



"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

- Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

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Gathering in our Youth Room for Advent Children's Liturgy of the Word!

"We have come to the end of our Advent journey"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

We have come to the end of our Advent journey. And we are hearing of another famous journey this weekend – that of a pregnant Mary traveling in haste to see her cousin Elizabeth who is also carrying John the Baptist in her womb. What can we learn from this famous scripture? First, there are sacred moments in our lives when we encounter the presence of God. These can only be recognized if we approach them with humility, gratitude, reverence, and praise. Second, Mary's action upon hearing the Good News from the angel Gabriel is to go and tell another person, her cousin Elizabeth. We are all missionary disciples who evangelize Jesus by our every action. Third, like John leaping in the womb we, too, need to pray that our faith will be awakened by the approaching presence of Jesus. Mary, Elizabeth, and John offer us images of faith on this Fourth Sunday of Advent that should challenge and inspire us. May you be motivated by the zeal of Mary, the receptivity and hospitality of Elizabeth, and the responsiveness of John as Christmas approaches.

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](#))

1st Reading Mi 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 2nd Reading Heb 10:5-10; Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Important Parish Update

From the St. Pat's Advocates :

Thank you everyone for attending the community gathering on Monday the 13th. We have listened and have met as a group. Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to get involved after the holidays!



"CLING TO THE ROCK"

The Winds of Time may shake our World,
But GOD is a ROCK Un-MOVED!
So Anchor yourself to the Great "I AM", and
Surrender to life's Ever-Changing DANCE.

In GOD, fear not those Wrathful Storms,
You are Held-Fast in His LOVING ARMS.
Though in Perpetual Movement are His Sustaining HANDS,
Un-MOVING is the Vast STILLNESS of His Boundless HEART,
This OPEN DOOR where we Enter In,
This CENTER of His Vastness is where our DANCE Begins!

So come REST in this STILLNESS of the Great "I AM", and
Learn the DANCE STEPS of the MASTER's WAY.
Then Filled with the CALMNESS of GOD's LOVING PEACE,
There will no longer BE room for fear or strife,
As you COURAGEOUSLY Re-Enter,
This DANCE of your LIFE!

Thank you, Jani Kelly, Christ Our Hope parishioner and Josephinum resident who took the time to share this deep and meaningful poem with our community.

Lessons and Carols

If you would like to enjoy the recent Lessons and Carols event at St. Pat's you can access the recording via the following link: https://youtu.be/zd_xrHsBFeA

There is also an opportunity to attend St. Joseph's Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7 PM. It will be LIVE and live-streamed on their youtube channel, which is available here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbwUwFPCLnLh1fxKyL6RDg>

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. Patricks



Care of Creation

You Can Protect Babies And The Planet by clicking here: <https://earthministry.org/safer-products-for-washington/>. Dept. of Ecology has drafted rules to keep cancer-causing chemicals (PFAS, phthalates, etc.) out of products sold in WA State. This means children and the rest of us won't be exposed to these chemicals, which will then not pollute our soil and waterways. **The Dept. of Ecology needs a short statement of support from you** to ensure these rules go into effect, so click and send your note of support soon!



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](#). Service will also be live-streamed through our website.



Our annual Advent Giving Tree is now present in our sanctuary 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 Tree of Giving

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!



Poinsettia Update

Stay tuned for a detailed report next week.



St. Pat's joins neighbors in support of the University District Food Bank

Every month the University Food Bank helps more than 1,300 different families with nutritionally balanced foods. The food bank has installed a donation barrel at St. Pat's where non-perishable items can be donated. It is located in the vestibule. Please bring items on Sunday and help those off in need this Christmas season. You can find more information about The University Food Bank by clicking here: <https://www.udistrictfoodbank.org/>

Blessing of the Christmas Crèche

As we continue to prepare for the Coming of the Savior, you can find information about The Blessing of the Christmas Crèche [here](#). As you continue to decorate your homes and set up your Christmas Crèche you are also welcome to pray:



God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Advent Morning Prayer

8 AM Friday, Dec. 17th with the final Advent Morning Prayer on Dec. 24th.

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

Nativity of the Lord (Vigil) Friday, December 24th

8 AM Morning Prayer with Christ Our Hope [via Zoom](#)

5 PM Mass at St. Patrick

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:30 AM Saturday, December 25th in-person and on [Facebook LIVE](#) with St. Patrick

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sunday, December 26th

Sunday Mass in-person at 10:30 AM. You can also [attend on Facebook](#)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Saturday, January 1st

No special service on this day. Mass has been abrogated as the day falls on a Saturday.

Epiphany Sunday, January 2nd

Sunday Mass in-person at 10:30 AM. You can also [attend on Facebook](#)

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 9th

Sunday Mass in-person at 10:30 AM. You can also [attend on Facebook](#)

Continuing Engagement Opportunities

Saturday Work Parties need volunteers!

Are you looking for ways to support our community? The weekly Saturday parish facilities team could do with your help. Please contact [Mike Wagner](#) for more details. The team meets each week from 9 AM to 12 PM.

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.

A new **Games Night** schedule is being developed more information is to come soon.

Saturday Works Party from 9 AM to Noon weekly! Are you available to volunteer?

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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