



**"The Lord has revealed
to the nations his
saving power"
- Psalm 98**

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Sacred Encounters street ministry team hard at work making survival kits

"Happy Mother's Day"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

What is our motivation for following Christ? Do we follow him out of fear? Or out of love? The answer for most of us is love, of course. That is how we best express our discipleship. But some in our faith are more motivated by avoiding the wrath of God as a reason for their discipleship. This is not healthy in our relationship with our Creator. And it is not healthy in our relationship with our loved ones either, especially our mothers. As a child fear could be an effective motivator. Fear of letting my mother down, fear of punishment, etc. But my love for my mother always outweighed any fear that might be present in our relationship. She

was always good at mixing unconditional love with a healthy dose of accountability. And doesn't every child need this? As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend let us think back on the impact our mothers had in our lives. Our mothers were the first sign of God's love in our lives and the most lasting one. And let us thank God for this relationship. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, both those living and those in their heavenly forever home.

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.)

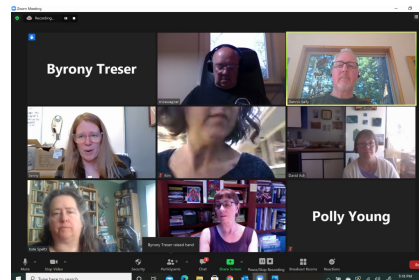
Sunday Readings:

(You can also access them [here](#))

First Reading Acts 10:25-26; Psalm 98; Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10; Gospel Jn 15:9:17

Important Parish Update

The entire St. Patrick community is invited to a listening session with Bishop Mueggenborg and the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning team to share your concerns about the proposed future of the St. Patrick Parish community. **This meeting will take place on Zoom on Monday, May 10th, from 6 PM - 7:30 PM ([Click here for the link](#)).** If you'd like to call into the meeting, please contact Laura (laura@stpatrickseattle.org) for the phone number and passcodes. Initially the Bishop and team were going to present details about merging St. Patrick with either St. Joseph or Sacred Heart. Now, the Bishop and his team want to hear from the St. Pat's community. In addition, the Archdiocese answered the questions the advocates had about the process. Attached is a document with the answers ([Open Document by clicking here](#)). If you have troubles opening this document, please find it on our website ([Click here for the link](#)) or ask Laura to send you a copy.



Mother's Day Weekend

On Mother's Day, we offer a special blessing to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all women with mothering roles. You're invited to use the same prayer at your home on Mother's Day.

Loving God,

as a mother, you give life and nourishment to your children,
and watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN!

Racial Solidarity Prayer Service

The South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Team invites you to commemorate the first anniversary of George Floyd's murder by participating in a prayer service for healing and action. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne will preside at the service in St. James Cathedral on Tuesday, May 25th at 7 PM. South Seattle parishes will offer their prayers and share how their parishes will commit to working for Racial Justice. To attend the event in person you can register [here](#): Alternatively, you can participate virtually by accessing the prayer service via [Vimeo](#) or [Facebook](#).



Sacred Encounters Reflection

"J. was in a location I've observed troubled individuals sit so I check it each week. He was new to me, but I checked in. When I approached I said 'hiya amigo' as I tend to. He appreciated the warm, casual greeting, I interpreted as he leaned toward me, so I asked if I could help. He smirked and leaned back telling me I couldn't help him, so I started to squat so I could be at his level, since he was now daring me to flake on him, with that body language, and I tried to personify a sister to him. As I was just coaxing him back forward when everyone came around me and so I signaled for everyone to stop, because their presence was getting him to recoil again. I talked with him. He told me about his TBI, how he needs nothing because he steals everything he needs because businesses can't see him. He said he thought living on the streets would be easier, that he just wanted to throw himself in the street to end it. I told J. about my vital young friend who was just hit by a car at speed, how everyone close to me with TBI now many years since have found the other side and that he just needs to push for the other side. I encouraged him to put me in his weekly rotation, and told him I'd be looking for him."



- Sacred Encounters Street Minister Liza Neal from St. Patrick

The Sacred Encounters team goes out every Wednesday from 11 AM to 1PM to provide the ministry of presence and survival supplies for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Feel free to donate needed items by ordering from our Amazon wish list found below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27Q2XJGUQTG04?ref_=wl_share .

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 May 15th**

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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