

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."

- Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

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Our late friend and parishioner Kay Flohr! Rest In Peace!

"Let us pray the worst of our two-year nightmare is over. "

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

As we mark the second anniversary of the shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Patrick is considering pivoting its safety response in alignment with the Governor's decree lifting the mask mandate statewide and the Archbishop doing the same at Churches in the Archdiocese effective Saturday, March 12th. We want to follow the science and all signs show we can safely make

adjustments, but we want your input first. This weekend, after Mass, Laura and I will lead a discussion about considering making masks optional for all Mass attendees while also featuring a masked/social distance section for those being extra cautious. At this moment in time, there are no new emerging variants of concern. All parishes in the Archdiocese are making these changes effective this coming weekend (including Christ Our Hope). We want your input before making the change at St. Patrick. As we seek to discern the will of the community, let us pray the worst of our two-year nightmare is over. Let us pray things will begin to return to normal in our workplaces and lives. Let us also pray for the souls lost in this pandemic and the loved ones who are still mourning their passing.

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: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; 2nd Reading Phil 3:17—4:1; Gospel: Lk 9:28b-36

Advocates Update

The St. Pat's Advocates 'thank you' all for your presence at the community meeting last Sunday after Mass to learn from the four workgroups about options for our parish going forward. We appreciate all the effort that was put into the presentations and also for the comments,



questions and great energy from our parish family. As an update, the workgroups are gathering the answers to your questions and will finalize and post those on the Connection Board in the coming days. The Advocates met on March 10th and will meet again next week as well to continue our work. This includes crafting a response to the Archbishop's letter and looking at next steps which will include a community conversation and a parish-wide discernment. Please continue to pray for our beloved parish and stay tuned for updates from us,

Synodal Listening Sessions

Good news: In the first 7 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 after Mass in the church.

Here are the questions to reflect on between now and then:

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?

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

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

Lenten Youth Event St. Patrick Parish 4 PM - 7:30 PM Sunday, April 3, 2022

All Jr. High and H.S. youth from the South Seattle Deanery are welcome at St. Patrick Parish 2702 Broadway East to join our Lenten Youth Event. Award Winning Journalist Jeff Renner will lead us through a conversation

and an interactive presentation on Climate Anxiety and our call as Catholic's in todays world. Join us for this free event. RSVP to Mickey Dunn, St. Patrick Youth Minister

dunnmick@yahoo.com or call 206-344-6057. More details about the event can be found on the flyer **<u>HERE</u>**.

Women's Night In Fundraiser Update

The St. Pat's Sister Parish Workgroup is ecstatic to announce that the final total for our fundraiser in January for our Nueva Trinidad was \$2500! Nearly 40 donors gave big to help our sister parish in El Salvador. This is a beautiful testament to the deep love and profound generosity of our parishioners to offer such solidarity and support to our Salvadoran sisters and brothers. Muchas gracias!

Tree of Hope to help our Sister Parish

"Arbol de Esperanza" – Deepen your Lenten experience and offer hope/joy to our brothers and sisters in Nueva Trinidad by taking a tag from our "Tree of Hope" near the baptismal font during Lent. You will have the opportunity to support our sister parish community in a variety of ways- just take a look at the tags that will be hanging on the tree. You can offer the gift of prayer, of providing donations to help with the senior feeding project or community internet





connection, or personal letters of greeting/solidarity that will be given to the elderly men and women we help with additional food. This Lenten symbol is offered in the spirit of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was martyred on March 24, 1980. "We believe that from the transcendence of the Gospel, we can assess what the life of the poor consists of and we also believe that placing ourselves on the side of the poor and attempting to give them life we will know what the eternal truth of the Gospel consists of." **Oscar Romero, Feb 1980**

Wednesday Movie Night

We continue with our Lenten Wednesday Movie Night series with episodes 3 & 4 of the first season of "**The Chosen**," the well-received, crowd-funded series about the life of Jesus. Don't worry if you missed the first two episodes this past week.



You can watch episodes 1 and 2 on your own at the series website (https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen) in order to be introduced to Mary Magdalen, the fishermen Andrew & Simon, Matthew the tax collector, and Nicodemus, the Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin. Then join us for viewing and discussion of these next two episodes. There is also supplementary material on the series website, including a "Biblical Roundtable" on each episode with the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant advisors of the producer of the series (himself an Evangelical). So, this Lent, come and see Jesus through the eyes of those that met him. Join us this Wednesday as we will see much more of Jesus himself, who appeared only at the ends of episodes 1 and 2:

Episode 3 - Jesus Loves the Little Children: Jesus befriends and teaches the group of children who discover His camp on the outskirts of Capernaum.

Episode 4 - The Rock On Which It Is Built: With his life and family under threat from Rome, Simon spends one last night fishing in a desperate attempt to square his debts. Andrew spots a familiar face waiting for them on the shores of Galilee.

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, March 16th at 7 PM for this special series for Lent. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09</u>

Lenten Reflection Service

Please join us on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7 PM on Zoom for our Lenten Reflection Service celebrated in readings, song, gestures, and ritual. May this prayer time energize us, refocus our intentions, and renew our commitment to continue "on the Way".

Scheduled at the midpoint in our Lenten journey, participating in this lovely service prepares us to more fully enter into the mysteries of Holy Week and the Triduum.

Perseverance to Succeed

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you



being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Josephinum Resident Resource Fair

Our shared community needs your generosity and help! On Sunday, March 27th Christ Our Hope will be holding a Resource Fair for the Josephinum Residents where they will be able to "shop" for items that they need for their apartments and personal hygiene. We ask that you please bring or send items found on the list below or other personal care and daily living items to Christ Our Hope Church by March 27th. If you order via Amazon, please use the Amazon Smile link <u>HERE</u>. Feel free to have the items shipped directly to the Church.

We also need your help hosting the Resource Fair! Come help to give away items to the residents and see old friends for the first time since the Pandemic. The Resource Fair follows the Sunday Morning Mass and will be from 10:30 AM - Noon. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to **Deanna Tighe** or **Paula Holmes**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you! Christ Our Hope Sacred Encounters and St. Vincent de Paul.

Supplies to donate:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Dish towels, dish sponges, dish scrubbers
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning wipes
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Razors, shaving cream
- Tissue boxes
- Plastic storage bins
- Fun items -puzzle books, coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils, paperback books
- Food instant oatmeal/noodles/soup/macaroni and cheese, snack packs of cookies, crackers, nuts

Peace Day For Women

"The Gifts of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving" - led by Sr. Mary Thorne, CSJP takes place online from 10 AM on Wednesday, March 16,



2022. Peace Day for Women virtual program is open to all women who desire to deepen their spiritual lives in community.

The retreats include periods of teaching, silent reflection, and group sharing. Please register to receive the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you! **Register:** https://tinyurl.com/PSCPeaceDay0322

St. Patrick's Day Mass - March 17th

The Irish Heritage Society will hold its annual St. Patrick Day Mass for Peace on Thursday March 17, at noon, right here at St. Pats! Presider will be John Madigan, and prayers and songs will be in Gaelic.



Care for Creation





COMPANY OF 2022

Church to delve into ways we can live out the vision and mission of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' papal teaching on the environment. Register today to **PLANT SEEDS OF HOPE**, which will be on Saturday, March 19, from 9-3 at Seattle University Campion Hall.

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**

Pope Francis Appoints New Seattle Auxiliary Bishop

On March 8, 2022 – Archbishop Paul D. Etienne today welcomed the appointment of Father Frank Schuster, current pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Federal Way, as the new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Seattle. "I am very grateful to the Holy Father for trusting me in this way," said Bishop-elect Schuster, who has served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Seattle for nearly 23 years. "I'm also especially grateful to Archbishop Etienne for his support of me. I am



enthusiastic to do what he needs me to do as his auxiliary." "It is truly a blessing to have Father Frank Schuster appointed to this auxiliary role," said Archbishop Etienne. "His love for Jesus and joy for the priesthood is expressed through his love of service and enthusiasm for the Gospel."

As an auxiliary bishop, he will join Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, and together, as shepherds, they will extend the ministry of our Lord Jesus accompanying people in their faith life. He will join in this season's confirmations, attend deanery events, celebrate with the faithful, and be a partner for the Gospel out in the field. As such, I intend to keep him with his parish community so that he may continue to be one with the people." "I'm delighted that his intention is for me to stay in parish ministry. The ability to stay rooted in a community of faith is going to be grounding for me and lifegiving," added Bishop-elect Schuster. More details can be found **HERE**.

Bishop-elect Schuster also has headed up the Deacon Formation Program for the Archdiocese since 2016. Deacon Dennis taught public speaking to the recently ordained class and has worked closely with Fr. Schuster. He said, "Fr. Frank is gregarious and funny. He serves with joy and a great sense of humor. He's a terrific evangelist for the faith. His gifts will be a blessing for the Archdiocese."

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.

