [email](#) Kathy Keefe - [Zoom Link](#)
- Thursday at 10 AM - [email](#) Lisa Dennison - [Zoom Link](#)

It's still not too late to sign up: <https://christourhopeseattle.org/lent>. If you would like more information please reach out to Lisa Dennison at lisa2karl@aol.com.

Lenten Tree of Hope

Our Lenten Tree of Hope is up in the Church, benefiting our Sister Parish in Nueva Trinidad. Please pick up a tag and give to the various projects in

the community in El Salvador, such as the senior food program and internet connections for all. Muchas gracias por todos.

Saturday Night Games Night



Our second (of twice monthly) Game Night this Saturday Night, February 20th, 6 PM-8 PM, at Paddy's virtual Place. (Game Nights will alternate between BINGO and card games: BINGO was last time). On the 20th we will access playingcards.io to play Go Fish, Crazy 8's or Match-up.

Elaine Clark is host and Ellen Carpentier will assist with communications between deaf and hearing players. To participate virtually, each player (or group playing as one person) will need access to 2 browsers: one for the game and another for communication via Zoom.

All are welcome to join on Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 PM via Zoom ([CLICK HERE FOR 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 Sandi Tennyson via [ZOOM \(Click HERE for link\)](#) 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.

There is an opportunity to join **Games Night** on the 1st and 3rd Saturday 6 PM - 8 PM each month. The first event kicks off on February 6th. Contact Elaine Clark if you have any questions.

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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