



**"I will walk before
the Lord, in the land
of the living."**

- Psalm 116:1-9

Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



Thank you for all who participated in our Labor Day Hike

"No one who follows Christ can avoid suffering."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

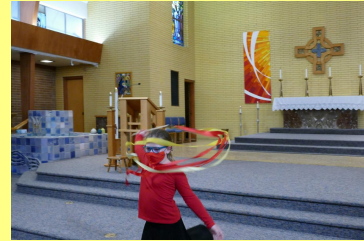
Jesus reminds us this week that we each carry our own cross in this life. No one who follows Christ can avoid suffering. Our collective COVID crosses carried since March 2020 have been excruciatingly heavy to bear. The Delta variant is on fire in our region. And now we hear of a new immunity-resistant strain headed this way. What does all this mean for our Church? Effective this weekend, we are suspending congregational singing. Also, our music will return to a single cantor and instrumental accompanist(s) for any song. No choral or choir singing will be allowed at this time. These are the latest recommendations from the Archdiocese. We will follow this guidance for the well-being of all. Vaccinations, masks, and social distancing are the best ways to stay healthy and keep COVID away from our community. For now, this is our cross to bear. It is the new normal and something we are learning to live with. I know we all wanted to return to life before COVID. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. Remember that we are all in this together and can help each other to carry these crosses.

Peace...

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 Is 50:5-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; Second Reading Jas 2:14-18; Gospel Mk 8:27-35

[Important Parish Update](#)

The parish community questionnaire is coming your way soon. Special thanks to Paul Sampson, Polly Young and Kate Speltz for their efforts to create a survey that will gauge your input on how best to move forward with the Archdiocese. When the survey is ready, it will come to you in a special email. Thank you for your patience.



[Wednesday Movie Night](#)

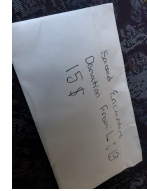
Now for a fascinatingly different Wednesday evening ecological experience: "Fantastic Fungi" (<https://fantasticfungi.com>)! I'll just provide a few reviewer summaries. "Louie Schwartzberg's lightly informative, delightfully kooky documentary, 'Fantastic Fungi,' offers nothing less than a model for planetary survival." (NYT); "The biology is fascinating, but Schwartzberg's experts and enthusiasts are positively evangelical when it comes to the potential of fungi in medicine, pest-control, oil spill clean-ups and, of course, psychedelic experiences. It's all quite a trip." (Sydney Morning Herald); "One of the year's most mind-blowing, soul-cleansing and yes, immensely entertaining triumphs." ([RogerEbert.com](#)).



Join us on Wednesday, September 15th, at 7 PM for viewing and discussion of this fantastic documentary. The Zoom link can be found below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>

Our Sacred Encounters Ministry wishes to thank all of the recent generous donors including the Murphy Family, Elizabeth Ebersole, Virginia Kenyon, and also Lily aged 9 who recently made a financial contribution. Our downtown community benefits from all your donations no matter how big or small. Thank you!



Children's Faith and Justice Library

We were pleased to redesign the church Quiet Room with the help of Mike and Kath Wagner (and Saturday crew). Our hope is for it to be a warm and welcoming space for families with young children to recenter before rejoining the celebration of Mass.



We plan to add a Faith & Justice Library to the Quiet Room and invite parishioners to participate. We created an [Amazon Wish List](#) of over 25 faith and justice titles in board book format. Please consider donating new and gently used board books for ages five and under by September 26th.

Amazon contributions will be shipped to us to add to the space or purchase from a retailer of your choice. Contact angelica.germani@gmail.com or codyrpeck@gmail.com to contribute via Venmo or PayPal, or with questions.

Thanks in advance for your support. – Cody & Angelica Peck

September 11th First Responder Mass

Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne for the First Responders Mass on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. As our country marks twenty years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, we gather at St. James Cathedral to remember and mourn those who died. At this Mass, we will acknowledge and thank the police, firefighters, and EMTs who keep our communities safe, day after day. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or live stream [HERE](#).



Climate change: World's Christian leaders release first joint statement demanding urgent action



The world's most prominent Christian leaders have joined forces to persuade people to urgently address the climate change crisis. The Pope, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew have called on people to "listen to the cry of the earth". The joint statement said: "We call on everyone, whatever their belief or world view, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth, which God has given us." The three men united during the Christian season of "Creation" ahead of the [COP26 climate change summit](#) in November.

Care for Creation events

On Tuesday, September 21st at 7 PM former King 5 weather forecaster Jeff Renner will be hosting a live virtual presentation



for us entitled "Climate Change and Faith-Care for our Common Home". Jeff is an Emmy-award-winning science journalist and meteorologist and has participated in climate discussions at the White House and other world institutions. He is a fascinating speaker. Read more info and RSVP at tinyurl.com/jeff-renner-soc.

The Season of Creation started on September 1st and extends through the Feast Day of Saint Francis, October 4th. Creation Care Network (CCN) will host a prayer and action gathering to celebrate the Season of Creation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Parish in West Seattle. The event will be in-person and live-streamed via [Our Lady of Guadalupe's Facebook page](#). If you have any questions please reach out to kathywilmering@gmail.com

[Project to help Afghan refugees](#)

Thank you all for your generous donations to help the Afghan refugees. World Relief Seattle has asked people to stop collecting items as they have gathered what they need. Thanks to the donations from St. Pat's two full welcome kits will be delivered by Sandy Kraus to World Relief Seattle next week. Any future donations can be directed to World Relief Seattle or Jewish Family Services both of whom are taking monetary donations.

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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