



**"Lord, let your face  
shine on us"**

**- Psalm 4:2**

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Bathed in light

**"Why are you troubled?"**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,**

Isn't it true that we can all lose hope sometimes? It might happen when we lose someone close to us. Or hear a troubling health diagnosis for ourselves or someone we love. Or when disturbing news comes about something we care deeply about. We may even ask ourselves, where is Jesus in all of this? Where is hope?

In this weekend's readings we hear from two disciples who have just experienced Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. With hearts still burning, they come running to

the upper room where their friends are hiding to share the good news about the resurrected Jesus. Earlier in the day, these two men were wallowing in despair when Jesus drew close and eventually revealed himself to them. As they are sharing their astounding story with the disciples, Jesus appears to them all and asks, "Why are you troubled." In prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the love shared with friends, Jesus can appear to us, too, especially in our struggles. When questions arise in our hearts needing his healing touch, turn to Christ, and experience his peace. He is always that close.

Peace...

**Dcn. Dennis Kelly**  
**Pastoral Coordinator**

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## 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.)

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### Stakeholder Update

Our parish stakeholder group held its first meeting last night to prepare for our meeting with the Archdiocese on Monday. Several of our stakeholders are discerning whether they have the time to join in this important process. Once all have shared their intentions we will reveal all the names and provide opportunity for contact.

Remember to mark May 10th on your calendar. At 6PM that day our entire community will have an opportunity to meet with Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg to discuss details of the merger.

Also, and this is very important, the Archdiocese is expecting the merger process to last 14-months. We're in this discussion for the long haul. St. Patrick will continue to function as a parish and have weekly Masses until at least July 1, 2022.

Please hold our stakeholder team in your prayers as they are representing our community's interests with the Archdiocese. And may God bless their efforts.

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### First Light!

FIRST LIGHT, I see you illumine the hills  
While dancing in the dawn,  
You touch the dark waters with your rays  
That sparkle in the morn.

Bright clouds that float in an endless sky  
Are touched by your Heavenly Fire.  
The birds awaken and lift their wings  
In salutation to the sun.

You fill the Earth with your Beauty of  
The lilies of the field, and  
Their sweetness is carried on the Wind, and  
Lingers in the air.

ALL Creatures BREATHE in your GIFT of LIFE,  
We ALL share your SPIRIT as ONE,  
Yet each BEING, (no matter what their form),  
Becomes its own Unique Prayer!

ALL CREATION is filled with your PRESENCE, and  
Walks in the LIGHT of your GRACE, and  
Here in this PRESENT MOMENT is  
HEAVEN'S OPEN GATE!

O HAPPY DAY! Wishing you JOY and PEACE.

By Jani Kelly, Christ Our Hope Parishioner and Josephinum resident

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### Lenten Journey for Racial Justice Groups

Thank you to the eighty people across both St. Patrick Church and Christ Our Hope communities who signed up for our recent Lenten Journey Racial Justice groups. A special word of thanks of the Committee members, Deanna Tighe, Liza Neal, Andrea Hoekstra, Kathy Keefe, Pam McKulka, Jan Thomas, and Lisa Dennison. There were four groups of nearly 40 active participants. The final reflection was completed recently and going forward Christ Our Hope Sunday afternoon 3PM Coffee Hour will continue to offer a Catholic Social Justice perspectives. All are welcome to join.



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### Celebrating the Season of Easter

After 40 days of simplicity and austerity during Lent, we're now in the midst of a 50-day season of rejoicing and celebration. It's hard to keep a party going for 50 days, but the Church does. Here are some things we do at st. Patrick's, to keep the party going:

**Alleluia, alleluia:** Probably the one thing you'll notice is lots and lots of alleluias. After 40 days of not uttering the word, we sing it and shout it nonstop. It's a Hebrew word that means "Praise to the Lord!"

**Sacraments, sacraments, sacraments:** Yes, we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday. However, as sacraments are celebrations of God's love and

mercy and friendship, we try to celebrate as many of them during the Easter Season as possible. Baptisms are among the most popular Easter Season sacraments.

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### Creation Care Network

Recently, a number of Catholic churches and institutions in western Washington have started working together as the Creation Care Network. We are now at a point where we want to appeal for Archbishop Etienne to prioritize Care for Creation. We have composed a letter to him and are now inviting all Catholics in the Archdiocese to join us by signing the letter.

To mark Earth Day this year (April 22, 2021), the Creation Care Network welcomes you to join us in asking Archbishop Etienne to rise to the challenge of the climate crisis. Please read the Creation Care. Network's letter to Archbishop Etienne and indicate your support for our proposals for personal and community-based actions to care for our common home. To read the letter and sign on to support it, go to: <https://forms.gle/EPtuTJrTJewKfViEA>

### Care for Creation: More Ideas to Kick Our Plastic Addiction

Two years ago Paul and I gave up plastic for Lent! What we thought impossible turned out to be a fun problem-solving journey. Most of the things we did have stuck! Here are some things we discovered: **We could STOP using plastic wrap!** Instead use beeswax food wrap for keeping already cut fruits and veggies. Keep leftovers in glass pyrex containers with click lids. Instead of plastic wrap on bowls use an appropriately sized plate or reusable lids that look like shower caps or new stretchable ones. We use old Rubbermaid containers in multiple sizes for sandwiches, cut fruit/veggies, left overs. However, do NOT use these containers in the microwave. **We could STOP using plastic dog poop bags!** Instead, order bags made out of cornstarch from [Sir Waggington's](#). They are large, strong and hold up when gathering multiple poops from the yard. More next time on using fewer plastic bags!

Environmentally yours, Sandy Sanford

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### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (celebrated in parishes on April 24th & 25th) is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).



As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes".

God our Father,  
You call each of us  
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.  
Inspire your people



with desire to know you,  
the grace to understand your will,  
and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit,  
the courage to respond  
with love and freedom.

Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached, the poor  
are served with love, the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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### Wednesday Movie Night

Next week is **Earth Day** and in accord with that and St Pat's commitment to Care for Creation, we are sharing the new documentary "The Condor and the Eagle"

(<https://thecondorandtheeagle.com/>) on **Wednesday,**

**April 21 at 7 PM** Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>



The film's title is rooted in the ancient Native American saying, "When the Eagle of the North and the Condor of the South fly together, Indigenous peoples will unite the human family." It follows different Native American environmental activists on their journeys of connecting with other tribes and world leaders, all in an effort to preserve the environment and their homes from damaging oil companies. It has won many awards and has enthusiastic reviews, but I'll just quote one of our own parishioners, Nancy Miller: "I watched the Condor and the Eagle tonight and it is an incredibly powerful movie of what we are doing to indigenous people and the land on which they live, from Canada to Ecuador."

This is another documentary that we must pay (\$99) to access, so we again request \$5 donations from those who are comfortable paying for this documentary. As before, contributions can be made by PayPal (@stosssdad), Venmo (@Paul-Sampson-23), or check mailed to Paul Sampson, 8458 Tillicum Rd SW, Seattle, WA 98136-2417. Contributions exceeding the \$99 target will be made available to our Social Justice Ministry (including our Care for Creation group). Contributions for the documentary "Undeterred" have exceeded our target for that movie by about \$30 so far.

[Incidentally, the Catholic Climate Covenant has a showing on April, 20th at 4 PM (where requested donations start at \$15, so we are offering a bargain!]

<https://thecondorandtheeagle.com/the-catholic-climate-covenant-april-20th-7pm-et/>

Join us for the viewing and our usual post-viewing fellowship and discussion.

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### Saturday Games Night

St. Patrick community may be operating in emergency mode, but game nights will continue. In this crazy time, join us this Saturday, April 17, 4 PM - 6 PM at Paddy's virtual Place to play crazy 8's.



Ellen Carpentier will assist with communication between Deaf and hearing players. All are welcome to join via Zoom by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4426861398> Then

we will assist you to access [playingcards.io](https://playingcards.io) for Crazy 8's or (another virtual card game) on a second window or browser. Hosted by Elaine Clark.

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## 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 4 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.

Join our Thursday Evening [Carbon Footprint Discussion Group](#) at 7 PM via Zoom.

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 April 17th .**

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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