

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

- Ps 91:1-2, 10-15

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We stand united in our prayers for the people of Ukraine

"We are called to take the road that leads up to Calvary"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend we head into the desert with Jesus to encounter many temptations. As you will see in the **attached letter** from the Archbishop, the pause on the merger/closure of St. Patrick's has been lifted. I hope this latest news will not deter us from finding a path forward together. This Lent, Fr. Bryan and I are preaching on **"Choosing the road that leads up to Calvary. The only real high road."** The despair we may be experiencing is the cross we must all carry. We, too, must choose the high road that leads all the way up to Calvary. Let us stand united as a community as we walk through this desert together, as a community, and endeavor to find Christ's hope and peace even as we face the temptation to just walk away.

Peace... Dcn. Dennis Kelly Pastoral Coordinator

View all of Deacon Dennis homilies by clicking here



Youth group member Séamus Dunn and Alex Stege burning palms for Ash Wednesday ashes

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 <u>HERE</u>

First reading: Dt 26:4-10, Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15; Second Reading Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Advocates Update

<u>Attached</u> is a letter from Archbishop Etienne lifting the temporary pause in the process of merger and setting a deadline for a decision by the community on the best path forward.



The Advocates met on this last night to discuss this latest communication. As difficult as this news is to process, the Advocates are encouraging everyone to not lose hope and focus on what will be shared this Sunday after Mass.

This 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 WILL NOT be on Facebook. So, make sure to join the Sunday Coffee Hour link <u>HERE.</u> The meeting is scheduled to go until 12:30 PM.

Synodal Listening Sessions

Good news: In the first 6 weeks of our Synodal Listening Project, sixty-five parishioners participated. Our Team recorded over fifty responses to the question: "*How have you (we) experienced the Holy Spirit as we've Journeyed Together at Saint Patrick Church?*"



Thank you to all who have participated! We welcome more responses which can be sent to Jackie McWalter-Huff at jmcwalterhuff@gmail.com.

The next parish-wide Synodal Listening is March 20. We have 9 weeks left to complete our part in the Pope's Synodal Process. Our Team has expressed concern that our project may be reaching a stalling point and suggested we consider resetting our approach. To reach more parishioners and inspire fuller participation we are introducing a fresh set of questions. The team's intent is to offer questions that may touch our hearts in a meaningful and more personal way - to unveil a deeper response.

· What disturbs or breaks your heart about the Catholic Church today?

What fills your heart about the Catholic Church? How, guided by the Holy Spirit, could we nurture that experience at Saint Patrick Parish, in the Archdiocese of Seattle, and in the world?

We hope this change will make it easier and/or inviting for all to participate. May we capture a richer tapestry and more meaningful testimony of our individual experiences living the Saint Patrick Church legacy. The final document will be a unique and special gift, created for, and by, each of us. May it become a collective treasure of our lives shared together, in a rare and very cherished Vatican II parish. Indeed, these testimonies will powerfully represent an authentic response to the Pope's call for the renewal of our Church, of our Archdiocese and the Global Catholic Church. A 'renewal' message, meant for bringing our church into today's world sent 'special delivery', direct from a small Vatican II church, nestled in Seattle for over 100 years. Please set aside two hours in March for Synodal Response and Listening. Saint Patrick's goal is 100% parishioner participation.

• Can you self-organize a listening session? Reach out to fellow parishioners who have yet to join listening sessions (find members in parish directory if you have one). Contact Jackie or Ann at jmcwalterhuff@gmail.com or mescher6@yahoo.com to schedule a facilitation team to support your session.

• Inspired by stories already shared, Sharie Bowman is collecting personal reflections at <u>StPats.Sharie@gmail.com</u>. Personal reflections in advance of parish-wide sessions are intended to facilitate listening with thankfulness in our own hearts.

 \cdot We aim to have our next parish-wide listening session on March 20. Scheduling details will follow once pandemic status becomes clearer.

• Dedicated in-person session(s) are being organized for L'Arche, deaf and deaf-blind communities.

• Please contact Ann Mescher at <u>mescher6@yahoo.com</u> if you have any questions or suggestions about how you prefer to participate!

Celebration of Life for Kathryn Flohr

Our beloved Kathryn Flohr passed away last weekend. Her Celebration of Life will be Wednesday, March 9, at 11 AM at St. Patrick Church. Rest in Peace Kay!

Donate to Help Families Affected in Ukraine

Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is

great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners are preparing, and we need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes as the situation intensifies.

The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and Catholic Relief Services could not do this work without your help. If you can, please <u>donate</u> which will provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis. Your prayers and support will make so much difference.

Wednesday Movie Night

This Lent we will do something very different in our Wednesday Movie Night series: we will show all 8 episodes (2 episodes per week) of the first season of "**The Chosen**" (https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen), the amazing,

crowd-funded series about the life of Jesus. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt; a troubled woman wrestling with real demons; a gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people; a religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him.

Season 1 was funded in Nov 2019 by 75,346 people contributing a total of \$10 million in record time, making The Chosen the largest crowdfunded media project in history. Season 2 was fully funded in Nov 2020 by 125,346 people contributing to the total of \$10 million. Season 3 is fully funded and "coming soon". Funding is underway for Season 4, with plans for a total of 7 seasons. Viewer ratings of the series are unbelievably high (99% from 2795 ratings on RottenTomatoes; a weighted average of 9.6/10 from 24,254 users on IMDb; 5.0/5 on 258,300 reviews for "The Chosen" mobile App in the Apple store). This Wednesday, March 9, at 7 PM, we will show the 1 st two episodes of Season 1 (about an hour and a half in total):

<u>1. I Have Called You by Name</u>: A look at Mary Magdalene and her life right before she meets Jesus; Jesus' future apostles.

<u>2</u>. **Shabbat**: Learning more about the characters who will follow the great rabbi from Nazareth.

With sufficient interest we will continue for the following 3 weeks.





Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, March 9th at 7 PM for this special series for Lent. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09</u>



Archbishop Etienne encourages you to renew your relationship with Jesus this Lent.

The Pillars of Lent

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

CRS Rice Bowl Zoom Cooking, Cocktail & Community

Join us for the first Lenten Cooking, Cocktails & Community this Friday, March 4th at 5:30 PM on **Zoom**!

This Lent, we will be fasting together with simple meals using

the **<u>CRS Rice Bowl recipes</u>**, each paired with a simple cocktail and mocktail recipe you can make at home.

Our first gathering will be hosted by Christ Our Hope's very own Jessica Montalvo and CRS Seattle Chapter co-leader Kelly Hickman! Below are the ingredients for the <u>Tostadas Recipe</u> <u>from Guatemala</u>, as well as for a simple cocktail and mocktail pairing courtesy of Christ Our Hope's David Ard. The recommendation is iconic pale lager Gallo. More information can be found HERE.

Save the date for future events! Ingredients for the meal and drinks will be sent out the Friday week prior.

- Friday, March 25th featuring Dahl Recipe from Bangladesh via Zoom
- Friday, April 8th featuring <u>Agatogo with Collard Greens</u> from Rwanda via <u>Zoom</u>

Care for Creation

Thank you to the St. Pat's folks who joined Friends of Roanoke to prune 60 hydrangeas in Roanoke Park after mass Sunday. A job well done amongst most pleasant company and a much appreciated park.

Join ISP and Krista Tippett at the Company of Grace!

Thursday, March 24th 8 PM ET/7 PM CT/5 PM PT



The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) partners with social service agencies to care for the spiritual needs of people recovering from homelessness and substance use addiction. In 28 cities across the U.S., Canada, and Ireland, volunteers provide spiritual reflections and overnight retreats experiences for thousands of people on the journey of recovery, helping them to regain a sense of their own personal worth and the belief that lasting change is possible. Join ISP and Krista Tippett -- journalist, author, and host of the award-winning podcast On Being -- for a conversation on transformation, healing and the journey of recovery. The event is free to attend. To register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit **ispretreats.org/cog**

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.

