



**"Let my tongue be
silenced if I ever
forget you!" -
Psalm 137**

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Spring at St. Patrick's Parish Center

"Live as children of the light"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This is Laetare Sunday, the only Sunday in Lent we are encouraged to Rejoice! It is also the weekend we spring forward one hour with our clocks as part of Daylight Saving Time (no rejoicing in losing an hour of sleep though). This weekend's Gospel is about Jesus curing the man born blind. It is a story more about opening our eyes to our own blindness or our own blind spots. The reading ties nicely to the second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. In it, we are encouraged to "Live as children of the light... Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness." What are some of those fruitless works of darkness today? Gossiping. Talking behind people's backs. Character assassination – both with others and especially online in social media. Many today are trapped in worlds of their own self-righteousness and cannot see the world through the eyes of another. This is the blindness Jesus is talking about in his Gospel message. May we strive to live always as children of the light and steer clear of the darkness that can lead to ruin and despair.

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.)

Encountering God Women's Group

Every week, around 16 women from Christ Our Hope and St. Patrick's gather together on Zoom to Encounter God and reflect on God's presence in our lives. When asked what this weekly group has meant to them, one woman participant, Collene Lynch from St. Patrick's wrote:



"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." (1 Thessalonians 5:11) "This is the quote that is in every invitation to 'Encountering God', the weekly women's spirituality group...and it is an invitation I am grateful to have accepted, for it is the highpoint and anchor in my week, sustaining me during this traumatic year! I belong to quite a few clubs/groups, but build my weekly schedule around this special time we share... and the few times I missed, I MISSED it!

Having recently returned to St. Pat's after a 40-year hiatus, I didn't know many parishioners

anymore...but the parish is so welcoming and inclusive that I stepped out in faith, hoping to connect with other women and grow in faith. What I appreciate is how supportive and encouraging everyone is! So if you are new to St. Patrick or someone who is still around from the days I was there in the '70s, I would encourage you to accept the invitation offered. In peace and love" - Collene Lynch

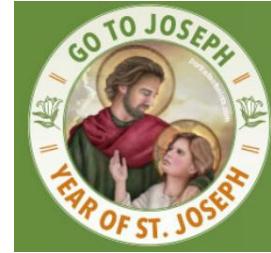
Please join us each Thursday from 11 AM to 12 Noon on Zoom for community, fellowship, and reflection on God's presence in our lives. Join Zoom Meeting via the link below:

Meeting ID: 857 3380 0448 and Password: 220698

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85733800448?pwd=MDhSek9lMnFjY05CdHQ2aWFBaEtudz09>

Friday Lenten Morning Prayer

Christ Our Hope will celebrate the beginning of the Year of Saint Joseph at Morning Prayer on Friday, March 19th at 8 AM. Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Josephinum and its residents. The Josephinum is named after the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, the religious order that originally staffed the building in the late 1950s.



All are welcome to join Morning Prayer on Friday at 8 AM on Zoom by clicking [here](#).

Lenten Reflection Service

Our Lenten Reflection Service is Wednesday, March 24 at 7 PM on [Zoom](#)! Come enter into our final days of the Lenten Season before our Holy Week begins. We will reflect through song, scripture, prayer, and movement.

Year of Saint Joseph

Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, and the beginning of the Year of the Family, by joining Catholics from across the Archdiocese at Mass. The Mass will take place at St. James Cathedral on Friday, March 19th at 8 AM presided by Archbishop Etienne.

In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the patron and protector of the universal family of the Church. St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, is also the patron saint of fathers, families, and workers. Pope Francis established the Year of St. Joseph from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec. 8, 2021.

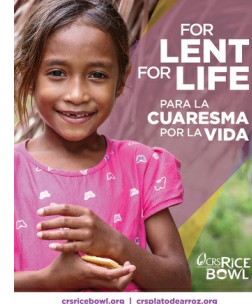
St. Joseph is a model of kindness, obedience, faith, humility, patience, service, selflessness, faithfulness, and a model of the contemplative, hidden, interior life.

You do not need to register to attend mass in person. Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral via our website [here](#), or you can view it on the [Archdiocese of Seattle Facebook page](#).

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Spotlight - Meet Maria Ana

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you ensure that all young people

have a chance to be educated? Visit www.csricebowl.org to learn more.



Cooking, Cocktails, & Community

Join us on [Zoom](#) at 5:30 PM tomorrow, Friday, March 12th as we feature the second Cooking and Cocktail/Mocktails with a recipe from El Salvador; [Pupusas de Queso con Curtido y Salsa Roja](#).



Our second gathering will be hosted by St. Patrick Parishioner Kelly Hickman and Christ Our Hope's Jessica Montalvo.

Save the date for future events!

Friday, March 26th featuring [Batar Da'an \(Squash, Bean and Corn Stew\)](#) from Timor Leste



Join the bishops at Mass

to pray for Catholic Advocacy Day

Únete al Obispo Eusebio Elizondo en la Misa
para orar por el Día de Abogacía Católica

March 23 at 8 am
el 23 de marzo a las 8 am

Catholic Advocacy Day

Join the bishops who will offer mass for the intentions of a successful and fruitful Catholic Advocacy Day. On this day, Catholics across our state will advocate for issues with legislators in Olympia. There will be two masses on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021.

- English Mass: 8 am at St. James Cathedral, presided by Archbishop Etienne and Bishop Mueggenborg. Join us in person—no registration required. The mass will be live-streamed [Archdiocese of Seattle's Facebook page](#).
- Spanish Mass: 8 am with Bishop Elizondo. This mass is live stream only on [@CatolicosNW on Ministerio Hispano Facebook](#)

Catholic Advocacy Day will be virtual for the first time this year on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, where you can visit with your Legislators on Olympia via Zoom to support issues that Catholics care about across our state, including economic recovery, affordable housing, racial equity, and the environment. (The priority issues may change based on developments during the legislative session, and we will have updated information closer to the day itself.) For more information and how to register for this free event, go to <https://www.wacatholics.org/stay-informed/virtual-catholic-advocacy>

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](#), which gathers 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 next event will be on March 20th .**

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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