

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life"

- Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

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A return to Ordinary Time

"This scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

We are witnessing the humble beginnings of Jesus' public ministry this week. We've just come from the wedding at Cana where he performed his first miracle turning water into wine. Now he's in the synagogue in his hometown. His fame is starting to spread. Rumblings about a miracle at a wedding. Teachings with authority throughout Galilee. Then, on the sabbath day he goes to his hometown synagogue in Nazareth and is handed a scroll from Isaiah. He proclaims a passage foreshadowing the messiah. He then sits down and tells everyone, "This scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." In this moment, there are implications for us, too. As baptized members of the body of Christ, we are called to carry the torch of this mission – his mission is now our mission. We are not to simply read about Jesus' ministry but pay attention to what Jesus does and do likewise. His actions are meant to guide us in how we should be acting, by bringing the Gospel to the poor and helping the oppressed and marginalized. We are anointed to continue this work. Not just by talking about it, but by doing it.

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 <u>here</u>. Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

Or find the Mass via <u>YouTube</u> (Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found here

1st reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15; **2nd Reading** 1 Cor 12:12-30; **Gospel:** Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Update from the Advocates

The Advocates met this Thursday, and began hearing preliminary reports from those advocates who are in some of the study groups. We know that all the study groups are hard at work and are meeting on their respective themes. If you feel called to join a study group, please contact the leaders. Here are the contacts for each:

St. Joe's - Peggy O'Brien-Murphy (pom949@msn.com)

Canon Law - Paul Sampson (pdsampson@comast.net)

Alternative Faith Community - Catholic / Christian - Kevin O'Keeffe (kevinokeeffe@mac.com)

Deaf and Deaf/Blind Needs - Jennifer Huxtable (littleladyhuxy4@gmail.com).

Please take time to consider which path you would like to put your energy into and contact the lead person to participate. Thank you.

Synodal Listening Sessions

If you are feeling despondent, you are not alone at Saint Patrick Church; come and rest in the Love of your faith





community and the Holy Spirit. We are called by the Holy Spirit through Pope Francis to Listen as community, sharing the fruits of our faith and labor as *We* Journey Together. In response to the Holy Spirit's call, we lay the foundation for our church's Synodal Listening at 2 PM this Sunday, January 23rd via Zoom. Please join St. Patrick's parish in your faith and love. Launch Meeting - Zoom

Join Our Book Club!

Book Club: "Be Opened!" by Lana Portolano

Come join our Deaf and Deaf Blind communities of St. Patrick's to read Portolano's book about the history and relationship of the Deaf with the Catholic church. As the author states in her Preface, "Time and again, the history of Deaf Catholics bears witness to this need for inclusive communication. Because Deaf people have so often in their history looked to the Catholic Church as a spiritual home, Catholics are called to assist deaf people as the struggle for religious inclusion and social justice..."



The book club will be held as a ZOOM meeting once a week which will determine the exact date and time by the group by January 25th. So sign up now with Ellen Carpentier at <u>Lninterp4deaf@hotmail.com</u>. You can order the book through Amazon, and it will arrive within a week for only \$31.95.

Wednesday Movie Night

St Pat's Movie Night this week returns to the "Care for Creation" theme with another recent documentary from Sir David

Attenborough, "Extinction: The Facts". With 1 million species under threat, Attenborough explores the science of extinction. The huge variety of life

on earth is being lost at a rate never seen before in human history. This is a crisis not just for the natural world but for humanity. It threatens food and water security, undermines our ability to control our climate, and even puts us at greater risk of pandemic diseases. Although "the facts" are scary and depressing, Attenborough manages to end on a hopeful message that positive change can be achieved.

Join us on Wednesday, January 26th, on our usual zoom link, for viewing and discussion.

CARE for CREATION presents... FAIR-WEATHER WALKS

Weather permitting, bundle up and join members of St. Patrick's Care for Creation group at the Labyrinth from 9:45 AM -10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. Light rain or mist okay: bring umbrella.

Cancel if snow, heavy rain or wind. We'll start with Jim Clark's morning prayer ritual, then walk the labyrinth. If time permits we'll take a meditative stroll through Roanoke Park, with attention to birds, trees, mushrooms, creeping creatures or anything else:... the Roanoke Park phase could also be a point of social connection... Starts Sunday, January 16th, with the intent of carrying this out through February. See you there!!







Catholic Relief Services and Urgent Humanitarian Priorities

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Caritas and the Catholic Church. Many countries around the world need your help: Philippines recovering from Typhoon Rai, Afghanistan, Northern Ethiopia, East Africa, Southern Madagascar, Bangladesh Rohingya, Syrian Refugee Education, Yemen, Venezuela, Central American Migrants. <u>Please donate here</u>.

To learn more about all global emergencies and needs, see:

- Global Emergency Update
- Pearl Jam and CRS/NGO Actions in Afghanistan

<u>Hidden Mercy - Catholic Responses to the Aids Epidemic</u> pre-register at <u>https://hiddenmercy.bpt.me</u>

St Pat's and St Joe's LGBTQ ministries invite you to our *Hidden Mercy* Book Group! Feb 2nd and 9th at 7PM via ZOOM. *Hidden Mercy* tells stories of Catholic responses to the AIDS epidemic. The author, Michael O'Loughlin, is coming to Seattle U to talk about his book on 2/16 at 7pm. He sent his book to Pope Francis. The Pope's loving response was published in America magazine. We'd like a chance for anyone interested to come together to talk about *Hidden Mercy* before Michael O'Loughlin's talk. *Hidden Mercy* is available at Elliott Bay Books and coming to Oh Hello Again book store (324 15th Ave East). You can contact John Dunn 206/604-6627 (text only) or Chris Galloway 206/450-4971 (text only), with any questions.

If you don't read the book, or even if you do, you might want to listen to Mr O'Loughlin's podcast, Plague: untold stories AIDS and the Catholic Church. The podcast was the inspiration for the book *Hidden Mercy*. The podcast includes the voices and stories of people the author interviewed. Powerful and very moving.

In any case, we'd love to have you join our first ever, two-parish joint venture book study. All are welcome!

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, **<u>Breaking Open The Word</u>** on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, <u>Encountering God</u>, 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 <u>Mike Wagner</u>.

Please email **Deanna Tighe** if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

