



"O bless the Lord, my soul"

- Psalm 104: 1-4, 24-30

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Memories of a beautiful Christmas Eve Mass

"The Church needs you. And you need the Church."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

I saw something on a deacon friend's Facebook page this week that hits at the heart of what it means to be a baptized Christian. During the pandemic, it has been very convenient to detach from our faith through the convenience of a virtual connection. Online Masses are not for everyone. For those who have enjoyed these, online worship has provided a comfortable way to stay connected to the Church. But virtual Church does not allow us to do what we are called to do as baptized members of the body of Christ: to serve others. "Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The Church needs you. And you need the Church." Powerful food for thought. As we eventually move past this present pandemic, I pray you will rejoin us to help build up the kingdom as our Christian baptism calls us to do.

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.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found [here](#)

1st reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 104; 2nd Reading Titus 2; Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Update from the Advocates

Thank you to all who participated in our fruitful listening session in December. The passion and love for our parish is deeply felt. From this listening session, four focus areas (canonical challenge, alternative faith community, deaf and deaf-blind community, and St. Joe community) have been identified as needing further exploration to help guide our decision making. Information about each of these four areas will be shared at mass on Sunday, including the formation of work groups, how to get involved, and who to contact. Join us as we continue onward on this journey.



St. Pats Synodal listening

Pope Francis has called on all Catholics around the world to participate in a synodal listening process this year in the Church. In order to “walk together” and listen to the Holy Spirit, we need to pray. There can be no synodal way without personal and community prayer. Prayer prepares our hearts to listen carefully to others and helps us to discern the action of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
Make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

We will share next week dates for St. Pats Synodal listening include sessions after Sunday Masses and on Zoom in January, February, and March. More specific information about the listening sessions and how to participate will be shared in next week's parish email. Thank you to Jackie McWalter-Huff and Ann Mescher and for leading this important effort in our parish.

Supporting Our Community Through COVID



As a family and community, we continue to honor our ministry of presence while reinforcing our COVID safety protocols: we remain vigilant in our mask requirement and will add an additional request of those who are wearing cloth masks that they double mask per CDC guidance, and we have made more visible (and ushers will assure adherence to) our socially distanced seating in the eastside of the church.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 9th this year, officially marks the end of the Christmas season. Click here to learn [Why the Baptism of the Lord is a Christmas feast.](#)

“The people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
~Luke 3:15-16

The Sacrament of Baptism

As Pope Benedict XVI notes in *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love), the celebration of the sacraments and the ministry of love are “inseparable.” Love in action, he says, is “an indispensable expression” of the Church’s being (no. 25). This guide (linked [here](#)) focuses on the Sacrament of Baptism, the rite of initiation into the Christian community. As you read, consider the meaning of your own Baptism, your membership in the community, and the mission on which you are sent. If your family is interested in baptizing a child, please contact the parish office.

The Pastoral Council Needs You!

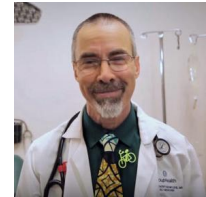
The pastoral council is inviting you to serve St. Patrick's in a leadership capacity. The role of the council is to continue to work with the various ministries in supporting the mission of the parish and the work of the parish synod held in October 2020. We need your voice, your experience, and your energy. If interested, please email Dennis at dennis@stpatrickseattle.org.

Sister Parish Fundraiser- Women's Night 'In'!

The continuing pandemic prevents us from getting together in person, but our Sister Parish Workgroup would like to extend a special invitation to all St. Pat's women to join our St. Pat's Women's Night 'IN' to benefit our community of Nueva Trinidad. Our Zoom gathering is set for Friday, January 21st from 7 PM - 8:30 PM, and for a suggested donation of only \$25.00, you will enjoy a delightful evening of conversation with one another, a brief update from our sister parish, and other surprises! While we can't enjoy food and fellowship in person, we are sure you will be fed by the warm, generous company of one another knowing that you are helping Nueva Trinidad during a very vulnerable time. Please email Lisa Dennison to sign up at lisa2karl@aol.com and Lisa will send you more information and a Zoom link!

The Health Impacts of Climate Change

All are welcome to join a speaker series by our very own St. Pat's parishioner Chris Covert-Bowlds, MD. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 12th at 7 PM via Zoom. More details are below:



Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR) is the state affiliate of PSR, a Nobel Peace Prize winning organization working to create a healthy, just, peaceful, and sustainable world. WPSR has mobilized health care providers to be the health care voice on climate action in our state. WPSR board member and HCFA-WA Vice President, Chris Covert-Bowlds, MD, will present The Health Impacts of Climate Change in Washington State. (And what we can do.)

The impacts of climate change are on the rise here in Washington! And make no mistake, climate change is a health emergency. From rising sea levels to summer-long wildfires, Washington state residents are at risk. With floods, fire, depression, anxiety and despair all around us what can we do? Bring your questions and join Health Care for All - WA's 2nd Wednesday Speaker Series The Health Impacts of Climate Change in Washington State. (And what we can do.) Wednesday, January 12 at 7 PM via Zoom.

[RSVP here](#)

January is Poverty Awareness Month!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic [Campaign for Human Development](#), and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these resources are also [en Español](#). You can [sign up](#) to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month.



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.

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 contact Mike Wagner (mike.wagner.mw@gmail.com).

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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