



**"The queen stands at your
right hand, arrayed in gold"**

- Psalm 45:10

Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



A look at us - picture from last weekend's Seattle Times article about parish closures

"Salvation depends on our free will and cooperation with God."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend we get a rare treat. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday. It is always a good thing when a Holy Day of Obligation (or Opportunity) lands on a Sunday. Our Gospel reading this weekend is also found in Advent some years. Mary has said "yes" to the Angel Gabriel. She has traveled to see her cousin Elizabeth who is also bearing child; one that will become John the Baptist. In saying "yes" to God, Mary shares with Elizabeth her reasons why in her beautiful Magnificat heard this Sunday. It is always important to understand this main point about our faith: salvation depends on our free will and cooperation with God. God's divine plan for our salvation is never forced on us; we must say yes to God's plan for our lives. This is what Mary did. This is what God asks of each of us.

Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

View all of Deacon Dennis homilies by [clicking here](#)

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 11:19a; Psalm 45:10; Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-27; Gospel Lk 1:39-56

Important Parish Update

The Advocates will share what's next with the parish community after this Sunday's Mass. For those who did not see the article in the Seattle Times, here is a link:



<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattle-archdiocese-plan-to-close-churches-stirs-sadness-anger-and-resistance/https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattle-archdiocese-plan-to-close-churches-stirs-sadness-anger-and-resistance/>

The Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

This year, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, lands on a Sunday. The Bible doesn't mention the last years of Mary's life, and we last hear about her being in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost. Since the , Christian tradition speaks of her falling asleep and being assumed (taken bodily) into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII officially defined the dogma of the Assumption. World War II had just ended. The war and the Holocaust had broken the human spirit. The pope delivered the good news of Mary's Assumption.



The dogma expresses our Catholic belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her days. We believe that the Risen Christ has opened heaven to all believers. Christ promises the same bright future for those who are faithful to the gospel. As Father Bryan likes to remind us, "solemnities are about God and about Mary, but they invite us to participate and identify with God and Mary at the most intimate level."

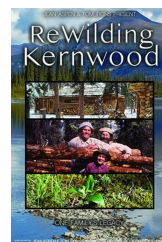
[Creation Care: Let's Take A Hike!](#)

Join St. Patrick community members on Labor Day, September 6th for a hike on the Margaret's Way trail (west side of Squak Mountain Issaquah). Get there using Metro's trailhead direct service, departing from Mt. Baker Station at 8:44 AM every 30 minutes). Option to meet up/set out from Elaine Clark's home ~8 AM. Additional information: contact Jo Anne Felton at jofltn@yahoo.com



Creation Care: Movie Night

Join us on Wednesday, August 18th at 7 PM on [Zoom](#) for the documentary Rewilding Kernwood. Kernwood, a family cabin lovingly constructed in the Alaska bush by Jean Aspen and Tom Irons, was their summer home for 26 years. In 2015 they decided to give the land back to itself. "We should strive to enrich the future, not use it up," Aspen said. "The children of tomorrow don't need our moldering edifices. They need a healthy, living world in which to envision their own dreams."



Clean Cars 2030 Rally

Want to get up close and personal with electric cars while supporting clean cars for WA State by 2030? Come to the Clean Cars 2030 Rally at St. Mark's this Saturday at noon. A parade, good food, music, and art for a good cause. <https://earthministry.org/event/clean-cars-2030-rally/>



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.

A new **Games Night** schedule is being developed for August and beyond. More information to come in the coming weeks.

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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