



**"Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord"**

- Psalm 34:23

Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



Before and after of the newly redesigned Cry Room - Thank you to Angelica and Cody Peck for donating and creating this beautiful new addition to St. Patrick Church

"Thank God for him not giving up on me, or any of us."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

Jesus is coming to the end of his Bread of Life discourse with his disciples by laying down a challenge for his followers. His teachings about eating his flesh were too hard to accept for some. This was a take-it-or-leave-it proposition. Some walked away. Simon Peter was asked if he was going to leave, too, and spoke those impactful words: "Master, to whom shall we go?" When I was coming out of the prodigal phase of life in my mid-30s, I will remember how my wife Mary got me to go to Mass. Our oldest son Sean was entering kindergarten. Mary told me we would get a tuition break if we became active in the parish. So, off to Mass, we went every week. Mary even signed me up to be a lector. Proclaiming the word and receiving the Eucharist is how God got me back into the fold. Our son Sean will be married this weekend in Maple Valley. He lives in Washington D.C. and serves as a press secretary in the U.S. House of Representatives. He and his

fiancé Laney will continue to reside in Virginia. Jesus finds clever ways to get us back into the fold. I thank God for not giving up on me, or on any 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 Jos 24:1-2a; Psalm 34: 2-32; Second Reading Eph 5:21-; Gospel John 6:60-69

Important Parish Update

The Advocates are working on a survey to seek your input as we move forward with the Archdiocese. Expect the online survey to come out in early to mid September. In addition, we are requesting a Zoom conversation about our situation with Archbishop Etienne. This will likely happen in late September or early October. Stay tuned for more details.



Sacred Encounters

This ministry is open to participation by all in our community. While a small group actually takes to the streets to minister to those experiencing homelessness in downtown Seattle, we need everyone's help to sustain this important outreach initiative. This group of volunteers meets each Wednesday at 11 AM. For those interested in being part of the street team please reach out to [Deacon Dennis](#). The Amazon Wish List link can be found [HERE](#), should you wish to purchase donations and contribute to this ministry. You can also make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for this ministry by clicking on the Meal Train link found [HERE](#).

Recently Christ Our Hope parishioner Jillian Jacobson shared her experience with this ministry.

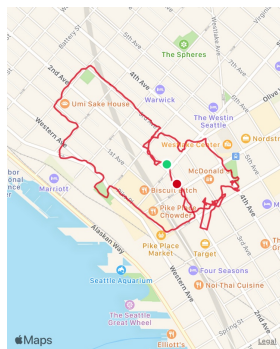
"It has been an amazing, spiritual experience. The people I've encountered have for the most part been so grateful to be acknowledged as human beings. I'm truly blessed to experience

what Christ said, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do to me"

- Jillian Jacobson



Jillian Jacobson a Sacred Encounters volunteer



Map of the area supported by the Sacred Encounters Ministry



Volunteer Liza Neal

Pope Francis prays for peace in Afghanistan

A recent [Vatican news article](#) highlighted Pope Francis' concern over the situation in Afghanistan. He asked everyone to unite in praying to "the God of peace so that the clamor of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue." He said only this way can the "battered population of that country, men, women, elderly and children" be able to "return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect".

Pope Francis also recalled the strong earthquake that shook Haiti on August 14th, causing numerous deaths, wounding many, and causing extensive damage. He expressed his "closeness to the dear people hard hit by the earthquake", offering his prayers to the Lord for the victims. He offered his encouragement to the survivors and hopes that the help of the international community might reach them. "May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy!".

An Appeal for Solidarity with Haiti

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have set up an emergency donation fund for those impacted by the earthquake in Haiti. CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries and is poised for immediate emergency response. They can't do this lifesaving work without your help—especially during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Join our Seattle chapter in supporting CRS efforts by donating [HERE](#). Alternatively please keep all Haitians in your prayers. For more information about our chapter, contact Kelly Hickman: kellyhickmanmats@gmail.com

Lord of All,

You who are refuge in the time of trouble, be with our brothers and sisters in Haiti recovering from a deadly earthquake.

While much of their lives and livelihoods will be left behind and uncertainty lies ahead.

Our hope is in you.

Stand with us, as we stand with our sisters and brothers.

When the earth shakes, let the heavens respond with the love and mercy of God.

Amen.

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 at 8 AM. Additional information: contact Jo Anne Felton at jofltn@yahoo.com



Wednesday Movie Night: A Life on Our Planet

One man has seen more of the natural world than any other. This unique feature documentary is his witness statement. In his 93 years, David Attenborough has visited every continent on the globe, exploring the wild places of our planet and documenting the living world in all its variety and wonder. Now, for the first time, he reflects upon both the defining moments of his lifetime as a naturalist and the devastating changes he has seen. Honest, revealing, and urgent, DAVID ATTENBOROUGH: A LIFE ON OUR PLANET is a powerful first-hand account of humanity's impact on nature and a message of hope for future generations.



Join us on Wednesday, August 25th, at 7 PM for a Zoom showing of this movie at the link found [HERE](#). And a fitting start to our preparation for the 2021 Season of Creation, September 1st - October 4th, more information can be found [HERE](#).

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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