



**"The Lord is kind  
and merciful."**

- Psalm 103

**Complete Stewardship of Treasure Pledge [HERE](#)**



**The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated at St.Pat's on Wednesday, February 16**

**"love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.."**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,**

How are we called to respond to toxic people in our lives? How are we to handle people who want to control us or who want to demonize us for not doing what they want us to do? Jesus was quite clear by his examples. He chose to state his position, but usually walked away when the conversation turned ugly. Think of all the times we have wanted to engage someone we disagree with by sharing our own opinions on say Facebook. How has that worked out? Usually not well. This weekend, Jesus is continuing his Sermon on the Plain by defining his statement

"Blessed are you when people hate you." He is concretizing how Christians should react to this hatred by saying, "love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." In other words, defuse the power of the hate by showing love. This is always easier said than done, but what we as Christians are called to do is show mercy and help build the kingdom of God.

Peace...

**Dcn. Dennis Kelly**  
**Pastoral Coordinator**

**View all of Deacon Dennis homilies by [clicking here](#)**

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## 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: 1 Sm 26:2 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, Psalm:103; 2nd Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49; Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

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### Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday, February 16th, St. Patrick celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation partnering with Christ Our Hope. This year our Confirmandi are **Matty Rudd, Séamus Dunn, Arlette Ramirez, Carmensofia Avelar-Larios and Lucas Rodriguez** from our youth community and **Marisa Gianna Monroe** from our adult community. They joined three youth and one adult from Christ Our Hope in being confirmed by Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo in a bilingual service.



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## Advocates Update

On **Sunday, March 6th after our 10:30 AM Mass**, there will be a presentation of Work Group findings. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn what each group has discovered. The presentation will be hosted in the Church, and you will also be able to attend via Zoom. The meeting is scheduled to go until 12:30 PM. In the meantime, our groups are continuing to meet.



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## Synodal Listening Sessions

Our Synod listening got off to a great start last weekend with two sessions on Zoom. Future sessions are upcoming. At any time you wish, you are welcome to prepare an individual response to the query from Pope Francis and share it aloud or in writing on a Sunday via Zoom at 2 PM: March 20, April 3, and/or on a Thursday via Zoom at 7 PM: March 24, April 7. Every session will offer dedicated times for small group and individual sharing. Check the parish wide email weekly for links to these upcoming sessions.



Please see below a wonderful reflection from **Sharie Bowman** and an idea she wants to share with the community.

*As I have been listening and witnessing the beautiful stories being told as part of the Synodal process as people answer the questions: "What has been life-giving and/or how have you experienced the Holy Spirit in St. Patrick Church?" I have felt deeply moved by the stories and wished for everyone to be able to hear them. I noticed that some of you have already written your story. The Spirit has been moving me to invite those who would like to share their stories further to contribute to a project to gather these stories into a booklet format. I mentioned the idea for this project to Deacon Dennis and Laura Ash and they loved and supported the idea as well. I would also like to include a short biography and photo from each contributor to help us honor our community.*

*If you would like to participate, please send your written life-giving or Spirit-filled experiences with your photo and bio to Sharie Bowman at [stpats.sharie@gmail.com](mailto:stpats.sharie@gmail.com). (We will likely need to limit it to 2 pages per person.) You could also share a google drive file if that is more easeful. We would like to gather the stories by March 1st if possible.*

*I honor the depth and sacredness of all of your stories and would love to share their beauty with this project. So many hidden treasures! Many blessings!*

**Sharie Bowman**

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## Preparing for Ash Wednesday

**Return your old palm branches to church now.** Our youth will recycle the palm branches by turning them into ashes for Ash Wednesday this year. Please return the old palm branches to the church on Sundays throughout February so they can be burnt for use on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd 2022. Thank you.



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## Accounting for Everything



All of you heard the financial report a few months ago. We are in good shape financially. While the financials look complete, they do not tell the whole story of St. Patrick. Many of you are involved in different ministries and are giving money or provide other in-kind contributions. In order to fully capture the work of our parish we are asking that you look at what you provide and send Finance Council members **Mary Ellen**



**O'Keeffe** or **Ginny Kenyon** an accounting or what you do and how much time you spend providing the services or money you bring to our parish family or your neighborhoods. Examples of those are individuals who head groups and send out weekly reminders to their groups, organizing programs such as Hidden Mercies now going on, going out weekly to take provisions and compassion to the homeless, donations to the food banks, helping with the different ministries, visiting the sick and home bound, etc. We are a vibrant and alive community. Let's now account for all you do to show that not only are we a financially viable church, we the church, the people of St. Pats, live the call to discipleship in whatever way God has given you gifts to share. We can be reached at the emails below:

Mary Ellen O'Keeffe [maryellenokeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:maryellenokeeffe@gmail.com)

Ginny Kenyon [gkenyon@kenyonhcc.com](mailto:gkenyon@kenyonhcc.com)

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### Wednesday Movie Night - The Price of Freedom

We are overdue to address the issue of gun violence in our Wednesday night movie series. The Price of Freedom (<https://www.thepriceoffreedommovie.com>) is an unflinching look at the gun violence epidemic in America and the role the National Rifle Association, with its outsized political and cultural influence, has played over time. The NRA believes the deaths of innocent Americans are a necessary price to pay for the freedom to own firearms without restrictions. By manipulating the narrative around guns and backing politicians who commit to upholding their agenda, the NRA has cost us far more than we realize. Featuring passionate pleas from President William J. Clinton, Representative Lucy McBath (D-GA) and Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT); NRA Board Member and former NRA President David Keene, and activists on all sides of the issue, The Price of Freedom presents a compelling case for those brave enough to take a stand against the NRA in defense of our communities and collective future.



Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, February 23rd , at 7 PM for viewing and discussion.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>

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### World Interfaith Harmony Week I

All are welcome to join a Worship Service on Sunday February 20th 2022 at 10 AM. Join Zoom virtual meeting [HERE](#) Zoom Meeting ID: 860 5869 7481 Passcode: Harmony



Music and song will be shared by Jeffry Steele and Monica Steele. <https://jeffrysteele.com/index.html>

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### World Interfaith Harmony Week II

All are welcome, to join the Creation Care Network for an

earth justice summit, to act for our common home. The day will include an address from Archbishop Etienne, a public conversation between youth and young adults about their concerns, energy, and passion for environmental justice, workshops on the *Laudato Si'* *Action Platform* and building Care for Creation Teams, as well as reflections on indigenous wisdom on our relationship to the land.



The event takes place on Saturday, March 19th from 9 AM - 3 PM and is open to anyone, free of charge, will include a boxed lunch, and will take place in person. Mask and vaccination or negative PCR test within 72 hours are required for attendance. The event takes place at Seattle University, Campion Hall on 914 E Jefferson St, Seattle, WA 98122

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### Time to Take Action

Chairwoman Cecile Hansen and the Duwamish Tribal Council are focusing on federal acknowledgment as the primary goal for the Duwamish Tribe in 2022. Here are three actions you and your friends and family can take to help make this goal a reality:

Sharing the Petition: This petition calls on the U.S. government to acknowledge the Duwamish Tribe and fulfill their treaty rights. The petition is important to demonstrate strong public support and convince U.S. legislators to prioritize the issue. Please make sure you've signed the petition and share it with friends, family, coworkers, and more. We have over 96,000 signatures so far and you can help us reach our goal for this month of 100,000 signatures!



Call an Elected Official: It can be incredibly persuasive for elected officials to hear that issues are important to their constituents. Many elected officials keep track of how many people call about particular topics. Please take a couple of minutes to call your elected officials and ask them to speak publicly in support of the federal acknowledgement of the Duwamish Tribe. You can use [this resource](#) to provide background info and some phone numbers before you call. [www.standwiththeduwamish.org](http://www.standwiththeduwamish.org) also provides useful information if you want to learn more, including this detailed [Duwamish Tribe fact sheet](#).

Engage Organizations: Please reflect on any organizations, businesses, or religious groups you know that may want to amplify the Duwamish Tribe's federal acknowledgement effort. You can ask them to fill out [this form](#) or send an email to [standwiththeduwamish@gmail.com](mailto:standwiththeduwamish@gmail.com) to get involved.

Bonus action: Write a Letter. If you've done the first three actions, we encourage you to write a personal letter to one of your local, state, or federal representatives to urge them to take action in support of the Duwamish Tribe. Similar to the call action above, you can use [this resource](#), which includes a template for you to start with.

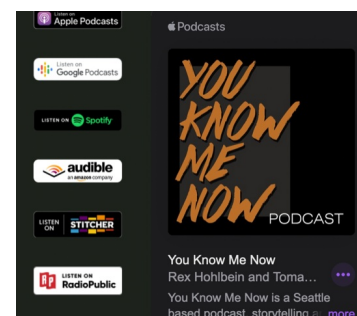
Thank you for standing with the Duwamish Tribe. We are honored to be partnering with you to support the Duwamish Tribe's federal acknowledgement.

In Solidarity,  
Duwamish Solidarity Group (DSG)

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### Podcast of Interest

Tomasz Biernacki (local filmmaker of Trickle Down Town, amazing craftsman/builder/former leader of Sound Foundations NW and The Block Project) lets us know that his newest project is exploring and sharing the very personal stories of our unhoused neighbors via a new podcast, You Know Me Now. Created and produced with Rex Holbein (Facing Homelessness, The Block Project), their podcast is now live in your favorite podcast player. Learn how to listen





### Care for Creation: Volunteers Needed

The Friends of Roanoke Park have been contacted to see if St. Pat's folks could help with the upkeep of this beautiful park.

Therefore, on Sunday, February 27th at 12:30 PM there will be a work party to prune the parks 60 hydrangeas. Help is needed.

For more information and to volunteer: [Jofltn@yahoo.com](mailto:Jofltn@yahoo.com)



### Care for Creation: Fair-Weather Walks

All are welcome. 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.

## 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 email [Mike Wagner](#).

Please email [Deanna Tighe](#) if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

