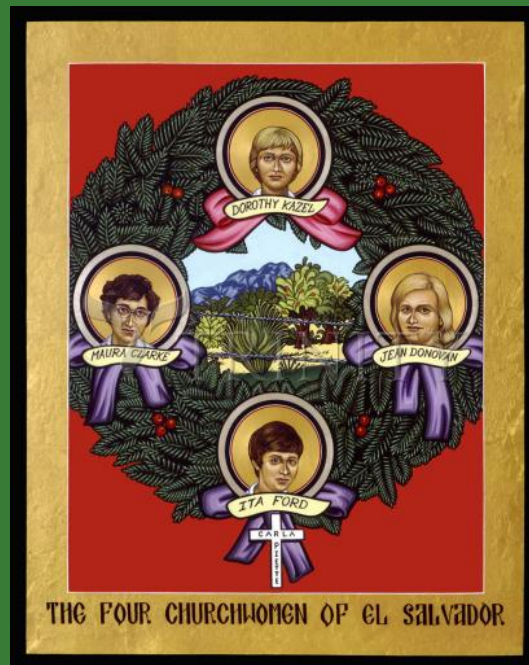




"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy"

- Psalm 126:1-6

Complete Stewardship of Treasure Pledge [HERE](#)



We remember!

"Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The ministry of Jesus is alive and thriving in downtown Seattle and at our beloved St. Patrick Parish. Jesus is in our midst through the ministry we do in his name. This weekend we hear John the Baptist readying the people for what was to come:

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

Every time we take to the streets with Sacred Encounters, our outreach team meets Jesus in the flesh and becomes Jesus in their actions of love. Every time we talk by phone (and hopefully in person again someday soon) to someone in

need with St. Vincent de Paul Society, we encounter our Lord in his ministry, both in the giver and the receiver of this ministry. This is what we are called to do as his disciples. To become Jesus is to find Jesus on the peripheries. This is an encounter like no other. And strengthens our faith.

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 Bar 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-6; Second Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Important Parish Update

Please join us on Monday, December 13th, at 7 PM, for a community-wide meeting on Zoom to discuss the community survey and recommended next steps for the Advocates. Details coming next week with the Zoom link.

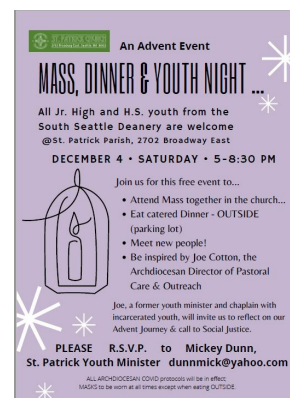
If you did not receive an email with the full survey report, please let Laura (lauradavidash@aol.com) know and we will get you a copy.



Advent Youth Mass & Night

All Jr. High and H.S. youth from the South Seattle Deanery are welcome to St. Patrick Parish, 2702 Broadway East on Saturday, December 4th, from 5 PM - 8:30 PM for a youth-oriented mass with presider and Maryknoll Fr. Ed Shellito, followed by a FREE catered dinner (weather permitting outside under tents).

Attend the Youth Mass at St. Pat's and be inspired by Joe Cotton, Archdiocesan Director of Pastoral Care & Outreach. Joe Cotton, is a former youth minister and chaplain with incarcerated youth will invite



us to reflect on our Advent Journey & call to Social Justice.

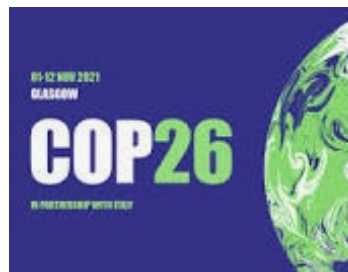
All Archdiocesan COVID protocols will be in effect; Masks are to be worn at all times except when eating outside. For information & R.S.V.P. Contact St. Patrick's Youth Minister Mickey Dunn: dunnmick@yahoo.com Additional information can be found on this [FLYER](#) also.

Care of Creation

The presentation described below should be a fascinating journey through the Climate Summit by people who were there. Jeff Renner, former KING-5 TV meteorologist, in particular, is a compelling speaker:

COP 26 through the Eyes of the Church Wednesday, December 15, 7 PM - 8 PM via Zoom (get a link through registration at the email below).

Last month, world leaders gathered in Glasgow, Scotland to work for the preservation of our planet. To better understand COP 26 from a faith perspective, Brian Roewe, environmental correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, and Jeff Renner, Emmy-winning meteorologist, will offer their reflections. Registration, Patrick Barredo, Director of Social Outreach and Advocacy, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.



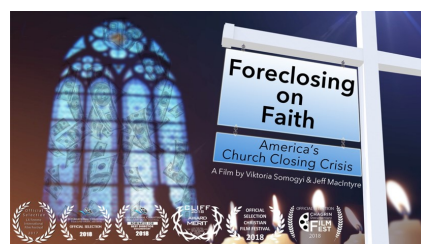
Can't make that? See the Seattle Times website for a reasonably entertaining article by a reporter who attended.

Donate to University District Food Bank

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the University Food Bank donation barrel in the vestibule area of St. Patrick's. Every month the University Food Bank helps more than 1,300 different families with nutritionally balanced foods.

Wednesday Night Movie Night

On Thursday, December 9th (not our usual Movie Night), at 7 PM, we will be presenting and discussing the 2017 documentary **"Foreclosing on Faith"** on church closings in Boston, New York, and Cleveland. We are especially fortunate to have the film's director and producer, Viktoria Somogyi, join us to present an introduction to the film and to remain with us for an extended Q&A session after the 50 min film. This documentary is especially timely as we at St Pat's, as well as St Mary's and Our Lady of Mt Virgin, discern responses to the proposed closing/merger of our parishes.



Join us on Zoom:

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

The documentary's story: Bishops justify the closings with claims of cash-strapped parishes, priest shortages, and lack of vibrancy. Yet the faithful cry foul and claim it's all about raising money for dioceses facing financial challenges. Many of these churches have strong ethnic identities, ancestral and cultural ties going back centuries. This intense battle over the closures is the focus of this documentary — a modern-day David and Goliath tale as Catholics strive to keep their precious communities. Every time a church is closed, a small

piece of the community fades away. Churches provide a social safety net that is unraveling, while those with strong ethnic ties provide a strong sense of cultural identity. At a time when immigration and discrimination have never been more polarizing, this is one conversation people from every community need to start having.

“Foreclosing on Faith” documents this dramatic struggle taking place in Cleveland, Boston, and New York, some of which is fallout from the Church’s sexual abuse crisis. Picking up where the Academy Award-winning “Spotlight” left off, the film uncovers the truth behind the official reasons for church closings.

Memorial Service For Kathleen Cunningham

We will gather to remember parishioner Kathleen Cunningham, who passed away at the beginning of COVID. Her family is planning a beautiful service, and all are invited to attend St. Patrick Church on Saturday, December 18th at 11 AM. Here's a link to her obituary [HERE](#).



Simbang Gabi

Join Archbishop Etienne, Bishop Elizondo and Catholics from around the archdiocese for this festive, colorful, and prayerful Advent celebration on Saturday, December 11th at 11 AM at St. James Cathedral. Alternatively, you can stream live via [Facebook](#). These Filipino traditions usher in Simbang Gabi, a novena of nine Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Poinsettias are available for purchase

This next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday in Advent. So what does that mean? It is time to help make it possible for St Pat’s sanctuary to be decorated for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias that you generously give money to buy. They are \$15.00 each. Someone will be at the front entrance of the church before and after Mass on Sunday, December 5th and 12th to assist purchases. We accept cash and checks. A form indicating who the plant is in the memory of or in honor of will be available for you to fill out. Thank you.



Catholic Relief Services

This Advent, join St. Patrick’s and Christ Our Hope in helping families around the world through the work of Catholic Relief Services. Support the Church’s mission of serving people in need by participating in our virtual [CRS Advent Giving Tree](#). Thank you for your compassion and generosity, and for making a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world!

CRS Advent Giving Tree

Put your faith into action!



St. Pat's Giving Tree

Our annual Advent Giving Tree will be present in our sanctuary starting this Sunday to benefit the needs of Noel House and Francis House. Take an ornament and buy the suggested gift card, and bring your gift cards by Sunday the 19th. Thank you so much for supporting this annual tradition!

CRS & Fair Trade Christmas Shopping

Are you worried about the supply chain issues interfering with your Christmas shopping? Shop early and ethically with Serrv. Serrv has beautiful, handcrafted items from local artisans that will make the perfect gifts to share. 20% of your online order will be donated to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) if you shop via the Serrv link [HERE](#).



Blessing of a Christmas Tree

As we prepare our homes in preparation for Christmas, you can find information about The Catholic Rite for Blessing a Christmas Tree [HERE](#). As you put up your Christmas tree you are also welcome to pray:



Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation:
the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets,
and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:
he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Advent Calendar of Events

Advent Morning Prayer

8 AM Friday, December 10, 17
with final Advent Morning Prayer
on December 24th.

Advent Morning Prayer will be
available as a shared offering
with Christ Our Hope via [Zoom](#).

Madre de las Américas Mother of the Americas

11:30 AM Entrance of Dancers
12:10 PM Saturday, Dec. 4th
Mass with Bishop Elizondo at
St. James Cathedral.

Advent Youth Mass

5 PM - 8:30 PM All are welcome to St. Patrick Parish for a youth-oriented

mass on Saturday, December 4th followed by a free catered dinner.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 PM Wednesday, December 8.
Fr. Bryan Hersey will be the presider at a special Holy Day of Obligation (Opportunity) Mass at St. Patrick.

Simbang Gabi

11 AM Saturday, December 11th
Simbang Gabi celebration at St. James Cathedral or via [Facebook](#).

Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 12th
Our community will come together at this celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of the Americas.

Lessons and Carols

SAVE THE DATE: We will have our annual Lessons and Carols on Zoom, Wednesday, December 15th at 7 PM. Zoom details to come soon.

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.

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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