



"Our eyes are fixed
on the Lord, pleading
for his mercy"

- Psalm 123

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Congratulations to Kim and Sam Dawson who were married last weekend at St. Patrick

Happy Independence Day!

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

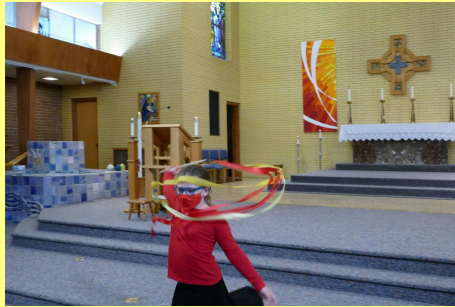
Don't we all have people in our lives who are thorns in our side? People who drive us crazy, or challenge or frustrate us? These people are sent by God to teach us patience and humility. St. Paul had his share of difficult people in his ministry as he traveled from the ancient communities in Galatia to Rome. His mission was to spread the message of Jesus to the entire world. Some of the thorns in his side were people who tried to warp his message. His views about gentiles challenged some who believed that following Christ was only for devout Jews. Others believed their wealth bought them front-row seats at Eucharistic celebrations. Those without money could sit in the back and be served last. St. Paul took all these challenges in stride and used them as lessons about Jesus. Specifically in this weekend's passage we have a lesson about control. None of us is in control

in this life. Jesus is in control. Not us. It is in accepting this weakness that allows us to become strong and better serve Christ.

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.)

Sunday Readings:

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

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123; Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10; Gospel Mark 6:1-6

June 13 Listening Session - A Report back from the Advocates

On June 13th we gathered as a community for the advocates to provide an update on the archdiocese' plans for St Pats and to hear thoughts and ideas from the St. Pats community. Breakout Groups included the voices of approximately 70 parishioners, who were invited to share thoughts and visions for our community. As promised, the advocates recorded and reviewed all of the heartfelt statements and ideas that were shared. This will help to inform us as we move forward both in our conversations with the archdiocese and considerations of our next steps as a parish.

Following are the **THEMES** that we heard:

- A majority expressed that they did not feel heard by the archdiocese. This was expressed in terms such as “disheartened”, “feeling dismissed”, “angry”, and “unheard”
- The Importance of the community and staying together was emphasized over and over, noting that “The Community” includes the entire community as one, and not the separate communities that the archdiocese indicates.
- The most frequently mentioned preferred option for going forward was to continue to be paired with Christ our Hope
- Merging with another parish was not a popular option. Quite a few people asserted that they did NOT want to merge with another parish. The most frequently mentioned permutation on a merger was being a mission of St. Joe’s.

- A variety of approaches to “fighting back” were suggested by a few people each, including coordination with other targeted parishes, a protest at the archdiocese, and hiring a canon lawyer. Use of media was the most often cited approach
- A number of alternatives were also suggested, each by a few people including creating our own church, a Future Church model (liturgy of the word together, faith sharing), and pairing with another non-Catholic congregation.

What’s next – Deacon Dennis is meeting for a discussion with the Archbishop on July 13, which was scheduled after Deacon Dennis and Fr. Bryan indicated their interest in a letter to Archbishop Etienne in continuing with St. Pats and Christ our Hope for another three years. Once the outcome of that conversation is known, the Advocates will gather to discuss next steps. We ask everyone to pray and to continue envisioning how we continue to move forward as a community.

St Patrick Novena July 4-12, 2021

Deacon Dennis will be meeting with Archbishop Etienne and Bishop Mueggenborg on July 13 to talk about our request to remain in partnership with Christ Our Hope for the next 3 years. An idea surfaced that we pray a novena in support of a positive response to our deep desire to continue as a faith community. Our Advocates have embraced this idea as they continue their work on behalf of our beloved parish.

A novena prayer is traditionally prayed over a period of nine days successively for a specific intention or to ask for God’s favor and grace. In this case, our faith community would begin this novena on Sunday, July 4 at mass. The novena would continue until July 12 which is the day before Dennis’ morning meeting at the Chancery.

We invite you to consider praying this prayer each day, beginning with our mass on July 4. Afterward, consider doing the prayer at noon (so we can be in solidarity with one another) or at a time that works best for you. Thank you Lisa Dennison for creating this prayer.

Also, if you haven’t written a letter to the Archbishop sharing your hopes for St. Patrick, perhaps you can consider writing one during this nine-day prayer experience. Our voices are important and must be heard. Archbishop Etienne’s address at the Chancery is Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 9th Avenue Seattle, WA 98104.

Novena Prayer for St. Patrick Church:

Good and Gracious God, in this time of peril to the existence of our parish, let Your light of Wisdom shine on us. We call on all the past parishioners of St. Patrick’s, who are now with the Communion of Saints, to implore our loving God to protect our community and to find a creative path for us to continue to thrive as a parish.

As a Vatican II parish, we also invoke the intercession of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, who as a participant in Vatican II, brought the Council’s vision and hope for a renewed church to the Archdiocese of Seattle.

We know Your love never leaves us and we trust that You journey beside us during this difficult time. Help us to recognize and respond to the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Alleviate our fears, give us clarity of thought, the purpose of action, and continued love for our community.

We ask this in Your Son’s name.

Amen

A Prayer for Independence Day

Father of all nations and ages,
we recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of nations.
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation,
grant that, under your providence,
our country may share your blessings
with all the peoples of the earth. Amen

Agape Service Project

St. Patrick youth group and families will be volunteering this summer with the Agape summer mission program <https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/agape/> through Western Washington University's Newman Center. Part of the project will be collecting pony beads and lanyards to make bead animals and bracelets with migrant workers' children. We are looking for donations of pony beads, lanyards, and key rings that can be taken to Bellingham for the mission trip. If you can donate, please bring them to Mass this July 4th and give them to Mickey Dunn. See the photos below for ideas of what to provide.



Save The Dates!

The forum "How to Have a Good Death" had been planned for March 2020 but never presented. Organizers (Sandi Tennyson, Elaine Clark, Laura Ash) have set the date of October 24, 2021 (Sunday afternoon) to try again.

Also, due to the holiday weekend, the first weekend of the month game night for July 3rd is postponed. Join us on the second weekend, July 10th for BINGO! Mark your calendars!

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 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 4 PM - 6 PM each month. **The first event in July will occur on July 10th due to the holiday weekend.**

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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