



**"The one who does  
justice will live in the  
presence of the Lord"**

- Psalm 15:2-3

## **Registration for Mass No Longer Required!**



The Sacred Encounters team helping a new neighbor living unhoused to build his new home

**"love God with all your heart, mind, and soul"**

### **Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,**

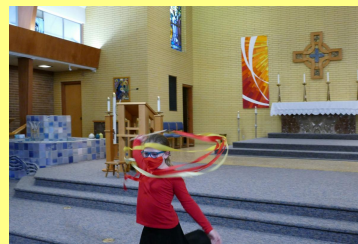
Moses is talking about obedience to God's Law this weekend by reminding the people of the 613 total Laws of Moses. That's a heavy burden for most people to bear, remembering all those rules to live by. The people repeatedly broke these laws and turned their backs on God during their 40-year sojourn to the Promised Land. That's why we rejoice in Jesus' repeated examples of the Greatest Commandments: love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and love your neighbor as yourself. This simplicity is what drives our ministries at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Jesus is taking on the religious establishment of his day and reminding them that their nitpicking adherence to the Law misses the point about honoring God. Lurking in their hearts is judgment, self-righteousness, and self-justification. This does not honor God but only honors ourselves. Jesus calls us to be better people in building the kingdom.

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 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-3; Second Reading Jas 1:17-18; Gospel Mk 7:1-8,

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### [Important Parish Update](#)

No new news this week. The advocates are in contact with a survey expert to help us design a questionnaire to get your input on how best to move forward. We have relayed our request for a Zoom meeting to the Archbishop and will await his response. Please remember to use the message board on the website to share your thoughts and concerns. The advocates are reading all of these comments and thank you for your input.



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### [Special Collection for Haiti](#)

Recently, Haiti was hit by an earthquake that caused immense damage and resulted in a substantial loss of life on an island already challenged by social unrest and is still rebuilding after a major 2010 earthquake. Tropical Storm Grace followed shortly after adding to the devastation. As a result of both disasters many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. The impact will be long-lasting.



We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to this special collection. The funds collected will be part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts for Haiti. Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace disasters in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. To donate online please click [here](#).

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## Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home

On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility. You can read the [encyclical here](#).

### Prayer to Care for Our Common Home

Father of all,  
Creator and ruler of the universe,  
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.  
Help us to care for it and all people,  
that we may live in right relationship--  
with You,  
with ourselves,  
with one another,  
and with creation.  
Christ our Lord,  
both divine and human,  
You lived among us and died for our sins.  
Help us to imitate your love for the human family  
by recognizing that we are all connected—  
to our brothers and sisters around the world,  
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,  
and to future generations.  
Holy Spirit,  
giver of wisdom and love,  
You breathe life in us and guide us.  
Help us to live according to your vision,  
stirring to action the hearts of all—  
individuals and families,  
communities of faith,  
and civil and political leaders.  
Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we  
may together care for our common home.  
Amen

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### Book Review Invitation

Elaine Clarke cordially invites you to a discussion and book review on September 9th. Elaine shares: Within the past year, as St. Patrick's community has been dealing with our "situation", I've been drawn to re-read [From Sand to Solid Ground \(Questions of Faith for Modern Catholics\) by Micheal Morwood \(2007\)](#). A former missionary priest and faith educator from Australia, Morwood raises questions about faith/church that I relate to. In the late 1990s his writing was condemned by a conservative bishop: long story short, he left the priesthood. In 2008 Jim and I heard Morwood speak at a Call to Action event and each of us came away with a copy of Sand to Solid Ground book.

I've shared the book with Jan Thomas, and we are interested in having a conversation about

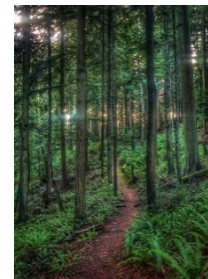
it on Thursday, September 9th at 7 PM, via a Zoom meeting (link available about a week prior to the date). We invite you to join us. The book is available [online](#) for purchase. If you are interested in the ideas but lack time to read the book, Elaine will put together a synopsis within the next few days, and add it to the comments on the CB. I believe St. Patrick community embodies the Good News (Pentecost experience) that Morwood describes.

In this time of peril, may our community, our loved ones and all who seek Truth in our contemporary understanding of the universe, find a way forward!" - Elaine Clarke

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### Care for Creation: Let's take a hike!

Join St. Patrick community members on Labor Day, September 6th for a day hike through maple, cedar, hemlock, and Douglas-fir on the well-maintained Margaret's Way trail near Issaquah. Pit toilet at the trailhead, no other amenities or water. A busy out and back trail, our goal is to hike for ~1.5 hours outward up a gentle slope (possibly to a viewpoint), have lunch, and return to the trailhead.



Mindful of our carbon footprint, hikers have the option to use Metro's Trailhead Direct Service (every 30 minutes). From Mount Baker transit center, we aim to catch the bus departing at 8:44 AM, arrive at Margaret's Way Trailhead at 9:12 AM. We'll aim for a return trip departing from the trailhead at 2:12 PM, arriving back at Mount Baker station at 3:22 PM. Adult bus fare: \$2.75 each way. Options: a) Get to Mount Baker transit center on your own by 8:34 AM (light rail, bus, other); b) Meet at Elaine Clark's home by 7:55 AM to catch #48 bus to transit center; c) Meet at Margaret's Way trailhead by 9:15 AM.

Bring in your backpack: Mask (required on the bus), Water (a quart or more); Close-toed shoes or hiking boots, Hiking poles (optional); Ready to eat lunch and snacks, Rain gear, layered clothing, First aid items, Sun protection, Container for your trash.

Let Elaine Clark or Jo Anne Felton know of your intent to participate. Contact Jo Anne at [jofltn@yahoo.com](mailto:jofltn@yahoo.com)

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### Guest Reflector This Sunday

This Sunday Anna Robertson will be our Guest Reflector helping us to break open the Word at our 10:30 AM Mass. Anna is currently the Director of Youth and Young Adult Mobilization with Catholic Climate Covenant. Before that she was in Campus Ministry at Seattle University for four years. Anna brings experience and passion to the issue of climate change and justice for those most effected by the consequences of climate change.



### Wednesday Movie Night

For the first day of the Season of Creation, Wednesday, Sep. 1, we will show "**Brother Sun, Sister Moon**" (1972), a movie directed by Franco Zeffirelli with songs by the Scottish singer-songwriter *Donovan*. This is a dramatization of events in the life of St. Francis of Assisi from before his conversion experience through his audience with the Pope, including his friendship with

St. Clare. Join us on zoom [HERE](#) at 7 PM for viewing and discussion of this film which “attempts to draw parallels between the work and philosophy of St. Francis and the ideology that underpinned the worldwide counterculture movement of the 1960s and early 1970s.”



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### Congratulations to the Kelly Family!

Deacon Dennis and Mary's firstborn son Sean Kelly was married to Laney Umland on Sunday, August 22nd, in Maple Valley. The two met while at Western Washington University. Sean and Laney live in Arlington, VA. Sean is a press secretary for the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee. Laney works as a project lead for D.C.-based educational nonprofit Results for America.



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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 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 more information is to come soon.

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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